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South Africa opens air time to World Tomorrow program

By Peter Hawkins

CAPE TOWN, South Africa—Fifteen years of waiting, praying and hoping were rewarded Sunday, March 1, when the *World Tomorrow* telecast first aired on South African television.

These visits removed concern that the Worldwide Church of God is a U.S. religious fringe organization (a perception many countries share).

They also felt that the Work's television studios and equipment were among the finest they had seen.

Six programs ready

We are not advertising *The Plain Truth* or displaying the office address, because many South Africans are wary of programs produced by "minority" churches.

To this end, six programs have been edited for broadcasting so far, and

another 12 are being prepared by the Television Department in Pasadena.

We also have an opportunity to perform a service to the community and build confidence in and awareness of our views.

We plan to advertise the program to *Plain Truth* readers on the back page of the April issue.

Another benefit from broadcast-

ing *The World Tomorrow* will be the opportunity to renew contact with former *Plain Truth* readers.

In 1985 the mailing list was more than 230,000 with an additional 90,000 newsstand copies.

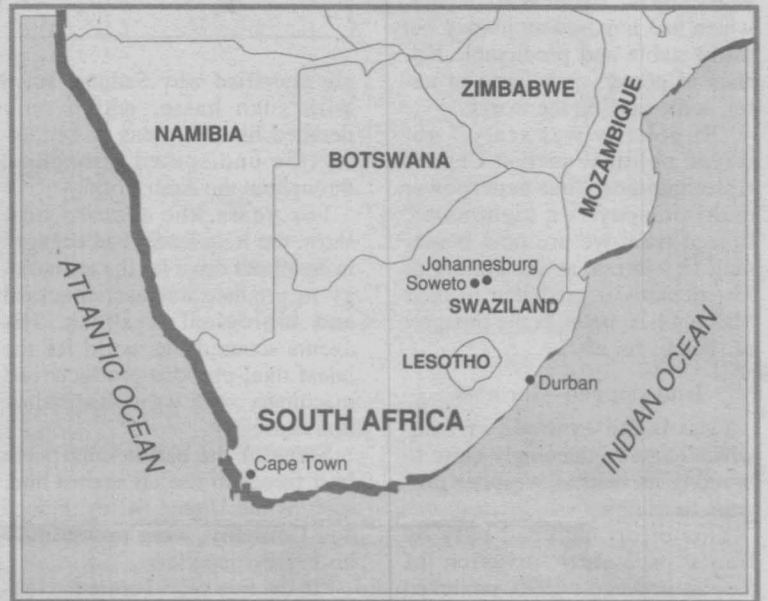
Because the division between the reading and viewing public is not as marked in South Africa as in the United States, we can expect a sizable percentage of our present and former readers to tune in to the broadcast.

Coordinated effort

Many areas are assisting in this venture. Media departments in Pasadena send program summaries to the Cape Town Office for review, and the Television Department transfers videotapes into the PAL (European) format.

The Shipping Department air-freights these to Cape Town to preview for suitable subjects.

Topics chosen include water—the worst drought since the 1920s is in progress; violence—as economic problems and malnutrition increase, so do violent crimes; adultery—a once conservative public has fallen head over heels for the new morality; and addiction—schools are facing the most increase in drug usage.



HIGH HOPE—A March 17 vote may improve the environment for preaching the gospel in South Africa, where the *World Tomorrow* telecast now airs Sunday on station TSS. [Map by Ron Grove]

Referendum may bring better climate for gospel

CAPE TOWN, South Africa—Most white South Africans, tired of the isolation and political doubletalk that has existed for the past 20 years, voted for continued reform in the March 17 referendum.

This article was compiled from reports by Peter Hawkins of the Cape Town Office, and Petros Manzingana, pastor of the Soweto, South Africa, church.

Results from the first of the 15 districts created a sense of spreading relief. Returns showed a strong *Yes* vote.

Welcome present

A final tally of just less than 70 percent backing State President F.W. de Klerk was a welcome present for him on his 56th birthday.

Mr. de Klerk took the biggest political gamble of his career when he asked white South Africans to decide by popular vote whether his reforms should continue.

He said a general election

would be called if the *No* votes won, and that he would resign as party leader and state president.

The passion of the right wing and the general apathy of many was expected to favor the *No* lobby. But 85 percent of the 3.5-million-strong white electorate turned out to vote.

The final *Yes* vote was 10 percent higher than predicted, and the president referred to the event as the birth of the "new South Africa."

Benefits for the Church

For the Church the results of the referendum may mean a better environment for preaching the gospel.

Yet, there is still an element of uncertainty about what would happen in a government dominated by an alliance between the Communist Party and the African National Congress (ANC).

Whether a federal system will result or a unitary state, Conservatives are deeply concerned about the preservation of their Afrikaans language and culture.

The next few weeks will determine how the right wing will respond to the country's support for reform and their own desire for a white homeland. Some radical elements say they are preparing for war.

Most urban blacks have been excited about the reaffirmation of their changing status, knowing that the issue will affect their future, even though they could not yet express their own opinion in the same way.

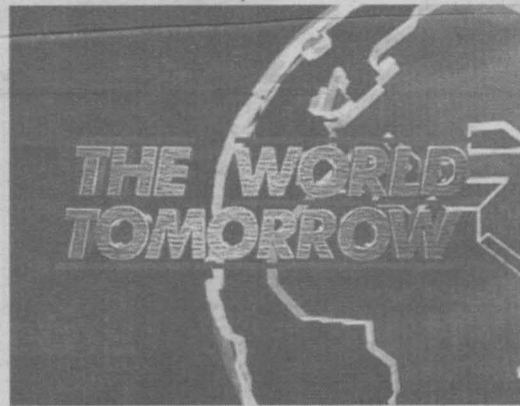
Political, economic realities

There is still much political posturing, however. The ANC does not want sanctions relaxed while most of the country does not have the vote.

If the economy begins to mend, with some investment capital coming into South Africa, the government may be able to fix some of the inequalities.

Many urban blacks are disillusioned about the continuing inequalities. When Nelson Mandela, ANC leader, was released from prison in 1990, many expect-

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South African Broadcasting Corp. (SABC) officials even expressed delight that at last a suitable time had opened up.

They explained how several times in the last 4 1/2 years situations have prevented the long-awaited airing of our program.

Several times during the day the station mentioned the title of the first program, *Children of Divorce*, presented by evangelist David Hulme, in a preview of the evening's programs.

The telecast will be aired at 8:30 p.m. each Sunday for the next three months on TSS, a national educational and sports channel.

This period will be extended after gauging viewer reaction. Future *World Tomorrow* programs may also be mentioned on the main channel, TV1.

Although TSS broadcasts are countrywide, not everyone can receive them. Reception should be improved greatly, however, if satellite-related television signals are introduced in mid-1993.

Impressed by Work's facilities

Senior officials concerned with South African religious programming have visited the Church's headquarters, as well as our offices in Borehamwood, England, and Manila, Philippines.

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

From time to time Church Administration receives questions about what the Church means by its use of the term *apostle* in reference to Herbert W. Armstrong and to me.

In this "Personal," I want to answer those questions, as well as comment on human imperfection and the need for the continual process of cleansing and purification by which Christ prepares his Bride, the Church, for the spiritual wedding supper.

It has been the practice of the Church to refer to Mr. Armstrong, and to me, as having the office of apostle. Some have been confused by this terminology, assuming it connotes an office equal to that of the apostles of the first century.

As you know, the original apostles formed part of what Paul called the foundation of the Church: "Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone" (Ephesians 2:20, New International Version throughout).

When referring to Mr. Armstrong or myself, however, the Church uses the term *apostle* (drawn from the list of ministerial offices in Ephesians 4:11)

only as a designation of the highest spiritual and administrative human office in the Church.

The term definitely does not connote an apostolic function in the Church that is equivalent to that of the original apostles. Not since the first century has the Church had that kind of apostolic leadership in person.

Instead, God has given us the New Testament, which is com-

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1992 ENVOY NOT AVAILABLE AT THE FEAST. ORDER NOW!

The 1992 Ambassador College *Envoy* will not be offered for sale at this year's Feast of Tabernacles. Instead, this year's edition will only be available through advance sales at the special price of \$20 (an \$8 savings over last year's price).

The 1992 *Envoy* promises to provide an informative pictorial record of the College's students, activities and projects during this 45th anniversary year.

Checks or money orders (payable to Ambassador College) should be sent to 1992 *Envoy*, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755. Please add \$3 for shipping and handling. In previous years the *Envoy* was sold at the Feast and could be purchased with second tithe funds. This year it is not appropriate to use second tithe for the *Envoy*.

The *Envoy* can also be ordered with your Visa or MasterCard by calling 1-800-423-4444.

