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Dynamism, zeal characterize pastor general in Knoxville

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Knoxville, Tenn., in the Great Smoky Mountains was the destination for Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, who addressed 2,950 brethren from 15 churches at Sabbath services May 7.

"It's one thing to see him on the Feast film, but to see him personally is quite another. And it's the first

time we have had an apostle here," said John Comino, pastor of the Knoxville A.M. and P.M. and Cookeville, Tenn., churches.

Aboard the Church's Gulfstream III jet the pastor general and his traveling party touched down at Knoxville's McGhee Tyson airport May 6, where they were met by Mr. Comino, his wife, Christine, and family.

"Stepping off the G-III into the fresh mountain air of home and seeing Mr. Tkach chatting with my Smoky Mountain parents was the highlight of the trip," said Bill Miller, an Imperial High School instructor in art, who traveled with Mr. Tkach. His parents, William "Booty" and Marian Miller, are members who attend the Knoxville P.M. church.

On the Sabbath special music was performed by a 240-member chorale and concert band, directed by Hal Salmon. The group performed "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" and "O God Our Help in Ages Past."

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OFFICIAL VISIT—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (left) receives Gamini Dissanayake, Sri Lankan minister of land, land development and Mahaweli development, and his wife, Sirima, at Herbert W. Armstrong Memorial Hall May 4. [Photo by Warren Watson]



PORTRAIT IN OIL—Kenneth Van Rensselaer, a member from Asheville, N.C., presents Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach with an oil painting of Mr. Tkach's wife, Elaine, in Knoxville, Tenn., May 7. Mr. Tkach said he would present the portrait to her on Mother's Day. [Photo by James Morgan]

'Waterfield is one small step'

Sri Lankan official visits AC

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"There are many who live on hope, that tomorrow will be better than today. But that hope can be meaningful only if they have education."

This said Gamini Dissanayake, Sri Lankan minister of land, land development and Mahaweli development, speaking at an Ambassador College forum in the Ambassador Auditorium May 3.

During a visit to the Ambassador College campus May 2 to 6, Mr. Dissanayake met with Ambassador Foundation Chairman Joseph W. Tkach, was interviewed for *The World Tomorrow* and lectured in Gene Hogberg's international relations class.

Mr. Dissanayake is reputed to be the most influential man in Sri Lanka besides the president, said Joseph Locke, Ambassador Foundation vice president for international projects. Mr. Dissanayake is chairman of the Waterfield Institute in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka, where Ambassador students and graduates teach English and vocational courses.

In January while visiting Sri Lanka Mr. Tkach extended an invitation to Mr. Dissanayake and his wife, Sirima, to visit Ambassador College.

"He is a very, very good friend of ours," said Mr. Locke. "He wanted to come over and see our operations in Pasadena."

Greatest happiness

In his forum address Mr. Dissanayake told students and faculty members that he had supervised the construction of some of the biggest projects in Sri Lanka, including the massive Mahaweli irrigation and power complex, along with roads, schools, hospitals and towns.

Mr. Dissanayake compared the Mahaweli project to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), a U.S. government-owned corporation created to integrate development of the Tennessee River basin area by land conservation and a series of multipurpose dams.

"But, believe me when I say it, nothing has given me as much happiness as when I see... students studying English at the

Waterfield Institute.

"They are reaching out for something they never had," he added. "They are reaching out for knowledge, reading English books and pressing the buttons of computers."

Mr. Dissanayake told Mr. Hogberg, who interviewed him for a *World Tomorrow* telecast, that the institute is "a leap in imagination, where we try to embrace a very real necessity for our young people—a window to the world by way of education."

"We're trying to make that available by helping them learn English, read books, understand video presentations and communicate with the outside world. We also teach them computer knowledge."

"We made it work," he continued. "The planning was correct, and the people who came were correct, along with the type of support and cooperation from the government of Sri Lanka and Ambassador Foundation."

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Excellence award given to orchestra founder

By Sheila Graham

PASADENA—After a sold-out performance April 28, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, chairman of the Ambassador Foundation, presented Sir Neville Marriner, founder and artistic director of the Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, an award for exemplary contributions to the performing arts.

"In presenting the award Mr. Tkach spoke about the purpose of the Ambassador Foundation and its spiritual and financial base, the Worldwide Church of God," said evangelist David Hulme, vice president of the foundation for domestic projects.

Before an audience that included the mayor of Pasadena, the British consul general, senior staff members and many other civic and business leaders, Mr. Tkach explained why humanity suffers from war and strife. Mr. Tkach traced the cause back to the Garden of Eden and explained why Christ had to come the first time.

He concluded by saying that the Worldwide Church of God is committed to peace, the resolution of conflict and the betterment of humanity.

"It was a remarkable evening, and I am certain that our guests left

with a better understanding of what we are and why we believe the things we do," Mr. Hulme said.

The presentation is the first in a program sponsored by the Ambassador Foundation to recognize excellence in humanitarian service, educational activities and the performing arts.

According to Wayne Shilkret, director of Performing Arts for Ambassador Foundation, it was a well-deserved award. "Sir Neville is tops in his field," said Mr. Shilkret. "Coupled with his involvement with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and Ambassador, he is the greatest chamber orchestra conductor of his generation. It is an important award."

The award, a piece of Steuben crystal rising to a point, rests on a rotating teak-covered stand. The sides of the crystal form are flat, irregular facets. The piece, titled "Pyramidon," is from a limited set designed by George Thompson.

Since Sir Neville established the Academy in 1959, it has expanded from a small string orchestra to a versatile ensemble that performs as an octet, string orchestra or small symphony orchestra. The five performances here

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PERSONAL FROM Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

It has come to my attention that some few have wondered whether the principles I wrote in January and February, about mothers working outside the home, might cause some mothers to use what I wrote as an excuse to work when it would be a mistake for them to do so.

Let's understand something I think some have not yet fully perceived. Some people are more comfortable with being told what to do rather than learning how to make wise choices for themselves.

But in the Church of God we need to be learning how to correctly apply the principles of God's Word to our own lives so that we can make sound and wise decisions.

God has given His Church the responsibility to *teach* the principles of His law and way of life to His people—not the responsibility to tell them what to do. Each person is responsible to heed the instruction God gives through His Church and put it into prac-

tice in his or her life. But the choice is the individual's.

God does not force us to obey Him, and neither does His Church. But God does show us that there are certain consequences for certain actions and attitudes and warns us about those.

We can choose to heed, or we can choose to ignore what God reveals to us. But God also commands His Church to remove from fellowship those who "walk contrary" or cause division, or otherwise refuse to repent of actions God shows us are in conflict with His Word.

We should realize, however, that there is a difference between matters of personal decision-making within the bounds of God's law and matters of *doctrine*. On matters of doctrine there is no question about what decision God's people are to make. It is their obligation and responsibility to obey God. There is no room for personal preference or choice.

But on matters that are not doctrinal, we must learn to make wise choices and decisions based on the principles of God's Word.

On the subject of working mothers, as I pointed out in the

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Official brings world politics to life

PASADENA—The first week of May I had the pleasure of meeting with a leading cabinet official of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Gamini Dissanayake.

As minister of land, land development and Mahaweli development, Mr. Dissanayake holds one of the most important positions in his government. (The Mahaweli project comprises an extensive irrigation and power network.)

Minister Dissanayake visited the Pasadena campus of Ambassador College May 1 to 6 (see article, page 1). While he was here he lectured to my international relations class. I also interviewed Mr. Dissanayake for the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

Listening to Mr. Dissanayake speak, I came to more fully appreciate the difficulties of small nations, especially those in the developing world. Take the issue of world trade, for example.

Since the days of British colonialism, when it was known as Ceylon, Sri Lanka has been a major exporter of tea. Some of the finest teas in the world come from the interior highlands of Sri Lanka, in the same general area as the Waterfield Institute, where Ambassador College students serve as instructors.

About the time of its independence in 1948, said Mr. Dissanayake, Sri Lanka could export 1,000 pounds of tea to earn funds to purchase a bulldozer. Today a bulldozer "costs" 50,000 pounds of tea.

Yet there is no simple solution to the dilemma confronting the developing nations. Simply charging higher prices for commodities is not the answer. Surpluses, for example,

hold down prices of many products.

Mr. Dissanayake praised those nations in the developed world who have generously devoted aid to the developing nations. Sri Lanka has taken good advantage of both bilateral and multilateral assistance. Therefore, its economy grew 6 percent or more each year from 1977 to 1987. Furthermore, during this time, Sri Lanka's democratic institutions held firm.

If only the same could be said for the rest of the developing world. Former President Richard M. Nixon defines the problem, focusing on Africa, in his latest book, 1999: *Victory Without War*.

"Between 1965 and 1984," writes Mr. Nixon, "the United States and other industrial countries provided over \$200 billion in aid and investment for Africa. But . . . the stark fact is that despite aid, despite all the kind thoughts and good intentions the world has to offer, the average African is poorer than he was in 1960. The reason is terrible governments. . . . The examples are discouraging and virtually endless."

But it must be added that not all Western nations have wisely administered aid programs. The United States has a reputation for "throwing money" at problems with insufficient accountability.

In another area as well, Minister Dissanayake was most informative. He clarified the realities of big power-small power relations.

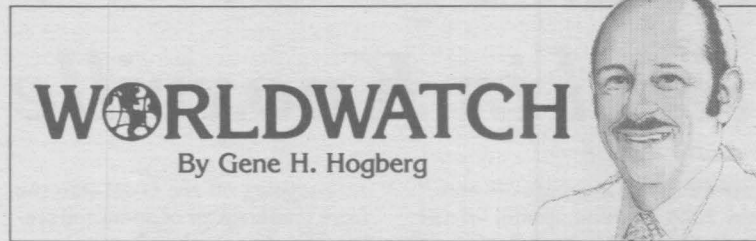
Sri Lanka, for example, is a small island nation with 16.5 million people. Its nearest neighbor is India, the world's second most populous

nation, with more than 750 million people. Sri Lanka and India are at peace. But their relations are complex and at times sensitive.

For the past several years extremists among Sri Lanka's two-million-population Tamil community have agitated for independence along Sri

India is a regional military superpower. It's the "big boy on the block" in South Asia. Sri Lanka has little choice but to come to terms with this reality to preserve its own independence.

The situation is similar, said Mr. Dissanayake, to the relationship be-



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

Lanka's northern and eastern coasts.

India became involved because 50 million Tamils live in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu just across the 22-mile-wide Palk Strait separating the two nations. It was widely known that there were both insurgent support facilities and considerable sympathy for the rebel forces within Tamil Nadu.

In July of last year, Sri Lanka and India struck a historic pact. India lent military support to help defeat the rebels. It also agreed to close any rebel sanctuaries in Tamil Nadu.

The Sri Lankan government, in turn, agreed to greater home rule in Tamil-populated areas. And also, Mr. Dissanayake told me, Sri Lanka will respect India's policy of non-alignment in the Indian Ocean region, agreeing not to let Sri Lankan territory be used in any manner deemed threatening to India.

tween the Soviet Union (275 million people) and Finland (five million). Finland, by means of a 1948 treaty, agrees that it will not, without a fight, allow its territory to be used for aggression against the Soviet Union. In turn, the Soviets, for the past 40 years, have respected Finland's independence and Western democratic society.

No one should fault either Sri



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Our little monuments

When you hear the word *monument*, what comes to mind? Perhaps you think of the Great Pyramids in Egypt, or the Arc de Triomphe in Paris or perhaps something significant to your nation or region.

No matter what might come to mind, monuments exist to remind us of something—great people or great achievements. That is the meaning of the word; it comes from the Latin word *monere*, meaning "to remind."

But monuments are not built for the past—they are built by the past for the future. Past generations wanted future ones to be reminded of something.

Past ages are also known by what they leave behind unintentionally. The most enduring things left by the Stone Age are stone tools. The Bronze Age has left us bronze and a lot of pottery. The Iron Age is known for its iron implements.

