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Five-year reports emphasize conservative spending plan

PASADENA—Operation directors and department managers of the Work gathered for five-year planning meetings Aug. 1 and 2.

The Aug. 13 Worldwide News presented an overview of the five-year planning process. This article includes details presented during the conference.

After Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's opening address, evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, and Dennis Stauffer, a Financial Affairs staff member, set the tone of the conference by presenting a financial report and what the Work can expect in the future.

Their material included income trends from 1985 to the present and financial expectations for the future.

"This presentation was sobering, emphasizing the need for a conservative approach to spending," said Bernard W. Schnippert, director of Media Operations and leader of the

five-year plan task force.

"We budgeted for a 3 percent increase," Mr. Neff said, "but if the present income trend continues, we're in for difficult times in trying to balance the budget."

The income figure for July was 10.6 percent higher than the figure for the same period last year. But even with the July figure, the year-to-date increase is only 0.8 percent. That rate of increase doesn't keep pace with inflation, so in terms of spending power, it is a decrease.

Mr. Neff also pointed out that financial reserves had dropped to a level just sufficient to cover minimal operating expenses.

Media plans

Ray Wright, manager of Media Planning & Promotion, discussed magazine and booklet circulation as well as promotional efforts for Church publications and the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

Mr. Wright explained that the efforts of Media Planning & Promo-

tion (MP&P) are directed toward getting Church publications into the hands of those who want and need them most. Similarly, MP&P places the telecast on better quality stations.

Speaking about "file progression," or the way new subscribers advance in status to become donors, co-workers and members, Mr. Wright pointed out that different promotional methods yield different results.

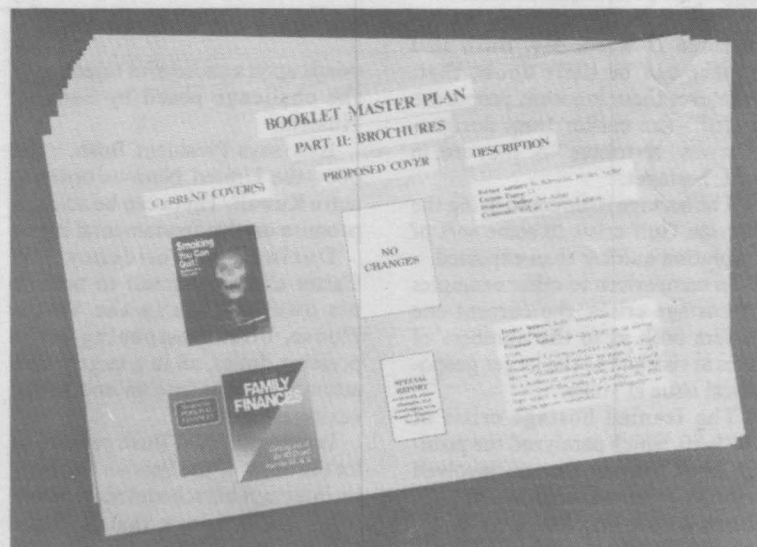
For example, a higher percentage of new subscribers who come on file from direct-mail campaigns renew their *Plain Truth* subscriptions than did new subscribers who responded by way of the toll-free line watching the telecast.

But the television subscribers, as they're called, are more likely to become members. That's why it's important for MP&P to select the appropriate balance of promotional techniques.

The objectives of MP&P are: 1) achieving a balanced mix of cable and local market television stations, 2) using more tune-in advertising to build awareness of the telecast and a larger audience for it, and 3) evaluating all telecast airing opportunities in light of four basic criteria (size of audience, cost per viewer, area of coverage and the level of financial support).

In view of the present financial situation, the Church must build its financial base so it can preach the gospel message to the greatest number of people. That means first putting the message in the hands of individuals who can help support

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MASTER PLAN FOR BOOKLETS—Future production of booklets and brochures was discussed at an Aug. 14 meeting in Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's Office. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

Booklet master plan: 'most aggressive tack'

By Bill Palmer

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach approved a master plan for production of nonserial publications presented by evangelist Greg Albrecht, booklet editor, Aug. 14. Nonserial publications are booklets, brochures, special reports and article reprints.

Bill Palmer is assistant editor of *The Good News*.

Bernard Schnippert, Media Operations director, explained that "this comprehensive master plan is the most aggressive tack we've ever taken with nonserial publications.

"In the past we planned individual booklets and brochures to meet specific needs," he added. "But the

subject matter in our publications naturally overlapped. And some subjects weren't fully covered. We needed a systematic plan to organize booklet production. We have that plan now."

Mr. Albrecht said the master plan is a "complete analysis of all current nonserial literature." He and his staff examined all booklets and brochures to determine which best fulfilled the needs of readers, which needed to be edited or

Good News replaces Philippine Plain Truth

PASADENA—The *Good News* magazine will replace *The Plain Truth* in the Philippines in January, reported evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International.

"We have offered *The Good News* to all *Plain Truth* subscribers, and *Plain Truth* subscriptions will no longer be available to the public," said Mr. Salyer.

"We will, of course, continue to provide *The Plain Truth* to Church members, but the magazine will not be available for subscriptions."

Mr. Salyer said he expects considerable promotion of *The Good News* through word of mouth, "which has been very effective in promoting *The Plain Truth* in the Philippines."

Enthusiastic response

He mentioned that *The Plain Truth* has had an overly enthusiastic response in the Philippines.

"For several years we have had to pull all the promotion cards out of booklets to avoid the *PT* circulation going out of sight. We hope some of that [enthusiasm for *The Plain Truth*] will happen with *The Good News* because it will be reaching an

audience of fertile ground."

Mr. Salyer added that *The Plain Truth* has also been phased out in areas of the Middle East, West Africa "and other nations where we simply cannot sustain the circulations."

He explained: "These changes are intended to prune the lists so we can properly use the resources in other areas.

"These don't just represent dollar savings. We didn't just go along and cut things for dollars. If we did that, we would cut a lot of different things," he said.

"We cut things where maybe the dollars in relationship to the results of the dollars—the product—was at an unacceptable level, and where we could redirect and redeploy those dollars to build the Work in areas with potential to help carry the load of preaching the gospel in the rest of the world."

PT available in libraries

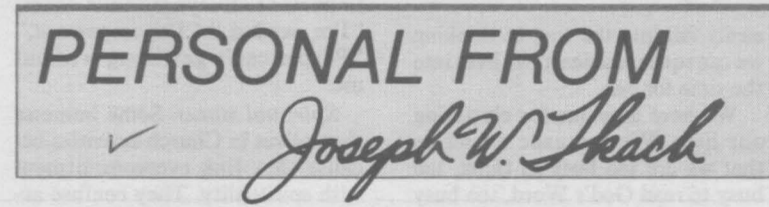
Mr. Salyer said the Church is working to make *The Plain Truth* available in Philippine libraries—"maybe in every local library in the country.

"In much of the developing world people go to the library to get their information," he said. "And we will try to make sure that at least we are available in those places, wherever possible.

"Sometimes in the Muslim areas, you can't even do that."

Commenting on the changes, Paul Kieffer, Philippine regional director, said: "Since Filipinos are a religious people I am certain that using *The Good News* as our front-runner will not have any adverse effect on the Work here at all.

"The Church will continue to grow, perhaps even more quickly because people will get material from the Bible more quickly."



Dear Brethren,

I received a letter from a former member warning me to wake up and realize that Germany is uniting and Europe is rising.

He went on to say that the Church is asleep and that our ministers are "self-righteous little Hitlers."