This offer ends May 31. Expect delivery in the fall. For those in international areas, regional offices will give ordering information to church pastors.

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'Bombs for all' in the nuclear '90s?

Despite decades-long efforts to curtail the proliferation of nuclear weapons, the world is poised for an alarming spread of these agents of mass destruction.

This is one of the ironic by-products of the end of the bipolar U.S.-Soviet Cold War period, which had imposed an uneasy but fairly stable and predictable balance of power, or balance of terror, some said, on the world.

"Bi-polarity was scary," observed political analyst Charles Krauthammer, "but superpower multi-polarity is a nightmare." Indeed what we are now beginning to witness, as the editors of *The Economist* predicted in their March 14-20 issue, is the prospect of "bombs for all."

Iraq stopped—for now

First is the example of Iraq, which came frighteningly close to bringing its nuclear weapons program to fruition.

This effort, stopped only by Iraq's premature invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, prompted a worldwide coalition against Saddam Hussein, who was only 18 to 24 months away from having his first nuclear bomb ready.

To this day political analysts



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

are mystified why Saddam acted with such haste, which only derailed his intentions of becoming the undisputed strongman throughout the Arab world.

For years, the records now show, the Iraqi leader had engaged in an all-out drive for the technology to produce nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. His agents scoured the world for the latest dual-purpose products and machinery with weapons-production capability.

Some of the nations that were later forced to rise up against him, such as the United States, France and Germany, were unwittingly his biggest suppliers.

"In the five years before the Persian Gulf War," wrote nuclear arms control expert Gary Milhollin, in the March 8 *New York Times Magazine*, "the [U.S.] Commerce Department licensed more

than \$1.5 billion of strategically sensitive American exports to Iraq. Many were for direct delivery to nuclear weapons, and chemical weapon and missile sites."

It has been said that Washington turned a blind eye to what Saddam was doing because it "tilted" in favor of Iraq in its long and bitter war with Iran from 1980 to 1988.

"As bad as the American record is," continued Mr. Milhollin, "Germany's is worse. Germany supplied more of Iraq's mass-destruction machinery than all other countries combined.

"Germany not only sold Iraq most of its centrifuge equipment [needed to enrich uranium], it also furnished an entire chemical weapon industry and was Iraq's greatest supplier of missile technology, including a flood of parts that enabled Iraq to extend the range of its [Soviet-made] Scud missiles."



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

How do you explain it?

While shopping in a department store, a shop attendant asked my little granddaughter about her Christmas presents. She replied: "Yuk! Oh no, we don't do Christmas. We keep the Feast of Tabernacles."

There is no arguing with that, but I didn't expect to have to explain the Holy Days in the checkout line.

Many of us have stories about how children have explained our beliefs. Often we smile at the simplicity of their statements or cringe at their lack of tact.

Explaining what we believe, and why, can be a challenge. When we were first called we may have been clumsy and confrontational. People can feel threatened by our well-intended zeal. We had yet to understand that it is God the Father's job to do the calling, not ours.

On the other hand, we may have been defensive, secretive and embarrassed about our calling.

Example makes a difference

How we explain our religion depends upon who we are talking to. But an attitude of selflessness, loyalty, faithfulness, reliability and honesty is universal.

Jesus Christ said our lives should be like a lamp on a lampstand. There should be something different about you and me, something that has an impact on other people in a positive way. And they should see our good works.

These things can win the respect of even the most fierce critic. How often have people said, "Well, those people have a funny religion, but they really are nice."

A good example dampens the flames of criticism. William Barclay wrote: "The only effective Christian propaganda is the propaganda of a good life; the only defense of Christianity is the Christian."

Faithfulness to the teachings of the Bible will not go unnoticed even by those who disapprove. In the words of a Jewish proverb, there is no darkness so great that it can extinguish the light of just one candle.

Yet realize that people are cautious about unusual beliefs and for good reason. Perhaps they have seen hypocrisy from professing Christians, or read reports about cults that deceive members and misappropriate donations. Bad examples must be counteracted by good works.

When persecution comes

There are times, however, when no matter how hard we try, the world is against us. This is not surprising. Christ said to his disci-

We can only pray for an attitude of humility and personal concern that will enable God to use our example for the good.

To be persecuted as a Christian, however, is to follow in the path of the great men and women of the Bible: "So they persecuted the prophets who were before you," said Christ (Matthew 5:12).

All through the New Testament we find the idea that when we are faithful through persecution, this forges a special relationship with Jesus Christ.

To follow and accept undeserved suffering for our Christian beliefs is to follow the example of Jesus Christ and to walk in his steps (I Peter 2:21-24).

No matter if persecution comes from those at work, at home or from friends, we do not need to be afraid. God promises that he will be faithful and will "not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (I Corinthians 10:13).

Most important, beyond the frustrations, the pain and the persecution of the present life, there is the certain hope of the future. If we are persecuted as Christ was, so we

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ples that to follow him meant taking up a cross (Matthew 16:24). They were not of the world as Jesus was not of the world; and as the world had hated him so it would hate them (John 15:18-19, 17:14).

There is a tendency in people to dislike those who are different, particularly if those who are different claim to be living the right way of life. (The Greek word used in the New Testament to mean "holy" is *hagios*—the root of this word is "different.")

Also, our efforts to obey God may make those who do not obey him feel uncomfortable and that they are in the wrong.

People resent this and feel it conveys an attitude of superiority. This is something we cannot help.

will share in his glory (Romans 8:17). If we suffer with him, we shall also reign with him (II Timothy 2:12, King James Version).

We need not be afraid of our beliefs. We should let our lights shine as an example. But we should take care that our zeal for the truth does not bring unnecessary persecution.

Also, don't argue religion. It is possible to use nonreligious-sounding conversation to give practical answers to peoples' questions about happenings and problems of the day.

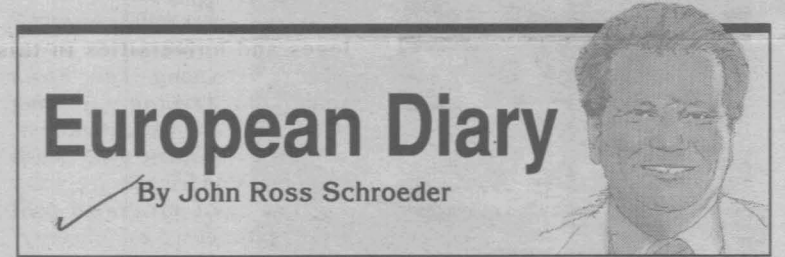
We must not antagonize those whom we expect to persuade. Use discretion and concern in how and when to put our beliefs into words. Ask God for wisdom and help in every circumstance.

Under threat of renewed military action, Iraqi authorities claim they will finally give United Nations inspectors a full accounting of weapons and weapons production facilities that survived Operation Desert Storm.

Some experts in the nuclear nonproliferation field remain skeptical, however, that all facilities will be found unless Iraq allows free and unfettered access for some time. Such access, claims Baghdad, is an infringement on its sovereignty.

Iran's determination

Across the Persian Gulf, arch-rival Iran is determined, say U.S. officials, to develop its own cache of nuclear weapons. Rumors abound that Tehran has bought tactical nuclear arms cheaply from agents in the former Soviet Union.



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

'Quite' the difference

BOREHAMWOOD, England—More and more cultural divergencies are being recognized in the politics of a fragmenting world. Even between friendly nations language and culture pose difficulties.

Michael Vlahos, a U.S. State Department official, wrote: "The period in which the United States attempted to assert a global culture is now ending. Cultures ... that aided America in its mission are once again going their own ways" (*Foreign Policy*, Spring 1991).

Britain is also having to appreciate cultural diversity in greater measure. British Telecom (roughly equivalent to American Telephone & Telegraph) published *Faxes, Phones and Foreigners*, a lexicon designed to help Britons avoid cross-cultural confusion and help businessmen avoid a cultural *faux pas*.

Consider the simple usage of the same words in diverse cultures. The British Telecom (BT) booklet points out that "if an American says that your proposal is 'quite good' you should be pleased. 'Quite' means 'somewhat' in English but 'very' in American.

"But if he [the American] thinks you should 'table' the proposal he does not mean you should go ahead with it, he means put it aside, or 'shelve' it."

Different meanings

While editing the anglicized *Plain Truth* we come across such difficulties all the time. We may use the same words, but our meanings are often "quite" different!

The English tend to understate. This is cultural.

BT said: "The British have a reputation for not making it clear exactly what they mean. They use language in a figurative and allusive way.... It derives from conventions or politeness and reserve which are designed to avoid the embarrassment of revealing one's true feelings."

For example, a British person may feel uncomfortable if a new friend immediately expresses his feelings. The American is being friendly when he puts his arm around you, but to the Briton, such affection may be verging on the insincere.