What will our age be known for? Will it be known, as many optimistically proclaim, as the Space Age or the Information Age? Or will it perhaps be known as the Age of Rubbish: aluminum, glass, plastics and toxins?

Perhaps we'll be known, from a layer of fallout, as the Nuclear Age. Who knows?

In our personal lives, we are creating monuments, too. Some people build great corporations and name them after themselves. Some politicians shape a distinct period in a nation's history.

Most of us live on a more ordinary level, and our monuments seem smaller, but in God's eyes they are more important.

One thing for sure, we will be

known by our works—what we have accomplished, whether good or bad, whether on purpose or not. It's up to us. Whether we try or not, we are creating monuments by which we will be remembered.

We who are parents have the rewarding opportunity to leave our mark in history through the rearing of children. How we train our children determines what kind of lasting mark we'll leave in this world.

Good character—honesty,



morality, self-control, fairness, trustworthiness, courage—is extremely valuable. But you can't save character in a bank vault and then pass it along to your children at your death. It has to be taught, and for that reason, good character is scarcer than financial wealth, and far more valuable.

Too many children in this society will turn out to be the moral equivalent of glass, plastic and aluminum cans. Lots of it, but not worth much in the end. They will not stand the test of time.

But a few children will have been

taught character. By the example set by their parents, by the instructions they are taught, by the moral code they learn to live by, they will be the marble pillars standing out of the rubble, easily recognizable as valuable monuments of a good way of life.

When my children were still preschool age, my wife and I served in the Work in Australia. One day when we were driving from Sydney to Newcastle for church services, we were running late, and I exceeded the speed limit. I was scheduled to speak so I hoped God would cover for me.

Well, God didn't, and I was stopped by the police! Coming back to the car I was faced with explaining to our two little boys why the police pulled me over.

First, I admitted I had been speeding to get to services on time. But that didn't excuse me; I was still breaking the law. When you break the law, you pay a penalty, I told my sons.

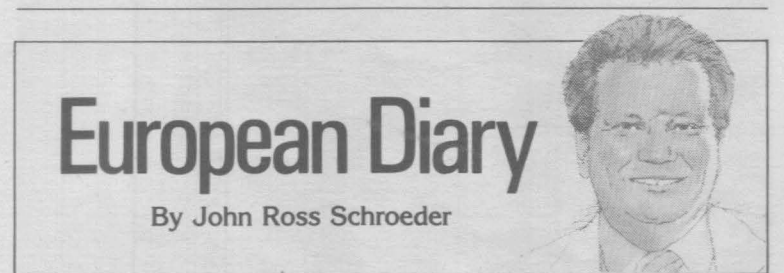
Now, nobody likes to be embarrassed and admit they were wrong. But honesty is always the best policy, especially in child rearing.

We must all strive for spiritual and emotional maturity, placing ourselves and our children in God's hands.

Good monuments aren't built in a day. They require patience and teamwork. They require a good understanding of the desired goal, and the best methods. They need leaders and social stability. Child rearing is much like that—truly a monumental job.

Let's rededicate ourselves to the training and development of our little monuments—our children. We're building a family name that is going to stand for all eternity. What could be more important!

God will help us. Parents, allow God to accomplish through you what He wants to accomplish in your children. He has promised to help us to be the kind of parents He has called us to be. Paul promised us, "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (I Thessalonians 5:24).



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

West German plight: pressure from all sides

BOREHAMWOOD, England—"History and geography make life difficult for the West Germans." So said David Marsh in the March 17 *Financial Times*. Truer words could hardly be spoken. V.I. Lenin, founder of the Soviet communist state, once said, "Whoever has Germany, has Europe."

West Germany is caught in the middle. The Soviets would like to neutralize Bonn's military might and decouple it from America and NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). German neutrality is viewed by some as the Russian price for the Federal Republic's reunification with East Germany.

Observed *International Management* in February: "The reunification of East and West Germany, under the guise of removing Germany as the potential battlefield of the superpowers, may even be packaged by the Soviet Union and dangled by [General Secretary Mikhail] Gorbachev before the ink is dry on the INF [intermediate-range nuclear forces] agreement."

"It could be introduced as the alternative to Western conventional force buildup—as a Warsaw Pact build-down"

Some think that German unity is the ace in Mr. Gorbachev's pack. An ace he is waiting patiently to play. This is pressure on Bonn from the East. Pressure to neutralize.

But there is pressure from the West as well. Pressure to both retain and modernize existing (non-INF-agreement) nuclear forces. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher insists that Bonn keep up the Western guard. So does U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

The West Germans are not so sure. Peregrine Worsthorpe observed in the Jan. 24 *Sunday Telegraph*: "Most West Germans are quite convinced that the Red Army will never advance and that the American Army will certainly withdraw . . . So the temptation to take risks with NATO and undertake adventures in Eastern Europe

Lanka or Finland for making the best of an awkward situation. Significantly, in both these two small nations, the office of the president, charged with the security and continuity of the state, is the most important one. It is not merely a ceremonial office.

In Sri Lanka, 81-year-old President Junius Jayewardene, who is also the minister of defense, has to keep long-term interests in mind. Accepting India's role as guarantor of domestic peace was not easy. Extremists in both the Tamil and majority Sinhalese communities denounced him. Others fear that the Indian army may never leave.

Nevertheless, the president's policy is working. This was confirmed May 10 when a Sinhalese extremist group renounced violence and pledged to lay down its weapons.

Mr. Dissanayake, who played an instrumental role in the negotiations with India, is well aware of both domestic and regional realities. He and President Jayewardene are determined to pursue a course of reason and peace in a violent world.

Perhaps it is because of their efforts to this end that both of these men appreciate the goals of the Ambassador Foundation in promoting peace and understanding.

is that much greater."

Bonn is resisting the charms of both Mrs. Thatcher and Mr. Gorbachev. But for how long?

Overhanging this East-West pressure is the long-lasting fear of a resurgence of German nationalism. This is the legacy of two world wars.

Mr. Worsthorpe asked in the Feb. 28 *Sunday Telegraph*: "Does the United States really want to do anything to justify another potentially disruptive renaissance of German nationalism?" He was referring to the possibility of American troop withdrawals from Europe.

Humanly speaking, one has some sympathy for the German plight. It is hard to live down history. But the German problem is not only confined to history, it is also pivotal to European current affairs.

NATO, the European Economic Community, the Western European Union, *Mittleuropa*. These have one thing in common. West Germany is the key to their success. Both East and West continue to apply the pressure.

The result of relentless pressure may not conform to the expectations of either superpower, and neither may be satisfied in the end.

The division of the German peoples is unnatural. Neither East nor West Germany has given up on reunification—though they may desire it for different reasons.

Mr. Marsh asked in the March 17 *Financial Times*: "What happens if Moscow . . . takes the 1955 German Treaty at face value, withdraws its troops from East Germany and offers 'democratic' national elections across the two halves of Germany in exchange for complete demilitarisation?"

Remember that West Germany is the center of almost every Western military and economic organization. Talk about adjusting to a new Europe.

Mr. Marsh continued in a grave vein. "The allies would be advised to be prepared. An offer—in one form or another—could come more quickly than most people think."

Instructors fine tune sessions at fifth Refreshing Program

By Thomas C. Hanson

PASADENA—Regional directors, Refreshing Program instructors and several members of the Advisory Council of Elders attended the first session of the fifth Ministerial Refreshing Program April 13 to 26.

These men gave input about the lectures to fine tune the program for remaining sessions, according to Joseph Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States.

The 27-session Ministerial Refreshing Program will end June 15, 1990. Included are special sessions for the Ambassador College faculty, French ministers, Spanish ministers, Festival coordinators and four one-week sessions for local church elders.

The purpose of the Ministerial Refreshing Program is to endeavor to keep unity and to ensure that all the ministers speak the same thing, Mr. Tkach Jr. said, referring to Ephesians 4:13 and I Corinthians 1:10.

The Refreshing Program, which began in 1980, "serves as a source of better understanding of the Scriptures and doctrines that Christ has given the Church. It promotes unity and encouragement to the ministers, who in turn serve the Church," Mr. Tkach Jr. said.

Advantages of the Refreshing Program, compared to the former annual ministerial conferences that ended in 1979, are that a variety of topics can be covered in two weeks and more individual attention can be given to the ministers.

The Refreshing Program is more cost-effective because ministers can stay on campus, as opposed to staying in hotels during the ministers conferences, and it's much easier for Church Administration to administer, Mr. Tkach Jr. said.

The Refreshing Program allows ministers and their wives to get together with fellow ministers and "compare notes" on how they handle their responsibilities, according to Mr. Tkach Jr., and "they're able to help and encourage one another."

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach opens the Refreshing Program by

speaking about principles of leadership.

Evangelist Larry Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, discusses local church administration and family relations; evangelist Carn Catherwood, Italian regional director, speaks about what it means for a minister's wife to be 50 percent of her husband's ministry.

Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Production Services (MPS), explains how the four media departments work together and introduces the four operation managers, who give updates on their areas; James Peoples, director of Computer Information Services, speaks on automating the minister's office.

Mr. Tkach Jr. discusses attitudes that present barriers to growth; evangelist Gregory Albrecht, Pasadena Ambassador College dean of students, talks about the period in life between Youth Opportunities United and Church membership; Richard Paige, associate professor of history, addresses the subject of archaeology and the Bible.

Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor, addresses pre-Adamic times and the prophecy of Ezekiel for the Church.

Evangelist Ronald Kelly, a senior writer for *The Plain Truth*, speaks on having a successful marriage; Mr. Salyer and Kermit Nelson, who coordinates YOU in Church Administration, speak about YOU; evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center, talks about stewardship.

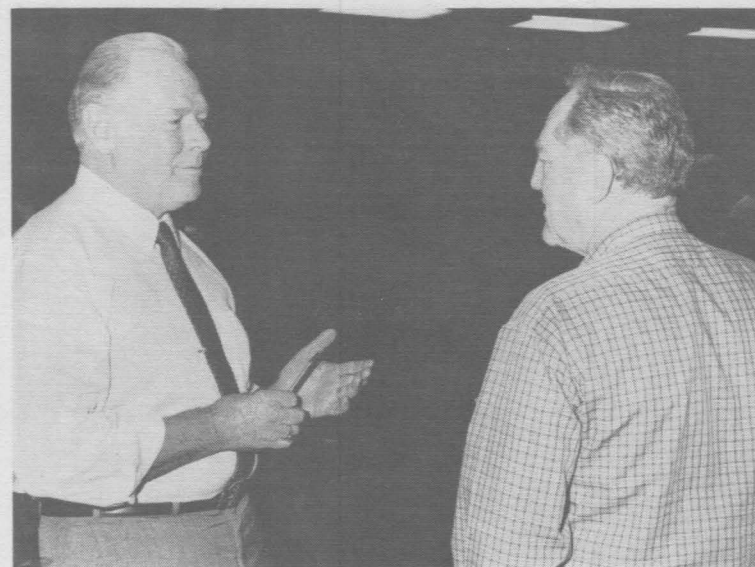
Michael Feazell, an assistant to Mr. Tkach, speaks on pride and the minister; evangelist Dibar Apatian, French regional director, speaks on the need for wisdom in counseling.

Evangelist David Albert, director of career counseling at Ambassador College, explains the basics of counseling methods; Ralph Helge, Church legal counsel, discusses le-

gal questions; evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs, speaks about handling public relations.

Richard Walther, Ambassador College librarian, talks about counseling the unemployed; Joseph Locke, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation for international projects, updates the ministers on the international projects.

Evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, talks about Petra; and evangelist Donald Ward, vice chancellor of Ambassador College, speaks on the minor prophets.



REFRESHING BREAK—Robert Smith (left), pastor of the Phoenix, Ariz., West church, chats with Arthur Docken, pastor of the Santa Rosa and Fairfield, Calif., churches, during the second round of the fifth Ministerial Refreshing Program. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

Feast music directors named

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

Instrumentalists or soloists should contact the special music coordinator for the site they plan to attend. List the instrument you play or voice part you sing and your experience level.