What do you think about these statements?

In the 4½ years I have been responsible for the Church, we have worked ceaselessly to remove from the ministry any attitudes that perceive the role of a minister to be that of a spiritual policeman, something that Herbert W. Armstrong had already seen needed attention.

Changing attitudes and approaches is not an easy thing to do. And it is certainly not done by acting in the same manner as those you are trying to help change. Anyone who has been reading my letters to the ministry and the brethren for the past year could scarcely have made such statements as this man did.

I have worked to help our brethren place their focus on being at all times ready for the return of Christ, not just on preserving their physical lives in a place of safety.

The fact is, you or I may die at any time and certainly will die in the next few decades, at most. Being prepared is essential for Christians, whether Christ's second coming is soon or not.

Do any of our ministers or members believe that Christians in previous generations had a lesser obligation to be ready or did not need the same level of urgency that must be required today?

We must keep before us what the Bible says the commission of the Church actually is! Regardless of which revival of the beast has stirred on the world scene, the responsibility of the Body of Christ remains the same.

That responsibility is based on the Church's relationship with Jesus Christ, not on the date, the trouble facing the world or whether the end of the age seems only a few years away or a thou-

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GREG ALBRECHT

rewritten and which could be combined.

"We're not changing every piece of literature," he noted. "But some changes are necessary. We can't combine two booklets without editing them, for example. And we can't continue to present information to readers in the '90s in the same way we did to readers of the '70s and '80s."

Establishing a master plan for nonserial publications has "been a goal we've had for some time," he said. The master plan saves money and increases communication between Pasadena and the regional offices.

The Church will save money by "consolidating duplicated literature and reformatting it," Mr. Albrecht explained.

Assigning priority numbers to nonserial publications will make it easier for the international offices to keep pace with translation and printing schedules. These numbers, which indicate how soon each booklet is scheduled to be edited, modified or rewritten, make planning easier for production staffs in international offices.

Reviewing these priority assignments before ordering a printing, personnel can see how soon the

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H-word: Hostages confound Iraq crisis

PASADENA—Speaking in Baltimore, Md., Aug. 20, U.S. President George Bush angrily denounced the plans of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to move trapped Americans and other Westerners to sites around Iraqi military installations to form human shields against anticipated American attacks.

For the first time employing the dreaded H-word, Mr. Bush said "there can be little doubt that, whatever these innocent people are called"—an earlier Iraqi designation was "restrictive"—"they are, in fact, hostages."

The hostage issue could bring the Persian Gulf crisis to some sort of resolution quicker than expected.

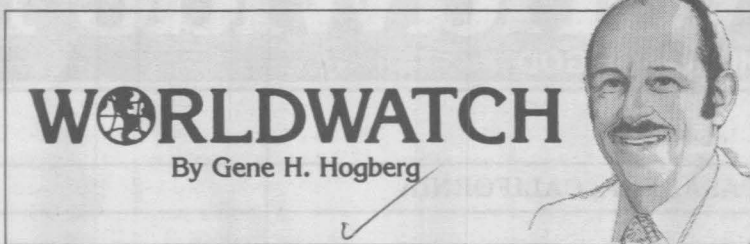
In comparison to other examples of hostage crises, the current one differs both as to the numbers of lives at risk and to the larger geopolitical issue at stake.

The Iranian hostage crisis of 1979-80, which paralyzed the presidency of Jimmy Carter, involved only 52 prisoners held in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. This time, about 3,000 Americans are caught in harm's way.

But this is not all. More than 4,500 British and 3,000 other, mostly Western European, citizens are trapped, leading to an unprecedented European military commitment as well.

The scope of the crisis, of which the hostage issue is only one part, is also much greater. Revolutionary Iran did not directly threaten American or broader Western interests. Its hatred was primarily focused on the support the United States had provided the previous government of the Shah of Iran.

This time, the economic livelihood of the entire industrialized world, and much of the energy-dependent Third World as well, de-



pends upon a successful rejection of the challenge posed by Saddam Hussein.

Iraq, says President Bush, must obey the United Nations order to leave Kuwait. There can be no compromise on this fundamental issue.

During his presidency Mr. Carter allowed himself to become his own hostage in the White House, often postponing other pressing duties, all in a largely vain attempt to negotiate an end to the vexing dilemma.

In contrast, Mr. Bush refused to let the onset of the Persian Gulf crisis interrupt his scheduled vacation.

Mr. Bush knows that Saddam Hussein, like the Iranians a decade ago, only respects force. He believes that the Iraqi strongman misjudged the depth of the worldwide reaction to his takeover of Kuwait and is now trembling before the U.S. and Western military power being amassed against him.

There is precedent for this. Three years ago the Iraqi leadership was in a panic for 24 hours after one of its warplanes mistakenly attacked an American naval vessel in the Persian Gulf, killing more than 30 crewmen, during the Iran-Iraq war.

While the military advantage is rapidly accruing to the side of the United States and its European and Arab allies, the one advantage they do not enjoy is time.

Israeli defense experts have rec-

ommended to their American friends that a full-scale air assault be launched against Iraqi targets before many of the hapless hostages are placed in sensitive positions.

Public opinion polls show the American public solidly behind President Bush's show of force. But would this support carry over to an actual outbreak of hostilities? Probably so, "as long as the objective is clear and compelling," said one U.S. observer, "and the commitment is all-out."

So far this is the case. Mr. Bush has described his version of the controversy with Iraq using imagery that the American public readily identifies with.

Saddam Hussein, claims the President, is a modern-day Hitler who must be stopped. The world, he says further, must learn the fundamental lesson of the 1930s—that appeasement does not work.

"Half a century ago," said Mr. Bush, "the world had a chance to stop a ruthless aggressor and missed it. I pledge to you: We will not make that mistake again."

Against a clearly defined foe, Americans are willing to go to war. The length of the conflict is not as important as the objective. The fight against Hitler's Germany and the other Axis powers took four years.

But given more recent American experiences, length of battle is im-

portant, too. Vietnam was a disaster, dragging on for 12 years. But that war's biggest problem was its clouded purpose. As a consequence, the fight was never fully taken to the enemy's heartland in North Vietnam.

Two other factors could demand an early and decisive attempt to resolve the crisis. The first of these, again, concerns the hostages.

As the Iranian hostage crisis wore on month after month, President Carter had to endure the impassioned calls from family members of anxious hostages to do something. The requests usually pleaded for a negotiated settlement in order to best protect the hostages' lives.

Mr. Bush doesn't want to have to confront the same crippling foreign policy dilemma, only much worse. The families of 3,000 hostages could indeed shut down U.S. Mideast policy.

Lastly, President Bush does not want to keep up to 150,000 Ameri-

can troops encamped for too long in Saudi Arabia. These troops are in one of the most inhospitable settings imaginable, and not only as far as climate and geography are concerned.

Culturally, too, the arch-conservative Muslim society of Saudi Arabia could not be more foreign to the morally relaxed American lifestyle. For the GIs there may be some song, but certainly no local wine or women.

United States officials, moreover, are much aware that the leaders of Saudi Arabia have stuck their political necks out by inviting the Americans in.

In seeking support throughout the Arab world, Saddam Hussein accuses the Saudi government, which is host to the sacred Islamic shrines at Mecca and Medina, of polluting sacred Muslim soil by inviting in the Christian armies of the West, descendants of the Middle Age Crusaders.