On the other hand, a British person may say about someone, "Oh, we've been rather good friends for

Troubling as this may be, access to Chinese technology is the biggest known problem. Beijing contends its aid is above-board and intended only for peaceful purposes.

But the bottom line, which disturbs Washington and other Western capitals, is that technology such as minireactors for nuclear research is useful in acquiring know-how for later military application.

Also disturbing is that Iran's vice president said publicly last year that all Muslim countries should try to obtain nuclear weapons.

Nuclear jitters in Berlin, Tokyo

Where does this dangerous activity leave countries such as Taiwan, South Korea, Japan and Germany, which, as *The Economist* pointed out, "have the capacity to build the bomb [but] have chosen not to?"

Their exposure was made all the more uncomfortable with the U.S. Defense Department leak of a pro-

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years," when actually meaning he or she would practically die for that friend. The British conceal emotions in most situations, sometimes to their own hurt.

BT advises Britons in dealing with U.S. citizens: "In North America, communication is primarily literal ... Americans like graphics, diagrams and highlighted bullet points, and don't like long and involved speeches or documents."

Subjects that are taboo in England (what you earn, your operation, your politics, your religion) are much more freely discussed in the New World.

This reality makes life interesting in a magazine that specializes in putting religious truths in clear, simple language.

National stereotypes are not countrywide, however. Generalizations are useful, but everyone remains an individual. That is part of God's plan for diversity in his family.

One world family

One of our duties in the British Editorial Office is to maintain regular contact with the German Office. While European nations are coming together for economic security in an uneasy union, God's Work allows for basic unity at a much deeper level.

We have the same goals in mind. We are able to help one another reach a better understanding. Our different cultures are not seen as a barrier to be overcome. They are complementary viewpoints that enhance the overall picture.

Cross-cultural communication is a challenge. Communication is not effective if we are the only ones who comprehend. For someone else to hear our words alone is not enough. They must also understand.

Paul said, "I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue" (I Corinthians 14:19). We must convey our thoughts in a way that makes sense to others.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver" (Proverbs 25:11).

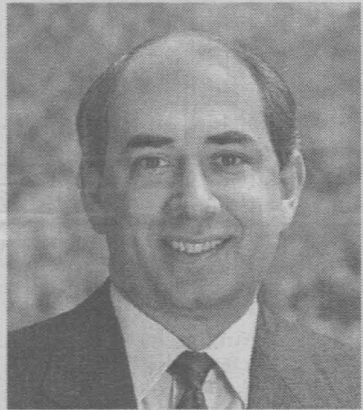
Choosing the right word to help someone else understand is a fine art, worth a lifetime study. It is a vital part of communicating the gospel to all nations and fundamental to the Christian life as well!

Director encourages alumni to stay involved with College

Since many of our readers are alumni of Ambassador College, *The Worldwide News* interviewed Thomas Delamater, director of Development & College Relations in Big Sandy, about the progress and goals of the alumni program.

The Ambassador College Alumni Association, formed in the fall of 1990, provides for a continuing relationship between the College and its former students.

The College defines alumni as those who have completed at



THOMAS DELAMATER

least 24 credit hours at Ambassador—the equivalent of two full-time semesters.

Why, after so many years, has Ambassador College established an alumni association at this time?

Quite simply, to strengthen the institution. Our former students can share with us a perspective that is invaluable, and I don't think they've always felt that the door was open to do so.

In addition, we are hoping to develop a number of ways that we can serve our alumni. So it is

very much a two-way street. We want our alumni to know we're interested in them, and we want to encourage them to remain involved with the College.

Will having an alumni association help the College become accredited?

It would be nice if it did, but that's not an issue, as far as I know.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools [SACS] publishes its criteria for accreditation, and nowhere do they state that a college or university must have an alumni program.

In fact, in their initial report about Ambassador the SACS visiting committee mentioned our alumni program, but in the final version of the report they took out that reference altogether.

On the other hand, most colleges and universities in this country have alumni programs of some kind, so I think it's more that we've recognized that this is what an institution of higher learning should be doing.

What has been the response from alumni?

It's been promising. We've had hundreds of alumni who have enthusiastically joined the association, attended activities, and written or called to express their support. That's always gratifying.

In 1991 we had almost 1,400 dues-paying members of the association. We did a renewal and new membership mailing in November, and the response to that is still coming in.

I'd like to see us have even more members in 1992, but we'll have to wait and see.

The alumni association requires annual dues. Why?

To finance the operation and activities of the association. It receives no budget from the College and no subsidy from the Church.

So we're totally dependent on the participation of our alumni in that regard.

Annual dues are \$15, or \$25 for a joint membership if both husband and wife are alumni.

Is charging dues a method of raising money for the College?

No, the dues fund the alumni association. The Development Office currently accepts donations to the College and will be establishing additional fund-raising programs, but that's a separate function.

Alumni who are in a position to do so are always welcome to contribute to such programs if they wish, but it is strictly voluntary, similar to the way Church members support the Summer Educational program each year.

What are the benefits of being a member of the association? Why should alumni join?

Those are fair questions, and ones I'm frequently asked. First, we're assuming that there are alumni who wish to maintain a more direct and active relationship with the College. That being the case, how can we accommodate them?

The first thing we did was to establish the alumni newsletter, *Ambassadors*. It is mailed four times a year to association members, and we strive to include information relevant to our former students.

With the Spring 1992 issue we're beginning a new column that will feature updates about alumni, their whereabouts and accomplishments, and I'm sure that will become a popular feature.

We've also begun organizing class reunions as part of the annual Homecoming activities here on campus.

We've developed career services programs, and we are working closely with the Festival Office to organize alumni activities at Feast of Tabernacles sites each fall.

There is more we would like to do. We've discussed the possibility of regional activities, so we could take the College to our alumni and provide them with the occasional opportunity to get together a little bit closer to home. But we're having to build gradually.

We're open to any ideas or suggestions alumni might have, and I

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HAPPY 65TH!—Some of the Executive Office staff present Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach with flowers on his 65th birthday March 16. From left: executive secretaries Amy Pieper and Jill Stocker, Mr. Tkach, and executive assistant Ellen Escat. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

Royals: down to last 2 seconds

Dramatic last game of men's basketball season goes to wire. Women also get noticeable results

By Thomas Delamater

BIG SANDY—The Ambassador Royals, the men's intercollegiate basketball team at Ambassador College, finished their 1991-92 season Feb. 24 with a thrilling, come-from-behind victory over Texas College in the Ambassador field house.

Sophomore Randy Pack scored on a driving layup with two seconds left to give the Royals a dramatic 110-108 win.

Thomas Delamater is the director of Development & College Relations.

That same night the Lady Royals, the women's basketball team, just missed duplicating the men's effort in a narrow 55-51 loss at Texas College in Tyler.

For both teams the season-ending efforts culminated in a year of progress that has heightened expectations for the future.

Just one season earlier both had played abbreviated schedules as Ambassador ventured into inter-

collegiate athletics for the first time since 1978.

Unlike most colleges, Ambassador had recruited no players and selected teams from students participating in the intramural basketball program.

Despite their inexperience that first year, the men's team won three games and the women won two.

This season the Royals won five of their last six games and finished with a won-lost record of 7-21, while the Lady Royals closed their season with a 3-15 record.

Difficult schedules

"Both teams played difficult schedules," said Gil Norman, athletic director, "including games with some of the top-ranked small college teams in the nation."

"Next year, as we continue to play more teams in our district and at our level, there's every reason to believe that we can be even more successful," he added.

Men's coach Michael Carter said the Royals' performance at the end of the season showed progress. "Our guys reached a new level of play this year, both offensively and defen-

sively," said Mr. Carter.

While some made outstanding individual efforts during the season, he attributed the Royals' performance to an overall team effort.

"We developed a great deal of poise and maturity as a team. We played hard in every game, win or lose."

Mr. Carter said that Ambassador College has already developed a reputation among other colleges and universities as being an exciting place to play.

"It's the whole package that we present. We have the pep band, a beautiful gymnasium and great fans. Coaches, players and even referees have indicated how much they enjoy coming here for games."

Noticeable results

For the women's team, the second half of the season produced the most noticeable results, according to coach Roger Chaney.

"We began the season working on the fundamental skills required to play at the intercollegiate level," he said. "It was during the second half of the year that we began to focus on how to win games."