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

U.S. sites

Anchorage, Alaska: Mark Roth (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), Box 54, Soldotna, Alaska, 99669.

Big Sandy: Mark Graham (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 1490 Boxcroft Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, 44107.

Biloxi, Miss.: Greg Hutchison (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 28112 Hardesty Ave., Canyon Country, Calif., 91351.

Chattanooga, Tenn.: Thomas Hammett (SMC), (DIR), 1614 Vance Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn., 37404; Marcia Bonner (CCD), Rt. 2, Box 223-C, Jasper, Ga., 30143.

Corpus Christi, Tex.: Byron Griffin (SMC), (DIR), 8602 Woodwind, San Antonio, Tex., 78251.

Dayton, Ohio: Alvin Dennis (SMC), (DIR), 802 Woodlyn Dr. S., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45230; Richard Daulton (CCD), 1177 Muir Wood Lane, Batavia, Ohio, 45103.

Eugene, Ore.: Richard Schumann (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 7565 SE Monroe St., Milwaukie, Ore., 97222.

Jekyll Island, Ga.: William Powell (SMC), (DIR), 6908 La Flam Circle, Jacksonville, Fla., 32208.

Lihue, Hawaii: Gerald Bieritz (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), c/o Ambassador College Music Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Mount Pocono, Pa.: King Finlay (SMC), (DIR), 331 Richland Meadows, Quakerland, Pa., 18951.

Norfolk, Va.: Floyd Satterwhite (SMC), (DIR), Box 561, Mechanicsville, Va., 23111.

Palm Springs, Calif.: Ross Jutsum (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), c/o Ambassador College Music Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Pasadena: Roger Bryant (SMC), (DIR), c/o Ambassador College Music Department, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755; Randall Fahrenholtz (CCD), Rt. 1, Kingman, Kan., 67068.

Pensacola, Fla.: Dennis Pelley (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), c/o Worldwide Church of God,

Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

Rapid City, S.D.: Terry Swagerty (SMC), Box 613, Papillion, Neb., 68046-0613; Duke Schneider (DIR), 2631 Winchester Ct. N., Lincoln, Neb., 68512; William Anderson (CCD), Rt. 1, Box 15, Jefferson, S.D., 57038.

Redding, Calif.: Robert Rodzaj (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 333 Enterprise Dr., Apt. 14, Rohnert Park, Calif., 94928-2430.

St. Petersburg, Fla.: Gary Liebold (SMC), 913 119th St. SW, Largo, Fla., 34640; Carl Dayhoff (DIR), 1105 SE 30th St., Cape Coral, Fla., 33904.

Saratoga Springs, N.Y.: Jim Herrick (SMC), (DIR), 203 Loudon Rd., 2A-6, Concord, N.H., 03301; Marjorie Rounds (CCD), 316E Seneca St., Ithaca, N.Y., 14880.

Spokane, Wash.: Gary Pendergraft (SMC), (CCD), 422 N. Prospect Ave., Liberal, Kan., 67901; Steve Kakacek (DIR), 349 E. 19th St., Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83401.

Tucson, Ariz.: Roger Bardo (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 2746 W. Sanbrook Lane, Tucson, Ariz., 85741.

Tulsa, Okla.: Earl Roemer (SMC), 7521 S. Elm Ave., Broken Arrow, Okla., 74012; Allen Andrews (DIR), 156 S. Meredith, Apt. 133, Pasadena, Calif., 91106; Ed Reed (CCD), 424 W. Seventh, Stroud, Okla., 74079.

Vail, Colo.: Daniel Salcedo (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 117 Lohrum Lane, Anaheim, Calif., 92807.

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.: David Kroll (SMC), (DIR), 6865 N. Burbank, Milwaukee, Wis., 53224; (See MUSIC, page 4)

Feast openings offered for Thailand, Jordan

PASADENA—Space is still available at the Chiang Mai, Thailand, and Amman, Jordan, Feast sites, reported Mark McCulley, Festival administration manager.

"In both areas brethren will be able to visit Ambassador Foundation projects, sponsored by the royal families in those countries," said Joseph Locke, Ambassador Foundation vice president for international projects. Students will be at work and conducting tours.

"We would like to encourage all who can to attend," said Mr. Locke. "We have made commitments to hotels and need a few more people to attend these sites."

He said some may be worried about trouble in the Mideast. "The trouble is in the West Bank and has nothing to do with the Feast site."

Amman, Jordan

The 11-night tour of Amman, Sept. 22 to Oct. 4, includes air fare, accommodations, most meals, tips, taxes, entrance fees to scheduled sites and ground transportation.

First-class and deluxe accommodations originating in New York, N.Y., range from \$1,290 to \$1,390 for each adult. See the April 18 *W/N* or your Festival adviser for details.

Optional tours to Israel or Egypt will be offered after the Feast.

To apply for the Jordan Festival

tour brethren should complete international Feast transfer applications and give them to their church pastors for forwarding.

Chiang Mai, Thailand

The tour of Thailand will leave from Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 18, stopping in Tokyo, Japan, and landing in Bangkok, Thailand, where the group will stay at the Montien Hotel, a five-star international-standard hotel.

Accommodations during the Feast will be at the Orchid Hotel, where Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach stayed when he visited Chiang Mai earlier this year.

A full program of tours and cultural activities is planned during the Festival. The Festival Office announced that a side trip to Hong Kong is being planned. The cost would be about \$50 for air fare and \$100 a night for a hotel.

The tour group will leave Thailand Oct. 4 and arrive in the United States the same evening.

Cost for the package is \$1,700 for each adult, including meals, accommodations, transportation and air fare from Seattle, Wash., or Los Angeles.

To apply, call Ronda Perry in the Travel Office at 818-304-4088. Those who have already applied need not call.

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Report from the Treasurer's Office

Leroy Neff

PASADENA—The Church ended April with an 11.2 percent increase. The year-to-date increase was 7.5 percent. These figures are above budget projections—but not above what we believe is really needed.

The big news financially for April was the Holy Day offerings. On the first Holy Day brethren in the United States contributed 11 percent more than for the same day in 1987. On the second Holy Day this amount increased to 12 percent.

However, contributions for the building fund are much less than last year. Last year we had a goal—to purchase the Office Facilities Building. The building was purchased. This year we do not have a specific goal, but Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach requested continued contributions. We have not yet paid off all of the buildings on campus. Larger facilities are needed, especially in Television.

Expenses, especially in the area of equipment and projects, have been purposely held down. Therefore, expenses are below budget by almost 6 percent.

We in Pasadena wish to thank all of you for your part in making April a good month.



SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY—"We are called to dynamic effort to accomplish His Work, to make it happen," Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach told 2,950 brethren in the Knoxville, Tenn., Convention Center May 7. [Photo by Michael Rasmussen]

Knoxville

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In his sermon Mr. Tkach exhorted brethren to grow in excitement and enthusiasm. "God has called us to a way of life which is more than just changing from keeping Sunday to keeping Saturday," he said.

"We are called to dynamic effort to accomplish His Work, to make it happen." He said that one reason for his church visits is to combat a Laodicean spirit.

"He stressed the vital importance of John 6:53, that we need to partake of the body and blood of Christ daily, not just symbolically at Passover," Mr. Comino told *The Worldwide News*.

Said David Rhodes, 21, son of Harold Rhodes, pastor of the Chattanooga, Tenn., and Murphy, N.C., churches, and his wife, Loree: "What he had to say really drove home the point of staying with the Church and keeping yourself in line. It came across very well and was a reminder that you have to keep yourself with God continually or you'll fade away."

Afterward brethren gave Mr. Tkach a 160-year-old .32-caliber Tennessee squirrel rifle. An accompanying plaque reads: "From God's pioneers of the world tomorrow to their beloved pastor general. This . . . rifle symbolizes the courage and spirit needed by pioneers to conquer a new land."

The gun was restored by Arthur

Brenda, a member and gunsmith who attends the Somerset, Ky., church. "It was a church effort, and everybody put in the money for the gift," said Mr. Comino.

From the women of the southern Kentucky churches Mr. Tkach was given a handmade quilt symbolizing the 12 tribes of Israel. Quilting is a traditional craft in Appalachia.

Another gift was an oil portrait of Mr. Tkach's wife, Elaine, painted by Kenneth Van Rensselaer, a member who attends the Asheville, N.C., church.

"He has paintings hanging in the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City and the Pentagon in Arlington, Va.," said Gerald Weston, Greenville, S.C., and Asheville pastor.

"Mr. Van Rensselaer is a nationally known portrait artist and just came into the Church," said Mr. Comino. "He does excellent work."

When accepting the gift Mr. Tkach mentioned that he would present the portrait to his wife on Mother's Day.

"Mrs. Tkach was happily surprised and pleased when she viewed the portrait," said Ellen Escat, Mr. Tkach's administrative assistant. "It was very touching to her."

Afterward the pastor general spent 3½ hours greeting brethren. "Mr. Tkach shows by the trouble and effort he goes to in greeting each member personally that he feels they are a vital part of the worldwide Work of the family of God," said John Moskel, pastor of the Boone, Lenoir and Marion, N.C., churches.

During a ministers meeting that followed for 181 people Mr. Tkach spoke of the "exciting changes taking place at headquarters and of the need to wisely use the resources that God gives us," said Mr. Comino.

The evening ended with a ministerial dinner, and the pastor general returned to Pasadena the next morning.

Also accompanying the pastor general were administrative assistant Julie Stocker, executive assistant Michael Rasmussen and Creston Dorothy, a Pasadena member who traveled as a guest on the G-III. Serving as Mr. Tkach's Gulfstream III crew were Captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich and steward Jay Brothers.

"Everyone knows how great Southern hospitality is, and the brethren made all of us feel very welcome," said Mr. Dorothy. "I believe the pastor general has a large army in the South! When this time in history is written into the book of Acts, I'll know I saw it being accomplished with my own eyes."

"We ministers have known about Mr. Tkach's dynamism and enthusiasm for years, from the refresher and working with him," Mr. Comino related, "but now the members know it."

"Everyone knows Mr. Tkach is not a laid-back personality. He's hands-on, bubbling over with enthusiasm. A picture doesn't really capture Mr. Tkach."

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Mr. Tkach was host to a dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Dissanayake at Herbert W. Armstrong Memorial Hall. Also attending were evangelist Gregory Albrecht, Pasadena Ambassador College dean of students, and his wife, Karen; John Halford, associate producer of the *World Tomorrow* telecast, and his wife, Patricia; evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor, and his wife, Isabell; Mr. Hogberg and his wife, Barbara; and Mr. Locke.

During dinner Mr. Dissanayake outlined steps to improve the curriculum, including adding courses such as business administration and agriculture. "Mr. Tkach was fully supportive and gave his blessings," he said.

Origin of institute

Mr. Dissanayake explained how the Waterfield Institute was once an abandoned house. Ambassador volunteers helped refurbish the house, slept in the house in sleeping bags and cooked their own food instead of staying and eating in hotels.

"In next to no time the place was transformed, a precursor to what it was going to be in the evolving years," he said. "Today when you visit the Waterfield Institute, you get the impression that you are walking into a garden, a church or a temple, because everything is done so orderly and methodically."

"Those who visit obtain a very firm impression of the values and vision the institute projects."

Mr. Tkach asked several Church officials to take the Dissanayakes to Disneyland for the day.

In the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Dissanayake watched entertainment by the Young Ambassadors. "Mr. Tkach arranged that the Dissanayakes have a presentation similar to that for the king and queen of Sweden [see 'Update,' page 8]," said Mrs. Escat.

William Daniels, a 1987 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, sang two solos, and Fred Stevens, manager of the Accounting Department, was asked to clog



ON THE SET—During a May 6 *World Tomorrow* interview with Gene Hogberg (left), *Plain Truth* world news editor, Sri Lankan official Gamini Dissanayake said the Waterfield Institute in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka, is "a leap in imagination" and "a window to the world by way of education." [Photo by Warren Watson]

with the Young Ambassadors.

