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MICROWAVE MESSAGE — Worldwide Church of God Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong gives a sermon from the study of his Tucson, Ariz., home Jan. 5. His sermon was heard by some 23,000 at services in the western United States and Canada through microwave and audio hookups. (Photo by Dexter Faulkner)

Pastor General reaches 23,000 by microwave, audio hookup

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong preached to a record audience of 5,244 brethren gathered here for services Jan. 5 by microwave hookup from Tucson, Ariz., and to an estimated 18,000 additional brethren in more than 40 churches throughout the United States and Canada by an audio linkup to the live sermon, according to the ministerial counseling office here.

The brethren came from as far as Arizona and Nevada, filling the Ambassador Auditorium, the Fine Arts Recital Hall, the Student Center, the college gym, the Imperial gym and the Science Hall lecture room, to hear Mr. Armstrong speak on the one-year anniversary of the receiver-

ship imposed on the Church Jan. 3 of 1979.

"I think that's a testimony that people are behind Mr. Armstrong, that they are willing to come that far and go through the expense of gas, food and lodging. It shows they are really interested in seeing things back on the track, because that's what they came to hear," said Robin Webber of the ministerial counseling office who, with Joseph Tkach, personal assistant to Mr. Armstrong and director of Ministerial Services, and Norm Myers, also of the ministerial counseling office, planned a weekend of activities to commemorate the anniversary.

In addition to Mr. Armstrong's address, the weekend included a special Bible study Jan. 4 and a semiformal dance at the Hollywood Palladium Jan. 6.

Bible study

About 2,100 people filled the Auditorium and the Ambassador College gym for the Bible study, which featured a one-hour documentary produced by the Work's Media Services Department. Following the film, Ralph Helge, counsel for the Church and secretary of the board of directors, and Stanley R. Rader, chief assistant to Mr. Armstrong and treasurer for the Church, spoke about the year's events, their implications and how the Church has grown and been strengthened as a result.

The attendance figure was a record number for a Bible study in the Auditorium.

Then on Saturday, the service began with a half-hour interview with Mr. Rader, also produced by Media Services, which covered topics related to the court case and its effect on the Church.

Mr. Armstrong then began his message to about 23,000 brethren, saying after his opening comments:

"This is the fifth day of a new decade, and I wonder if you realize, this may be the last decade of this world as we know it. We may well see the finish of God's Work in this decade."

Massive attack

He went on to recount the events of Satan's massive attack on the Work of God, which began Jan. 3, and gave a history of state oppression of the Church from the time of Christ and the apostles.

"It is the government that has always persecuted the Work of the Living God," Mr. Armstrong said, giving several illustrations from *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*. "And we have had to fight, just as the people have always had to fight government trying to completely extinguish the Work of God," Mr. Armstrong said.

He then spoke about current world events and their implications, mentioning that Revelation 10:6 and 11 refer to a time when events will be

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Mr. Armstrong tells condition of world, Work over past year

PASADENA — Herbert W. Armstrong offered a sobering look at the events of the past year and recounted the incredible good ahead for the Church and the world in his lead article in the December 27, 1979, *Pastor General's Report*.

"We are ending one of the most significant, evil and hapless years in the world," Mr. Armstrong began, "and one of paradoxical persecution and at the same time successful and productive years in God's Work."

World situation examined

Jesus Christ's apostle detailed the twin crises of war and famine prevalent in the world in 1979 and examined in depth the Iranian hostage situation.

"The Iranians are 'sitting pretty,' and the United States is 'a sitting duck,' — helpless to do anything," wrote the pastor general of the Worldwide Church of God. "All this, so far, has skyrocketed [U.S. President Jimmy] Carter's popularity with the voters — but the Ayatollah [Ruhollah Khomeini] sneers that he is doing it for personal political reasons. Chances are, before election time the Carter popularity will skid down again when American voters wake up to the fact he has succeeded at NOTHING."

World evils

Mr. Armstrong predicted that world evils would worsen in the coming year and the new decade.

"But there is another most significant and foreboding fact about all this: It has proved that the U.S. Embassy in one foreign nation has not been secure, and thereby proves that NO NATION'S DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN ANY OTHER NATION ARE SECURE — AND THIS SMACKS OF WORLD CHAOS! It signals that the END OF THIS WORLD AS WE KNOW IT IS HERE!"

But the end of "this world as we know it" is not a negative future, according to the pastor general: "But that, after all, is GOOD NEWS — for it also signals that the KINGDOM OF GOD IS VERY NEAR AT HAND!"

Mr. Armstrong commented on California's illegal assault on the Church, a move that he stated was engineered by Satan to destroy God's

Work, and said that, in retrospect, however, 1979 was actually a positive year for the Church.

"This has been a year of SETTING GOD'S CHURCH AND COLLEGE BACK ON GOD'S TRACK!"

"Now what of 1980?"

"God's Work will LEAP AHEAD AT ACCELERATING PACE. Time is growing short. God knows that better than we.

"And, as we get OURSELVES and His Church back on the track, getting ourselves CLOSER TO HIM and HIS WILL, His blessings on His Church will rapidly INCREASE! EXPECT IT!"

Mr. Armstrong said that after a year of "housecleaning" in God's Church, the outlook for the future was very encouraging.

New life

"Everywhere I receive reports of NEW LIFE in the local churches! Now

there is a feeling of spirit of PURPOSE and DEDICATION.

"Not only in the United States and Canada, but around the world come heartening reports of renewed dedication, joyful INTEREST, increased attendance. New members are being baptized. Everywhere the Work is SURGING AHEAD!"

"DO YOU KNOW WHY? Christ has been putting His Church and College BACK ON THE TRACK! We are PRAYING MORE, and with more fervency and dedication. We are DRAWING CLOSER TO CHRIST, AND HE IS BLESSING THE WORK ACCORDINGLY!"

Mr. Armstrong reiterated that the success of the Work and the spiritual growth of the Church depends on the prayers and closeness to God and Christ of the Church's members.

The pastor general emphasized the need to thank and praise God for His deliverance and guidance in the coming year.

43-year member new evangelist

TUCSON, Ariz. — In what was described as an emotionally warm ceremony Jan. 10 in the home of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, Harold Jackson was raised to the rank of evangelist. Joining Mr. Armstrong in the ordination were evangelists Dean Blackwell, Joseph Tkach, Raymond McNair, Ellis LaRavia and Leroy Neff.

Noting that Mr. Jackson was the first minister of his race to attain the office of evangelist, Mr. Armstrong remarked that Mr. Jackson was a very qualified individual, and that he hoped his ordination would be encouraging to all the brethren, especially those in Africa, where Mr. Jackson presently is assigned.

Asked if he had any idea that he would be ordained, Mr. Jackson replied that he did not. He said he was invited to the Armstrongs' home to report on the Work in Africa. But he said he began to suspect some more newsworthy event must be about to transpire when he realized Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of Editorial Services, was a fellow

passenger on the flight to Tucson.

Mr. Jackson and his wife Helen described their reaction after the

their trip, they had the opportunity to visit their children in the United States.

One of the early members of God's Church, Mr. Jackson was baptized in 1936. He was ordained a deacon in 1957 and a local elder two years later, and eventually rose to the office of pastor in 1966. Mr. Jackson served as pastor of the Chicago, Ill., South church and conducted several U.S. baptizing tours. He now executes his duties from Nairobi, Kenya, where he was recently sent to fill in temporarily for Owen Willis, who returned to England for health reasons. Mr. Jackson had been working with the church in Nigeria before this assignment.

During the same Jan. 10 ceremony, Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Manhattan and Long Island, N.Y., churches, was raised to the rank of pastor. Mr. McCrady was ordained a local elder in 1959 and raised in rank to a preaching elder in 1963.

Mrs. McCrady was also on hand for her husband's ordination.



HAROLD JACKSON

ordination as being "stunned." Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were married in the summer of 1979. During

YES program approved, to be implemented soon

PASADENA — Reiterating that "this is one of the most important phases of the Work today," Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved implementation of the Youth Educational Services (YES) pro-

gram, a division of Youth Opportunities United (YOU), Jan. 10 announced Jim Thornhill, international director of YOU.

YOU serves about 33,000 youths in God's Church ages 1 to 19 through YES, the Summer Educational Program and the Youth Activity Program, Mr. Thornhill said.

The development of the YES program had been approved by Mr. Armstrong last June, with several church areas instituting general Sabbath instructional programs for children on an experimental basis. Results from these programs were forwarded to Pasadena for possible inclusion in the national program, and the YOU staff developed additional plans for adult education, family togetherness, teacher training, service aids and youth awards programs, according to Ron Dick, head of the YES division.

YOU will be preparing material on these six programs for immediate printing and distribution, said Mr. Dick, who added, "We're shooting to kick it off in full force at the [Ministerial] conference . . . to get all the ministry familiarized with it."

The conference is scheduled to take place in Pasadena this summer, and a vast amount of work must be done before that time, Mr. Dick said.

A full report on the YES program, a description of its six phases and how they will be implemented in the Church areas, will appear in the next issue of *The Worldwide News*.

Legal chronology of year-long crisis

Jan. 2: Four lawyers and an ex-judge meet with Los Angeles (Calif.) Superior Court Judge Jerry Pacht and secure his approval of their intention to file an action against the Worldwide Church of God. He agrees to sign the ex parte orders as soon as they are filed and to appoint former Superior Court Judge Steven S. Weisman as a receiver over all Church assets. The lawyers on behalf of six former Church members who, among other things, seek to change the Church's government and depose its leaders. No representatives of the Church are present at this meeting.

Jan. 3: The California attorney general's office joins the former members to charge Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader with siphoning off millions of dollars in Church funds annually for their personal use. Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader are accused of disposing of as many as 50 pieces of Church property at prices below market value within the previous six months and shredding records to obscure their actions. According to the complaint, the 1,600-acre, Ambassador College campus in Big Sandy, Tex., is being sold for \$10 million when its value is closer to \$30 million. The suit demands an accounting of Church funds and monetary transactions and seeks to remove Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader from positions of authority in the Church and reorganize Church government. Later it is stated that the Church is a public trust and that all its assets and property belong to the state. Church officials, according to the attorney general's office, work only by permission of the State, which holds ultimate control over all churches in California.

The Church, Ambassador College and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation are placed under the authority of Judge Weisman. Church administrative offices and vaults containing records are seized by the attorney general with the assistance of the deputy district attorney and other local law enforcement officers. Deputies take possession of numerous cartons of Church documents, which are never accounted for. The receiver instructs his team of auditors to "document and assemble" evidence to support charges in the complaint. No such evidence is ever discovered. The receiver claims the right to hire and fire Church employees and conduct Church business.

Evangelist C. Wayne Cole, through misrepresentation of facts, obtains a press release from Mr. Armstrong appointing himself "chief executive officer" for the Church.