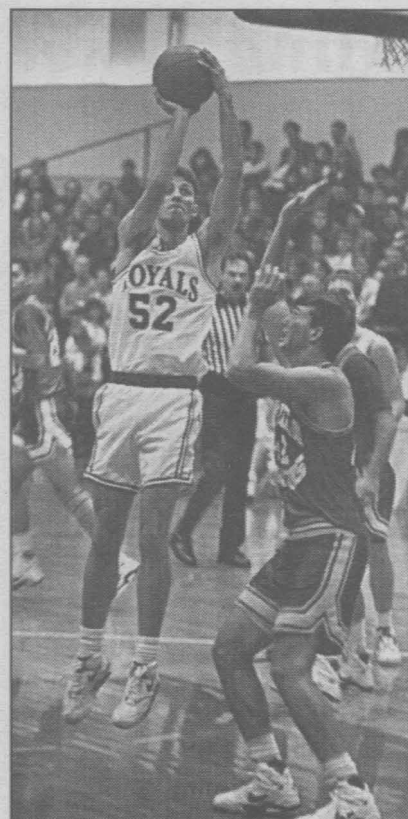
Mr. Chaney said the team lived up to his expectations. "We didn't set a goal of how many games we were going to win, because we knew we would be facing some very experienced teams. Instead, we were striving to make major improvements every time out, and I feel we accomplished that."

He pointed out that the team's final record was a bit misleading, because seven of the team's losses were close games that either team might have won.

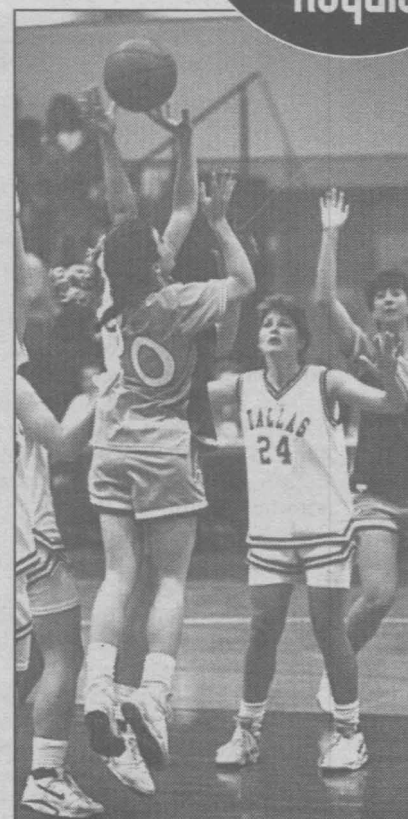
"In the end our lack of experience caught up to us, but we surprised some of those teams with our determination and hustle."

Mr. Chaney said he is anxious to see the level of talent in next year's freshman class.

"Both Mr. Carter and I encourage our young people in the Church to continue to develop their skills, both academically and athletically. If they do, they may have the opportunity to contribute to our program in the future."



LEG UP—Senior Andy Lobpreis (52) soars against Hardin-Simmons University [Photo by Audrey Walden]



DRIVING FORCE—Renee Norman gets a layup over University of Dallas defenders. [Photo by Scott Barlows]



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Instructor's work at SEP leads to flourishing business

By David Gibbs

BARBADOS—Jeff Neil doesn't just train students to work as radio broadcasters, he trains people for any job requiring communication skills.

David Gibbs, a Barbados Advocate journalist, and Jeff Neil are members in the Christchurch, Barbados, church.

Mr. Neil established The School of International Radio Broadcasting after teaching broadcasting techniques to campers at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Tobago in 1990.

Victor Simpson, pastor in Barbados, asked him to produce a radio broadcasting manual for the Caribbean SEP camp in 1989.

In 1990 Mr. Neil, his son, Scott, and Rick Soomai, a member from Trinidad, built a radio station and transmitter for the camp.

"Camp gave me valuable practical experience lecturing and tutoring," Mr. Neil said. "When camp ended I decided to teach on a full-time commercial basis.

"First I discussed my plans with various electronic media managers in Barbados. They assured me that such a school would definitely fill a void in local broadcasting," he said.

Assured of his venture Mr. Neil sought out a suitable location for his school and decided to convert a storage room on his property into a fully equipped radio station.

His first lectures were conducted outdoors. In the first six months his classes were interrupted by rain three times. Later, he converted a basement into a classroom, equipped with chairs, desks and teaching aids.

The school offers an intensive three-month course that introduces students to broadcasting equipment and its operation, deejaying, editing, news and commercial reading, as well as personality development.

Start in radio

Mr. Neil's career in broadcasting began at 18, when he walked into Barbados Rediffusion and asked the first official he saw for a job. The official turned out to be the program manager, who hired him as a trainee broadcaster.

In 1966 Mr. Neil developed acute tonsillitis and had an operation. The preoperative drug had an adverse reaction and left him with a severe form of claustrophobia, which eventually forced him to resign as a radio announcer.

After a doctor prescribed medication to relieve the claustrophobia in 1969, he went to Montserrat to work as a radio announcer at one of the largest AM stations in the world—200,000-watt Radio Antilles.

Tuning in to the truth

Seeking relief from claustrophobia and the medication, he turned to religion and listened to the many religious programs broadcast by the station.

The World Tomorrow stood out because it was the only program with teachings substantiated by the Bible, said Mr. Neil.

He wrote to Ambassador College and received a letter from Stan Bass, who was Caribbean regional director at that time.

Mr. Bass traveled to Montserrat to speak with him. "I was impressed by the way he spoke about God's truth. He made no effort to pressure me to join the Church and answered only the questions I asked," said Mr. Neil. He was baptized in the sea off Barbados in 1974.

Mr. Neil had returned to Barbados after resigning as radio announcer on Montserrat because of his claustrophobia.

The day after his baptism, however, his claustrophobic fears were gone, and in 1975 he began work as a radio newscaster at the Caribbean Broadcasting Corp. (CBC) in Barbados.

During a strike at CBC the management asked him to anchor the news on CBC Television.

The management called him later to compliment his professionalism and asked him to continue as evening news anchorman.

But this new job led to Sabbath conflicts, and he was dismissed

by the CBC board of directors. Mr. Neil took his case to the minister responsible for broadcasting, Errol Barrow, also prime minister of Barbados.

Mr. Barrow was in a meeting so Mr. Neil left his phone number for the prime minister and went home to pray about the situation.

That evening he got a call from Mr. Barrow, who supported his position and talked with the CBC chairman of the board to ensure that Mr. Neil would have no further problems.

"I was back on the job at the start of the week with Sabbaths off," he said.

In 1976 the governing party was defeated in the general election, however, and the new board of directors said he would no longer be allowed the Sabbath concession.

After jobs with Canadian Broadcasting Corp. (CBC) Radio and Television in Quebec and CKJS Radio in Manitoba, he returned to Barbados in 1980.

He worked as station manager for BBS-FM, the island's first FM radio station.

Communications instructor

Since 1990 Mr. Neil has been the executive director of The School of International Radio Broadcasting (SIR).

The school has grown steadily, and he now has U.S. and Canadian offices to assist students enrolled in SIR's Broadcasters Correspondence Course. He plans to open offices in England, Germany and Australia.

Many students have gained radio broadcasting diplomas since his three-month courses began.

Some former students are now employed in radio stations on the island, while others have used their training in voicing radio and television commercials.

A number of leading companies here have sent their public relations employees for communication training.



COMMUNICATORS—Teaching broadcasting at summer camp motivated Jeff Neil, a member in Barbados, to start The School of International Radio Broadcasting.

Healthy diet, exercise helps control diabetes

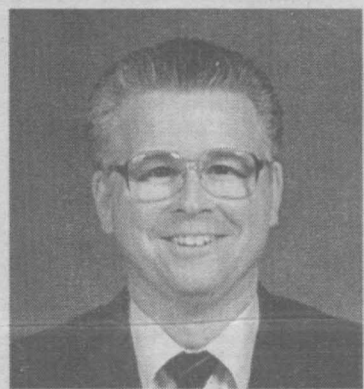
By Richard Parker

HONOLULU, Hawaii—It was just another blood test as far as I was concerned. I had several in 1991 trying to find the reason for my rundown feeling.

This last blood test was a standard one given to most of the ministers, including me, who had come to Pasadena for the October Ministerial Refreshing Program.

Richard Parker pastors the Honolulu, Hawaii, church.

When my results did not come



RICHARD PARKER

back to me in the allotted time, I grew concerned and called the nurse monitoring the program. She told me that something was delaying the results.

The next day she called and left a rather excited message to contact a local doctor. The results showed that I had diabetes!

This concerned me as I vividly remember in my youth a neighbor lose both legs to diabetes. I have also known friends to suffer vision loss from this disease. I was troubled and immediately made an appointment with a doctor.

He told me that if I wanted to stay off medication and avoid the complications of diabetes, I would need to lose at least 30 pounds. He encouraged me to start exercising, and he had me talk with a nutritionist.

I determined that with God's help and the support of my wife, Sally, I was going to get this situation under control.