Clogging, an Appalachian folk dance, was featured in the 1987 Festival entertainment film.

"Mr. Dissanayake said he enjoyed the YAs more than he did Disneyland!" said Mrs. Escat.

"The YAs gave an excellent performance in the Recital Hall, even going through the tension of final exams and grad week coming on them," she added.

Mr. Dissanayake also toured various Church departments. He was accompanied to Pasadena by other government officials, Mohan Jayasekera, pastor of the Colombo, Sri Lanka, church, and Mr. Jayasekera's wife, Nihara. David Baker, director of the Waterfield Institute, and his wife, Dorrie, were also in Pasadena during Mr. Dissanayake's visit.

"Mr. Dissanayake said he was impressed by the unity of the staff of the college and foundation," said Mr. Baker. "He remarked that

throughout his travels and meetings with world leaders he has never observed such cooperation among people."

"It is the spirit of your people that makes your organization unique," said Mr. Dissanayake. "We don't want your money, we want your people to show us how."

'Better quality of life'

Said Mr. Locke: "Mr. Tkach, Mr. Dissanayake and the Ambassador Foundation are weaving a relationship, helping people live a better quality of life."

"Actually Isaiah 2:2-3 is starting to be fulfilled right now—teaching people about God's ways and walking in His paths. That is a pivotal scripture for the foundation."

"Waterfield is one small step, but it is a step in the right direction," said Mr. Dissanayake. "I know it will grow, and keep on growing—perhaps as big as you have here in Pasadena."

Award

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April 23 to 28 were the first in Southern California for the full orchestra.

"The engagement here was ex-

tremely successful," said Mr. Shilkret. "All five performances were sold out. Neville Marriner was exceedingly pleased with the results of the small festival. It was an unqualified success."

According to Mr. Shilkret, the string orchestra of the Academy

will be returning next season with Iona Brown, music director of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and leader-director under Sir Neville in the Academy, conducting. "The entire 50-piece orchestra will return to Ambassador the season after next," said Mr. Shilkret.

Sir Neville is one of the most recorded conductors in history. Popularly known for his recording of the soundtrack for the movie *Amadeus*, he has more than 300 albums to his credit.

In 1969 he was appointed conductor-director of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, and in 1971 associate conductor of the Northern Philharmonia. He was music director of the Minnesota Orchestra from 1979 to 1986. He is also music director of the Stuttgart (West Germany) Radio Symphony Orchestra.

Beginning his performances at Ambassador with a full program of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, April 23, Sir Neville's concluding program April 28 included Beethoven's *Symphony No. 2 in D Major* and Prokofiev's *Symphony No. 1 in C Major*.

Also performing throughout the series was Sir Neville's son, Andrew Marriner, recognized as one of Britain's leading soloists. Andrew Marriner is principal clarinet with the London Symphony Orchestra and the Academy.

This series of five concerts of five different programs by the Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields marks the close of the three-month-long Celebration of British Arts, UK/LA '88 Festival. Ambassador Foundation was the major contributor of musical events to this festival.



GIFT OF STEUBEN—Joseph W. Tkach (right), Ambassador Foundation chairman, honors Sir Neville Marriner, founder of the Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, with a piece of Steuben crystal April 28 "in recognition of artistic excellence." The crystal, titled "Pyramidon," rests on a rotating stand covered with teak. [Photo by Warren Watson]

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The Plain Truth About Healing

Chapter seven Responsibilities in sickness

Diseases, or illnesses resulting from injury, can be some of the most severe trials of one's life. Because the suffering of such trials can be so great, it is important for all concerned to understand the proper and wise course of action to take in the face of such trials.

In this chapter we will examine the responsibilities of the sick person, the Church and the ministry of the Church. And then we will conclude the subject of healing with a summary statement.

Taking personal responsibility

It should be obvious that in any trial—the trial of sickness included—the primary responsibility for decisions and actions rests upon the sick person, or upon a responsible adult who, because of the youth or the disability of the sick person, has been charged with such decisions.

A person's responsibilities for his health arise long before he becomes ill or injured. God has given each of us a physical body, and by so doing He charges us with the responsibility to take reasonable steps to ensure our own good health. These steps certainly include, among other things, proper rest, exercise, a balanced diet and avoidance of accident or injury. In addition, a prudent person will make sure that he is able to shoulder the potentially heavy financial burden that severe illness can force upon a family. This responsibility may be met through an insurance plan or some other means.

Much can and has been written about the proper attitude and approach toward caring for one's body. The Worldwide Church of God has published much material explaining the basic principles and laws of healthful living. Apart from these basic principles, it is beyond the scope of this booklet to prescribe details of diet, etc., that can be found in general educational material on the subject. However, the approach one takes toward a health crisis is highly important and relevant to the Church and will be discussed here. Even a person who has taken all reasonable steps to ensure his good health will probably get sick one or more times in his life. It is at such times that critical decisions loom as to what course of action to take for recovery.

Calling for the elders of the Church

One of the earliest steps a Christian should take is to call the elders of the Church for prayer, according to the directive in James 5:14. This, of course, assumes the sickness or injury is not an emergency. In an emergency, the person should do whatever is necessary to meet the crisis of the moment and then call the elders for prayer whenever he can. Even though he cannot be anointed right away, he himself certainly can and should immediately pray for God's guidance and intervention.

Contrary to the belief of some, for one to call a doctor first and the minister second in a health crisis is often wise and in no way shows more faith in man than in God. It merely displays common sense in an emergency. It also shows that one understands taking self-help or medical steps is not an act that, by itself, somehow shows a lack of faith in God.

James 5:14 deserves more explanation, because this section of verse has been at times somewhat misunderstood. As explained in an earlier chapter, this scripture does not

promise that every single person who calls for prayer by the elders will be healed every single time, although it does say that all should call for prayer. But, in addition to the mistake of believing that this section of verse promises healing every time, some other false impressions have been associated with it.

For one, it has been assumed by some that being anointed was a critical step in the process of applying Christ's stripes to forgive the sick person's "physical sins." We dispelled the concept of "physical sin" in an earlier chapter and need not repeat that information here.

Also, some have wrongly assumed that the *only* symbolism of oil in the anointing process is that of God's Holy Spirit. By assuming this, they have not only missed the full symbolism, which is much broader, but have also unconsciously put God in opposition to medicines or other self-help procedures.

Symbolism of the oil

The keys to understanding James 5:14 are to understand the symbolism of the oil used in the anointing by the ministry, and to study the verse in its context.

The Bible and history show that oil (we are speaking here of olive oil) was used as a food and used in sacrifices. It was also sometimes applied to the skin to mollify and enhance its appearance, or to the hair. It was also used in medicinal applications, as Luke 10:34 clearly shows. "As oil is in use in many cases in modern medicine, it is not surprising that it should have been much used among the Jews and other nations of antiquity for medicinal purposes" (*Unger's Bible Dictionary*).

Being a prized commodity, olive oil was symbolic of abundance. Olive oil also had spiritual symbolism. The healthful qualities of oil as a food and the mollifying properties it has as an ointment form positive images and make it a fitting symbol of God's Holy Spirit, which itself is spiritually healthful and mollifying.

By seeing olive oil as a first-century person would have seen it—that is, by looking at it in its broad scope and not narrowly *only* as a symbol of God's Spirit—we can begin to understand the full reason why the elders of the Church were to anoint the sick party. Such anointing would show that the minister was symbolically lending succor on both the physical and spiritual planes.

In a physical sense, applying the oil shows that the Church—represented by the minister—outpours its love and concern as would a nurse who would bind and dress the wound of a patient, pouring medicine on it, perhaps oil and wine.

This symbolism is somewhat lost on us today, because our medicines come from colorful pills, and our ointments often from painted tubes. But a sick person of the first century would see in the anointing with oil a symbolic extending of physical aid from the Church through the minister to the sick member.

When this is fully understood, the anointing process is seen to encourage the proper use of self-help and medicinal techniques, for it finds the minister applying a traditional medicine of the day to the sick person. At any rate, it certainly does not dictate against medicine. (This in no way implies the minister was or should be a medicine man, nor practice medicine without a license nor give medicinal advice. The act is *symbolic*.)

This symbolism is supported by the context. Verse 16 of James 5 encourages a person to share his health problems with the Church. Once someone has shared his health crisis

with the Church by calling the elders, the subsequent anointing by the minister shows the Church's succoring response.

In I Corinthians 11:20-30 Paul upbraided members for ignoring their sick brothers, and said further that their selfishness proved they didn't understand the full nature of the Passover symbol of the bread. If they had understood that the bread symbolized Christ's body, and that Christ's body symbolized the Church, then they would have seen that by taking the bread they expressed love for the Church. Their love should have been *demonstrated* by their action of caring for one another. Instead, they had been "despising the Church of God" by shaming the poorer members in not waiting for one another (verses 22, 33-34).

Like the Corinthians, we also need to "discern the Lord's body" (I Corinthians 11:29). We need to see that when a minister of the Church anoints a sick person, he officially expresses the Church's loving concern. The members of the Church then should themselves express their love in whatever ways are

appropriate for the circumstances.

What has been said up till now shows the physical symbolism associated with anointing. Spiritually, the oil of anointing symbolizes being mollified with God's Spirit. It is God's Spirit that strengthens us in trials, heals us in sickness and raises us to life from death.

In summary, the anointing process shows both God's love through the application of His Spirit and the Church's love through the offer of physical succor as appropriate.

Should you seek aid?

Throughout this booklet we have dealt with the question of whether it is a sin or in some way wrong to seek professional aid. The clear answer is no, it is not a sin nor a lack of faith. But when one is sick, *should* one seek medical aid? Put another way, to be a responsible Christian, *must* a person do so?

The answer is that God gave you a body and it is your responsibility to take care of it with all reasonable means at your disposal that do not contravene God's law. Since seeking medical aid is not a sin and may help a person, under many circum-

stances a person indeed should seek professional help. Not doing so could be spiritually negligent. But—and here is the key—the sick person is held responsible before God for his own decisions, and he and he alone must decide whether the means at his disposal are reasonable in his case or not.

It must be recognized that circumstances can arise where applying medical technology will just prolong suffering and rob one—especially the elderly—of dignity. In such a case, the obligation one has to safeguard life and health simply is outweighed by other factors equally or more important. Everyone must make his own decisions in these matters.

The question just answered—whether a Christian *should* seek medical aid—is logical if taken at face value. But often one who asks such a question is asking for the wrong reason. He is asking because in his heart he feels using medicine is wrong and he is really wondering if he should go ahead and use medicines even against his beliefs.

The answer in the case of an adult is given by the apostle Paul in Romans 14:23: "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." The answer for an ill child is different. The adult in such a case has no biblical grounds, and therefore no Church support, for withholding proper treatment from the child based upon the adult's misunderstanding of Scripture.

But understand this: One who labors under the notion that any use of doctors and medicines is wrong labors under a fallacy. He should reorder his conscience based upon the truth, and not continue to rely upon his sincere but erroneous conclusions. When he has done so, he will not ask whether he *must* seek help, but will ask the right question, which is, "Will seeking medical aid help me or not?" He will proceed only when the answer is affirmative.

Seek God's wisdom

One purpose of this booklet has been to show that using medical aid as such is not a spiritual issue and thus is not wrong. But this is not to say that every decision one makes in regard to his health care is as wise as any other decision. The opposite is the case—decisions about health care are often physically critical ones, which can mean suffering or recovery, life or death, financial stability or financial disaster.

As an earlier chapter pointed out, health trials are like all other trials in that they are means God uses to teach us lessons of wisdom. This being so, it behooves any Christian who finds himself facing such a trial to diligently seek God's wisdom and guidance through *heartfelt prayer* and, when appropriate, *fasting*. The Proverbs advise, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6).

While the Bible in no way disparages doctors, neither does it endorse every nostrum or poison that might pass for medicine, nor does it extol every quack or faker who calls himself a physician, nor praise the practice of filling the human system with every drug on the pharmaceutical shelf. All decisions about any therapy program involve risks—sometimes very high risks. These decisions are serious and must not be made naively, but with open eyes.