All in all, factors indicate that the Persian Gulf crisis is one rumor of war that could turn into the real thing.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



When terrorists strike, conscience left behind

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Ian Gow, Unionist supporter and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's former Parliamentary private secretary, was mercilessly murdered by the Irish Republican Army (IRA) July 30.

Mr. Gow was the victim of a car bomb and a victim of the terrible tragedy of terrorism.

Picture yourself in Ian Gow's position. Anyone associated with the Northern Ireland problem automatically accepts a certain amount of risk. And being a supporter of Northern Ireland remaining a part of the United Kingdom, you fully realize you are a likely target for a terrorist act by the IRA.

Yet in the rush of daily events, these thoughts are confined to the furthest recesses of your mind. You have lived with danger before. You are, in a sense, used to it.

As you enter your car about 8:30 a.m., your mind is on the events of the day. You are in a hurry so you don't check under your car. You get behind the wheel and begin to reverse out of your driveway, unaware of imminent tragedy.

There's a deafening explosion and blood is suddenly everywhere. No pain yet! The horrible shock has numbed your body.

Your thoughts are racing. Your wife—you'll never see her again. You think of the pain your sudden death will cause her. She's in the house. It's going to be a long, horrible day for her.

Your thoughts turn to your two sons. Though grown, their lives will never be quite the same. And your calling in life is at an end. Snuffed out by a terrorist bomb.

Terrorism is one of the ugliest forms of criminal behavior known to man. It is impersonal and irreversible.

More than one would-be murderer has refrained from squeezing the trigger, suffering from pangs of conscience. Not so with an impersonal bombing device, timed to blow up under certain stimuli with the responsible party miles away. The restraints of human conscience have been removed.

Terrorism is impersonal because it doesn't always just destroy its intended victim. Ian Gow's

wife could easily have been in that car—or perhaps a close friend or aide. Innocent bystanders would either have been killed or injured had they been near. In one IRA attempt to kill targets on the Protestant side, a nun was also blown up.

However, some terrorists are not miles away from their victims. Some sit and watch, waiting to trigger an explosive as a car passes.

Terrorism is unacceptable to the truly civilized mind as a means of making political statements. Yet historically individuals and groups have used savage acts of terror for political objectives.

Ian Gow was killed because of his involvement with the British role in Northern Ireland, which is chained to a background of at least 120 years of Anglo-Irish conflict.

His murder was political in intent, yet his family, his friends and his nation have, of course, suffered a grievous personal loss—you only have to look at the picture of his son's face, wracked with inconsolable grief, to understand.

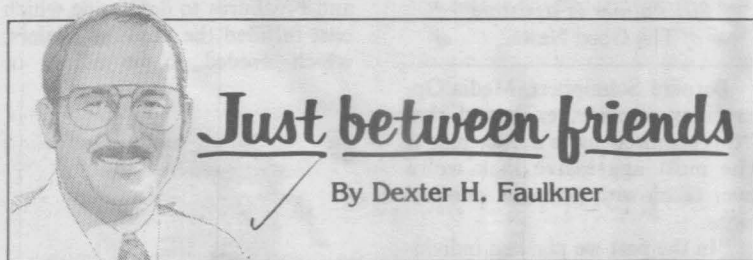
It goes without saying that such terrorist acts are in complete contradiction to the Christian principles embodied in the Sermon on the Mount.

The Ulster (Northern Ireland) question has plagued the British government for more than two decades with few solutions. And Westminster (British seat of government) undoubtedly has not been without many faults and mistakes in dealing with the Irish dimension.

Neither this writer nor the editors of *The Worldwide News* take any political position on the questions surrounding Northern Ireland. That is for the parties themselves to work out.

But we can and do take a strong moral stand against the grievous crimes perpetrated by terrorists on both sides.

Terrorism can never be a valid means for righting human wrongs. The Ten Commandments give a simple instruction. "Thou shalt not kill." One human may not take it upon himself to destroy another. Terrorism has no place in any civilization, and that goes double for Christian-professing nations.



Never enough time

Do you ever feel that you're no longer a principal player in your own life? That you're being swept along by a tidal wave of activity? That you're making your physical and spiritual decisions on the run? Have you said there's never enough time!

Busy-ness has become the '90s newest idol. According to the busy-ness ethic, every moment of one's waking life must be productive. We cram our calendars full and make sure others know about it.

It's no wonder products designed to save us time are so popular. The fastest growing segment of the supermarket industry in the Western world is frozen foods. Some never cook; they just open and heat. Eat and run.

An advertisement for a new television set offers a screen within a screen. It lets the viewer watch one channel while scanning the others. You can watch two channels at the same time. I have to admit that I have trouble finding one good program I want to watch, let alone two.

Split-screen lives

Many people are leading split-screen lives. Nobody who is anybody does just one thing at a time anymore. Our one-minute managers, *in-putters*, *out-putters*, are maximizers of the belief that those who do two things at once get twice as much accomplished.

If we are busy we think we are accomplishing something. We can

easily fall into the trap of thinking we can squeeze at least two lives into the time for one.

We have a genius for cluttering our lives. We persuade ourselves that we are too busy to think, too busy to read God's Word, too busy to look back, too busy to look forward.

According to the busy-ness ethic, every moment of one's waking life must be productive.

If we are not careful our calling to "walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8) can become a run into darkness.

The apostle Paul wrote: "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16, Revised Standard Version).

In our busy-ness, have we lost the focus on the big picture?

Time wasters

A major time waster is that of overcommitment. Often we overcommit because we don't know how to say no.

Consider guilt. I've experienced guilt over the years. When I was with my family, I felt I should be

working. When I spent a lot of time at my job, I felt guilty not spending enough time with my family. If I was writing, I felt like I should read more; but when I read I wanted to be writing!

And I discovered that when I feel guilty, I can't concentrate on much of anything. So I procrastinate.

Self-image. This is one reason people have difficulty saying no. Busy-ness makes some people feel important. Busy-ness tells them, "I'm needed," "I'm important," "People can't get along without me."

Spiritual status. Some immerse themselves in Church activities because they link overcommitment with spirituality. They confuse activity with spirituality. Balance is the important factor here.

Desire to please. The individual who wants to please everybody often pleases nobody. Pleasing others can be a virtue. Paul encourages us to "bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification" (Romans 15:1-2).

But, we cannot make everybody happy. Some decisions we make will make some people unhappy. And at other times, we have to turn down opportunities, and that will make some unhappy.

In light of these facts, how well are you using your time? Make an appointment with yourself and take time to think about the big picture and your walk toward the kingdom of God. A pause today can help you move ahead tomorrow.

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sand years away.

I understand the indignation and fervent spirit of the man who wrote the letter, but in this case his zeal is misplaced.

He accused the Church of exercising "religious mind control." As many religionists throughout the ages have found, one of the most effective ways to exercise religious mind control, as some describe it, is to keep people stirred up in a constant state of fear about impending doom and destruction, while proclaiming oneself as the only true leader possessing the true understanding of prophecy and how people can save themselves from what is "just about to burst on the world scene."

This is currently being employed wholesale in certain sectors of the religious community. This is not what Jesus Christ told his Church to do, and it was not the approach of his apostles.

Some preachers bill themselves as the only faithful voice proclaiming an urgent warning about the prophetic beast forming in a united Europe. The fact is, quite a number of evangelicals are proclaiming the same urgent message about a European beast, issuing warnings to Americans to repent before it is too late and reminding them to send a few dollars to support their work proclaiming this urgent warning message. And some have been doing it for decades.