First, I went on a strict diet. My wife fixed special meals for me, and I stopped eating junk food. Then, I started a walking program.

This was tough as I had trouble just keeping up with my wife on a half-mile walk!

More than three months have passed since I started this program. I have lost more than 30 pounds and can briskly walk three miles a day without any problem.

A member friend, John Witt, and I even made the 4.2-mile walk around Diamond Head in slightly more than one hour.

The crowning moment came when I was informed that my diabetes is under control. No medication is needed at this time.

There is still much to do. I must watch my diet for the rest of my life. I must also stay physically active. But I am thankful to God and my wife for helping me.

I am also thankful to headquarters and all my friends for supporting me. I know there will be more trials in my life, but knowing this one is passing has given me more hope to handle those of the future.

Bombs: eroding power

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posed U.S. defense strategy for the post-bipolar world.

Under its terms, America would remain the world's sole nuclear superpower, and Washington, not the United Nations or other collective international agencies, would be responsible for curtailing the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

The leak, to the *New York Times*, coincided ironically with the U.S. Navy's inability to intercept a ship from North Korea—another nation on the verge of going nuclear—suspected of transporting Scud missiles to Iran, destined ultimately for Syria.

The ship eluded the high-seas search party and reached its Iranian port undetected.

The Pentagon paper reportedly caused anxiety in allied capitals with its premise that no rival superpower be allowed to emerge in Western Europe, Asia or in the territory of the former Soviet Union.

The United States, it says, "must sufficiently account for the interests of the advanced industri-

al nations to discourage them from challenging our leadership."

The document, reports the *Times*, implicitly tries to preempt "Germany and Japan from pursuing a course of substantial rearmament, especially nuclear armament, in the future."

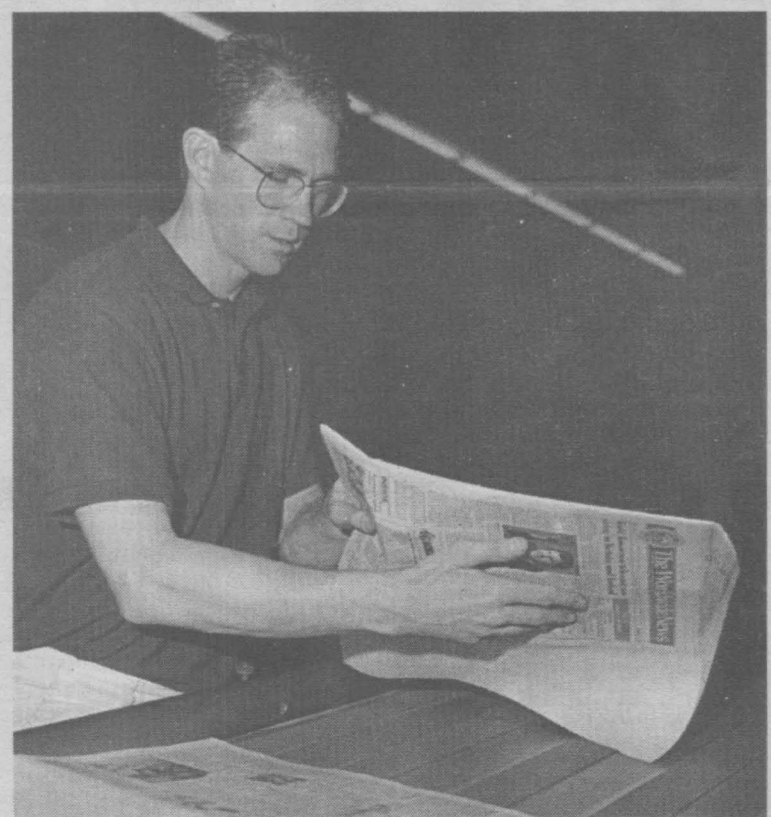
'Trust me'

In effect the report tells the Germans and the Japanese to continue to "trust me to defend you." But this trust, which has been solid in the past, is certain to erode for two reasons.

First, American military presence in Western Europe and Asia is fading rapidly.

The departure of U.S. forces from German soil and from the Philippines means that both Germany and Japan must eventually look to their own resources in the developing power vacuum.

Second, these nations cannot rely forever on an America that, public opinion polls in this election year indicate, seems to want to retrench from its expensive global responsibilities.



MEMBERS INVOLVED—David Rothwell, a member who attends the Pasadena East P.M. church and owner of a bindery in Pasadena, prepares *The Worldwide News* for a folding machine. Mr. Rothwell's bindery folds the paper to the size the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) categorizes as letter-size mail for sorting purposes. The Church's Postal Center began studying different ways to fold the paper after the USPS increased rates in November on larger items mailed by nonprofit organizations. The change to the smaller size will save the Church \$20,000 a year. Fred Farmer, a deacon in the London, Ky., church, submitted a suggestion and sample from a newspaper he receives that was helpful in the study. [Photo by Hal Finch]

Teens see careers close up, are encouraged to aim high

By John Halford

POOLESVILLE, Md.—Careers Day, sponsored by the Frederick and Cumberland, Md., and Front Royal, Va., congregations March 15, gave area teens the opportunity to see a variety of vocations close up.

John Halford is a Plain Truth senior writer.

Pastor Peter Whitting said the activity helped youths learn what qualifications were needed to pursue such vocations.

"We want to encourage them to aim high and to continue their education as far as they can," he said.

I gave the morning program, which included a lecture titled "A Future Survival Kit." This was

followed by "Real World 101—the Cost of Being Financially Independent," by associate pastor Steve Gerrard.

In the afternoon Tim Baldwin, guidance counselor at Thomas Jefferson High in Frederick, gave a seminar on college selection and financial aid.

Brenda High, wife of Willard High, Washington, D.C., North pastor, conducted career assessment testing, and Mr. Whitting gave a presentation on "How to Be a Christian Employee" for parents and other adults.

Members in occupations ranging from dentistry and landscaping to computer graphics and repairing the Hubble space telescope offered practical advice and information on their occupa-

tions at Careers Day.

Some members brought equipment and exhibits (including a helicopter), giving teens hands-on experience.

"We wanted to get the young people to focus on planning their future, whether that means going on to higher education or technical school, rather than sit back and let life just happen to them," explained Charlotte Whitting, who coordinated the activity.

Three hundred thirty people registered for Careers Day. Some traveled several hours from neighboring churches in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Delaware.

Many teens said they were surprised at the wide variety of interesting jobs held by Church members.



ACROSS THE BOARD—Members in vocations such as computer graphics and dentistry offer advice to teens March 15 at Careers Day in Maryland. Many youths said they were surprised at the wide variety of interesting jobs held by Church members. [Photo by John Halford]

Alumni: Future bright

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encourage them to let us know what they're thinking. The bottom line is, we had to start somewhere, and I'm pleased by the support shown thus far.

What are the qualifications for membership in the association? Does a person have to be a Church member?

No. The eligibility requirement, in addition to having had to complete 24 credit hours at Ambassador, is that alumni must be in harmony with the principles, philosophies and goals of Ambassador College and its principal sponsor, the Worldwide Church of God.

A person can be in harmony with the College and the Church without being a member of the Church.

For example, we have had some people who were and are not Church members attending Ambassador and enjoy a cordial relationship with the College and Church to this day.

Who decides if a person is not in harmony with the College and Church?

The president of the College and Church Administration in Pasadena cooperate fully in making such decisions.

Is it possible for alumni who live outside the United States to be involved with the association?

Definitely, although I'll admit that at this point, outside of Canada, we face some real logistical problems.

Even then, we've had about 200 alumni respond from outside the United States.

We've received a number of suggestions from the alumni themselves, and we hope to come up with ways to specifically benefit them beyond the newsletter.

Admittedly, it takes time, and our focus has been on getting the alumni program up and running. But we haven't forgotten our international alumni.

You mentioned career service programs for alumni. What are they?

Through the College's Career Services & Placement Office, we've been able to establish such things as job matching and resume referral programs. It's a way we can be of service to alumni in need of work or looking to make a job change.

We can usually provide information that is not otherwise available to our former students. Alumni can contact our office for more details.

What is the future of the alumni association?

In many ways that's up to the alumni themselves, but judging from what I've seen so far I think the future is bright.

I hope we can continue to offer activities and programs that they will appreciate and participate in, and I hope we can provide the means for them to remain in contact with the College and one another.

Students, faculty and employees may come and go, but alumni are the one constant of any institution. Once an alumnus, always an alumnus. We want to acknowledge that and be of service to our former students.

For information about the alumni association and its programs, write to Ambassador College Alumni Association, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, or phone 1-903-636-2023.

Vote in South Africa may produce rewards

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ed things to change dramatically.

However, the economic realities of the situation are hardly ever appreciated. In the past few years lack of investment, sanctions and the downward trend in the value of gold have created economic pressures.