Jan. 4: During a court hearing Hillel Chodos argues that Church attorney Allan Browne can't represent the Church because Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader do not have the authority to employ anyone to represent the Church. Mr. Chodos argues that only the receiver can designate attorneys for the Church, as the receiver is now the real head of the Church, having replaced by court order Mr. Armstrong and the board of directors.

The court disagrees and rules that Mr. Browne be allowed to represent the Church.

Jan. 5: After being informed of the full implications of the State's actions, Mr. Armstrong retracts his appointment of Mr. Cole and names Mr. Rader and four others as a team to handle the lawsuit and defend the Church, under him.

Church attorneys challenge the appointment of a receiver before Superior Court Judge Vernon Foster. Judge Foster orders Judge Weisman, who had supported Mr. Cole's appointment, to refrain from interfering with Church activities, but instructs the Church to cooperate with the receiver, pending a Jan. 10 hearing.

Jan. 9: Judge Foster rules that the attorney general's auditors should not continue their investigation until a hearing determines the roles of the investigators and the rights of the defendants.

Jan. 10: Superior Court Judge Julius Title denies a Church motion to remove the receiver, ruling that the receivership does not violate any constitutional right of religious freedom. Judge Title rejects an argument by Mr. Browne that the Church stands on the brink of financial ruin because of the intrusion of the receiver.

Jan. 11: Mr. Rader announces that the United California Bank has called in a demand note for \$1.3 million from the Church's account, raising the question whether the Church will be able to meet its payroll.

Jan. 12: Judge Title tightens the receiver's control over the Church, giving him full administrative and investigative powers and stating that he has the authority to intervene wherever he "senses that something is out of order." He is ordered to take possession and control of the Church, given permission to hire a full staff to assist him and given the power to fire any Church employees who attempt to obstruct his receivership, including [with court permission] Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader.

Jan. 15: The receiver orders 60,000 copies of a letter from Mr. Armstrong to Church members

halted at a Pasadena postal facility. The letter requested an offering to be sent to Mr. Armstrong in Tucson, Ariz., for the Church's defense.

Jan. 16: The Church files a \$700 million federal lawsuit against the attorney general's office in an effort to remove State control of the Church.

Judge Title approves the sale of the Big Sandy campus for \$10.6 million dollars.

Jan. 18: U.S. District Court Judge Robert Firth refuses to stay lower court proceedings against the Church, pending the outcome of a Church petition before the State District Court of Appeals.

Jan. 19: Mr. Rader announces that the Church has already spent \$150,000 on the receivership. He says that in a short time the Church will find itself without credit and without cash.

Jan. 22: Mr. Armstrong addresses those gathered in Tucson for the 1979 ministerial conference and says the Worldwide Church of God is fighting a battle for all churches in the United States.

Judge Title, upon petition from Judge Weisman, orders that the money from the sale of the Big Sandy campus be deposited in the receiver's account.

Jan. 22-24: Some 4,000 to 5,000 Southern California Church members pack the Hall of Administration and Ambassador College grounds to show support for the Church and prevent the receiver's staff from entering the Pasadena facilities.

Jan. 24: Judge Weisman backs down and agrees to transfer from the Hall of Administration to other offices.

Jan. 25: California's Second District Court of Appeals refuses to remove the receivership.

Jan. 26: California Attorney General George Deukmejian says the State has not violated any of the Worldwide Church of God's rights.

The Church files a petition with the State Supreme Court for an immediate stay of the receivership.

Jan. 30: The California Supreme Court refuses to stay the receivership and Church attorneys seek to have Judge Title removed from the case.

Mr. Rader brings a \$551 million slander suit against Garner Ted Armstrong.

Jan. 31: The accounting firm that audited the Church's books files a \$13 million slander suit against Garner Ted Armstrong.

Feb. 2: Because of a class action suit brought by Church members in Milwaukee, Wis., U.S. District Court Judge William Steger of Tyler, Tex., refuses to allow the receiver to collect any funds from the sale of Ambassador College's Big Sandy campus.

Mr. Rader says the receivership has cost the Church \$3 million in working capital thus far and that by the end of February the cost will reach \$5.5 million.

Feb. 6: Judge Weisman resigns as receiver, citing poor health and lack of cooperation.

Feb. 8: Mr. Rader announces that legal action will be brought against CBS television and Mr. Cole for illegally taping and using a recording of Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Rader reveals to the press the Jan. 2 meeting between the lawyers, Judge Weisman and Judge Pacht. Judge Pacht says he has "no comment" on the charge that he rubber-stamped the receivership order after the secret meeting before the case was filed.

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Leading figures comment on effects of legal battle

PASADENA — After more than a year of the Worldwide Church of God's involvement in a legal battle with the State of California, *The Worldwide News* asked some of the Church leaders involved in the struggle for their impressions of the crisis. Following are comments from Ministerial Services director Joseph Tkach, Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader, Ambassador College Deputy Chancellor Raymond F. McNair, Legal Office head Ralph Helge and Facilities Director Ellis LaRavia.

commission. It [the crisis] was an experience none of us would have asked for, but . . . having lived through it helped us to realize that we are willing to lay our lives down for the Work of God — to the purpose for which we've been called."



STANLEY R. RADER

"The action of the State [of California] galvanized the entirety of the Church into action. The State action was a catalyst for bringing the people closer to God, closer than most of them had ever been before, and closer to one another, both physically and in . . . a spiritual sense. Although income had been going down, church attendance had been going down, baptisms

had been going down, when Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong moved in, in the spring of 1978, by the time the lawsuit hit, everything was going a different curve . . . we now have a very committed, loyal, dedicated Church. And in every sense of the word we are stronger than we have been . . . in the history of the Work."



RAYMOND F. McNAIR

"Prior to the lawsuit, we had a small faction of people who wanted to relax and 'water down' certain very important doctrines in the Church. When the lawsuit came, the resulting turmoil flushed out those who weren't really in step with Christ and conversely, strengthened and

unified those obeying Christ by backing up God's apostle. Never in my 30 years involvement have I seen so severe a trial in God's Church, but I can also see how God is using this lawsuit as a house-cleaning measure — to get His Church ready for the return of His Son, Jesus Christ."



RALPH K. HELGE

"An important benefit from the lawsuit is that it is clear from history that any persecution or oppression unifies those . . . oppressed. This historical truth has again been confirmed, because the Church has unquestionably grown stronger and further unified. We have rekindled the flame that previously existed. Christ, by

working through Mr. Armstrong, has healed the breach within the Church and rekindled the spirit of unity that we had before the era of dissent."



ELLIS LARAVIA

"I think that the most significant and perhaps pertinent benefit [from the crisis] to the Church is that it has made us look introspectively [both] individually and collectively at what our commitment is to the Church and to God. It would appear that God has allowed this intrusion [by the State of California] for the very express purpose of preparing the Church for not only more difficult times, but to clean up our garments, to prepare ourselves to be ready for His return."



JOSEPH TKACH SR.

"Beginning with a new decade and facing the 1980s I think . . . we are totally united now, [and] we are marching forward to fulfill our commission as a Church, especially inspired by Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong and the leadership that he has placed in the Work to carry out this

FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

This issue's "Forum" is excerpted from a question-and-answer session by Stanley R. Rader, the Work's treasurer and general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, in Pasadena Dec. 13. Mr. Rader's comments cover various aspects of the present state of the Church.

Thank you very much. Again I don't want to preempt Mr. Armstrong. He is writing at the present moment, as of this morning, his very long article for *The Plain Truth*, February number, and he is debating on whether to run it earlier in *The Worldwide News*, and/or *The Good News*. It was a very eventful trip.

I might mention what is in the *Pastor General's Report* today that Mr. [Ellis] LaRavia did not mention. We will have here, if present plans are concluded successfully, we will have 16 prominent members of the academic community of the People's Republic of China visiting Ambassador College starting on Sunday. They'll be here on the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th. (See *Worldwide News*, Dec. 24 issue.)

This was a visit arranged between the foreign ministry of China and the State Department in Washington. And they were not supposed to come to Los Angeles at all, but they then approached us to see whether we would want to pick up four days of their stay in the United States. So they're flying in from San Diego [Calif.] at 10:30 on Sunday morning. And then they will return to Peking [Beijing] via Tokyo, and there'll be a cooperative foundation effort in Tokyo with the Japanese Diet and the Diet Library and the foundation [will be] participating in activities there.

So, unless something happens to our Chinese friends, they're on their way now to San Diego from some place in the Midwest. We should see them here on campus beginning on Sunday. And Mr. Kevin Dean and Mr. John Kinston will be in charge of seeing that all of their needs are satisfied and all the places of interest are shown to them. And of course they'll be interfacing with the other major educational institutions in the area. These are presidents and vice-presidents of their respective institutions. So you can see it's a beginning of a full-scale cultural exchange program.

I've already entered into protocols with the National Library in Peking which is the counterpart of the Congressional Library in Washington and the Diet Library in Tokyo, whereby each year the foundation will see to it that two Chinese scholars are trained in library science in cooperation with the Congressional Library in Washington. And two other scholars each year will be trained in the same manner by the Japanese Diet interfacing in Japan with the Diet Library. So we've really been moving along very, very rapidly to consolidate this very fine relationship which has been developing.

It might be interesting to you, too, if Mr. Armstrong didn't mention it already — I don't remember his mentioning it in his two addresses that were taped, and I didn't hear the Bible study message that came through here last Saturday. But on the first evening of his arrival in Peking, there was a smaller dinner in his honor hosted by the president of the China Society for Education who was also the vice minister of the Ministry of Education, and [it] is the vice minister rather than the minister who really had the day-by-day responsibilities of that office for the entire nation.

And Mr. Armstrong had been doing some thinking coming to China from Tokyo and he realized that China's population, of course, transcended that of any other nation in the world. He remembered what I

had been saying from time to time that we have four types of resources: spiritual resources, physical, human and financial. And of all of those things which are material or something tangible, certainly human resources far out-value financial resources or physical resources.

Hence when Mr. Armstrong spoke in toasting the nation, he mentioned that China is certainly the wealthiest nation in the world, having the most people. The people being the most

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valuable, it's without a doubt that it's the wealthiest nation in the world. And of course, there's a nice twist for the Chinese people and they responded to it very, very well. And it's something to think about because human beings are very, very valuable and sometimes we tend to forget that.

And I don't think that anyone ever put it in quite those words to the Chinese, but he did and then, of course, he always reminded them in essence where he was coming from. That seems to be the modern way of saying it, by his repeated references to "an unseen hand from somewhere" coming in to solve these otherwise unresolvable problems.

It was a marvelous trip. He has much to say. What Mr. LaRavia just read to you was a brief comment by him in the *Pastor General's Report*, and I think I'll just leave it to him to fill you in on his personal firsthand experiences.