God-given commission

Brethren, proclaiming an urgent message about the forming of the beast of Revelation in Europe is *not* the commission Jesus Christ gave his Church. You will simply not find such a commission given by Christ in the Bible.

It is true that we focused on that very strongly for a good number of years. But, as God's people, let's not get our zeal about prophecy confused with our God-given commission.

To do the Work is to fulfill the commission. It is not to shake people up about the timing of the appearance of the beast.

Our goal, as Jesus commissioned, is to tell people, all people we are enabled to reach, their sins and how they can be forgiven and receive eternal life in the age to come.

We proclaim Jesus Christ—his life, crucifixion, resurrection and his kingdom. We are also to teach the ministry and brethren about Jesus' commands, about what it means to love God and to love one another.

That message is the same as it has been since the first century. It has as much urgency now as it ever had, and remains the same, whether in the time of Hitler or Mussolini or that of the end-time beast.

The gospel message and its urgency are not limited by how close or how far we may be from the return of Christ!

Wars and atrocities have always occurred and will continue to occur until Christ comes, no matter where we are now in prophecy! That is the nature of this evil world until that glorious time known only to God when he will make all things new!

Undoubtedly, someday someone will be right when they proclaim that we are now absolutely in the very last gasps of this dying world. The fact is, at any given time we may well be. But to claim to absolutely know that beyond any doubt is to practice deceit.

We proclaim the need to repent, the fact that judgment comes on sinners, that the world is a dangerous and unstable place and that current world events certainly appear to portend the close of the age. And it is absolutely true that each person's own personal rendezvous with the end is no further away than the end of his own lifetime. No man knows when his last day might come!

We don't have to set ourselves up as having some special inside prophetic-date pipeline to God in order to be able to fulfill his commission.

It is only when some set their own timetable and their own agenda that they have a need to turn their focus from the *fact* of Jesus' return to the *when* of his return.

Let us not forget that Jesus really did say we would not know when. Do any of our ministers or members believe that the commission of the Church is to figure out when Jesus will return and proclaim that? Is it not, rather, to proclaim what he said to proclaim?

Old habits, old attitudes and old feelings die hard, whether they are ingrained in the public at large or in the Church. But as God gives us strength and increases our understanding and faith, we must strive to do his will as he reveals it to us in his Word.

What Jesus promised

Do any of our ministers or members believe Jesus promised that all the faithful at the end time would be physically protected from harm in a place of safety? The fact is, Jesus prophesied that his faithful people would suffer persecution, even that many of the faithful would be martyred.

The idea that *only* the weak in the faith will suffer persecution and that *all* the strong will be spared in a place of safety is simply not accurate.

Certainly, some of those persecuted and some of those martyred will be those who are weak, and such trials will be for the purpose of strengthening them. The error is in leaders promising God's people, contrary to Christ's words, that if they are faithful they will surely be physically protected.

Though some faithful will be physically protected, by no means will all. God has called us to eternal salvation, not simply to save our physical lives.

Jesus warns his people in Luke 21:36: "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (New King James).

Jesus is speaking about escaping the judgments of God that are to come on rebellious mankind. In verses 34 and 35 he warns his servants to be careful that their hearts are not weighed down with the indulgent intoxications of this life.

He warns that if they are, the day of judgment will come on them in the same way it will come on the rest of the world—as a snare or a trap—and they will *not* be prepared to stand before the Son of Man!

We find a similar warning regarding escape in Hebrews 2:1-3: "We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punish-

ment, how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?" (New International Version unless noted).

If we are faithful, we will *never* be caught unaware—because unlike the world and unlike those who drift away, we are *expecting* Jesus' return, we are *earnestly longing for it* and therefore we are *prepared* for it.

Notice what Paul wrote in I Thessalonians 5:3: "While people are saying, 'Peace and safety,' destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape."

Jesus warns us not to be found in such a condition. Read verses 4 to 11. If we are faithful, we will not be caught by surprise. We will not be spiritually drunk or asleep. We will escape the destruction that will come on the world suddenly. We will be found constantly *ready*, constantly *prepared*, so that no matter *when* Christ comes, we *cannot* be surprised.

Verses 9 and 10 say: "For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep [alive or dead], we may live together with him."

This is *important to understand!* Christ calls on us to watch and pray always that we may escape the coming *judgment*, not that we can escape *persecution* (Luke 21:12-19).

Being prepared is essential for Christians, whether Christ's second coming is soon or not.

We have tended to confuse the two. Though faithful Christians will certainly not suffer the judgments to fall on rebellious mankind, some of the faithful will suffer persecution or martyrdom.

Some may ask about the promise to the church at Philadelphia. Revelation 3:10 speaks of being kept from the hour of trial coming on the *whole earth*—the judgment of God.

Philadelphia is told to "hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your *crown* [not that no man take your *life*, or that no man persecute you]" (verse 11). The crown is the crown of righteousness, symbolic of the inheritance of the saints—the crown of glory and eternal life (II Timothy 4:8, James 1:12, I Peter 5:4, Revelation 2:10).

In addition to safety from the day of the Lord, Revelation 12 shows that the Church as a *whole* will also be supernaturally protected from the devil's persecution in the end time (verses 14 to 16), but that *some* faithful Christians will suffer persecution in the end time. Verse 17 makes it clear that some obedient, faithful Christians will *not* be physically protected from the devil's wrath.

Concerning persecution, Jesus said, "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also" (John 15:20). Paul said, "Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (II Timothy 3:12). Revelation 2:13 speaks of Christ's *faithful* martyr, Antipas.

Apparently, all the apostles except John were martyred, and they were faithful. Revelation 17:6 characterizes Babylon the Great as drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. Revelation 6:9-11, in describing the fifth seal, speaks of

the martyrs of Christ throughout the centuries from the first century until his return.

Clearly, most of God's people will *not* be martyred. But all Christians are to stand faithful to the end of their lives (Revelation 12:11), confident in their reward of salvation (I Peter 1:3-9), regardless of what persecution they may face.

In their faithfulness, they are safe from what is to take the world by surprise and stand shielded by God's power until the coming of their salvation (verses 5 and 6).

Physical protection or grace?

Where should our ultimate hope lie? Not on mere physical safety from persecution. But on "the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed" (I Peter 1:13).

We are told to fix our eyes on Jesus, who "for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." We are told to "consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart" (Hebrews 12:2-3).

Through faith in Jesus, we can stand shielded from the corruption that is in the world through lust, even in the face of persecution or martyrdom (II Peter 1:3-4, I Peter 1:5-6).

Do we love God more than our own lives? Can we see beyond this present physical life to the

will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables" (II Timothy 4:3-4).

There are many things that can turn people's attention away from the truth. The belief that one has special, inside information can easily lead to an attitude of spiritual superiority and divert that person from the true message of Jesus Christ.

Some have become caught up in believing the so-called "Jewish conspiracy theory," for example. Others get carried away with their own private doctrine. But a preoccupation with prophecy also tends to divert a person away from the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

Life of worship

Speculating about prophecy can be exciting and interesting. And, of itself, there is nothing particularly wrong with that.

On the other hand, a life of worshipping God, acknowledging and repenting of sin, overcoming weaknesses, treating others with kindness, gentleness, patience and consideration, controlling one's passions and attitudes, serving the needs of others, forgiving others—in short, a life faithful to one's calling in Christ—is not quite so glamorous, as some view it.

But that is what the faithful in Christ will be doing, whether they are interested in prophecy or not. The only prophecy truly *essential* to know is that Jesus Christ is coming back in glory to judge the living and the dead in righteousness and rule the nations, bringing the saints' reward with him.