The government, in its desire to redress the imbalance in housing, education and job creation, has been heavily overspending.

But unless the productivity of the average South African worker improves, the growth in population will outstrip the country's ability to supply jobs, health care, housing and free education for the majority.

Immediate benefits

There are some immediate rewards that all here will be glad to see:

The cricketers can continue in their bid for the World Cup in Australia; international rugby and athletic teams will be arriving soon; and international relations, tourism and investment possibilities are improving.

Even the hope of winning medals at the Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, is now brighter.

A genuine willingness to put

aside differences and party political point scoring, and replace it with cooperation and discussion, can improve life for all South Africans.

It can prove that more can be accomplished by consideration, concern and self-sacrifice than competition and revenge.

Members not affected

While a great deal of violence preceded the referendum, things calmed down on the day of the poll.

Some in the black community attribute the violence to white right-wing elements agitating blacks to scare voters into a No vote.

One flash point was near a migrant labor housing area in Meadowlands, Soweto. Two member families living nearby were not affected.

One member on his way to work was confronted by robbers, who pulled a knife on him and demanded money. But the member escaped.

There seems to be hope for all South Africans for improvements in every aspect of life. We look forward to an environment that will enable us to preach the gospel message even more effectively.

1992 Festival Updates

The Italian Department announced that the site in Riccione, Italy, has reached capacity and cannot accept any new transfer requests.

The Amman, Jordan, and Bonndorf and Goslar, Germany, sites have also reached capacity and can take no more transfers.

The Caribbean Office announced that the following sites have reached capacity and can no longer accept transfer requests: Paradise Island, Bahamas; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; and Castries, St. Lucia.

Feast sites still open

The following sites still have room: Christ Church, Barbados; Roseau, Dominica; Grand Anse Beach, Grenada; St. Francois, Guadeloupe; Georgetown, Guyana; Roseau, Dominica; Georgetown, Guyana; and Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Those interested in St. Lucia may find Grenada to be an acceptable substitute. It is quite similar in topography.

Barbados is relatively inexpensive for families.

In St. Francois, Guadeloupe, services will be conducted in a new hotel. Services will be in French with English translations.

A number of English-speaking transfers are already planning on attending in Guadeloupe.

Dominica, which expects 160 in attendance, has waterfalls, mountain views and clear rivers.

Guyana is a site for nature lovers. During the Feast a side trip is planned to Orinduik Falls on the Brazilian border for around US\$100 a person.

Feast in Ghana

For the third consecutive year the Feast of Tabernacles in Ghana will be conducted at the Ghana International Trade Fair Centre in Accra, Ghana's capital city.

Attendance is expected to be around 500. For further details write to Emmanuel Okai, Worldwide Church of God, Box 9617, Kotoka International Airport, Accra, Ghana.

"Into all the world..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. In this column prospective members, co-workers, subscribers to the Work's publications and viewers of the *World Tomorrow* telecast express their views and opinions.

Pass along the truth

In the "Letters to the Editor" section in the March *Plain Truth*, I noticed a letter "Recyclable Paper."

The *Plain Truth* has a more important purpose than to be recycled after use. It surely can be passed on so that others have the opportunity to benefit by the wisdom found in its pages.

I had the good fortune to find one of your booklets in a Goodwill Store. That is how I became acquainted with *The Plain Truth*. Since then, I have passed on my copies to others.

G.B.

Ruskin, Fla.

Environment includes relationships

I am a 17-year-old girl and feel very strongly about saving our wonderful world. I also feel the environment is much more than dwindling forests or polluted water. Our environment includes the way we live and think.

We can all do something about it. We can think about our relationships with others and correct them so that we are all doing the unselfish thing and treating everyone with respect and honor just as most of us would want to be treated.

M.A.K.

Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

Better to be friends with everybody

When I read your article "Battling the 'I Don't Have a Boyfriend' Blues" in the March-April *Youth 92*, I was really impressed.

The day before the magazine arrived, I had just broke up with my boyfriend. I was really depressed. I read the article and it was really helpful. It helped me overcome my depression.

And, it showed me what is good about not having a boyfriend. I felt much better and would like to thank Kerri Dowd for the article. I am only 13 and now understand that it is better to be friends with everybody.

C.J.

Delta, Utah

Standing up for the Word

I just finished reading the article "The Search for the Real Words of Jesus" in

the February *Plain Truth*. Thanks for standing up for the Word!

These so-called scholars of the Jesus Seminar seem to be more anti-Jesus than anything else. What they claim to be untruths are strong points in our faith, not only that, but they practically discredit Jesus' claims.

Thanks for your Bible-supporting commentary. I'm with you. It's the Word of God through Jesus Christ.

Richland, Wash.

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Views convincing

Your March-April *Youth 92* on "Racism in the '90s" was really great. I think it is really stupid for people to be against their own kind.

Your views are convincing people to do the right things. They have influenced me about sex, drugs and alcohol. They have helped me to make the right decisions.

A.N.

Pascagoula, Miss.

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Shocked about Sabbath truth

Today, I found a copy of the booklet, *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?* I was shocked. I couldn't believe I was misled about the Sabbath.

Therefore, I decided to write to you. I want all the knowledge you have to offer.

V.J.

Country Club, Ill.

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son-in-law, Mat Morgan; one daughter-in-law, Ruth Terry; and two grandchildren, Mathew and Jessica Morgan.



MR. & MRS. BOB CAYLOR

Bob and Elaine Caylor of Muncie, Ind., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 29. The Caylor's have three children, Beth, Susan and Robby.



MR. & MRS. RUSSELL EDELBACH

Russell and Wilma Edelbach of Minneapolis, Minn., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary March 19. The Edelbachs have two daughters, Beverly Kane and Jean Shipman; one son, Tim; one son-in-law, Toby; one daughter-in-law, Angie; and three grandchildren, Jacob, Andrea and Elissa.



MR. & MRS. KENT FOX

Kent and Janet Fox of Olathe, Kan., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Jan. 28.



MR. & MRS. BARRY WILLIAMS

Barry and Sue Williams of Ulverstone, Tas., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 2. The Williamses have two children, Jan and Garry. Mr. Williams is a local church elder in the Devonport and Launceston, Tas., churches.



MR. & MRS. ADRIAN MOL

Adrian and Aafje Mol of Devonport, Tas., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 2. The Mols have two sons, Simon and Matthew.



MR. & MRS. THOMAS MASELA

Thomas and Constance Masela of Umata, South Africa, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Jan. 25. The Maseles have three sons and two daughters.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. & MRS. FLOYD McCAFFREE

Floyd and Dorothy McCaffree of Yelm, Wash., celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary Aug. 15. The McCaffrees have two sons and one daughter.



MR. & MRS. A.C. WINSLETT

A.C. and Sara Winslett of Auburn, Ala., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 21. The Winsletts have four sons, one daughter and 10 grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. LLOYD LONGLEY

Lloyd and Alice Longley of Perth, W.A., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 17. Perth South and North and

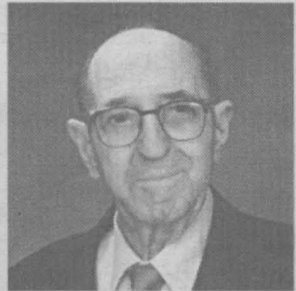
Bunbury, W.A., brethren honored them with a celebration Jan. 18. This was also to honor the Longleys retirement after 17 years of service in the ministry.

Nobel and Ezmul Wall of Brumley, Mo., celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary March 18. The Walls have one son, one granddaughter and two great-granddaughters.

NOTICES

Did you attend or do you know someone who attended the Waterloo, Iowa, church during the early 1970s? If so, please write Tom and Deon Roys at 112 Jones St., West Union, Iowa, 52175 or call them at 1-319-422-3963. A 20-year anniversary is planned for this summer.

OBITUARIES



WILLIAM FAAST

FAAST, William, 81, of Pasadena, died Feb. 29. He is survived by his wife, Lillian; two sons, Larry and Donald; two daughters-in-law, Henriette and Margaret; two grandchildren, Deborah and Sheena; one brother, Albert; one sister, Helen Hartman; and several nieces and nephews.

BILINSKI, Steve, 66, of Winnipeg, Man., died Feb. 8. He is survived by his wife, Helene; one daughter, Beverly Anne; and one son, Mark Stephen. He was a deacon in the Winnipeg church.

GRABER, Robert C., 60, of Buffalo, N.Y., died Jan. 23 of cancer. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Joan; two sons, Mark and Aaron; one daughter, Dina; and three grandchildren, Tony, Michael and Steven.

CARICO, John, 76, of Galax, Va., died Feb. 7. He is survived by his wife, Thelma; one daughter; one granddaughter; one sister; and two brothers.