I might just mention a few things to you that were personal to me. Prior to Mr. Armstrong's arrival I was in Japan. And while there I had been invited to speak before the Japan Institute of International Affairs, which is a prestigious government-sponsored institution similar to the Brookings Institute in Washington. And they had an extremely prestigious guest list — presidents, chairmen of boards of all the major corporations, over 200, of them.

And I was asked to speak and I spoke for over two hours with what the efforts to translate at the same time. And then there was a long question-and-answer session which was very unusual because I had been told ahead of time that most of these people like to depart exactly on time at the end of the two hours. And an hour later we were still having questions coming and I had to go.

And it was covered very, very nicely by the Japanese-language newspapers, which, of course, had very wide circulation. And then the entire text of the speech was printed on the back page of the *Japan Times*, which is the English-language paper.

And it received so much attention that I was then invited to appear on national television. And I did and I answered questions that were germane to the topics that I'd covered in the address. And I now have been invited back by several other television stations, including NHK, which is the educational channel.

So this is kind of a new breakthrough for us. And I think I can build a bridge for Mr. Armstrong to cross in the near future to begin to get the attention of, you might say, the man in the street in Japan.

And we've already been dealing with the top leaders everywhere in industry and the academic area [and the] political community. This will be an opportunity now — using television and not paying for it — to begin to get Mr. Armstrong's message across. I'm going to work hard at that during the next year.

I was very pleased when I arrived in Peking and returned to the Peking University, where I had been asked to speak again, to find that my first effort there had been well received. One never knows when one is invited somewhere to speak — one speaks, one leaves, and one doesn't really find out whether one had left any lasting impression of a favorable nature or not. And so, frankly, when I appeared, I didn't really know whether I was going to be boring my audience or just force them to suffer through another painful lesson.

Well, much to my surprise, I found that in my absence they had translated my comments, all 27 or 28 pages of them, from English into

the power and the authority, and it is amazing to see the kind of reaction that he gets. And it's because of this reverence for age, because with age goes wisdom.

And a man in this position, in their opinion, would have to be very wise to have lived to that age and be as vital and to be in such a position of being able to do so much good for so many people. But what surprises them is the unbelievable vigor with which he stands there and delivers his address.

Now you know of recent date he has been inclined when he's been speaking even before audiences to sit behind the desk, which is fine. He's going to go two hours generally and he doesn't feel that it's important to necessarily have to stand there the entire two hours. But in China, no — he stands. There he is, standing there very strong and very firmly and speaking out with tremendous power, tremendous authority with his inimitable manner. And it makes a — you just have to put yourself there to appreciate the impression that he makes.

I'm sure you all understand what I mean. You can imagine seeing him for the first time, 87 years old, standing there looking the way he does with that beautiful face and white hair. It's just something that you have to picture yourself in your own minds, and try to experience it vicariously.

So I'll let him do the rest of it, let him tell you firsthand what has been accomplished and what he intends to do next. He had a marvelous talk with the vice chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress. And it was a meeting that I never thought would go in the direction that it did. Because it started off a little slowly and the vice chairman indicated that he doesn't know much about education because he hasn't had much formal training himself, and [he] kind of wanted Mr. Armstrong to know he wasn't an academic man, I guess.

And then, all of a sudden he launched into a 45-minute discussion of geopolitics, which led Mr. Armstrong to be able to respond in terms of prophecy. So I'll let him give you the word-by-word picture, but it was remarkable. We have never had that occur. It was just a very natural thing, because in some inexplicable manner the man moved geopolitically from Asia to the Middle East to Europe. And when he got to Europe, he was cautioning Mr. Armstrong to use his influence to remind Europeans that they have to stand strong against Russia, because Russia is an imperialist nation.

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And then Mr. Armstrong was able to pick right up on that and go for about 10, 15 minutes on prophecy about the united Europe and where that's going to take the world and how again it's going to take the "unseen hand from somewhere" to save the world from total destruction.

So, if someone had sat down and tried to prepare a script for these people to follow, no one would have come up with that. It just followed in a very sequential manner.

As I said, after a very slow start — the first 90 seconds, I thought that there would be a little bit of confusion. I thought maybe this man was embarrassed because he was not from the academic field. And here Mr. Armstrong was known as an educator and a writer and everything. This was a soldier. This was someone who spent his life fighting and was a contemporary of Chou En-lai

[Zhou Enlai] and then was one of the political architects of the nation.

And all he was doing was clearing the air and that if Mr. Armstrong expected to have a conversation along the lines of academia, that he'd be disappointed. And he just went right into what he wanted to say, and he said it very, very powerfully and Mr. Armstrong was able to respond. So that gives you that background.

Now before we take time to answer questions, which I hope some of you might have, I want to tell you what we're planning here in the next few weeks. And if things go well, where we are vis-a-vis the litigation, as Mr. LaRavia said, we're coming up to our anniversary date, and it's remarkable how much time has passed. The year has gone very swiftly, at least it has for me. And I assume it has for most of you.

But I prepared a memorandum here which runs about 26 pages. And this is going to be published first in the *Pastor General's Report* and then it will probably be published in *The Worldwide News*, and I will read you the introduction and the close and tell you what's in the middle. Otherwise we would be here until tomorrow. And it will deal with the case.

Then our documentary has been completed, and we're trying to clear station time now. It's a beautiful one-hour documentary on the events of Jan. 3 and, I would say, leading right up through to the present time. Of course, much of the more dramatic events occurred earlier in the year.

But it's a very moving film. I was very much impressed by it. Although I lived through it, and for the most part firsthand, but I hadn't looked at it from this perspective in some time. And it's a very, very fine production. Runs about one hour.

And we're trying to clear, but hopefully we'll have some time cleared by Jan. 3. We're going to show it, first in the Los Angeles market. And if not, it will be right after that, but we didn't start trying to clear time till yesterday because I didn't get a chance to see the film until yesterday. And it wasn't really in its final form. But it really is excellent.

And I think it will do much to impress the public of the nature of this litigation, what it means to them, of course, what it means to us and what it means to others in a similar situation. And I think it's the kind of film we can play repeatedly in the markets. It's not one that will be dated particularly.

It's one that we can play in December, play again in January, play again in February, trying to catch more and more of the people with

appropriately placed ads in *T.V. Guide* and in the television sections of our newspapers. It's got a catchy title, "Church vs. State: First Amendment" and it's good. It's done very, very well. So that will be coming up.

Now we should all be, I guess, praying a little bit, today that the federal judge sitting downtown will have the courage to preserve the integrity of the 9th Circuit, which is the appellate court above him, by granting our motion, which is that until such time as the 9th Circuit is able to act on our appeal, that all discovery matters and all other aspects of the litigation should be stayed in both federal and state courts.

That's what we've asked for, which said there's no prejudice to the state in staying those activities. The only prejudice to them would be that (See FORUM, page 5)

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they will lose ultimately in the 9th Circuit, and therefore will be foreclosed from snooping around into our affairs. And we're hoping that we'll have such a decision, and it'll either come out today or tomorrow. As I said, the judge will have to have courage, I believe, to give us the relief that we want. But we're hopeful that he will. That's where we stand there.

Now I'd just like to read you a little bit of this issue memorandum so you can know what will be forthcoming.

"Every effort must be made in the next few weeks to correct the situation that has developed since Jan. 3, 1979. At that time the attorney general, acting in conspiracy with six former members of the Worldwide Church of God, filed an action against the Church and its leaders claiming falsely that the Church and its leaders, particularly Herbert W. Armstrong and Stanley R. Rader, had pilfered and siphoned off millions of dollars each year for their own personal benefit.

"That Messrs. Armstrong and Rader, together with other high officials of the Church, were personally engaged and are presently engaged in a nefarious scheme to defraud the Church and its brethren by selling off Church real properties in Pasadena and Texas at prices substantially below fair market value while pocketing the proceeds.

"In addition the attorney general falsely claimed that the Church and its leaders were destroying Church records in order to cover up these defalcations. During the proceedings before Judge Title in early January, 1979, no real effort was made by the attorneys for the Church to correct the false impression that had been left with the court and the public.

"Although Judge Title specifically stated that there was no evidence of any wrongdoing, his comments about there being 'suspicion of' and 'some possibility of' wrongdoing have placed the Church and its leadership at a disadvantage ever since. This must be corrected.

"Had the attorneys of the Church been allowed to take Stanley R. Rader on direct examination in Judge Title's courtroom, these false impressions would have been corrected or largely dispelled, particularly if other witnesses from the Church had been able to testify as well. Furthermore, hundreds of employees could have testified or offered the court affidavits to corroborate the testimony of Mr. Rader. Unfortunately, Judge Title did not offer the Church the opportunity to use such evidence or testimony.

"And as pointed out recently in Mr. Ellis Horvitz' letter to the California Supreme Court, Church attorneys were forced to use the available time in another manner. It is all too clear, however, that Judge Title's mind had been made up prior to the proceedings. His desire to protect Judge Pacht and to reward his friend, Steven Weisman, was controlling, not the facts or the interests of justice.

"In addition to the foregoing, it is also apparent that the court has not only had a wrong image of the Church and its leaders, but it has a wrong impression of the history of the Church and its development, particularly during the past decade.

"The following narrative beginning with Mr. Rader's introduction to Mr. Armstrong and the Work, described each critical event in that relationship. It is a synopsis of the testimony that Mr. Rader would have to give should he ever be compelled to testify.

"It will be obvious that Mr. Rader's testimony would disclose as a matter of public record the most intimate details of Church affairs. Such details would be embarrassing neither to Mr. Armstrong nor to Mr.

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MR. RADER DISCUSSES TRIPS

PASADENA — In the following question-and-answer session, Stanley R. Rader, an evangelist in God's Church and personal assistant to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, discusses various aspects of Mr. Armstrong's trips to preach Jesus Christ's Gospel to the world.

How did Mr. Armstrong come to meet Tan Zhen-lin ("WN," Dec. 24, 1979), vice chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, in China?

Several weeks before Mr. Armstrong arrived, we had scheduled meetings with both Mr. Tan and Deng Xiaoping, the No. 2 man in the Chinese government. Three Japanese congressmen were to accompany us.

However, the Japanese prime minister, Masayoshi Ohira, called an extraordinary session of the Japanese Diet to be held during the time of our trip, requiring the congressmen to be in Japan during the time we would have been in China. Then Prime Minister Ohira announced that he was going to Beijing. We wound up with two Japanese congressmen, only one of the two being one of the three we had originally been scheduled to travel with, because they couldn't all leave the country at the same time.

In fact, when we were in China we stayed in the same compound as Prime Minister Ohira, just a few houses away from his. The vice president of Sudan was also staying in our compound at the time. So our visits happened to coincide. Our meeting with Mr. Deng was scheduled for the very day that Prime Minister Ohira was to arrive from Japan.