For example, sooner or later, almost everyone is confronted with the question of whether to use medicines or seek "natural" means of healing. This question is a good one to ask, but realize that the decision must rest upon physical and not spiritual grounds. A "natural" remedy may or may not be superior to a "medical" one, but the reason for

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Q&A from the Pastor General's Report

Mr. Armstrong stated on several occasions that he would, at times in the early history of the Work, eat pork when visiting the homes of prospective members. In view of these statements, should we today eat pork under these circumstances?

No, we should not. Mr. Armstrong privately qualified his statements about eating pork by saying this was something, in retrospect, he should not have done.

The incidents which Mr. Armstrong was relating took place in the early days of the Work. He incorrectly believed at that time that it was better to eat whatever was set before him rather than offend his host.

This was based upon his understanding that eating unclean meat, unless lust is involved, is a physical matter. He did not want this physical matter to possibly interfere with the spiritual progress of someone just beginning to learn the truth.

But the biblical teaching not to eat unclean meat is a command of God. Therefore, to knowingly eat unclean meat is a violation of this command that ought not be done for whatever reason. We must also remember that we are lights to those around us by our proper conduct and obedience to God.

Mr. Armstrong came to see the error of this reasoning and on his later international trips, he was careful not to eat unclean meat. In fact, the menus at banquets were often arranged with the input of one of his aides to make sure the food was clean.

While Mr. Armstrong may have eaten unclean meat early in his ministry, he did not do so later, and we should not do so today. Often, the possibility of offense can be completely avoided by notifying the host ahead of time. However, there may be some occasions when we will have unclean meat served to us.

When the unclean meat served is only a small portion of the entire meal, we can sometimes avoid it without even saying anything. At other times, we would have to politely decline.

Some people assume food is declined for medical reasons and never

question it further. Except for rare occasions, we need not explain the laws of clean and unclean meats. Taking the occasion to preach on the subject might cause undue offense.

I have heard that the Jews have retained the knowledge of the seven-year cycle. If so, shouldn't the Church adopt this cycle to obey God's command concerning the land Sabbath?

It is true that the Jews have retained the knowledge of a seven-year cycle, although they have never applied it beyond the land of Israel and certain other areas of the Middle East. This is not, however, the biblical cycle, because the jubilees are omitted.

The ancient practice of having cycles of 50 years ended with the last of the prophets of the Old Testament, because in the late Persian period and succeeding centuries the Jews had no power to control fully the jubilee land titles.

The Jews keep the sabbatical years in the sequence 1979-80, 1986-87, 1993-94 and so on. We are presently in the first year of a new cycle. But this does not mean that we should now all keep the land Sabbath at the same time.

The instructions concerning the land Sabbath do not have the same force as, for example, God's tithing command. When one does not pay his tithes, he is guilty of breaking the commandment against stealing. No such commandment is broken when we do not all keep the land Sabbath at the same time.

Herbert W. Armstrong long ago recognized that this question for the Church of God is an administrative decision just as it is for Jews since abandoning the jubilee.

It is the responsibility of each individual to put the general instruction concerning the land Sabbath into practice according to his circumstances.

The idea that blessings will come now only if all observe the same year as the Jews overlooks the fact that the sabbatical years recognized by the Jews are out of sequence with the original jubilee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ALVARO, Domenic and Angela (De Luca), of Toronto, Ont., boy, Michael Anthony, March 10, 1:44 a.m., 5 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, first child.

AXSEL, Gregory and Lee (Pearce), of Pretoria, South Africa, boy, Christian William, Feb. 24, 7:45 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

BAKER, Jeffrey and Nancy (Dickinson), of Upland, Calif., boy, Jeffrey Eugene, March 12, 11:59 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

BALL, Louis and Joan (McDonough), of Pittsburgh, Pa., boy, Michael Daniel, March 4, 12:56 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

BELL, Bruce and Kathleen (Klein), of Wheatland, N.D., boy, Joseph Simon, Feb. 6, 2:05 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys.

BORRNA, Mark and Georgianna (Bock), of Rochester, N.Y., girl, Britney Katherine, Feb. 28, 6:09 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CLORE, Ray and Rhonda (Peterson), of Jerusalem, Israel, girl, Brittany Michelle, March 10, 11:10 a.m., 3.5 kilograms, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

CRAMER, Richard and Della (Figueroa), of Houston, Tex., girl, Katie Lauren, March 19, 8:41 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CRAWFORD, Mitchell and Charline (Harris), of Grand Rapids, Mich., girl, Lakita Lynette, April 3, 7 pounds, now 4 girls.

DENSMORE, Roy and Denise (Gilbert), of Tampa, Fla., boy, Justin Lee, April 12, 3:10 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DI MARCO, Louis and Suzannah (Wilkins), of Clieff, Scotland, girl, Stephanie Michelle, Jan. 13, 9 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

DOWNES, Geoff and Mary (Finlay), of Gold Coast, Australia, boy, Mitchell Francis, March 7, 2:15 a.m., 6 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, first child.

DUVERNAVY, Marvin and Bonnie (Champagne), of New Orleans, La., boy, Max Wilton, April 8, 8:55 p.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

EASTWOOD, Graeme and Julie (Druce), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Steffanie Louise, March 15, 1 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

FEATHERSTON, Stephen and Danelle (Eastman), of Montgomery, Ala., girl, Leah Naomi, April 10, 10:02 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 girls.

FOX, Bill and Jamie (Wilkinson), of Hazleton, Pa., boy, Jesse David, March 15, 7:02 a.m., 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, first child.

GANN, Dale and Monique (Okamura), of Nashville, Tenn., boy, Derek James, April 3, 5:52 a.m., 10 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

GARZA, Tom and Lori (Brown), of Longview, Tex., girl, Lacey Ann, Jan. 16, 2:27 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

GOOD, James and Celest (Thomason), of Fayetteville, Ark., girl, Lorah Marie, Jan. 29, 6:17 p.m., 7 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

GREENLAW, Ed and Lynelle (Porter), of Bangor, Maine, girl, Stephanie Lynne, March 22, 5:11 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

GRESSLY, Roy and Jacqueline (Bicket), of Pasadena, girl, Britney Danelle, March 7, 6:25 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

KAMBOURIS, Dewey and Beverley (Bunn), of Windsor, Ont., boy, Nikita Thomas Neville, March 1, 8:34 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

KENNEDY, Richard and Vickie (Kizer), of Jacksonville, Ark., girl, Mikkie Jo, Feb. 19, 12:59 a.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

LANDESS, James and Angelina (Gonzalez), of Wichita, Kan., girl, Erica Delayne, April 16, 10:07 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

MAGO, Crisostomo and Elizabeth (Chan), of Olongapo, Philippines, boy, Jethro John, April 8, 8:23 p.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MORAN, Thomas and Sherry (McAlexander), of Topeka, Kan., boy, Timothy Patrick, April 15, 1:34 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

NEWCOMB, Dean and Heidi (MacLearnsberry), of Pasadena, boy, Brian Mitchell, April 19, 8:05 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

O'REILLY, Paul and Moira (Quigley), of Bendigo, Australia, girl, Clare Elizabeth, March 21, 9:28 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

OSBORN, David and Lisa (Tompkins), of Salt Lake City, Utah, boy, Matthew Lee, April 2, 10:10 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

PANKRATZ, Orrin and Paula (Beyer), of Wichita, Kan., boy, Garrett Andrew James, April 9, 6:44 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

POMAVILLE, Randy and Tina (Brannan), of Flint, Mich., girl, Jada Marie, Feb. 18, 5:57 p.m., 7 pounds, first child.

RAE, Ian and Cheryl (Witzell), of London, Ont., boy, Jonathan Stuart, Jan. 15, 9:01 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

SMITH, Merle and Donna (Schoonover), of Cochran, Pa., girl, Crystal Lyn, March 2, 9:12 p.m., 9 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

STAUFFER, Oris and Rhonda (Osborne), of Oakland, Calif., boy, Jared Ray, April 6, 3:48 p.m., 10 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

STEWART, Larry and Tamara (Simmons), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Sarah Katherine, April 11, 5:53 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

STOVER, Kermitt and Cindy (Whitaker), of Lansing, Mich., twin boys, Joseph Jordan and Gerald Jacob, March 10, 6 pounds 9 ounces and 6 pounds 3 ounces, first children.

TYAWA, Dominic and Margaret (Ella), of Soweto, South Africa, twin girl and boy, Buyiswa Glory and Khayaletu Winnard, March 22, 6:45 and 7:10 a.m., 1.7 and 1.8 kilograms, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

WESTBERG, Kris and Lori (Eschenburg), of Waukesha, Wis., girl, Brittany Michelle, March 22, 4:34 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

WRIGHT, Anthony and Gail (Hargreaves), of Lancaster, England, boy, Benjamin Daniel, March 7, 1:26 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

WULF, Brian and Joyce (Seeger), of Portland, Ore., boy, Joseph Stephen, April 6, 2:23 a.m., 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Fozard are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Melanie Lynn to Richard Ray Martin of Morganton, N.C. A July 3 wedding in Washington, Pa., is planned.

Bonnie Virginia Coultas of Evansville, Ind., and David Joshua Welch of Nashville, Tenn., are pleased to announce their engagement. A Sept. 3 wedding in Nashville is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Wally Juozapaitis of Kingston, Ont., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Ramona Iris to Roark Antony Plummer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Plummer of Dayton, Ohio. A June 19 wedding in Kingston is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Kenders of Loveland, Colo., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Beth Suzanne to Steven John Kloeckl, son of John and Mary Kloeckl of Kalispell, Mont. A June 25 wedding in Fort Collins, Colo., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Redanz of Bethlehem, Pa., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Marci to Mark Garzillo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcello J. Garzillo, also of Bethlehem. An Aug. 28 wedding is planned.

Harry Edward Jermakowicz of Maryville, Tenn., is happy to announce the engagement of his daughter Kay Ellen of Pasadena to Wade Fransson of Bonn, West Germany. A June 26 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Kyle of Youngstown, Ohio, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Tina to Daniel Rupp, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Rupp of Indiana, Pa. A June wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Davis of Richmond, Va., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa to Mark Reynoldson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Reynoldson of West Palm Beach, Fla. A June 19 wedding in Richmond is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. David Smith of St. John's, Nfld., are happy to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Carmel Rose, to Pierre J. Bachand, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Lucien Bachand of Asbestos, Que. An August wedding in St. John's is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Galen Morrison of Rockford, Ill., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Gale Lynn to Gary Lee Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Black of Cedartown, Ga. A July 17 wedding in Illinois is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Falk of Abrams, Wis., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tammie Ann to Michael Evan Ackley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ackley of Pekin, Ill. A July 17 wedding in Wisconsin is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lewis of Melbourne, Australia, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Rhonda Maree to Geoffrey Gubb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Gubb of Adelaide, Australia.

Jeremy Rapson and Cindy Gray of Borehamwood, England, are happy to announce their engagement. A July 3 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Harris of Durham, England, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jacqueline to Nelson Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis of Carryduff, Northern Ireland. A September wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. DALE PENNY

Kim Blalock, daughter of Willie and Glenda Blalock, and Dale Penny, son of Grady and Charlotte Penny, were united in marriage Aug. 30, 1987. Harold Rhodes, pastor of the Chattanooga, Tenn., and Murphy, N.C., churches, performed the ceremony. The couple reside in Chattanooga.



MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY WELCH

Linda Carole Christian, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Darrell Christian, and Timothy David Welch, son of Max Welch and Marie Welch, were united in marriage Nov. 30, 1987, in Roncoverte, W.Va. The ceremony was performed by Mark Welch, brother of the groom and a minister in the Grand Rapids, Mich., church. Shirley Ann Christian, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Ted Welch, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. JEFF BATES

Jeff Lynn Bates and Linda Mae Torno were united in marriage Dec. 13, 1987. The ceremony was performed by Jess Ernest, pastor of the Salem and Albany, Ore., churches. Jeremy Pakiser was best man, and the bride's daughter, Star, was maid of honor. The couple reside in Brooks, Ore.