I suggested to the man who wrote the letter mentioned above that he aim some of his enthusiasm for the Word of God toward studying the true message of Jesus Christ, rather than focusing it on telling the world that Europe is the beast.

Again, the *urgency* of the gospel does not depend on whether or not the beast is now forming in Europe. And though we must all be aware that it is possible, even *likely*, to be absolutely sure of it is to make the same mistake Herbert W. Armstrong came to see he made in the late 1930s when he believed and preached the same thing about the German aggression of World War II.

I certainly do not blame Mr. Armstrong in any way for the way he preached at that time. Under the circumstances, I believe I would have done the same thing. But the Church must use its past experiences to grow in wisdom so as to avoid making the same mistake again. *The gospel must be preached with all zeal!*

End-time prophecy must be used in the right context as support for the gospel, not as a *replacement* for it.

Thank you for your continued earnest prayers for me and every aspect of the Church. Let's continue to ask God for help to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ as we put our hearts into serving him and doing his Work! My love and prayers are with you always.

Last time I announced a new *Worldwide News* feature on the Work's goals and projections, as well as the needs and the many ways in which God intervenes to further his Work. This section will be slightly delayed to give the staff time to allow for additional preparation and input from the various managers involved. I'm sure this new section will inspire and inform you, and make you feel more involved in the Work.

glory God has reserved in heaven for us? Does our conduct make evident the new life in Christ that God has given us through his Spirit?

Hebrews 12:25 warns: "See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven?"

Some in the Church will be caught up in the affairs of this life when all these things begin to happen. They will not be ready. They will not be prepared. They will have ignored the warnings. Their hearts will not be "set on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Colossians 3:1), but on earthly things.

These will *not* be kept "from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world" (Revelation 3:10). And they, with some of the faithful, will not be kept from the wrath of the devil (Revelation 12:12, 17, NKJ).

For many, it is much more exciting and interesting to study prophecy and devise timetables and charts attaching prophecies to world events than it is to humble themselves in earnest repentance and study God's Word for "reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16, NKJ).

There is certainly nothing wrong with studying prophecy. But some have allowed prophecy to become a substitute for Christianity.

Paul wrote to Timothy about those who would "not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they

Building projects continue on college campus in Texas

By Donald Ward and Rick van Pelt

PASADENA—The building program on the Ambassador College campus in Big Sandy is continuing with increased urgency as the opening of school draws near.

Evangelist Donald Ward is president of Ambassador College, and Rick van Pelt is director of Facilities Services.

We have under construction five student residences in addition to 10 other major projects.

Working above and beyond

The vastness of the work would be intimidating, except that so many people are doing their part to support the projects.

A small army of people are, through their skilled and dedicated service, transforming the campus. Many are working 12 to 14 hour days.

All of this is occurring while a handful of designers are working out thousands upon thousands of seemingly endless details. Countless drawings, sketches, plans and concepts are still being worked on.

Now the staff must coordinate the logistics of completion and occupancy. The furniture for the student residences will require at least 12 truck trailers to move to the campus.

The College Administration Building will require at least five

more truckloads of furniture. Carpeting is arriving by truckload, each carrying 40,000 pounds of materials.

Earth moving, water cooling

The utility corridor has reached the Festival Administration Building. The corridor contains more than 20 miles of conduit of one sort or another. What remains is to pull miles of cables through the conduits and to hook up each of the buildings to the lines. This is tedious and complex work.

The utility corridor has required moving tens of thousands of cubic

yards of earth. The water that will be in two of the conduits to provide air conditioning for the campus could easily fill an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

The College Administration Building is almost complete. The exterior of the building is finished, although it may be a while before the site work is completed. Site work can be done while College is in session. Final touches will require some extra days, but the building should be finished to the necessary level.

The student residences are in various stages of completion. While



FINISHING TOUCHES—The scaffolding removed, most of the exterior work on the College Administration Building is complete.

Bluebonnet Manor is almost ready for students to move into, Edelweiss Manor is still in need of considerable work before it can be used and will not be completed by the opening of the academic year.

Progress has been made on the central chiller plant. The chiller units will be fired up to provide all of the newly constructed buildings with much needed air conditioning.

Ambassador Hall, the lecture hall, is about to be completed. Seats are ready to be installed in the lecture hall and the office wing is almost finished.

Construction on the Church Language Building is well under way, and we hope for completion shortly after the Feast.

The refurbished dining hall,

needing only finishing touches, is in operation in the field house. With the asbestos removed from the facility, the reconstruction of the northern part of the building is rapidly proceeding.

The member-owned asbestos abatement company did an outstanding job in completing its part of the work. Despite having to work in almost unbearable conditions, the work was done well.

With the approach of the school year, little time remains and much must yet be done.

Tremendous credit must go to the scores of dedicated employees and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to meet the deadlines. They deserve the thanks of the entire Church.

Booklets

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booklet will be changed. As a result, they will know how many copies, if any, to order.

Each nonserial publication has also been classified as "core" or "noncore," according to Mr. Albrecht. Core booklets and brochures are publications the Church feels are necessary for all regions and should be available through all regional offices.

Noncore literature includes television or *Plain Truth* promotional material that need not be stocked in all languages.

Some booklets or brochures may exist only to fulfill temporary needs. For example, the Church produced a brochure about drought in the United States. That publication served a purpose for U.S. readers, but would not be necessary for international readers.

The regional directors will work together with evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International, to determine which noncore publications should be translated and offered in their areas.

Mr. Albrecht sent memos to the regional directors to discuss details of the master plan. In addition, he will meet with the translation editors in Pasadena in December or January.

Having a master plan also makes it easier to ensure that all "our teachings are compatible in all our literature," he noted.

Referring to the plan, he said: "Everybody I've talked to has been very excited about this. Many people have worked for this for years. It was a team effort."

Future articles in *The Worldwide News* will cover specific details about booklets and brochures being consolidated, edited or rewritten.



PAGES FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit everlasting life." (Matthew 19:29, New King James)

Fort Worth, Tex., West

By John B. Denton

FORT WORTH, Tex.—"Where the West Begins," is an old but still-used slogan that characterizes this city in north-central Texas.

Fort Worth began as a frontier fort overlooking the Trinity River to the north. It was named in honor of Gen. William Jenkins Worth of the U.S. Army.

The city has a population of 459,000 and a diversified economy.

John B. Denton is a local church elder and the Worldwide News reporter for the Fort Worth West church.

Fort Worth is about 30 miles west of Dallas but has a distinctly different culture seasoned with the ever-present cattle country demeanor.

The flavor of the Old West still lingers, especially on the north side of the city, where the old cattle drives ended. This area is called the stockyards because the cattle were corralled here before being processed at the adjacent packing-house.

Wide temperature swings take Fort Worth through its long, hot summers and variable winters. Summer highs can creep up to 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 Celsius), and winter lows can drop below 15 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 9 Celsius).

The winters often feature a series of cold spells beginning with cold winds called blue northers and ending with mild calm days that often reach the 60s. Some years subzero



GROUP EFFORT—Brethren work on the hall where Fort Worth, Tex., West Sabbath services are conducted. [Photo by Buelah Denton]

temperatures last for several days.

Church beginnings

The Church of God first met in

Fort Worth July 4, 1964, with 287 members in attendance, and swelled to 850 members by 1987. That year marked the beginning of two separate congregations—Fort Worth East and Fort Worth West, although the two churches occasionally still combine for socials and Holy Day services.