The hope was that by the time we got to the Great Hall of the People, where both men's offices were, that we'd be able to see them both. But it turned out that Prime Minister Ohira's meeting with Mr. Deng had not concluded yet, so rather than try to stay in Beijing several more days just to see Mr. Deng, we decided to visit only Mr. Tan.

We did, however, send Mr. Deng the gift we had for him, and a personal message from Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Tan presented Mr. Deng with our gift of a piece of Steuben crystal.

What role do the Work's international offices play in helping us fulfill this particular aspect of our commission?

They help a great deal. The Work is a team effort, and our people in the international areas are very integral to our activities in preaching the Gospel to the world. And they have expressed their complete willingness to help all they can.

At the recent dinner, when we had the Chinese educators at the college, for example [WN, Dec. 24, 1979], several of our men from the international departments were on hand to welcome our guests and offer toasts to the success of our future cooperation. Mr. [Les] McCullough was there from the Canadian Office. Mr. [Dibar] Aparian was there from the French Department. Mr. [Leon] Walker was there from the Spanish area. And I'm sure that if any of our other international coordinators had been able to be there, they would have shown the same type of concern and support.

What role will Ambassador College play in the visits of the exchange students who will be coming to the United States from the People's Republic of China?

The students' purpose in the United States will be to study library science in Washington, D.C. At the start probably two graduate students at a time will be in this country. I have recommended that they come to Ambassador College for a period of two or three months so that they can adjust to the United States and become more proficient in their use of English before they go on to Washington. The college has had good experiences with the Japanese exchange students we have hosted. Eventually we may add more students to the Chinese program.

Are you going back to China?

Oh, yes. I'm going back this month [January]. Mr. Armstrong will definitely be going back some time in the future.

Didn't the Chinese invite you to visit Tibet?

Yes. That was a very interesting invitation. The Chinese government said that if I could pass the physical, they would take me to Tibet, where they're not taking many people at all. But the tests would require my going into the hospital for several days and undergoing all sorts of examinations, so I'm speculating whether that would be advisable or not. Maybe I'll have to start running again to help make sure I'm physically fit.

How did the coming trips to Warsaw,

Poland, and Moscow, Russia, come about?

Mr. Armstrong and I have had a standing invitation to visit Warsaw for a long period of time. Five or six years ago, we were introduced to Justice Manfred Lachs, who was then the presiding judge of the International Court at the Hague in the Netherlands. He was from Poland and extended several offers to take us to Warsaw himself. But our schedules never seemed to coincide.

Then, just prior to Mr. Armstrong's illness [in the fall of 1977] he met with the Polish ambassador in Tokyo. The ambassador extended an invitation to us and offered to pay our way. So the trip was set for December, 1977.

I was supposed to go, but Mr. Armstrong was still ill at the time. So Henry Cornwall and Osamu Gotoh and several members of the Japanese Diet went. I didn't think it was important enough for me to go without Mr. Armstrong being there. Having others there was enough. So the coming trip to Warsaw is, at last, our acceptance of that long-standing invitation.

As for Moscow, we opened a colloquy with the Russian charge d'affaires on my last trip to Beijing. We hope we can get the same treatment and opportunity for Mr. Armstrong in the Soviet Union as we had in mainland China.

How soon will Mr. Armstrong make the visit to Moscow?

Well, I'm going in January and I'm hoping Mr. Armstrong will be able to go right after the Passover, which he hopes to spend in Israel. We're trying to arrange for Mr. Armstrong to visit Cairo, Egypt, then be in Israel for Passover, then swing through Europe for some rest during the Days of Unleavened Bread and then travel to Russia.

After we reach Moscow, how much of the world will be left to fulfill our commission of preaching the Gospel as a witness to all nations?

Well, China and Russia are so large that you can't assume you have done all that much in just one visit. These two countries are big enough that they may keep us very busy.

What are our relations like in South America?

We have become very friendly with the ambassador from Chile in Japan. He has extended an invitation to us to visit Chile, as has the ambassador from Chile in Beijing.

We haven't dealt with Venezuela directly in some time, but we have repeatedly been invited to Colombia. We haven't traveled to Colombia because Bogota, the capital, is very high in the mountains, and it is not advisable for Mr. Armstrong to go to a place 11,000 feet above sea level.

Some of our Church members in that area seem to be pretty well connected politically, and they think it would be possible to bring the president of Colombia to a meeting at sea level. These are the little problems we have to think of when traveling.

So we haven't been excluded from anywhere in the world?

No. At various times and at various banquets we have played host to ambassadors from France, Switzerland, Spain, Belgium and Italy. At the last dinner, my table companion on my right was from Cuba. And he said we could come and visit Cuba any time. And that invitation came while President Jimmy Carter was worried about the 3,000 Russian military men in Cuba. The ambassador from Iran was going to come last time, but canceled at the last minute. Maybe his government told him to.

How do you get to the places you visit? If fly on commercial jets. It's easier for me and it's also considerably cheaper. Mr. Armstrong goes in the Work's G-II.

What motivation do world leaders have in inviting Mr. Armstrong to their countries?

Well, I'm certain it's not political. Mr. Armstrong makes it clear that he is above politics. We do control publications in which we might say something nice about their countries, of course, and that would be good for them. Mr. Armstrong has always said that he's not going to write something about a country he's visited if he can't write something that will be more positive than negative. But they know we're not in politics per se.

I'm certain also that the motivation of the leaders who invite Mr. Armstrong is not religious. At the time they or their representatives extend an invitation to Mr. Armstrong, they are not hoping he will come and give them a private Bible study or advise them on a theological issue that's bothering them.

It seems to be like any other situation where you have a certain critical mass — the move-

ment just keeps moving forward; the organization or whatever you're doing keeps expanding.

When we appear in Beijing, we're not exactly in the middle of the Sahara Desert. When Mr. Armstrong speaks before 70 representatives of foreign governments, they see that he is being treated with a great deal of respect by a powerful, influential nation. Those ambassadors there are representing their own governments, and they begin to think that it might be helpful for Mr. Armstrong to visit their countries as well. If it was good for China, it should be good for Zambia, too. The ambassador is supposed to look out for the good of his country.

So the first thing they think of is that a visit by Mr. Armstrong might be good for their countries, too. Twice now the ambassador from Romania has wanted to know why we haven't been back recently. He knows all about us and knows that we were received in Bucharest officially some time ago. I mentioned to him that Mr. Armstrong has visited several times, but not officially. He was happy to hear that. He said, "Well, can I tell them you'll come and visit again?" I said, "Yes, you can tell them that."

So it depends on the personality of the ambassador. If he's a cold fish — if he's reserved or worrying about making a mistake — we may never get an invitation. But if he's warm and friendly, we're going to get his support and his invitation. He will pave the way for the visit. He'll make it all happen. That's the way we work.

Why do we visit people at the top instead of going directly to the people in the street in these nations?

I think the answer should be fairly clear — Mr. Armstrong has written a lot about that. In certain countries going to the top leaders is the only way to reach the people, and in other areas, it's still the best way. Our mission is not to convert anyone, but any time you can preach the Gospel to the king or head of a country and influence him, you in effect reach millions because that leader influences all his people.

What about the possibility of future evangelistic campaigns such as we have previously had in some countries we have visited?

That's always our next step. I don't know whether we can do it in China, but we have had campaigns in Manila, Cairo, Israel and other places.

When we go into an area to hold a campaign, we usually have little local support — sometimes we don't even have any of our own people in the area. We also have to overcome the pamphleteering and other resistance efforts that our enemies undertake to make our campaigns unsuccessful. We've had open as well as underground opposition every time we've had a campaign — whether it was in the Bahamas, Jamaica, Manila, Kenya — and the opposition came sometimes even from groups that have been friendly to us during our legal battle with the State of California. And you know Mr. Armstrong isn't just going to pussyfoot around when he goes into these places. He's inevitably going to step on somebody's toes. When he tells them he's bringing them the true Gospel that has been repressed for nearly 2,000 years, he outrages some people — he gets besieged with opposition.

So we can go in. We can announce we're there. We can use public relations efforts, advertising, broadcasting and other means and get a crowd. But we're not going to get any local help or even tolerance.

What about the Work in other areas of the world?

We're also stepping up our efforts in Western Europe. We're beginning to make strong inroads in England now, for the first time. We are breaking out of an insular position we were in there before. We should be able to interface nicely in the future with the leaders of that society.

And we should begin to do more in countries like West Germany, where the Work has not grown as fast as it should have, despite the tremendous growth of West Germany itself. We will begin to spend some time in those developing nations, too.

Mr. Armstrong also has to return to Africa. We have invitations from all of black Africa. The first country we'll visit there is Zambia, where we have never been. Just the other night Mr. Armstrong accepted an invitation from Kenya, where he hasn't been in some time. We also have a state invitation from Tanzania.

What I am saying is that there is much work to be done.

Chronology of crisis

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Feb. 21: Judge Title lifts the receivership, effective March 1, saying that it does not appear to be aiding the investigation of the Church.

Feb. 23: Judge Firth dismisses the Church's \$700 million suit against the State, saying that a ruling in the Church's favor would "create unnecessary state-federal friction."

Feb. 25: Judge Weisman acknowledges in his report to the court that his receivership accomplished little, despite the expenditure of more than \$106,000 and bills due totaling another \$100,000. Judge Weisman claims that from the time he was named receiver Jan. 2 until his resignation Feb. 6, he devoted 313 hours to his task, sometimes working as much as 16 hours a day. He submits a bill for \$46,950, based on a rate of \$150 a hour. His bill included a claim for 106 hours that Judge Weisman said was spent on the phone at his home. He says \$15,116.18 has been paid to A. Sheridan Atkinson, his chief operating officer; \$15,533.85 to auditors; \$34,222.38 to guard services; and \$1,000 to Michael J. Clemens, Judge Weisman's attorney. Judge Weisman says another \$29,150 is due Mr. Clemens for his services, and \$25,212.83 is owed Judge Weisman's litigation-counsel.

March 1: Judge Title dissolves the receivership and authorizes the attorney general's office to make a "full and complete financial examination and audit" of the Church.

March 5: Mr. Rader files a \$13 million defamation of character suit against Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Tapper and attorney Hillel Chodos.

March 8: Mr. Rader announces that the Church will not cooperate with the court-ordered audit of the Church's books, calling it "unconstitutional on its face and repugnant to the Church of the living God." He announces that the Church has hired its own accounting firm to audit Church finances.

March 12: Judge Title reimposes the receivership, citing resistance to his March 1 order.

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Rader. And although Mr. Armstrong may choose to share them when relevant with Church brethren, he does not feel that it is a proper subject for inquiry by the state.