KARAS, Carol Ann, 32, of Gloucester,

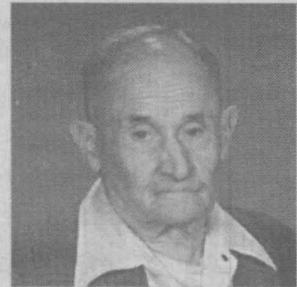
England, died Oct. 1 after an auto accident. She is survived by her husband, Edward; and four children, David, Joanna, Susanna and Matthew.

DAWSON, Inez, 92, of Dayton, Ohio, died Jan. 10. She is survived by one son, Jean; and six grandchildren.

SCOTT, Byron John "Boyd," 66, of Newcastle, N.S.W., died Dec. 3 of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Noelene; two daughters, Pamela and Judith; and three grandchildren, Jeffrey, Susan and Alissa.

HOFFMAN, Ruth Lorraine, 57, of Phoenix, Ariz., died Jan. 23 of cancer. She is survived by two sons, Brian and Daniel; two daughters, Debbie Skinner and Vicki Ulrich; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

RIVERS, Horace H., 60, of Austin, Tex., died Sept. 16 of heart illness. He is survived by his wife, Mable; five children, Arlethia, Karen, Garner, Wanda and Tanya; one grandson, Sean; one son-in-law, Marty Jeff; and one daughter-in-law, Twanda.



JAMES BROWN

BROWN, James, 79, of McConnellsburg, Pa., died Nov. 7 in a car accident. He is survived by his wife, Esther; two daughters, Patsy Rosa and Kay Stout; three sons, Raymond Barr, Pat Oakley and Gordon Michael; 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mary Oakley.

McLAREN, Gordon, 24, of Chesterfield, England, died Feb. 2 in a car accident in Germany. He is survived by his parents, Ron and Jean McLaren; and three sisters.

COX, Lloyd, 92, of Columbia, Mo., died Feb. 6. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Betty; two daughters, Virginia Fletcher and Mary Ellen Eneyart; one son, Virgil; nine grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; one son-in-law; and one daughter-in-law.

SPARKS, Vernon, 49, of Eugene, Ore., died March 1. He is survived by two sons, Harold and William; one daughter, Bonnie Pratt; and his father, William.



KEVIN ELLISON

ELLISON, Kevin, 34, of North Miami, Fla., died Jan. 22 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his parents, Arthur and Marguerite; two brothers, Artie and Marc; and one sister, Dawn Hawthorne.



LOLA WALLER

WALLER, Lola Hamilton George, 90, of Nashville, Tenn., died of an embolism. She is survived by three sisters, Kathryn Parrotte, Louise Hobbs and Mary Scribner; and one brother, Ted.



HILDA GROOM

GROOM, Hilda, 85, of Vancouver, B.C., died Feb. 28 after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Frank; two cousins; and numerous nieces and nephews.

PERSONAL

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posed of their inspired writings, and he has raised up leaders to oversee his Church, admonishing them to "preach the Word" (II Timothy 4:2).

Mr. Armstrong was indeed an apostle, or "one sent," in the same sense as Peter Waldo was an apostle, for example, or as any other person whom God has stirred up through the ages since the first century to lead the Church in proclaiming the gospel.

But, understand this: No man, since the death of John, has functioned as an apostle in the same sense as did the original apostles, who were given their commission directly from the lips of Jesus, some of whom wrote what became the New Testament canon of Scripture. Mr. Armstrong did not function as an apostle as they did, nor do I, nor has any other man after the first century.

Every man God has ever used, including Mr. Armstrong and me, has strengths and weaknesses. No man is perfect, and no man's teaching and preaching, even though it be about God, is perfect.

Yet God, in his mercy, chooses to use us imperfect humans to do his work. As Paul wrote, "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us" (II Corinthians 4:7).

God calls on his Church to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). Christian growth is a lifetime process.

Each of us must grow as individual Christians, and likewise, the whole Body of Christ, the Church, must never cease to grow. Christ is continually preparing his Bride, as Paul

explained, "to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless" (Ephesians 5:26-27).

God first used Mr. Armstrong to stir several in the Oregon Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day) to a keen desire to serve God more effectively.

Later, he used Mr. Armstrong to evangelize the general public, in personal evangelistic campaigns, on radio and in the printed word.

In time, this resulted in a vigorous body of believers, whose corporate work was at first called the Radio Church of God, and later the Worldwide Church of God.

As the Church grew, God used Mr. Armstrong to found Ambassador College to provide Christian leadership for the growing number of congregations, first in the United States and then internationally.

The greatest truths Mr. Armstrong taught are the truths revealed in the Bible and taught by all the New Testament writers:

- That "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).
- That Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who died for the sins of humanity and was resurrected on the third day, just as God had foretold through the prophets (I Corinthians 15:1-4).
- That Jesus has been exalted to the right hand of God as Prince and Savior that he might be the propitiation for the sins of the whole world (Acts 5:31, I John 2:2).

● That God has given the promised Holy Spirit to those who obey him (Acts 5:32, 2:33).

● That Christ must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore all things (Acts 3:21).

● That Jesus Christ is the final Judge of the living and the dead (John 5:22, Acts 17:31). At his return, the saints will receive immortality (I Corinthians 15:52). The wicked will ultimately be destroyed (Revelation 20:15).

● Since all these things are true, human beings are to "repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

● As God's children, who have been "raised with Christ," we are to set our hearts "on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God." We are to set our minds "on things above, not on earthly things" (Colossians 3:1-2). "For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God" (verse 3). We are to "put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator" (verse 10).

These are the basic truths, the nuts and bolts, the essentials of the kingdom of God that are vital to salvation. Certainly, these key teachings can be amplified, expounded and explained in more detail, as the New Testament writers definitely do.

During his ministry, Mr. Armstrong never ceased to teach all of these with great power. And the Church must continue always to center its teaching on these fundamental truths.

Like all people God has used to do his work, however, Mr. Armstrong also taught some things that were not strictly the

Bible message, but were his own interpretations of certain scriptures.

Is he to be condemned for this? Certainly not. Mr. Armstrong was a passionate servant of God and a fervent and blazing preacher whom God used to establish a zealous Church, made up of people eager to do what is good (Titus 2:14).

God still lives, even though Mr. Armstrong is dead. God will likewise continue guiding his Church if I should die before Christ comes.

God still works in his Church, even though its physical leaders are only mortal. And God leads his people to *retain and strengthen the trunk of the tree*, the fundamental truths of the Bible.

Some, though, have made it their work to take every imperfection and weakness in Mr. Armstrong's teaching, along with every speculation and inference, and make these the fundamental core of a new church designed to glorify the memory of a man.

God has led the true body of believers in Jesus Christ, however, to cling to the beautiful, shining and glorious biblical truth he used Mr. Armstrong to teach and proclaim.

God has not called his people to any mortal man, but to the wonderful truth of the Bible, the true gospel, more particularly, to the living Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

No human being is capable of perfection. In his mercy and patience, God works with his elect in spite of our weaknesses. This should highlight the great truth that all glory is God's and that all the credit for every good thing we may accomplish goes only to him.

Let us thank God for the wonderful truth he raised up Mr. Armstrong to give us. And let us thank him for continuing to guide his Church and to work in us, that we may "in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).

Paul admonished: "Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil" (I Thessalonians 5:21-22). Let us remember that God has called us to proclaim his message, contained in his word.

Let us pray always to get ourselves out of the way and to let God work through us. We are his people, and we are accountable to him for all that we do and say.

Storm stops services

HAMILTON, Bermuda—Sabbath services were canceled here March 21 after a freak storm brought high winds and heavy rain to the island, said Cecil Pulley, Hamilton pastor.

No members were seriously affected by the storm, although some were without power for a few hours. When a Sabbath setup crew arrived at Ruth Seaton James auditorium, the building was without electrical power. After consulting with the crew and John Stovell, a local church elder, Mr. Pulley decided to cancel services.

Later in the day power was restored to most of the affected areas.

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

UPDATE

Literature translated for Czech co-worker

Since last October the Work has received five letters from **Daniela Lundakova**, a co-worker in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

She asked questions that show she is diligently studying the Bible. She also asked for a ministerial visit.

To answer Mrs. Lundakova's questions, **Alex and Eva Peck** of the Mail Processing Center use literature the Church has published, including *The Plain Truth*, the Bible correspondence course, book-



DANIELA LUNDAKOVA

lets, brochures and form letters.

The answers are then translated into Czech by Mrs. Peck, who speaks and writes the language, because Mrs. Lundakova does not understand English or German.

Because of the many diacritics (accent marks over letters in words) in the Czech language, Mrs. Peck uses a specially programmed keyboard.