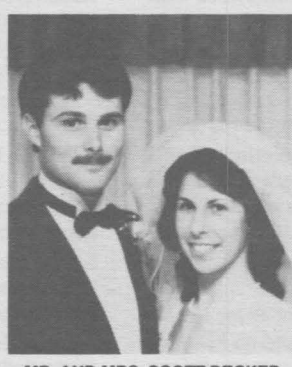
MR. AND MRS. JAMES JORDAN

Stephanie Ruth Bauman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bauman of Blowing Rock, N.C., and James Richard Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jordan of Stayton, Ore., were united in marriage Dec. 13, 1987, in Blowing Rock. The ceremony was performed by John Moskel, pastor of the Boone, Lenoir and Marion, N.C., churches. Susan Cathers was maid of honor, and Greg Bates was best man. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, reside in Boone.



MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY SANDERS

Wilma Sue Herring, daughter of Doyle and Anita Herring of Amarillo, Tex., and Timothy Peters Sanders, son of Dwan and Jeanine Sanders of Tacoma, Wash., were united in marriage Dec. 31, 1987. The ceremony was performed by Rick Beam, pastor of the Amarillo church. The bride's parents were the first couple to be married in the Amarillo church, and Wilma and her twin were the first babies born in the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders reside in Tacoma.



MR. AND MRS. SCOTT DECKER

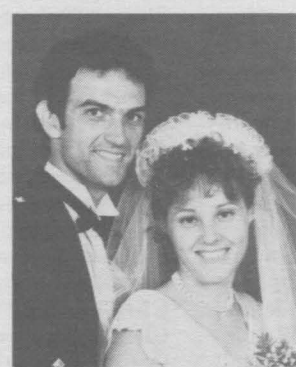
Judith Harris and Scott Lee Decker were united in marriage Jan. 17. The ceremony was performed by Arthur Dyer, pastor of the Philadelphia, Pa., and Vineland, N.J., churches. Suzanne Abbate, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and William Burnell III was best man. The couple reside in Rockaway, N.J.



MR. AND MRS. S. FATTOROSS

Fran Schneider of Youngstown, Ohio, and

Anthony Turci of Hackensack, N.J., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Tammy Margaret Turci to Salvatore Anthony Fattoross, son of Ted and Camille Fattoross of Toms River, N.J. The ceremony took place May 31, 1987, in Rochelle Park, N.J., and was performed by Salvatore Cimino, uncle of the bride and a minister in the Montvale, N.J., church. Marci Redanz was maid of honor, and Ron Nucera was best man. The couple, both employed by the Church, reside in Altadena, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT WEBSTER

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Gunders are pleased to announce the marriage of their only daughter, Sharon Joy, to Robert Scott Webster, son of Ted Webster and Jane Green. The ceremony was performed Jan. 3 by Reginald Wright, business manager for the Australian Office. Peter Cicero was best man, and Patricia Hughes was maid of honor. The couple reside in Caloundra, Australia.



MR. AND MRS. BRYAN KENNEDY

Sharlene Diane Whitted and Bryan Allen Kennedy were united in marriage July 11, 1987. Carlos Perkins, pastor of the Brooklyn, N.Y., North church, performed the ceremony. Linda Grady was matron of honor, and Fitzroy Lewis was best man. The couple reside in Clarkston, Ga.

ANNIVERSARIES



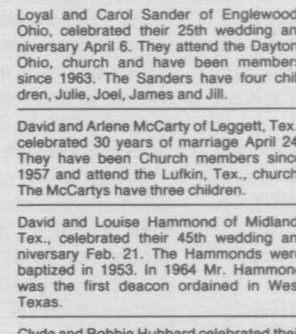
MR. AND MRS. HAROLD SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 9 at a dinner and dance attended by friends and relatives. The Smiths have been Church members since 1974. They have four children, 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. FRANK WHITFORD

Frank and Rena Whitford celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary March 23. The Whitfords live in Pasadena. They have three children and five grandchildren. Mrs. Whitford was baptized in 1974, and Mr. Whitford in 1979.



MR. AND MRS. D. GORDON

Mr. and Mrs. D. Gordon of Melbourne, Australia, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 20. The Gordons have been Church members since 1965. To celebrate their anniversary they returned to Sydney, Australia, where they spent their honeymoon. The Gordons have three children, Robyn Penrose, Debbie and David.

Loyal and Carol Sander of Englewood, Ohio, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 6. They attend the Dayton, Ohio, church and have been members since 1963. The Sanders have four children, Julie, Joel, James and Jill.

David and Arlene McCarty of Leggett, Tex., celebrated 30 years of marriage April 24. They have been Church members since 1957 and attend the Lufkin, Tex., church. The McCarty's have three children.

David and Louise Hammond of Midland, Tex., celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Feb. 21. The Hammonds were baptized in 1953. In 1964 Mr. Hammond was the first deacon ordained in West Texas.

Clyde and Bobbie Hubbard celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary Feb. 18. Mrs. Hubbard was baptized in 1968 and Mr. Hubbard in 1970. The Hubbards have five children, Cori Rocky, Dixie Robb, Toye Malm, all Church members, and Lael and Elisha.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. WILLIE ADAMS

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Adams, members who attend the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary April 11. The Adamses have been Church members since 1962. They have three children and two grandchildren. The couple celebrated their anniversary on the Queen Mary with their children, Tom and his wife, Bessie; and Myrtle Tate and her husband, James.



MR. AND MRS. CARL OVERCASH

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Overcash of Blanchard, Idaho, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 25. Mr. and Mrs. Overcash have been Church members since 1959. The Overcashes have three children, Dan, Nena Bradley and Annie Thornton, and eight grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. HAROLD SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 9 at a dinner and dance attended by friends and relatives. The Smiths have been Church members since 1974. They have four children, 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. F. McALLISTER

Frank and Edna McAllister, members who attend the Bakersfield, Calif., church, celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary April 17. The couple were baptized in 1972. The McAllisters had four children, two of whom are still living. One daughter, Shirley Brown, and her son, Richard James, are also Church members.

OBITUARIES

DOSS, Tom A., 37, of Birmingham, Ala., drowned April 8. He was baptized in 1971. Mr. Doss is survived by his mother, Jimmie A. Doss; two sons, Jeremy and Benjamin; a brother, Jim; and a sister, Norma Jean Williamson. Robert Collins, associate pastor of the Birmingham A.M. and P.M. churches, conducted the funeral service.

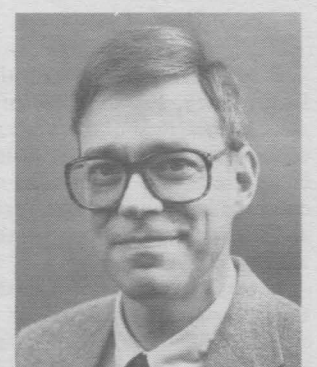
KIDDER, Roy L., 71, of Shelby, Mich., died April 10 after a heart attack. He has been a Church member since 1959. Mr. Kidder is survived by his wife, Lila, also a Church member; his mother, Elizabeth Kidder; three sons, Corlin, Robert and Douglas; two brothers; five sisters; three stepsons; 17 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by George Kackos, pastor of the Grand Rapids and Muskegon, Mich., churches.

SHEPHERD, Janet P., 37, of Eagle, Idaho, died April 11 of cancer. She has been a Church member since 1969. Mrs. Shepherd is survived by her husband, Chuck, also a Church member; a stepson, Shane, 18; a son, Ben, 8; a daughter, Lindsey, 6; her mother; two sisters; and a brother. Graveside services were conducted by Lawson Tuck, pastor of the Boise, Idaho, and Baker and Ontario, Ore., churches.

FINCHER, Jeanette, 59, of Phenix City, Ala., died April 6. She has been a Church member since 1985. Mrs. Fincher is survived by her

husband, James, also a Church member. A tribute service was conducted by David Mills, pastor of the Columbus and Macon, Ga., churches, and Mrs. Fincher's body was flown to Salt Lake City, Utah, for burial. Don Lawson, pastor of the Salt Lake City church, conducted graveside services.

WILHITE, Minerva, 86, of Madison, Tenn., died March 31. She has been a Church member since 1965. Mrs. Wilhite is survived by a daughter, Carol Kennerly; two sons, Raymond and Hilary; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister; and a number of nieces and nephews.



NOLAN RHEA

RHEA, Nolan, 46, of Lakewood, Ohio, died Feb. 26 during cardiac testing procedures. He has been a Church member since 1981. Mr. Rhea is survived by his wife of 21 years, Wendy; a son, Stuart; a daughter, Laura; a sister; and his mother, Betty. A memorial service was conducted March 1 by Guy Engelbart, pastor of the Cleveland, Ohio, East and West churches.

HINGST, Henry Frederick, 88, of Cuero, Tex., died April 15 after a long illness. He has been a Church member since 1955. Mr. Hingst is survived by his wife, Olga, a Church member, and one brother. Funeral services were conducted by Gary Petty, associate pastor of the Houston West and Victoria, Tex., churches.

HENDERSON, Josephine, 86, of Dayton, Ohio, died April 8 of an apparent heart attack. She has been a Church member since 1971. Mrs. Henderson is survived by one sister, one daughter and two granddaughters. Funeral services were conducted by Ray Meyer, pastor of the Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches.

BROWN, Bessie, 92, of Cootamundra, Australia, died March 31. She has been a Church member since 1978. Mrs. Brown is survived by a daughter, Ann Allen, and granddaughter, Karen Allen, both Church members. Funeral services were conducted by Bruce Dean, pastor of the Tamora and Wagga Wagga and Wodonga, Australia, churches.

HORTON, Jeanette R., 56, of Detroit, Mich., died March 13 of pneumonia. She has been a Church member since 1971. Mrs. Horton is survived by her husband, Orvie Seymour, and her daughter, Stephanie Hill. Vincent Szymkowiak, pastor of the Detroit East church, conducted funeral services.

SNYDER, Lawrence Dale, 34, of Myton, Utah, was swept away Dec. 14, 1987, in a sudden flood of water released from a reservoir upstream from where he was rounding up cattle on his ranch. His body was recovered March 5. Mr. Snyder has been a Church member since 1980. He is survived by his parents, two sisters and grandparents.

GLENN, Della M., 80, of Salt Lake City, Utah, died March 12 after an extended illness. She has been a Church member since 1960. Mrs. Glenn's husband died in 1976. She is survived by three sons, 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two sisters. William Bryce, assistant pastor of the Salt Lake City church, conducted graveside services.

ANDRUS, William Neil, 76, of Palm Springs, Calif., died Jan. 15 from complications after heart surgery. He has been a Church member since 1987. Mr. Andrus is survived by his wife, Gertrude "Molly," also a Church member; a son; three daughters; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Evangelist Norman Smith, pastor of the San Bernardino and Banning, Calif., churches, conducted graveside services.

McCAMMACK, Hazel A., 87, of Mooresville, Ind., died April 5. She has been a Church member since 1971. Mrs. McCammack is survived by three sons, two daughters, a sister and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Thomas Peine, a minister in the Indianapolis, Ind., church.

ORT, Albert L., 93, of Inez, Tex., died April 8 after a long illness. He has been a Church member since 1962. Mr. Ort and his wife, Hulda, celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary April 6. Mr. Ort is survived by his wife; three daughters, Marie Long, Mina Ball and Minnie Carr; a son, Robert L.; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. Wiley Morgan, a minister in the Victoria, Tex., church, conducted funeral services.

STIERS, Gary, 50, of Windsor, Ont., died March 27 of a heart attack. He was baptized in 1982. Mr. Stiers is survived by two sons, Kirk and Bret, and three daughters, Joy, Gay and Merri. Funeral services were conducted March 31 by George Lee, pastor of the Windsor church.