"As you consider the following chronology of events, you can judge for yourself whether this information has been 'withheld' to protect the present Church leadership or rather whether it was reasonable to have left it unsaid except among those who needed to know or were more directly involved."

Then the narrative goes on for 25 pages of history over a period of 22 years tied in very, very carefully to all the documentary evidence which is available in the Church records and archives.

Then it concludes: "Mr. Armstrong is continuing to get the Church ready for its marriage to Christ despite the efforts of the state to interfere and to take over the Church. He has conducted a thorough review, department by department, area by area, and has made changes that have been sweeping in nature and have been applauded by the Church membership."

"Despite the state's action of January, '79, the membership has swelled. Attendance is up and income is at an all-time high. The Feast of Tabernacles of '79 was again a high-water mark, and in the opinion of Church members 'the best ever.'"

"Yet, the public, the media and the courts are confusing the 'good guys' with the 'bad guys.' The bad are no longer in the Church. And

David L. Ray is appointed receiver and given the same powers of his predecessor, including the right to fire Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader. Judge Title, however, permits the Church to post a million dollar bond to guarantee the protection of the Church's financial records during the appeal of the receivership. More than \$2.3 million in surety pledges are collected from brethren in California.

March 13-16: While the sureties are being collected for the bond, Church members gather in Pasadena to protect Church properties. Several hundred members from as far away as San Diego and Bakersfield, Calif., attend all-day services in the Hall of Administration. Many families stay overnight.

March 22: The California Supreme Court, by a vote of 4 to 3, declines to hear the Church's case immediately, as the receivership has been stayed and the Church's assets are in no current danger.

March 26: Pasadena minister Joseph Tkach, in charge of collecting sureties for the bond, announces \$3,749,689 has thus far been pledged by Church members in surety statements to protect the Church's financial records during the appeal of the receivership.

April 4: Mr. Rader asks California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the state attorney general's office, saying the attorney general has stolen Church documents that disprove the allegations of malfeasance on the part of Church leaders.

April 5: Superior Court Judge David Eagleson orders the attorney general's office to define precise objections to sureties posted by members to avoid a receivership on the Church. The attorney general had earlier filed a notice of exception to the sureties, demanding verification of the statements of personal wealth.

April 10: Judge Foster rejects an attempt by the Committee for Religious Freedom to stop the attorney general's office from using public funds to investigate the Church. The

those loyal to the Church and to Mr. Armstrong have remained steadfast despite the abuse heaped on them by the dissenters, the courts, the state and the media.

"We must now find a way to show the world in an extrajudicial manner that the Church and those leading it are, and have been doing, God's Work and are serving both God and the brethren in accordance with their calling. The facts are not damaging to the Church but they are private facts of the Church. And there is nothing that the State of California can do to help Mr. Armstrong in preparing the Church as the Bride of Christ. Any human foibles can and have been corrected in the privacy of the Church and in the manner of God's choosing as revealed to His servant Mr. Armstrong."

"It should not be necessary to be forced to divulge any of this information so that others can sit in judgment. There is considerable irony in that those who are no longer a part of the Body of Christ — those who are responsible for the initiation of the current legal battle — are the ones whose privacy will, in the final analysis, be most seriously invaded."

So this will be made public very, very soon and I think it will put to rest any questions that the public or the media or the courts and any of you might have. And as the final sentence indicates, unfortunately those who have brought this upon themselves and are not in the Church will be the ones who will have their privacy invaded. As I said earlier, Mr. Armstrong and I do not have anything to feel embarrassed about in here, never have.

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group had claimed that the use of public money was unconstitutional.

April 12: The Church asks the California Supreme Court for an immediate stay of financial receivership proceedings until the U.S. Supreme Court acts on its request for a review of the matter.

April 15: CBS broadcasts a segment about the Church as part of its *60 Minutes* program. The segment includes a portion of the illegally obtained tape of Mr. Armstrong.

April 19: It is announced that the California State Court of Appeals has granted stays on court action on Church surety bonds and auditing costs, to allow the Church time to ask the U.S. Supreme Court whether State officials may audit Church records.

May 23: Mr. Rader condemns the California Commission on Judicial Performance, which absolved Judge Pacht of any wrongdoing in his imposition of the receivership on the Church. Mr. Rader says Judge Pacht originally acted out of his personal friendship with Hillel Chodos, the attorney who represented the six ex-Church members who initiated the suit. Both Judge Pacht and Mr. Chodos are members of the Committee on Judicial Performance.

June 11: A court hearing on California's challenge to Church sureties is canceled after the State withdraws its objections.

July 4: Mr. Rader announces that officials of the attorney general's office have concealed the possession of 819 documents belonging to the Church.

July 6: Judge Johnson says Mr. Armstrong should comply with the attorney general's efforts to question him concerning Church financial transactions.

July 16: Superior Court Judge Robert Weil rejects the Church's objection that the State has no right to bring a lawsuit against a religious organization.

July 17: Earl Timmons, one of the six original relators of the suit, refuses to give a deposition to Church attorneys.

Aug. 1: It is announced that a lawsuit has been filed against Earl and Shirley Timmons to recover Church documents in their possession.

Aug. 8: Judge Johnson rules that Mr. Rader must resume his deposition or possibly be held in contempt of court. Since the State has not filed criminal proceedings against him, Church attorneys argue, Mr. Rader should not be required to give information that the State might use against him to bring a criminal complaint later. Judge Johnson denies the motion that Ralph Helge and another

defendant, Henry Cornwall, not be required to give depositions.

Aug. 20: The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California joins the legal defense of the Church by deciding to file a friend-of-the-court brief on the Church's behalf.

Aug. 29: Judge Johnson hears the Church's argument against a State order requiring that all Church documents, whether financial, physical or ecclesiastical, including those in the possession of former members or employees of the Church, be given to the State. Judge Johnson takes the matter under submission.

Sept. 4: Judge Johnson orders that the Church must surrender its documents to the State. Church attorney Browne calls the order "sweepingly unconstitutional and void" and says it is "contrary to every United States Supreme court decision I've ever read."

Sept. 16: A coalition of religious and civil rights groups ask the U.S. Supreme Court to accept the Worldwide Church of God petition for review and reversal of the State's imposition of a receiver on the Church.

Sept. 17: An American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) attorney says that California has violated the First Amendment by taking control of the assets and management of the Worldwide Church of God. Nina Kraut, assistant legal director for the ACLU Washington office, says California has in effect "established a religion."

Sept. 21: Judge Johnson orders Mr. Rader to resume his deposition, which has been halted since April.

Sept. 24: Pasadena Superior Court Judge Henry Shatford declines to hear a motion for return of Church documents that are held by the attorney general's office, transferring the matter to Judge Johnson.

Oct. 1: The U.S. Supreme Court lets the lower court's appointment of the receiver stand. Five religious and civil liberties groups had filed a brief urging the high court to intervene, saying they "have never before encountered so destructive a governmental assault upon religious freedom as that presented by this case."

Oct. 5: In a filmed message seen at Feast sites, Mr. Armstrong says California's legal attack on the Church is no more substantial than "an ant trying to overpower a lion."

Oct. 10: Superior Court Judge Norman Dowds refuses to stop the State probe, ruling that the State has a right to investigate a Church's financial affairs. Judge Dowds also approves the attorney general's use of

public funds to investigate the Church.

The Church sues David Antion, C. Wayne Cole and Robert Kuhn for \$5 million for confiscating nearly 300 "private, internal, confidential, ecclesiastical, financial and sensitive Church documents."

Oct. 13: In his Last Great Day message, Mr. Armstrong says California "has been moved by Satan . . . They're trying to destroy this government of God." Mr. Rader says the Church lacks the physical means to "resist this machine of destruction," but that "... the spiritual resources will overwhelm the physical powers of the State."

Oct. 15: The U.S. Supreme Court lets stand a lower court order that Mr. Rader must give a deposition to California authorities.

Oct. 22: The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals stays Mr. Rader's deposition, pending a later hearing on the State's case against the Church. Two appellate court judges, Walter Ely and Shirley Hufstedler, initial the stay order.

Nov. 10: Mr. Rader announces that 15 major religious and civil rights organizations, including the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the Lutheran Church of America and the United Methodist Church, have urged the California Supreme Court to grant the Worldwide Church of God a hearing on its legal appeal against the State's action.

Nov. 26: The California Supreme Court again, by a vote of 4-3, declines to hear a petition filed by the Church contesting the violation of the Church's constitutional rights, despite the urgings of 15 religious and civil rights groups on the Church's behalf.

Dec. 7: U.S. District Judge Laughlin Waters delays Mr. Rader's deposition until Dec. 19, when he will announce his decision whether he will stay all state discovery proceedings pending the appeal of an earlier court order.

Dec. 14: Without comment, Judge Waters denies the Church's request for a stay of all proceedings in the state court while the federal appeal is pending.

Dec. 31: Judge Johnson orders that 7,000 Church-owned documents in the possession of the receiver's auditors be turned over to the California attorney general. The documents were originally taken from Church premises as part of the receiver's attempt to "protect" Church records. Church attorneys resolve to fight this "total miscarriage of justice" by taking appropriate legal action.

Law 9505—what does it mean?

PASADENA — California law 9505, which the attorney general's office has used as justification for its suit against the Worldwide Church of God, reads as follows: "A nonprofit corporation, which holds property subject to public or charitable trust, is subject at all times to examinations by the attorney general, on behalf of the state, to ascertain the condition of its affairs and to what extent, if at all, it may fail to comply with trusts which it has assumed or may depart from the general purposes for which it was formed. In case of any such failure or departure the attorney general shall institute, in the name of the state, the proceedings necessary to correct the noncompliance or departure."

The question is, when is a church a public trust? Are the Boy Scouts of America and God's Church the same kind of organizations?

On the contrary, the California legislature in Government Code Section 12583 specifically excepted all churches and religious organizations from all provisions of Uniform Supervision of Trustees for Charitable Purposes Act and, consequently, from the obligation to account to or be liable to examination by the attor-

ney general or any other state official.

In the words of Dr. J. Gordon Melton, director of the Institute for the Study of American Religion: "The attempt to redefine the Worldwide Church of God as a 'public trust' and its property as 'in a sense public' is the most flagrant attack on the freedom of religion and independent status of religious institutions in this country in many years."

But, the attorney general argues, even if the Worldwide Church of God were not incorporated as a nonprofit corporation, he would still have the authority to supervise all churches, regardless of their legal corporate charter. What is the basis of such a claim?

The Legal Office explains that in legal circles there is an ambiguity called "common law." This is technically defined as "that system of law which does not rest for its authority upon any express statutes, but derives its force and authority from universal content and immemorial usage." For example, there does not have to be a specific statute that says "Any city policemen completing the duty of his rounds shall have the authority to detain and

arrest any person caught committing a robbery." This is unnecessary, as when the policeman is commissioned, it comes automatically under his charter — people expect him to protect them.