From our association with Mrs. Lundakova, we are building a file of Church material in the Czech language, for when others who understand only the Czech or Slovak language become interested in the gospel message.

Mrs. Lundakova's sister, **Drahomira Ruiz**, from San Fernando, Calif., was baptized Feb. 26 in Pasadena.

Mrs. Lundakova last came to see her sister 1 1/2 years ago.

Filipino ministers meet for conference

TAGAYTAY, Philippines—Ministers and wives met here Feb. 3 to 14 for a combined regional ministerial conference and Ministerial Refreshing Program.

Speakers were **Paul Kieffer**, Philippine regional director; **Bill Sidney**, director of Philippine Ministerial Services; and **Randal Dick**, assistant director of Church Administration International in Pasadena.

"The Filipino ministry is a sizable group and the islands are

scattered over more than a thousand miles of ocean," said Mr. Dick.

"Consequently, even though many of the men have been serving together for years, they do not get the opportunity to fellowship with each other as much as they would like.

"So conversations would linger around the dinner table until the waiters' tired countenances would prompt us to depart to a nearby sitting area, where visiting would continue until time to retire."

Minister, wife honored for 25 years of service

MANILA, Philippines—Watches and a plaque for 25 years of service in the ministry were presented Feb. 8 to **Pedro Melendez**, Manila and Cavite, Philippines, pastor, and his wife, **Paz**.

Performer: Auditorium 'phenomenal venue'

In February jazz singer **Mel Torme** made some unsolicited positive comments about the Ambassador Auditorium after performing with singer **Maureen McGovern**.

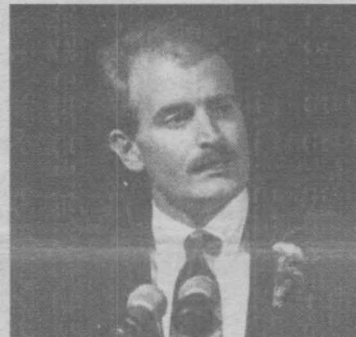
Calling the Auditorium "a phenomenal venue," he said: "I just want to say briefly that this is one of my favorite venues, not just in California, not just in the United States of America, but ... on the

planet. It is such a joy to once again be at the beautiful Ambassador."

Mr. Torme's comments echo those of pianist **Roger Williams**, who remarked to his audience: "What a pleasure it is to be back here at the Ambassador. This is a very, very special place, and very, very special people work here."

Member wins award in bank's speakoff

Don Smith, investment specialist for Security Pacific Investments Inc., and a member who attends the Pasadena East P.M. church, addressed colleagues at the 1991 Security Pacific speakoff Dec. 4.



DON SMITH

Mr. Smith won in the most informative category for a speech about the merger of Security Pacific Bank with Bank of America.

New booklets on their way to households

As newly updated booklets on doctrinal topics are printed, the Church plans to send copies to each member head of household. Scheduled to be mailed soon are *What Is the True Gospel?*, *Why*

FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

"That He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

U.S., Canadian brethren donate tractor, tillers to Philippine farm project

KIARA, Philippines—Philippine brethren in Kiara, on the southern island of Mindanao, are excited about a tractor and four rototillers donated to them after the Pastor General's Report announced a need for farming equipment.

The San Jose and Aptos, Calif., churches bought the tractor with money earned in a fund-raiser, and four members from the United States and Canada each donated rototillers.

A shipping company used by

the Church shipped the tractor to the Philippines free of charge.

"The knowledge that members in the U.S. were willing to help out by participating in this project was very encouraging to the members in the Philippines," said Paul Kieffer, Philippine regional director.

"For them it had been a visible, very real, demonstration of the 'We are one family' concept."

Since most brethren in the area are farmers and live near one other, a farm project was organized several years ago, Mr. Kieffer said.

"The Philippine government is encouraging such groups to form government-recognized cooperatives, and such has been done in Kiara.

"The government provides an incentive by allowing the cooperative to market all of its produce for an initial 10-year period without having to pay any taxes."

Mindanao is one of the poorer, less developed regions of the Philippines. Farms in the area are small compared to those in the United States, the average size being about three to seven hectares (a hectare is a little less than two acres).

There are two growing seasons annually, and corn is the main crop produced.

Most farmers in Mindanao still use a single-blade plow pulled by a slow-moving water buffalo to plow their fields before planting.

Some rent a tractor, but this can be quite expensive.

World Tomorrow Program

TELEVISION STATION

UPDATES

Renewals

Station/Location	Air Time	Channel
KCAL Los Angeles	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	9
WITI Milwaukee, Wis.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	6
WJBF Augusta, Ga.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	6
WSOC Charlotte, N.C.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	9
WTFX Philadelphia, Pa.	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	29

Preemptions

KCAL Los Angeles	May 31	9
WOTV Grand Rapids, Mich.	July 5, Aug. 2, Aug. 9	8

Last Telecast

KTZZ Seattle, Wash.	Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.	22
WWCP Johnstown, Pa.	Wednesday, 10 a.m.	10

Were You Born? Who Was Jesus? and *God's Festivals and Holy Days*.

'We're a better team when Clifton is playing'

TULSA, Okla.—An article appeared in the March 4 *Tribune* about **Clifton Beal's** decision not to play Friday night games with his high school basketball team.

The article said Wyandotte High School basketball coach **Don Barr** is glad when his team is not scheduled to play on Friday nights, because "when the Bears play on a Friday, they are without the services of talented 6-foot-7 junior forward Clifton Beal."

Said coach Barr: "He can't play on Fridays because of his religious faith.... We're a better team when Clifton is playing with us."

Clifton and his parents, **Clifford and Linda Beal**, attend the Joplin, Mo., church.

Singles weekend: Hotel is \$49 a night

ATLANTA, Ga.—The price of lodging for the Atlanta East and Northeast singles weekend May 23 and 24 at the Hyatt Atlanta Airport Hotel is \$49 per room per night, not per person as was reported in the March 3 *Worldwide News*. Please call 1-800-233-1234 for hotel reservations.

Farming equipment donated to the Philippine brethren will greatly increase their productivity and save them money on renting tractors.

They can also offer plowing services to other farmers in the community and earn extra income.

Members in Slovenia visited by minister, wife

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia—John Adams, supervisor of Ministerial Services for Italy, and his wife Ann, visited Slovenia Feb. 15 to meet with members **Teo Maranovic** and **Ante Francic**, two men from neighboring Croatia (formerly part of Yugoslavia).

Other than phone contact, this was the first opportunity the two men had to meet with a minister since returning to their war-torn homeland after the 1991 Feast of Tabernacles.

To arrive in Ljubljana, capital of newly independent Slovenia, Mr. and Mrs. Adams took a 12-hour overnight ferry trip and a two-hour train ride.

Bridges on roads north from Split, their hometown in Croatia, have been destroyed, and travel near the town of Zadar is still considered dangerous because of possible shelling from Serbian forces.

Zadar, where Mr. Maranovic just completed his university studies, has suffered a great deal of destruction from the fighting in the past few months.

Split, on the Adriatic coast, was once shelled by naval units, and Mr. Francic's neighbor was killed when a shell hit a ferryboat he was working on.

Other than the threat of air raids and the constant fear of attack, Split has survived the war with little severe damage.

In addition to conducting a Sabbath Bible study, Mr. and Mrs. Adams spent most of the Sabbath,

Feb. 15, and part of Sunday with Mr. Maranovic and Mr. Francic.

Both men then traveled on to Austria, where they had been invited to spend a couple of weeks with a Church family before returning to Croatia.

"It is inspiring to see these young men make it safely through the war," Mr. Adams said.

"We thank God for his protection, and we are all hoping and praying the present cease-fire will hold and some sort of peace can be negotiated in this explosive area, which, historically, has been known as the powder keg of Europe."



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Ministerial Ordinations

Francis Acquah	a deacon in the Liverpool, England, church, was ordained a local church elder Feb. 22.
Ricardo Deligero	Manila and Cavite, Philippines, assistant pastor, was ordained a local elder Feb. 8.
Serizalino Dizon	Pagadian, Philippines, pastor, was ordained a preaching elder Feb. 8.
Petronilo Leyson	Cagayan de Oro and Illigan, Philippines, pastor, was ordained a pastor Feb. 8.
Coty Myrtill	a ministerial trainee in the Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, and Port-au-Prince, Haiti, churches, was ordained a local elder Sept. 14.
William Sidney	director of Ministerial Services in the Philippines, was ordained a pastor Feb. 8.
Harry Smith	a deacon in the Syracuse, N.Y. church, was ordained a local church elder Feb. 8.
Warren Zehrung	Chicago, Ill., Southeast associate pastor, was ordained a preaching elder Feb. 8.