The West membership includes a cross section of skills and professions. Many families are involved in the construction trades.

Their talents made it possible for the congregation to construct a meeting hall in one end of a warehouse. The project was a joint venture between the landlord and the Church members.

The effort took almost three months but yielded a meeting hall with 6,400 square feet and a good lease. The Fort Worth West church financed the project by selling apples and doing department store inventories.

People, hobbies, crafts & ideas

Elmo and Susie Fulfer are the area's longest-time members. Mr. Fulfer was baptized in 1952, and Mrs. Fulfer in 1953.

One of the oldest members is



WOODWORK WORKSHOP—Paul Longenberger, 85, keeps busy producing handcrafted items in his workshop. [Photo by Buelah Denton]

Paul Longenberger, 85, who chose woodcrafting as a career because "it just came naturally to me."

Mr. Longenberger has designed and crafted cabinets, storage fixtures, furniture and built-ins for more than 20 years. One of his creations is a candle stand that rotates with the roll of a ship to keep the candle perpendicular.

The Fulfers' son, Ricky, makes replicas of American Indian tepees. The tents can withstand winds of more than 80 miles an hour and snow drifts up to 15 feet.

For several years Mr. Fulfer camped in one of his tepees at the Big Sandy campground during the Feast of Tabernacles.

Buelah Denton, a deaconess, began a note table for those who are physically unable to attend Sabbath services. Note paper is provided along with a list of those unable to attend each week. The notes are delivered along with a cassette tape of the sermon. More than 1,200 notes were written in the first year.

One homebound man said the notes were the first thing he asked his wife for when she returned from services.

Terry Mattson, who has served in the full-time ministry for about 20 years, is Fort Worth West pastor. He and his wife, Jeanette, have two children, Jason and Joy.

According to Mr. Mattson: "The congregation is friendly and warm because of its longevity. The brethren have been dedicated over the years and it shows in the responsiveness they have to headquarters. They're a solid core of people who are a pleasure to work with."

Fort Worth, Tex., West

Attendance	400
Local church elders	3
Deacons	8
Deaconesses	4
Teens	30
Children under 12	70
Singles	25
Over 60s	40
Spokesman Clubs	1
Graduate Clubs	1

WE ARE ONE FAMILY

How you can rejoice

You are never alone at Feast

By David Bensinger

Psssst! Going to the Feast alone this year? Probably wondering what it will be like, I bet. You probably think it will be hard to rejoice because you don't have anyone to do anything with?

Well, I have a secret for you: You're not really alone. Do you know why? Because you have been promised something.

Peter, on behalf of the disciples, said to Christ, "See, we have left all and followed you" (Mark 10:28, New King James throughout). The disciples gave all they had to follow him. What was their reward?

"So Jesus answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands'" (Mark 10:29-30).

Yes, they gave up a lot. But Christ told them they would receive a hundredfold in this present time.

So what have you given up? Maybe you're the only one in your family God is now calling. Maybe you are leaving your family to attend the Feast. Or maybe you are far from your family and unable to attend the Feast with them.

Well, you will not be alone at the Feast. God promises that you will have family. When you get to the Feast look around you. There will be many people—in some cases hundreds or thousands.

Actually, we have inherited a family of more than 150,000 who will attend the Feast this year. We not only have a chance to get to know them, we have a responsibility to get to know them and care for them.

Paul said, "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an

unbeliever" (I Timothy 5:8). We must take care of our physical and spiritual families.

Some of our brethren are widows or widowers, fatherless, motherless, some without brothers, some without sisters. Some may have no grandfathers or grandmothers, some don't have children or grandchildren.

So here is our chance to increase our relationship with the hundreds of spiritual family members God has made us a part of.

What can you do if you are alone at the Feast?

1) **Ask God for help.** Christ said in Matthew 10:29 that God knows when a sparrow falls to the ground. We are more important to God than sparrows. He can give us strength and courage to do anything. He wants us to rejoice at the Feast and will help us to do just that if we ask.

2) **Meet people.** It's easy to say, hard to do. Meeting people can be a

difficult thing to do for some of us. It is hard to know what to say, what to ask, how to act.

Start with those nearest to you. Some of you may help with parking or with the mothers room. Get to know those with whom you are working. Introduce yourself to the person you are sitting next to. Find out where they live, what they do, how they came into God's Church.

For those of you who have no problem meeting people try to meet those who appear to be shy.

3) **Look for a need that needs to be fulfilled.** There are many needs you can fulfill, officially and unoffi-

cially. You can help with ushering, parking, setup or anything else for which volunteers are required.

You can open a door for someone or give a ride to someone who doesn't have a car. Maybe there is an older person or couple by themselves; go talk with them.

Look around and you'll find many needs just waiting for you to fulfill.

If you are going to the Feast by yourself this year, once you get there you surely won't be alone. You can do a lot to make the Feast a joyous occasion for yourself and others.

The first aid station: not for medical care

By Laura Reimann

The purpose of a first aid station at Festival sites is to provide care in cases of minor injuries to members during the Feast. This service is not intended to include medical treatment. All people with serious injuries or illness will be referred to the nearest medical facility for evaluation and treatment.

Laura Reimann is a Festival administrative assistant.

be licensed to do so.

Medical expense is the responsibility of each individual, even if transportation to the hospital was done in an emergency before consent was available.

The Festival Office advises that anyone with an existing serious medical condition weigh carefully the extra strain of travel, unfamiliar surroundings and other factors in deciding if to attend the Feast.

Some have gone to the Feast apparently expecting the Church to pay for their treatment if they have a medical emergency.

Anyone with a communicable disease such as influenza or measles should not come to services to be anointed, but should call for a minister to come to the hotel or motel room.

Children with cold symptoms such as fever, sneezing or coughing should be kept in their living quarters to rest and recover. This is an exercise in Christian love, to prevent spreading the illness to others.

what she is going through and, hopefully, help her much better.
Sunland, Calif.

Just must stop and thank you for the inspiration you have given me this morning, as I am reading the June 18 *Worldwide News*. Carol Mann's letter has meant so much in our situation. . . . We'd been so concerned about Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mann for the two years we had known of his condition, and then to have the privilege of reading Carol's letter.

Thanks to God for giving you the wisdom in all the things you are doing and all the others who are so helpful. We do appreciate all of you.
Chino Valley, Ariz.

Just a note to thank you for sharing the letter in your "Personal" in the *Worldwide News*. Having recently lost a mate (two years ago), I can appreciate the changes that take place from the husband's point of view.

The feelings and changes are somewhat similar, but I know that the wife has the more traumatic loss [after] having observed my mother's situation. She had to learn to operate on her own as she never had before, after 50 years of marriage. I'm sure many people will say, "I can truly sympathize."
Stanton, Calif.

I was truly moved by Carol Mann's letter. It makes me realize how much we need each other's prayers and support. One of our beloved sisters died this week who was a member of the Shreveport [La.] church. She fought cancer for about four years. I read in this issue of *The Worldwide News* that quite a few have died with cancer this year.
Mansfield, La.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

The *Worldwide News* welcomes your comments. Letters for this column should be addressed to "Letters to the Editor." The editor reserves the right to use letters so addressed in whole or in part, and to include your name and edit the letter for clarity or space.

Thank you

On behalf of my family, the town of Charleville and myself, I wish to sincerely thank the pastor general, Mr. Joseph W. Tkach, and the *Worldwide Church of God* for their very generous donation towards the flood appeal here in Queensland, Australia, April 1990.

Most of the people of Charleville and district are valiantly trying to rebuild the town and outlying areas.