But the California attorney general claims that it is his common law right and duty to supervise churches in any manner he deems reasonable, apparently even when it is expressly forbidden by the U.S. Constitution.

In this case the attorney general claims that this right was established 400 years ago by the government of England and transplanted to this country with the colonies. However, the key point is that the reason many of the people sailed across the Atlantic in the first place was to escape this state jurisdiction over religion, states the Legal Office. That is precisely why the founding fathers put the First Amendment in the Constitution. The founding fathers wanted total separation of church and state. This legal theory of the attorney general's is the main reason that 15 major churches and organizations have crossed doctrinal and belief lines to express their alarm and to support the Worldwide Church of God in its struggle for religious freedom.

Legal battle: Will the Church abandon its rights?

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PASADENA — On the afternoon of Jan. 2, 1979, a group of four lawyers and an ex-judge made their way into Department 85 of the Los Angeles (Calif.) Superior Court and filed back into Judge Jerry Pacht's private chambers. Judge Pacht called the meeting on the record by leaning toward the official reporter and stating, "This is a matter of the People of the State of California and others vs. Worldwide Church of God." No officials or representatives of the Church were present during this time.

As the meeting got underway, Hillel Chodos, a colleague and personal friend of Judge Pacht interjected Judge Pacht's comments with, "Your Honor, I wanted to interrupt just to state for the record, a copy of the proposed pleadings [a lawsuit against the Church] were furnished to you this morning. The original [copy of the proposed orders] . . . has not yet been filed . . . It is just that we did not want a public filing before coming to see you."

The judge replied that the document would have to be legally and properly filed before any action could be taken.

After a discussion of the legal merits of the proposed receivership, Judge Pacht made one comment and looked to the court reporter. "Does the record reflect that Judge [Steven S.] Weisman is here with us, Patty?" he asked. When the reporter replied in the affirmative, Judge Pacht leaned toward Judge Weisman and said, "It has been urged [before] legally filing the case) that this bowl of spiders [referring to the Worldwide Church of God] be put into your custody. Before I get involved in orders or making orders or granting relief, are you willing to become involved in it [as a receiver]?"

Then Judge Pacht settled to the business at hand, stating his dissatisfaction with some of the unfilled papers: "We might want to chop it up a little bit in line with the suggestions that have been made . . . and we are going to want you to file as soon as we get this . . ." Interrupting, Hillel Chodos asserted, "I am prepared to do so."

The presiding judge and seated attorneys then proceeded to adjust the proposed order to the satisfaction of the judge.

Wrapping up the session, Judge Pacht asked, "What is the soonest you believe you can get these people served [with an unannounced order placing the Church under receivership]?" Replied attorney Chodos, "I am hopeful, your Honor, making an order today, that we could have these people served by noon tomorrow."

After a few remarks, Judge Pacht began concluding the session with: "I think what I have indicated is what I will sign as soon as the appropriately filed papers are presented to me. And we'll set down your order."

For the record

PASADENA — In the article "Nutritionist Lectures" on page 11 of *The Worldwide News*, Dec. 24, proper credit should have been given to Gwen LaRavia, wife of Facilities Manager and evangelist Ellis LaRavia, for the many hours she put in initiating and coordinating the event. Mrs. LaRavia constantly contributes her time and efforts to events such as this, and *The Worldwide News* would like to recognize her untiring service.

appoint Judge Weisman temporarily, pending the return date."

Without due process

Nearly 200 years ago, a fledgling nation set into law various foundational precepts that would serve to make its land safe from certain unjust practices and pressures that its citizens had recently escaped. Among these precepts were the following: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" and also, to provide for fairness and justice, it was written, "No person . . . [shall] be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law." These two precepts were sealed into law for some important reasons: these people had previously had little freedom to worship their God in the way they saw fit, and secondly, they had often been tried and sentenced in private quarters without an opportunity to present their case. And, many times, both of these rights were denied for strictly political reasons.

For nearly 200 years with few exceptions these precepts were held in cherished esteem — until 1979 when a few disgruntled individuals managed to persuade an influential lawyer to arm himself with unsupported allegations and sway the California attorney general's office into sponsoring what a professional legal research institute has termed, "a war of destruction mounted by the State of California against a church of which it does not approve."

What was the result of this alliance of dissident Church members, a few legal entrepreneurs and the office of the California attorney general?

To allegedly protect the Church, Judge Pacht signed the preapproved orders authorizing the placement of a receivership (called a "bizarre and Draconian device" by the Committee to Defend the First Amendment Research Institute) on the Worldwide

Church of God. In a matter of hours, Church employees were shocked to see an unannounced group of police officers, deputies and attorneys descend on Church offices.

In the confusion, the preappointed receiver Steven S. Weisman came on Church property and informed those present that he was now in control, not Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and his personal assistant. In "protecting" the Church, records were seized, ransacked and carted off without an accounting. Receiver Weisman, in an effort to "protect" the Church, spent thousands of dollars of member-donated money and caused the now "protected" Church's bank to call a substantial loan — instantly destroying an impeccable credit rating of many years standing, hurling the Church toward a fiscal holocaust.

The "protected" Church now had to suffer being portrayed as guilty by association on national television. In several periodicals and newspapers, headlines thundered "Church Raided!"

Finally, after more than 150 hours of searching by professional accountants through Church financial records, Receiver Weisman resigned without discovering any wrongdoing. No Church officials have been charged and placed in jail. However, before his departure, the receiver tendered a bill of more than a quarter of a million dollars to be paid out of the Church's funds.

No financial records withheld

"Let me emphasize," reports Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, "that this whole massive lawsuit is not a government action for the purpose of getting to records we have not voluntarily filed with both state and federal governments required by law for them to examine. No records of financial or other transactions have ever been withheld. This unconstitutional action of perse-

cution was brought from altogether different motives. It started with six disfellowshipped former brethren — seeking to destroy the Church and the Work of the living GOD — and the state government has taken the baton."

The questions have been asked, "But why does the Church fight so hard under the banner of the First Amendment of the Constitution? If they have nothing to hide, why won't the Church give up financial and ecclesiastical documents?"

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs (BJCPA) in Washington, D.C., points out that "both the principle of religious liberty and the constitutional doctrine of the separation of church and state are jeopardized by the actions of the attorney general," as, "The main points of the State's argument appear to be that, under the theory that a public charity is a public trust, 1) all assets of the Church and all of its records are public property, 2) the Church is subject to a continuing and in-depth supervision and audit by the State, 3) Church leaders serve at the discretion of the State, 4) the State is the ultimate power in determining the policy of the Church, and 5) the State is the continuing guardian of the Church and has the power to determine for the Church some elements of its mission."

To this, the Los Angeles Roman Catholic archbishop asserts that "a more complete departure from the long established constitutional principles and tradition of religious freedom can scarcely be imagined."

To those who believe that there must be some substantive charges that led the attorney general into this massive attack on the Church, Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader replies, "We now have incontrovertible evidence that Mr. [Hillel] Chodos [attorney for the State and six plaintiffs] and Mr. [Lawrence]

Tapper [deputy attorney general for the State] knew that all allegations in their complaint as filed on Jan. 2 were false . . . Notwithstanding the knowledge that Mr. Tapper and Mr. Chodos had . . . they persisted in filing their lawsuit."

Some have maintained that even though a government body is completely wrong, that Romans 13:1 bars any Christian from defending himself. But Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong points out that "the scripture does tell, speaking about our several individual lives to 'be subject unto' these higher powers of men, even though elsewhere God shows they are powers of 'this evil world,' and deceived and misled by Satan. But, 'be subject unto' does not always mean obey. When it would be a matter of disobeying God, we are to obey God, and still be 'subject to' whatever punishment the powers of men inflict."

Church attorney Ralph Helge illustrates: "Men lived and died to give us rights. These rights have no meaning to a person in a free country until they're taken from him. Only then do they have meaning. Only when the police grab you, push you around, beat you, take off your clothes to search you, do you begin to realize that these laws have meaning . . . I tell you, these rights are precious."

Continues Mr. Helge: "[Now], the State is coming in, and what are they saying? 'We have a theory of law. Our theory of law is that [your Church] is a charitable trust. Once we label it a charitable trust, once churches are now no longer under the First Amendment.' What everybody died for, what everybody fought for, it's gone!"

"Now at this point you begin to see there's a grave transgression of these fundamental rights. Now, we could say: 'Go ahead. We'll fold, we'll buckle. We're going to step back. You [the attorney general], come in, you take over the entire records from A to Z. Flip through them page by page, because the Church is yours. We'll abandon every right that our forefathers fought and died for, everything they tried to protect us against, we are going to forfeit and lose."

"But," as Mr. Helge concludes, "[with] man's government, you'd better maintain your rights. Because the minute you start forfeiting them, you'll forfeit everything, and you're going to become a slave. And that, to me, is why I counseled that we are going to fight and fight to the last ditch."

Battle for religious freedom

God's Church, as a spiritual and physical body, has been dragged into the forefront of a battle for religious freedom — a responsibility we cannot afford to ignore, emphasizes the Legal Office. Unless the twisting of California statutes is corrected, no Church is safe from the whims and desires of government officials. Many other organizations realize this and have joined in the cry for real justice in the face of this travesty.

The Worldwide Church of God does not fear an investigation. Rather, the Church cooperates with any reasonable and respectable inquiry by government officials into its records. This has been amply demonstrated many times in the past to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and other organizations. But, when government officials run rampant through private and religious matters, then it's time to stand up and defend our precious freedoms explains the Legal Office. The record is clear — the Church stands vindicated. It is a miscarriage of justice that forces the Church to suffer while its rights are stripped away. Accordingly, the Church will continue to hold its head up and march forward until this violation of the Constitution is expunged and proper justice has been restored.

New ministerial training system to replace sabbatical program

PASADENA — A new program to provide intensive training and build greater enthusiasm within the ministry and more effective communication with headquarters has been announced by Worldwide Church of God Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

The new system, termed a "Ministerial Refreshing Program" by Mr. Armstrong, will replace the old ministerial sabbatical program. It is scheduled to begin immediately following the ministerial conference later this year and is designed to place all ministers of the Worldwide Church of God directly under Mr. Armstrong's supervision to provide them with new zeal and guidance for their roles in the Work.

"I feel it will be a source of great encouragement and satisfaction to all of God's ministers," Mr. Armstrong wrote in announcing the new program in the Dec. 20 *Pastor General's Report*. "It will promote real family oneness . . . I am reminded of the condition we had 15 to 20 years ago. Often some question would come up — whether doctrine, or what. We would assemble in my office. Everyone was in a fine attitude. We were all seeking God's answer. And always we left that session in my office in 100 percent agreement, rejoicing in the fact that God was really leading us and binding us closely together."