KAHLER, Hazel M., 98, of Pekin, Ill., died April 6. She was baptized in 1955. Mrs. Kahler is survived by one daughter; three granddaughters, including Donna Woelfle, a Church member; four great-granddaughters, three of whom are Church members; four great-grandsons; and five great-great-grandchildren. Her husband, three daughters, a grandson and a granddaughter preceded her in death.

LANDES, Earl E., 76, of Mulberry, Ind., died March 27 of a heart attack. He was baptized in 1964. Mr. Landes is survived by his wife of 49 years, Ethel; two sons, Dave, and Ed, a Church member; two daughters, Nancy Davison and Clara Cooper, both Church members; and eight grandchildren. Daniel Fricke, pastor of the Lafayette and Terre Haute, Ind., churches, conducted funeral services.

CARROLL, John, 64, of Milwaukee, Wis., died March 23. He has been a Church member since 1971. Mr. Carroll is survived by his wife, Carol, also a Church member, and five children. Funeral services were conducted by Eugene Noel, pastor of the Milwaukee and West Bend, Wis., churches.

HENRY, Earl W., 74, of Los Alamos, N.M., died April 12 after a lengthy illness. He was baptized in 1959. Mr. Henry is survived by five children, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Felix Heimerberg, pastor of the Santa Fe and Albuquerque, N.M., churches, conducted funeral services.

Healing

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superiority or inferiority is that one works better or has fewer side effects, *not* because one is somehow more righteous than the other.

One may be more "natural" than the other, but one is not physical and the other spiritual. Special diets or supplements are just as physical as surgery, radiation or chemotherapy—although one may have more side effects than the others, and one may have a greater success rate than the others. Is it more "natural" to fill the body with 1,000 times the normal recommended requirement of vitamin C than to take a small amount of antibiotic? Hardly!

Further, the wise person will do his homework when picking any type of therapy practitioner. There are, unquestionably, abuses among medical and nonmedical practitioners. As in any realm of human endeavor, some people, even some professionals, are dishonest, incompetent, irresponsible or unconcerned.

A person should pick a therapy that is scientifically sound and well-tested. It is not a sign of faith to seek obscure, second-class health treatment when competent, first-class health care is available. All health-maintenance systems and special treatment should be the finest available.

One should pick a physician with care. The doctor should have good credentials. One should be able to communicate freely with his doctor and ask him all the questions on one's mind. One should seek a second or even a third opinion whenever appropriate.

Other questions must also be considered when seeking care, such as how risky a particular procedure is, how costly, what approach has fewer side effects, which approach will more likely succeed and which method may be more intrusive and thus more disruptive to the body. All these things and more go into such a decision.

These are complex matters that require wisdom. Therefore, every person would be well-advised to address these questions during a period of health so that he and his loved ones know what to do in time of illness when emotions run high and time is of the essence.

The obligations of the sick person are indeed many. But healthy friends and relatives also have re-

sponsibilities. Essentially, their role is one of spiritual and physical support and comfort. Such positive aid will go a long way to speeding the loved one toward recovery.

But, conversely, friends and relatives of the sick party must carefully avoid crossing the line from helper to hindrance. Under no circumstances should a Christian brother ever stand in vocal or even silent judgment of his sick friend's faith, righteousness or decisions about therapy. He simply must not second-guess his brother, *nor in any*

sick person, the minister will anoint the sick party and pray over him or her (James 5:14). The command to call the "elders" (plural) in James 5:14 does not imply that at least two ministers must be parties to the anointing. Other verses make plain one minister is enough (Acts 28:8, Acts 19:11-12). The word *elders* in James 5:14 is used to denote the category of persons to be called, not the number of persons.

Since a minister is not a physician and cannot know when a seemingly trivial illness is not really a deeply

rifice of Christ that make possible the Christian's access to the Father as well as oneness with Him, Jesus Christ and the Body of Christ—the Church.

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

Ministers are often asked what they would do in certain health crises. Most often this question arises from one who is fearful and wishes the minister to shoulder the burden of the decisions which are rightfully the sick party's. A minister must be truly neutral on medical matters. Subtle differences can be dangerous. He cannot, for example, tell one person that he "should" take vitamins, get his broken bone set or have a decayed tooth extracted, but then tell the next person that it is "up to you" whether to take antibiotic drugs or have surgery.

He can and should counsel the party to get all the facts, take the course most likely to result in success with the least risk and reaffirm that the decision must be based upon sound physical criteria, and not spiritual criteria about which method is supposedly more righteous than another. And he should remind the person to pray about the decision and trust God ultimately in whatever course he takes. He should also remind the person that doing nothing when a reasonable course is advisable and available is foolhardy at least and may be even spiritually irresponsible.

Having seen a health crisis from the perspective of the sick person and the minister, we can now conclude with thoughts about the responsibility of the Church.

The responsibility of the Church

Primarily, it is the Church's responsibility to teach the truth about the subject of divine healing and to provide spiritual counsel and encouragement through its ministers whenever practical. The Church has provided teaching through this booklet to fulfill its first responsibility, and it has provided a trained ministry to serve the spiritual needs of its members and others who ask for help.

The Church, in the normal circumstance where bigger moral questions are *not* involved (such as

would be the case in matters such as abortion), does *not* take any position for or against any particular health therapy or procedure except to recommend that any care sought should be the best available and affordable for the task. The Church does recognize that ill persons are notoriously susceptible to supposed health panaceas and fads, however, and cautions all toward wisdom in this regard.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach has written, "I have often thought that many people attach more importance to their physical welfare than their spiritual welfare." His words have proven true time and again in many aspects of life, not just health matters.

To a sick person, regaining full health can be the most important thing in the world, bar none. Certainly, full health for you or a loved one is important. Anyone who has ever been seriously ill or watched a loved one suffer in sickness will immediately—and compassionately—recognize this fact. But although important, physical health is not the most important thing. The most important thing in anyone's life is his spiritual health and ultimate salvation! We must never—NEVER—lose sight of this critical truth!

In conclusion, this booklet has explained, in detail, virtually every possible aspect of the question of illness and divine healing. It has carefully examined almost every major verse on the subject, and it will no doubt prove convincing to most people.

The plain and simple truth about divine healing can now be easily summarized: Illness is the malfunction of one's body. Divine healing is God's miraculous intervention to resolve such a malfunction. Factors determining whether God will heal are often faith and obedience, and always God's will in our life. The question of what therapy to use in a health crisis is not a spiritual, but a physical, question. Using medicines or the service of medical doctors is not a sin.

God can heal. He has healed. He may heal you, either immediately or over time. Whether He heals you depends upon factors like your faith, your obedience and, most assuredly and especially, upon God's master plan in your life.

God grant you the faith to trust your entire life into His hands, in sickness and in health, while striving to face your health trials with wisdom and understanding!

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way try to persuade the sick friend to accept or follow his own pet theories or ideas, no matter how well-intentioned. No one should impose on another *unsolicited* suggestions, or consider his own health approach to be the best or most spiritual and then try to force it on others. This simply *must not be done*.

The minister's role

The principles spoken of thus far apply to the sick party and his friends or relatives. But what type of advice can a sick person expect to receive from his minister?

The answer is that the ministry of the Church will give prayer, encouragement and counsel about spiritual matters. A minister will not give health advice beyond that of directing the sick person to seek medically sound information already available to the public.

The minister is schooled in the Bible and Church doctrine and is not qualified to offer health advice; therefore he will not do so. Even in those rare cases where a minister does have valid health credentials, he is *not authorized* by the Church to offer such advice as part of his capacity as a minister, even though he may give such advice in his properly credentialed health capacity. The Church simply cannot authorize one of its ministers—even one with proper credentials—to act beyond the capacity of the Church itself.

When called upon to do so by a

serious matter, the minister will honor the requests for anointing. An illness that may not appear to be life-threatening may turn out to be cancer or meningitis or pneumonia. An exception might occur when a party wishes to be anointed multiple times for the (seemingly) same illness, or when the minister's experience with the person requesting prayer shows the party misunderstands the purpose and nature of anointing.

The minister who anoints the sick person will pray a brief prayer during which time he will dab a small amount of olive oil on his fingers, then lay his hands gently on the person (usually on the person's head) as he prays.

The prayer will be relatively brief. There is no set wording for the prayer, but, depending upon individual circumstances, it might include the following: a mention of thanks to God; an acknowledgement of God as healer; a mention of the concern of the brethren and of the Church; a request for comfort, encouragement and faith; a statement affirming the party's obedience and faith; a definite request for healing on behalf of the sick party; a statement requesting forgiveness in case sin was involved in causing the sickness (James 5:15); and a statement recognizing the preeminence of God's will. The prayer will also often include an acknowledgment of thanks for the suffering and sac-

PERSONAL

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Jan. 18 and Feb. 1 *Worldwide News* "Personals," people have the responsibility to make their own decisions in their own situations based on the principles of God's Word.

It is not a true statement that in all cases it is the wrong thing to do for a mother to work. Nor is it a true statement that in all cases it is the right thing to do. But it is indeed a matter of looking at all factors in one's situation and making a wise and sound decision, realizing that such a decision may, after more experience, need to be changed.

In practically any area of life you can name, some will undoubtedly make mistakes. Hopefully, we will all learn from our mistakes. But the Church cannot and should not strive to live people's lives for them. Some things for some people, *when sin is not involved*, are more effectively, though perhaps more painfully, learned by experience.

God's people must learn how to apply God's law in all their decisions, and be willing to learn and change when they find they need to. The Church's role is to

give them guidelines and instruction, but not to presume to know what every person should do in every case.

Every member of God's Church is different, and every case is different. What is appropriate for one member may or may not be appropriate for another. Of course, I am not talking about God's specific revealed law, but about matters in which God does allow us to make choices, learn lessons and grow in wisdom.

Any time a family considers whether the wife should work outside the home, I hope they will carefully weigh what I have written earlier. It is easy to deceive oneself about what is appropriate. Just because something is not a sin does not mean that it is wise.

A Christian family should honestly consider *all* the aspects—all the pros and cons—as I have written before on this subject, before undertaking it. What is expedient for one family may not be for another. But above all, a Christian wife's *primary* role must be the key factor.

In the "Personals" of Jan. 18 and Feb. 1, I laid out the basic principles that ought to be taken into consideration. If some disre-

gard those principles and use the articles to justify and defend their own unwise and unsound decisions, they will have to reap what they have sown. But the fact that some may do that would not justify the Church making a hard-and-fast ruling on a matter of personal family choice and discretion.

Brethren, God's people tend to have a strong *weakness* in the area of *judging one another*. Many tend to be far more concerned about "so-and-so" doing "such-and-such" than they are about their *own* problems, shortcomings and poor decisions.

Rather than striving to encourage, support, help, appreciate, understand and love one another, the tendency is to question, doubt, condemn, criticize and gossip about one another.

The New Testament, as you know, is full of warning and instruction about this kind of thing. We often worry more about the *appearance* of a mistake someone else is making than we do about our *own* overcoming.

It is the old matter of getting the beam out of our own eye, so we can see clearly before worrying about someone else's splinter. Some of us need to *wake up* to that tendency and *repent!*

A few, it seems, have tended to feel that working mothers have produced most of the child-rearing problems in the Church. But what about the many widowed or divorced mothers who have *had* to work? If working were actually the problem it is considered by some to be, then the children of widowed or divorced mothers wouldn't have a chance.

The fact is, most of the problems with our children lie in the *lack of true Christianity being practiced in the home*—not in whether or not the mother works.

This is *not* to say that the Church encourages mothers to work. The Church neither encourages nor discourages it, *per se*. It encourages people to get all the facts, honestly evaluate those facts in the light of God's Word, and make a sound decision for the *right reasons*. And it teaches that God's people should not presume to condemn one another in their hearts since they *don't* have all the facts.

We should also realize that many decisions do have obstacles that will need to be hurdled. But the mere presence of obstacles does not of itself make a particular decision a poor one—unless those involved are not *prepared* and *committed* to dealing with

those obstacles.

Similarly, the Church does not say that those who work are in reality better wives or in any way superior to those who don't. Whether or not a mother or wife works is not God's measure of righteousness.