Much courage is being displayed by most. I do believe God must have saved nearly all the lives of the residents. . . .

Also on behalf of my family and self, I wish to publicly thank all those in the Church who said prayers, personally sent cards, letters, made phone calls. It is at times like these, that I realize that we members are never alone or isolated. It is such a wonderful blessing to be called as a member of the Church.
Charleville, Qld.

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Map helps with prayers

Thanks so much for the map of all the U.S. church areas in the May 7 issue! I've cut it out and use it with my prayers when going through the Family Album and come across an area I'm not familiar with! Matching the minister with his area is fun!
Grand Rapids, Minn.

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Objective analysis appreciated

We would like to comment on Mr. [Gene] Hogberg's excellent column in the June 4, 1990 *Worldwide News*. As a family representative of both of Canada's founding peoples (English and French) we appreciate the objective analysis in the article.

Of all the thousands of words printed over the past weeks about Meech Lake no one had captured the real significance better or summarized the problems more clearly. We are pleased to be living in Canada but more so to be ambassadors of the Kingdom of God, where real unity is personified.
Kamloops, B.C.

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Mr. Tkach's 'Personal'

I have just read your "Personal" in *The Worldwide News*. I wonder if you realize how much light and warmth you give to the brethren. I pray for your continued health and that you remain strong, loving and steadfast.

I would like to thank Carol Mann, also, for allowing that letter to be printed [June 18]. Her willingness to put this in the paper, to allow us to share it, only shows me her great love for her brethren.
Kingsburg, Calif.

Kingsburg, Calif.

Thank you for including the letter by the widow from Australia in the latest *Worldwide News*. It gave me a great deal of insight into some of my own attitudes, and also revealed new ways for me to help others.

One of our neighbor ladies was recently widowed. Armed with what the article said, I can begin to understand

International travel: Is everything in order?

By Don Hall

When traveling to an international Feast site be sure to have a valid passport and visa if that country requires one. Have all paperwork current and in order.

Don Hall is international Festival information supervisor.

If you plan to rent a car, make sure beforehand that you meet the license requirements. Know and obey the traffic laws.

Make your budget before you go. Check the exchange rate frequently to avoid surprises. Traveler's checks are a safe way to carry money.

Buy a guidebook before you go. A little knowledge of history and cus-

oms can make any place more interesting.

Have an attitude of appreciation, interest and enthusiasm about the country you are visiting and you will be rewarded by a pleasant visit and lasting, enjoyable memories.

When traveling to the United States remember that it is a melting pot of world culture. Ethnic customs and clothing are mixed in some areas of the country. The appropriate Sabbath wear of your country is acceptable for services in the United States.

Take clothing appropriate for the season. Also, most meeting facilities the Church uses for the Feast in the United States are air conditioned to about 75 degrees Fahrenheit (24 Celsius).

BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

FEAST OF TRUMPETS

In Leviticus 23:23-25, God commanded Israel to observe the Feast of Trumpets on the first day of the seventh month of the sacred calendar. What else does the Bible say about the subject?

● The day is an annual Sabbath, so no work should be done (Leviticus 23:25). Since it is a feast day, God allows for the preparation of food.

● In ancient Israel the day was observed by the blowing of trumpets (Numbers 29:1).

● The Feast of Trumpets pictures the return of Christ at the last trump (Matthew 24:30-31, I Corinthians 15:52).

Trumpets were significant to Israel as symbols of certain actions or events.

● Trumpets were used to warn Israel of impending war (Numbers 10:9, Jeremiah 4:19).

● Trumpets were used to announce news or

events (Leviticus 25:9, Numbers 10:10, I Samuel 13:3, Psalm 81:3).

● Priests used trumpets in the coronation of Solomon (I Kings 1:39).

● Trumpets were used to call Israel to assembly (Numbers 10:2, 4, Jeremiah 4:5, Joel 2:15).

The Feast of Trumpets symbolizes the time when Christ will assume his rightful throne, being crowned as King of kings (I Thessalonians 4:16, Zechariah 14:1, 3-5, 9).

● When Christ returns, he will gather his elect from the four corners of the earth (Mark 13:27) and gather Israel from all the nations where he has driven them (Jeremiah 29:14).

● Trumpets were used to praise God (Psalm 150:3). When Christ returns, every knee shall bow and every voice will praise him (Romans 14:11).

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

UPDATE

PASADENA—Between January and June 733,300 new names were added to U.S. files in response to the Work's media programs, according to **Bernard Schnippert**, director of Media Operations.

Names coming from *Plain Truth* subscriber issues (blow-in cards, literature request envelopes) are expected to surpass the cumulative response from television in October.

Since February, the telecast has produced an average of about 18,000 new names each month, while *The Plain Truth* has brought in 27,000 each month.

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PASADENA—The May Arbitron figures show that the *World Tomorrow* telecast has dropped from 1,248,000 viewer households to 1,025,000 since February, according to **Ray Wright**, manager of Media Planning & Promotion.

The figures reflect cuts in the number of local market television stations airing *The World Tomorrow*, but they do not include statistics from the Nielsen ratings, which include cable viewers.

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PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ministerial transfers. All men serve as pastors except where noted.

Robert Dick to Seattle and Bremerton, Wash.; **Glenn Doig**, Shreveport, La., and Texarkana, Tex. (associate pastor); **Ross Flynn**, Chico, Redding and Eureka, Calif.; **Tom Heap**, Atlanta West and Carrollton, Ga. (associate pastor); **Ted Johnston**, Grand Junction and Meeker, Colo.; **Fred Lopez**, Pasadena Norte (associate pastor).

Jeffrey Molnar, Kansas City South and Topeka, Kan. (assistant pastor); **Allen Olson**, Hays, Salina and Scott City, Kan.; **Steven Shepherd**, Elkhart, Plymouth and Michigan City, Ind. (associate pastor); and **Mark Welch**, Pittsburgh and Beaver Valley, Pa. (assistant pastor).

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PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ordinations.

Russell Duke, who serves in the Big Sandy A.M. church, was raised to pastor on the Sabbath, May 26.

Roy Dove, associate pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., churches, was ordained a preaching elder on the Sabbath, July 7.

Herbert Teitgen, pastor of the Sioux Falls and Watertown, S.D., churches, was raised to preaching elder on the Sabbath, July 14.

Aub Warren of the Gold Coast, Australia, church was ordained a local elder on the Sabbath, July 14.

Wayne Jones, a deacon in the Wellington, New Zealand, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Feb. 24.

Alfred Ablordeppey of the Accra, Ghana, church was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, May 19.

James Biehl, a deacon in the Phoenix, Ariz., West church; and **Manuel Briones** of the Santiago, Chile, church; were ordained local church elders on the Sabbath, June 23.

Richard Case, a deacon in the Sedro Woolley, Wash., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, July 14.

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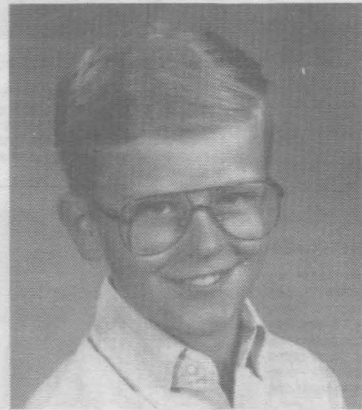
PASADENA—Four men received plaques at a Ministerial Refreshing Program banquet July 19 in honor of 25 years or more of service to the Church. The men and

their wives also received watches.