"Jesus Christ, the Head of this Church, has been setting God's Church back on the track this past year and a half. The ministry is so

much larger now — but we will get back to the same oneness in God's Spirit we were in then!"

As described by the Ministerial Services Department here, the program will consist of some 13 three-week sessions each year in Pasadena, each accommodating 30 men. The entire ministry worldwide will thus be able to take part in the training sessions every two to three years. This brief time away from their local pastorates will not create undue hardships for the churches and will provide leadership and growth opportunities for the local elders and deacons in those areas.

While in Pasadena, the ministers will be given intensive training, education and review concerning their calling, commitment and responsibility to God and the Church.

"They will leave Pasadena uplifted, encouraged and with renewed enthusiasm about the great end-time Work of God, the coming Kingdom of God and the restoration of His government to earth," said Joseph Tkach, evangelist and head of the Ministerial Services Department.

The curriculum for the program, as outlined by Ministerial Services, will include doctrinal instruction and review in such areas as divorce and remarriage, tithing, healing, the office of apostle, law and grace, Church eras and baptismal counseling.

Special sessions will also be held on the Work's legal crisis, the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, Mr. Armstrong's mes-

sage to world leaders, organizing campaigns, budgeting and media awareness.

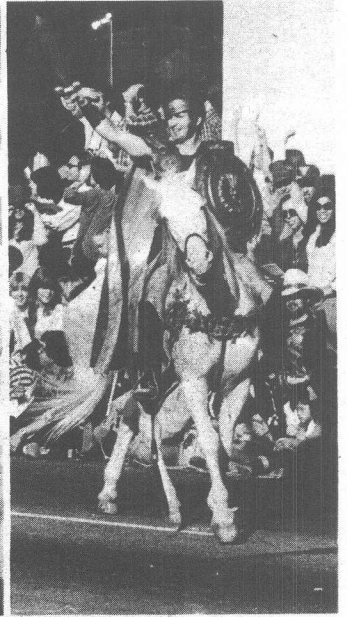
Mr. Armstrong outlined some of the disadvantages of the old sabbatical program in his *Pastor General's Report* article.

"There have been many faults in the sabbatical program," he wrote. "It was very costly to the Work to bring a group of ministers, with their families, to Pasadena for one or two semesters — often keeping them out of the active ministry for virtually a year. There was the cost of moving them to Pasadena, and also of moving other ministers to their respective locations — then moving them back or to a new post."

"Ministers came to feel that they were being called in for correction or discipline, and this only aroused resentment and possible opposition. This gave it a negative connotation."

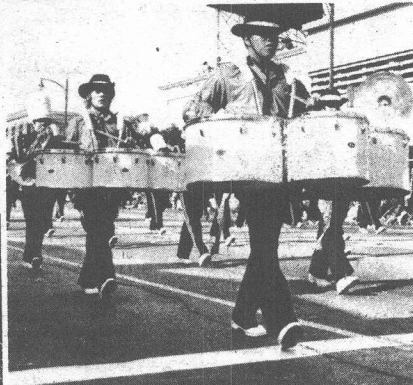
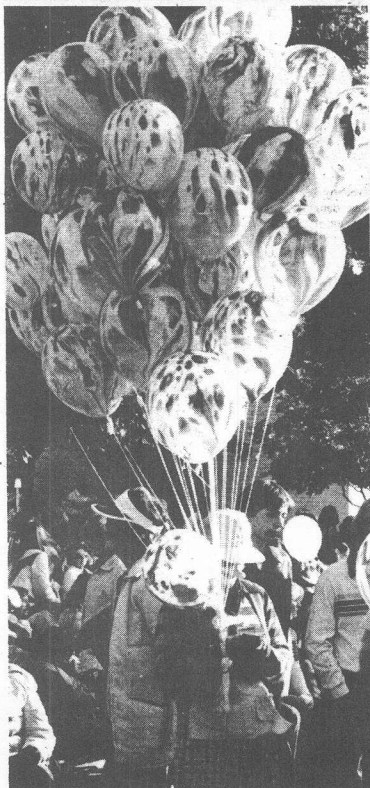
Other drawbacks, according to Ministerial Services, were that the former program was able to serve only 20 to 30 ministers a year, and the men were of no practical use to the Work for the duration of the time they were in Pasadena. Ministers were often enrolled, along with undergraduate students, in regular Ambassador College classes not designed specifically for the ministry and their needs.

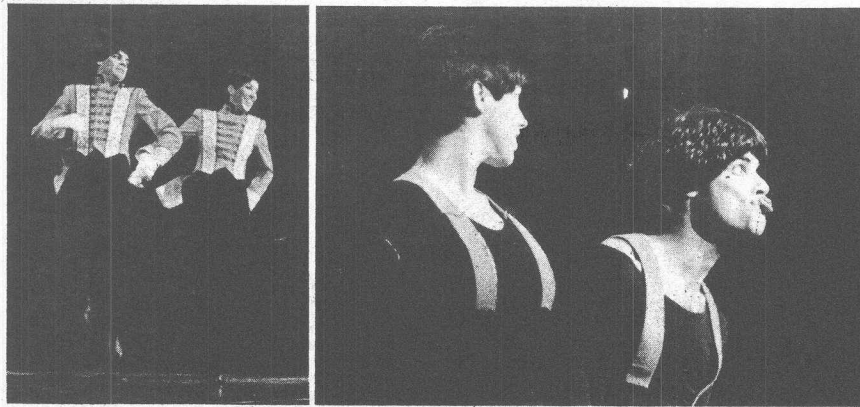
As the Ministerial Services program outline says, Mr. Armstrong's "new approach to the sabbatical program will certainly produce the kind of effective fruit that God will be pleased with."



PASADENANS PITCH IN FOR PARADE

1980 ROSE PARADE — Ambassador College students and area Church members donated their time and energy to a number of fund-raising projects in connection with Pasadena's 1980 Rose Parade, an annual event drawing upwards of one million spectators along the parade route. Clockwise from top left: the Bank of America's circus-theme float attracts a lot of attention; Ambassador students Judith Laney and Ian Willis look over the parade program; "Tommy Trojan," representing the University of Southern California, marches in the parade; the Big 10 Conference Band performs; paradegoers line up at a concession stand operated by members and Ambassador students; the Colton, Calif., High School marching band shows its musical and marching skill; employee Glenn Nice gives directions to a paradegoer; and employee Kim Miller passes out advertising for the stand concessionaire. Bottom, from left: a vendor sells balloons to parade watchers; student Al Maggio sells programs; and the crowd disperses after the parade, leaving a giant mess that was cleaned up as a fund-raising project. [Photos by Roland Rees and James Capo]

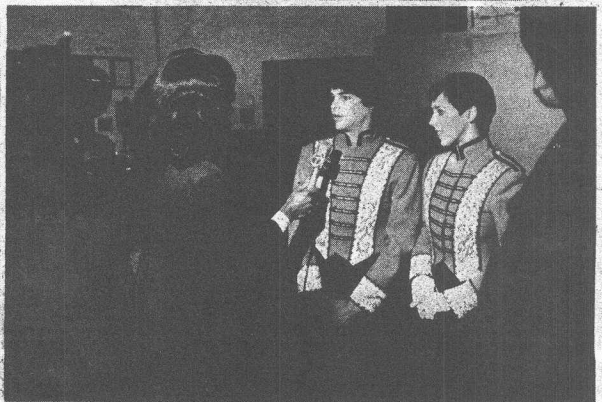




AICF SPONSORS MIME BENEFIT SHOW

FREE PERFORMANCE — The mime team of Robert Shields and Lorene Yarnell Shields, better known as Shields and Yarnell, perform in the Ambassador Auditorium Dec. 27, above. About 1,100 handicapped and underprivileged children, some of whom enter the lobby of the Auditorium at

right, received free tickets to the performance from the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation. After the show the duo are interviewed by KABC-TV in Los Angeles, Calif., below right, and sign autographs for children attending the performance below. [Photos by Mike Snyder]



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ANDERSON, Floyd and Patricia, of Kingston, Idaho, girl, Jana Marie, Dec. 8, 8:14 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now four boys, 2 girls.

BAUMGARTNER, Rick and Michelle (Purdy), of Missoula, Mont., girl, Amy Michelle, Nov. 28, 4:40 p.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

BENNETT, Darrel and Diane (Dalley), of Boise, Idaho, boy, Charlie Mauricio, Nov. 17, 8:30 p.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

BLANCHARD, John and Linda (Bregier), of Michiligan, Mich., girl, Carol Susan, Dec. 10, 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

BRASWELL, William and Barbara (Gazula), of Turlock, Calif., boy, Kevin Andrew, Dec. 10, 8:32 a.m., 7 pounds 12½ ounces, now one boy, one girl.

BROWNING, Wally and Sharon (Love), of Portland, Ore., girl, Melissa Kay, Dec. 16, 12:28 p.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

CAMPBELL, John and Robin (Baker), of Miami, Fla., boy, John Barbour III, Dec. 1, 5:55 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

COTTER, Michael and Debbie (Stokes), of Nanuet, N.Y., boy, Wesley Michael, Oct. 29, 11:24 a.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

DANIELS, Robert and Toni (Tucker), of Evansville, Ind., girl, Tiffany Marie, Oct. 31, 8:38 a.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

DeSHONG, Morris and Marcella (Blackwell), of Indianapolis, Ind., boy, Robert Scott, Oct. 15, 11:02 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

DUBOIS, Philip and Colleen (Barley), of Portland, Ore., girl, Jacqueline Suzanne, Nov. 10, 11:52 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

FIEDLER, Brent and Susan (Ashe), of Bristol, Tenn., girl, Amber Kay, Dec. 10, 3:17 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 girls.