God's Church is responsible to be teaching His people to learn to make wise and sound decisions. But it must not make their decisions for them.

If any women are anxious to avoid parental responsibilities and would rather pursue a career, they are going to cause their families to suffer whether they are home or not, until their *attitude* changes. No amount of legislating by God's Church will change their attitudes. Sometimes a little painful experience will.

In any case, it is not the Church's job to condemn the legitimate decisions of some, causing unnecessary guilt, just because of the wrong actions and decisions of others.

Next time I want to focus upon another aspect of marriage—that of delegation and trust.

Thank you, dear brethren, for the many letters and cards of encouragement, and for your prayers. I certainly need them and deeply appreciate them.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA—Carmelo Anastasi, an employee who represents the Church in Italy, completed Italian voice-overs for seven *World Tomorrow* telecasts during a two-week stay here April 20 to May 4.

"By recording Italian translations instead of subtitled programs, we hope to solve an old problem," said evangelist Carn Catherwood, regional director. "Some viewers have had difficulty following the subtitles for the Italian telecasts because they went by too quickly."

The problem persisted in spite of efforts to condense the scripts.

Mr. Anastasi, his wife, Antonella, and their children, Salvatore, Luca, Desy and Delia, will move to Pasadena in June. Mr. Anastasi will take courses at Ambassador College and continue as the voice of *Il Mondo di Domani* (Italian *World Tomorrow*).

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PASADENA—Youth magazine circulation is 40 percent higher than last year. The March-April issue went to a record 389,714 individuals, businesses and libraries.

Increases in subscriptions going to U.S. libraries and waiting rooms are responsible for the biggest gains, according to Boyd Leeson, circulation manager.

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MONROE, La.—Evangelist Ronald Kelly presented Quentin Robertson with a plaque and watch on the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 8, in recognition of his service to the Church.

Mr. Robertson was employed by the Pasadena Ambassador College Landscape Department in 1954. In 1969 he went to Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., to landscape the Feast site there. In 1971 he was sent to Big Sandy to maintain the grounds of faculty homes.

Since 1985 Mr. Robertson, his wife, Edna, and daughter, Summer, have lived in Monroe, where Mr. Robertson maintains a Church-owned meeting hall and its grounds.

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PASADENA—Church Administration announced that John Karlson now serves as regional director for the Church in German-speaking areas. He replaces Frank Schnee, regional director in German-speaking areas since 1965, who has suffered from Parkinson's disease for the past year.

Mr. Karlson has worked in the German region since his graduation from Ambassador College in 1967 and served as acting regional director since Mr. Schnee became ill.

Mr. Schnee "still needs God's healing for the Parkinson's disease, which continues to slow him down and weakens him," said evangelist Larry Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for international areas.

Mr. Schnee has been reassigned to Pasadena.

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PASADENA—Church Administration announced that evangelist Raymond McNair arrived in Auckland, New Zealand, in March to assume his responsibilities as regional director for New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Peter Nathan, regional director since 1980, underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor April 12. The Nathans "have certainly seen God's hand in both the success of his operation and the speed of his recovery," wrote Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach in his May 2 *Worldwide News* "Personal."

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan are await-

ing visas for transfer to the United States.

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PASADENA—The Festival Office announced that the Feast sites in Castelveccchio-Pascoli, Italy; Caloundra, Australia; and Mombasa, Kenya; have reached capacity. No further transfer applications for these sites will be accepted.

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PASADENA—The Young Ambassadors, directed by Ross Jutsum, chairman of the Pasadena Ambassador College Music Department, performed for King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden April 25 at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles, Calif.

The performance was part of an entertainment program at a dinner honoring the king and queen. Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley was host.

Murray Korda, director of the Monseigneur Strings Orchestra, introduced the Young Ambassadors as representatives of "all that is good and wholesome in America."

"Response from the audience was overwhelming, even though the

show didn't start until almost 11," said Mr. Jutsum.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and several other Church, Ambassador Foundation and college officials attended the event.

Actor and comedian Bob Hope was among the guests.

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PASADENA—Brethren who have requested transfers to Penticton, B.C., and Vail, Colo., are not required to obtain approval from their pastors or the Festival Office before making housing arrangements. Arrangements may be made immediately.

Brethren requesting transfers to the following sites must have transfer approval before booking accommodations: Chattanooga, Tenn.; Jekyll Island, Ga.; Lihue, Hawaii; Palm Springs and Redding, Calif.; Pensacola and St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Victoria, B.C.

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PASADENA—The 1987 *Envoy* captured the All American Award, the highest rating a yearbook can receive in scholastic competition, according to Dennis Robertson, director of Mass Communications.

Judges from the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) and the Associate Collegiate Press (ACP) gave the book marks of distinction in four of five categories: concept, coverage, display and photography, and art and graphics.



"That also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

PASADENA—Paul Suckling, director of Ministerial Services in the Borehamwood, England, Regional Office, asked that members continually pray for brethren in Northern Ireland.

Mr. Suckling quoted David Silcox, pastor of the Ballymena, Belfast and Craigavon, Northern Ireland, churches:

"Early in February there was a terrorist shooting in Londonderry. In the incident a bus was hit by machine-gun fire. The wife of one of the congregation in Ballymena was getting off the bus at the time of the incident and was hit in the back of the leg by a piece of ricocheting shrapnel.

"The shrapnel lodged in her tendon just above the heel, and the doctors have decided it will have to stay there as it would be very difficult and possibly dangerous to try and extract it.

"She is able to walk quite normally now and is fully recovered. She is very appreciative of God's protection."

Malaysia

Robert Fahey, regional director for Australia and Asia, reported that a law was passed by some Malaysian states "to prevent the propagation of religions other than Islam to Muslims," according to the April 7 *Star*, a Malaysian newspaper.

The law makes it an offense for non-Muslims "to persuade, influence or incite Muslims to change their faith," the article said. "It would also be an offence if he or she allows the Muslim to take part in any ceremony, act of worship or religious activity of a non-Islamic religion."

The law also forbids the use of 33 words that are "not to be associated with a non-Islamic religion" to express or describe any fact, belief, idea or activity pertaining to any

non-Islamic religion.

"Any person who uses these words without qualification would be liable to a fine of \$1,000," the article said.

In a May 5 article in *Far Eastern Economic Review*, Tan Sri Dominic Vendargon, archbishop emeritus of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, said: "We know we are not supposed to preach to Muslims."

But fundamentalist Christian groups from the United States "are the people who disturb the Muslims because they do not know our history."

Report from Zaire

Bernard Andrist, pastor of the Geneva and Neuchatel, Switzerland, churches and Geneva Office manager, visited Kinshasa, capital of Zaire, March 12 and reported the following:

"The church is a large one at Kinshasa. Attending Sabbath services were 215 persons, of whom 110 were children. We had a lot of difficulty in finding a hall to rent for the Passover, but with perseverance and the help of God, we finally found one.

"Communications are a big problem in Kinshasa. Nobody has a telephone! So if you want to see someone you've got to go looking for him.

"In Zaire the economic situation is very serious. . . . Last fall the local money exchanged at 80 zaires for one Swiss franc. Now the ratio is 105 zaires for one Swiss franc.

"However, the morale of the church is good. We had Sabbath services and three Bible studies as well. This Passover will be the first officially conducted in Kinshasa! About 40 people will take it under the direction of our local deacon, Mr. Mvita Kalume Lunganga.

"In Cameroon as well as Zaire all the Church members hope and pray

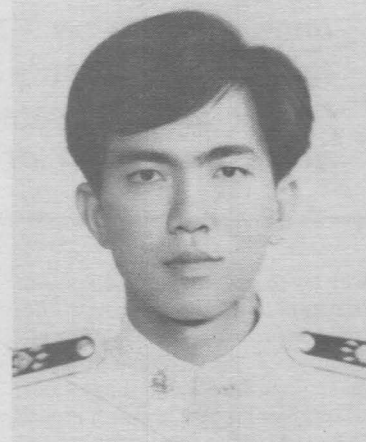
Tom Rolnicki, executive director of NSPA and ACP wrote: "I see, personally, nearly a thousand yearbooks each season and yours ranks just about the best in design for any college book for 1987.

"The pride you have in your school comes through in the creative care you've taken. . . . I'm impressed with the look of quality from front to back."

The book was designed by Ric McNair, now a graphic artist for Editorial Services.

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PASADENA—Grisada Boonrach, a deputy camp commander for



GRISADA BOONRACH

the Ban Thong camp in Thailand, one of the camps where Ambassador College students taught Laotian refugees from 1980 to 1983,

that the Feast of Tabernacles will be celebrated at Kinshasa. The management of the convention center, Foire Internationale, is positive.

"However, the problem of seating must be resolved. Of the 5,000 chairs originally available in the main hall 10 years ago only 200 remain. The floors are concrete.

"There was one baptism and numerous personal interviews."

Passover in Brazil

Alberto Sousa, pastor of the Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Salto, Uruguay, churches, conducted Passover services in Brazil.

Passover and Holy Day services took place at the Hotel Copacabana Palace in Copacabana Beach, Rio de Janeiro.

Brethren met for the Night to Be Much Observed at a restaurant in the Hotel Bucsky Mar in Niteroi, across the bay from Rio. Twenty-four were present, including seven children and four nonmember relatives.

Mr. Sousa gave the sermon on the first day of Unleavened Bread, and 13 brethren met on the last day to hear a sermon tape.

South American visit

To prepare for Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's June trip to South America, evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking regions, and his wife, Reba, visited Puerto Rico, Peru, Chile and Argentina March 13 to April 11.

Mr. Walker gave the sermon March 19 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, for about 200 Church members. March 24 to 28 the Walkers were in Lima, Peru, where they met with Wilfredo Saenz, pastor of the Lima and Huaraz, Peru, churches.

Mr. Walker mentioned that Manuel Quijano, who was accepted to Ambassador College, is having difficulty obtaining a U.S. student visa, "due to a technical problem pertaining to his application," according to the Church's Legal Office. "It is anticipated that the problem will be rectified in the near future."

Mr. Saenz told Mr. Walker that a suitable Festival site had not been found, owing in large part to high prices and insufficient space.

Prayers are requested on behalf of Mr. Quijano's visa petition and

visited the campus here May 2.

"This was his first time to visit America, and he wanted to make Ambassador College one of the top priorities on his list," said Leon Sexton, who has served the Ambassador Foundation in numerous capacities in Asia.

Mr. Grisada works for the Ministry of the Interior of Thailand, and is stationed in Bangkok.

After a campus tour a luncheon took place in the student center for Mr. Grisada and students who taught in the camp.

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LOS ANGELES—The board of directors of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra (LACO), resident orchestra of the Ambassador Auditorium, sponsored an English country garden ball April 21 in the Grand Ballroom of the Beverly Wilshire Hotel here.

The purpose of the event was to honor Ronald S. Rosen, who is stepping down as president of LACO, and Sir Neville Marriner, LACO's first music director, who now directs the Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

"The Ambassador Foundation's integral effort in supporting the orchestra was acknowledged on several occasions during the evening, and the Ambassador Auditorium was mentioned as one of the finest performing arts halls in the world," said Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs.

for a Peruvian Feast site.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker then flew almost 1,600 miles south to Santiago, Chile, where they observed the Passover, Night to Be Much Observed and the first day of Unleavened Bread with the *santiaguinos*, as residents of the Chilean capital are called.

Chile is one of the fastest-growing areas of the Spanish-language region, said Mr. Walker.

Last stop on the trip, April 6 to 10, was Buenos Aires, Argentina, where the Walkers attended services in both the Ezeiza and Buenos Aires congregations.

Mr. Walker noted that the Ezeiza church building has been remodeled and upgraded substantially.

"The trip was profitable, and the brethren in South America are very eager to receive Mr. Tkach in their respective areas," Mr. Walker said.

Mr. Walker also reported that the number of members in Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries passed the 1,500 mark. Fifty-two baptisms were reported in April, bringing to 65 the number of baptisms in 1988.

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