They are **Robert and Evelyn Fahey**, pastor of the Chicago, Ill., West church; and the following employees of the Personal Correspondence Department: **David and Shirley Hunsberger**, **Ron and Pat Reedy**, and **William and Judy Swanson**.

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BRIDGEPORT, W. Va.—**Jeff Horchak**, 13, placed fourth in the National Civic Oration Contest



JEFF HORCHAK

sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America.

Jeff was selected along with 26 other students from around the United States to participate in the competition after winning first place in local and state competitions.

More than 50,000 students in grades 5 through 8 participate in the program every year.

Modern Woodmen of America

hopes to promote citizenship and encourage character development and communication skills among American youths by sponsoring the contest.

Jeff received a gold medallion for his participation on the national level. As first place winner for the state of West Virginia he received a trophy and cash prize. His school was also presented with a trophy and plaque to display Jeff's accomplishment.

Jeff attends the Clarksburg, W. Va., church with his parents, **Michael and Pamela**, and his sister **Holly**. Mr. Horchak pastors the Clarksburg church.

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PASADENA—The Festival Office announced that the Feast sites in Ahungalla, Sri Lanka, and Perth, W.A., have reached capacity. No further transfer applications can be accepted.

Members accepted to attend the Feast in Amman, Jordan, are being notified by letter that the Feast there has been canceled because of unrest in the Middle East. Those affected by this change may proceed with alternate plans.

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MANILA, Philippines—Because of conditions in Baguio after the July 16 earthquake, the Feast site has been transferred to San Fernando, Pampanga, about 50 kilometers (31 miles) north of Manila.

Festival services will be in the newly completed Pampanga Convention Center. Planned activities include a tour of Clark Air Base and an afternoon South China Sea beach outing.

Suitable housing for international guests is available.

Those originally accepted to the Baguio Feast site should notify the Philippine Office as to whether they would like to attend the Feast at the new site.



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

PASADENA—Two gunmen hijacked a refrigerated truck driven by Paul Modise, a member in Pretoria, South Africa. Mr. Modise was held captive for six hours.

"Only God delivered me from this frightening experience," said Mr. Modise, "and I am thankful."

Mr. Modise, a truck driver for a meat supply company, was driving back for fresh supplies after a delivery.

At a stop sign in City Deep in Johannesburg, two gunmen leaped into the truck. One started driving while the other held a gun on Mr. Modise.

"A hood was placed over my head and I was ordered to lie down so the other road users should not see what was going on," Mr. Modise related.

"I prayed like never before as they carried me to an unknown destination," he said.

Later, the truck turned into what sounded like a long passageway—the hijackers' hideout. They stopped and opened the door. "It's empty," said one.

Thinking they would then kill him, Mr. Modise prayed fervently.

But the two men ordered Mr. Modise to get out of the truck's cab and at gunpoint directed him to the covered portion of the truck.

They told him to lie flat on his stomach.

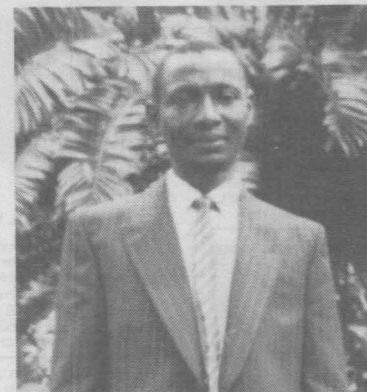
"I switched off the refrigerators of the truck after the last delivery of goods, so I didn't feel cold," said Mr. Modise.

With their captive in the back,

the gunmen drove the truck some distance before stopping and getting out.

Mr. Modise waited for 10 minutes, then kicked the door open, jumped out and ran for his life.

To his surprise no one pursued him. He found out from a passerby



PAUL MODISE

that he was in the Hillbrow section of Johannesburg.

Returning to the truck, he found the keys in the ignition.

"I drove to work thankful that God saved my life, although I was six hours late for my next truckload," Mr. Modise said.

Armed man invades hall

A man with a shotgun burst into the church hall in San Juan, Puerto Rico, during Sabbath services June 30.

The man, who said he was sick, collected money and jewelry from the Church members and then fled

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New Stations

Station/Location	Air Time	Contract Period
WOI Des Moines, Iowa	Sunday, 7 a.m.	Aug. 12, 1990 to Aug. 4, 1991
WDIV Detroit, Mich.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	Sept. 2, 1990 to Aug. 25, 1991
WMTV Madison, Wis.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	Aug. 12, 1990 to Aug. 4, 1991

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KOLN Lincoln, Neb.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	Aug. 19, 1990 to Aug. 11, 1991
WFRV Green Bay, Wis.	Sunday, 9 a.m.	Aug. 5, 1990 to July 28, 1991
WKRC Cincinnati, Ohio	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Aug. 19, 1990 to Aug. 11, 1991

Time Change

WAFB Baton Rouge, La.	Saturday, 11:30 p.m.
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KGMB Honolulu, Hawaii	Aug. 26
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FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—The church here celebrated its 25th anniversary July 21. About 600 brethren attended the activities.

Guest speakers at Sabbath services were **Lawrence Greider**, pastor of the Belleville, Mount Vernon and Alton, Ill., churches, and **Roger Foster**, pastor of the Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, Fla., churches.

Evening activities included a buffet meal, a slide show and comments from visiting ministers who had served in the area.

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COLLEGE SPRINGS, Iowa—

Marsha Nowels, home economics and health teacher at South Page Community School and a member who attends the St. Joseph, Mo., church, served as the Iowa coordinator for the National Future Homemakers of America (FHA) Leadership convention in San Antonio, Tex., in July.

Mrs. Nowels' son **Chad**, 17, served last year as a senate page for the Legislative Services Bureau in Des Moines, which drafts all the bills for both the house of representatives and the senate.

Chad was asked to return for the 1990 to 1991 legislative session.

in a waiting car.

"New measures are being taken to ensure greater security at the place where services are held," said evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas.

Among the new measures are installing metal bars on the outside of the glass entry doors that will be locked during services.

Remove update

Employees in the Spanish Department are preparing to move to Big Sandy.

Several have already made trips to obtain housing. Employees in the mail processing section and those with school-age children moved in August.

They will work out of temporary quarters in the Feast Administration Building until the Church Language Building is completed, said Mr. Walker.

The remaining employees will move after the Feast when the new building is finished.

Weakening economies

Mr. Walker reported the following inflation rates in South American countries for 1989:

Argentina, 4,512 percent; Peru, 2,775 percent; Brazil, 1,765 percent; Uruguay, 89 percent; Venezuela, 81 percent; and Ecuador, 54 percent.

African conference

African ministers and wives gathered in Borehamwood, England, July 31 to Aug. 2 and gave presentations to bring regional director **Les McCullough** up to date on the Work in Africa.

Office staff informed the group of procedures such as mail processing, computer operations and accounting.

Other subjects were youth programs, the Feast of Tabernacles, third tithe assistance and manpower development.

A major concern was the effect of

canceled *The Plain Truth* in the African region, "particularly with regard to incoming and outgoing mail and the staffing of our offices," said **David Stirk**, business manager.

"Whether this will have a future impact upon the work load of the ministry was also discussed."

The *Plain Truth* circulation is being canceled so resources can be more efficiently used to build the Work in areas that can carry the gospel.

Other Church literature and booklets will continue to be available.

African ministers who attended the conference were **Alan Tattersall** from Ghana, **Josef Forson** from Nigeria, **Owen Willis** from Kenya and **Kenneth Buck** from Malawi.

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