GEORGES, Ray and Pam (Kent), of Waukegan, Ill., boy, Joseph Edward Ray, Dec. 8, 3:53 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

GROUNDS, George and Jan (Droney), of Albany, Ohio, boy, David Allen, Dec. 18, 6:24 a.m., 11 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

HENDRICKS, Boy and Wanda (Huddins), of Nashville, Tenn., girl, Amanda Deann, Dec. 4, 9:19 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

HOTALING, Robert and Sheri, of Nineveh, N.Y., boy, William Newell, Dec. 14, 5:38 a.m., 5 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KELLY, Tom and Jeanette (Mauch), of Brighton, Colo., boy, Jeffrey Thomas, Oct. 28, 4:51 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

REID, Roger and Linda (Montano), of Huntsville, Ala., boy, Jonathan Daniel, Dec. 16, 12:32 p.m., 8

pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

SPEAKS, Keith and Virginia (Ritenbaugh), of Pasadena, Calif., boy, David Keith, Dec. 19, 12:40 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

STAMPER, Russell and Nelda (Phillips), of Phoenix, Ariz., boy, Aaron Russell, Nov. 22, 10:03 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

STEERS, James and Shirley, of Kallispell, Mont., girl, Rachel Elizabeth, Oct. 16, 5:43 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

STEPHENS, Michael and Kathy, of Lafayette, Ind., girl, Rachel Elizabeth, Oct. 16, 5:43 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

STEVENSON, Don and Sherry (Fertig), of Minot, N.C., girl, Sabrina Marie, Aug. 30, 10 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

STOFFENBRINK, Steven and Wendy (Tharp), of Auburn, Wash., boy, David Eugene, Oct. 17, 12:15 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

THOMPSON, Terry and Mary (Johnson), of Peoria, Ill., boy, David Lee, Nov. 29, 3:23 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

TIMLIN, Don and Sonia (Lee), of San Jose, Calif., boy, Craig Patrick, Nov. 27, 6:37 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

TURK, John and Karen (Martz), of Tyler, Tex., boy, Justin Tony, Dec. 16, 3:35 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WARE, Terrance and Barbara (Allred), of Fayetteville, Ark., girl, Sarah Elizabeth, Oct. 24, 2:56 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

WILLIAMS, Bill and Verlee (Mooney), of Waynesboro, Miss., girl, Kamilla Lynette, Nov. 24, 4:52 a.m., 9 pounds 4½ ounces, now 2 girls.

ZEMAN, Zeljick and Delma (Hewitt), of Wollongong, Australia, girl, Katarina, Dec. 13, 4:51 p.m., 8 pounds 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

The parents of Mark Troike and Terry Trevino are proud to announce the engagement of their children. A June wedding is being planned.

Lynn Gidley is pleased and overjoyed to announce the engagement of her mother Kils Gidley to Bob Bradley of the Woodbridge, N.Y., church. An early spring wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS

Steve and Donna Lee (formerly Donna Johnson) are happy to announce their marriage, which took place Nov. 22, 1979, in Dallas, Tex. Randy Dick, minister of the Dallas (South) church, performed the wedding. Jim Lee was best man and Julie Madson was matron of honor. The couple now reside in Irving, Tex.



MR. AND MRS. W. RADEMACHER
Kathy Maloy and Wilhelm Rademacher were united in marriage Oct. 17, 1979, by Victor Root, minister of the churches in Hannover, Hamburg and Berlin, West Germany. The couple now reside at Dieckbornstr. 3, 3000 Hannover 91, West Germany.



MR. AND MRS. G.T. THOMPSON
Violet Arleen Neff and Gene Turney Thompson were united in marriage Sept. 29, 1979, in Texasiana, Tex. The ceremony was performed by William Bradford, pastor of the Shreveport, La., Texasiana and Longview, Tex., churches. Lilla Weeks, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and Larry Shankin was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson reside in Shreveport, La.

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy anniversary, Mom and Dad, on Dec. 28, 1978. Thirty-eight wonderful years you have given each other. A beautiful example you have set for us. Thank you for everything. May the years ahead be just as wonderful and just as great. We love you very much David and Elaine.

Obituaries

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Lucinda Hamby, 64, a member of God's Church since 1969, died of a heart attack Sept. 16, 1979.

Mrs. Hamby is survived by her husband Robert, one son, one daughter, 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Reinhold A. Fuessel, pastor of the Cincinnati East church, conducted funeral services.

ELIZABETH, Pa. — Margaret F. O'Toole, 74, a longtime member of the Pittsburgh, Pa., congregation of the Church of God, died Nov. 30, 1979, after a lengthy bout with cancer.

Mrs. O'Toole had worked in the Pittsburgh church office. She is survived by five brothers, Bud, Clifford, Paul, George and Jack Flegal; a daughter, Jean Sattler of Levittown; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Don Lawson, pastor of the Pittsburgh East and West churches, conducted funeral services Dec. 3, 1979.

MAMMOTH, W. Va. — Opal Louise

Simms, 53, died Dec. 12, 1979, after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Simms is survived by her husband Orville, her mother, one brother, one sister, two sons and three grandchildren.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. — Anna Welk, 82, a member of God's Church since 1955, died Nov. 5, 1979, after a long illness.

Mrs. Welk is survived by one daughter and four grandchildren. Rand Millich, pastor of the church here, officiated at the funeral.

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Thor M. Wilkes, 52, died in his sleep Nov. 8, 1979. He had been a member of God's Church since 1971 and formerly attended the Minneapolis church.

Mr. Wilkes is survived by his wife Vivian; one son, Wayne; three daughters, Cheryl, Karn and Roxanne; and three grandchildren.

SHERBROOKE, Que. — Meg Watkins Farris died Aug. 25, 1979, from complications of diabetes and kidney failure.

Mrs. Farris was 32 years of age.

SOPCHOPPY, Fla. — William Gray, 19, died Oct. 16, 1979, of gunshot wounds sustained during a narcotics raid in Miami, Fla. William was an officer in the state drug traffic control division. He had been associated with the Church for eight years and had planned to be baptized in November, 1979.

William is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Gray, one brother and four sisters.

POLICY ON ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcement column exists to serve our readers. We run only those announcements accompanied by a recent *Worldwide News* mailing label with your address on it. We will run engagement, wedding, birth, anniversary and obituary notices, and announcements of the Church and Work, such as those regarding the Feast of Tabernacles. We do not run announcements from nonsubscribers, direct advertising or solicitation for a business or income-producing hobby or other announcements or ads that are judged untimely or inappropriate. All announcements are subject to editing and condensation. Send your announcements to: "Announcements," *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The ANNISTON and GADSDEN, Ala., churches got together Dec. 8 for a potluck supper and square dance. The event featured a new dance entitled the "Pat-a-Cake Polka."

Members of YOU served refreshments, drinks and desserts, as pianist Mark Winner, son of Pastor Bill Winner, provided the entertainment. *Tiny Johnson*.

Many of the brethren remained after Sabbath services Dec. 1 to enjoy a cold dish supper and square dance in the



YOU TRIREGIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS — Members of the first place Appleton, Wis., volleyball team pose after taking top honors in the YOU triregional volleyball tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 2. (See "Youth Activities," page 11.) (Photo by Tom Clark)

Steelworkers Union Hall in BETHLEHEM, Pa.

Frank and Faith Murman joined Stuart Knerr and Gordon Long in supplying lively music for the dancing. "Between dances the teenagers enjoyed their favorite records while the square dancers caught their breaths and were refreshed with some cold drinks." *Gordon Long*.

Members of the BIG SANDY and TYLER, Tex., churches gathered in the former Ambassador College field house in Big Sandy Dec. 15 for a family get-together. The afternoon church service was followed by a potluck dinner, served in two settings in the college dining hall. Also included in the event's activities were performers in a variety of acts including singing, stand-up comedy, dog tricks and a mock fashion show. The audience got in the act with several sing-along numbers. *David McKee*.

The first of December began with a flurry of activity for the CALGARY North (Alta.) church as 76 people enjoyed the first bowling and pizza social of the winter. The final scores, ranging from the unmentionably high to the unmentionably low, were soon forgotten as the scene switched to Shakey's Pizza Parlor for a round of tasty pizza pies. Music was provided by Pastor Neil Earle with Bill Goodfellow and Arthur Aleya Jr., on guitars for a spirited sing-along to close the evening. *Ed Kitt*.

The annual barbeque of the CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, church took place Dec. 2 on the beautiful Anderson property. After some exciting games, ice cream was served as the barbeque was prepared. While a hot bed of embers was being readied, a number of novelty games tested the skill of all.

All proceeds from the auction and novelty games went toward YOU activities. Even the characteristically dry and hot winds of the area couldn't put a damper on the spirits of those present. *Beverly Kelly*.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, East congregation held a family night activity Dec. 8 at the Sycamore High School in Blue Ash, Ohio. The local gymnasium was the site of basketball and volleyball games for the teenagers, while younger children enjoyed a game session conducted by Greg and Debbie Valarius.

Cinema buffs were treated to three movies, but the favorite place was the cafeteria, where members bought and devoured refreshments while playing their

favorite board and card games. *Michael E. Brandenburg*.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, East church held the annual ethnic potluck at the Brecksville High School cafeteria Dec. 1. Included in the fare were hot chili, barbecued beef ribs and German chocolate cake. After the sumptuous meal, the "old men's" basketball team squeaked by the YOU team 44-42. At one point the men led by 14 points, but a ferocious press by the YOU players in the second half throttled the gray beards' offense. Star of the game was Stan Richardson. *Jeff Smith*.

Dec. 12 the CAFE GIRARDEAU, Mo., church held its annual family social at the Community Center in Lutesville, Mo. The theme was "Country Shindig," in which Pete Hornbuckle organized a

the evening's entertainment was provided by the talented Lloyd Howell family with some guitar-picking and lively singing. *Jan Old*.

"Inspiring" seems the term to describe the activities of the HARRISBURG, Pa., church Dec. 8 as Mr. and Mrs. Roy Demarest returned from Baltimore, Md., for a warm reunion with members of Mr. Demarest's previous church in Harrisburg. After services members enjoyed the tasty fare provided by the YOU teens. The menu featured hamburger barbeques, hot dogs, sauerkraut, macaroni and potato salad, and homemade desserts. At 6:45 the lights went out as brethren enjoyed the splendor of the Swiss Alps in the Disney epic *Third Man on the Mountain*. Following the movie, games and fellowship brought to a perfect end the memorable day. *Dawn Miller*.

On a sunny, clear and cold Sabbath the HOUSTON, Tex., East church met in an open-air pavilion in Strawberry Park for the monthly potluck luncheon. The sunny side of the park was comfortable despite the cold and several gathered to partake of a delicious noon meal. *Billie Post*.

INVERCARGILL, New Zealand, Church members honored Mr. and Mrs. Len Johnston on their 50th wedding anniversary by catering a surprise luncheon and afternoon tea Nov. 18.

All the children dedicated a song to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, who affectionately have become known as Grandma and Grandad. The children participated in the meal by waiting on all the tables during the three-course meal. The Johnstons are longtime Church members and were among the first in the Church in New Zealand. *Beverly Kelly*.

After the Sabbath service Dec. 8, the MAIDSTONE, England, church got together for an enjoyable wine and cheese evening.

Stanley Olsen provided the cheese and the food was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Darby. A number of good quality wines were presented by George Holden, who also gave a brief talk on wines and their enjoyment. The YOU members served tea and coffee to complete a delightful evening of culture and fellowship. *George D. Holden*.

It was potluck-plus added attractions for the NEW ORLEANS, La., church Dec. 22. Members gathered at the J.D. Meister School cafeteria in Metairie, La., for a magician-clown show, a newsworthy panel show and a hilarious movie in addition to a delicious potluck meal.

The church pastor, Jim Servidio, played host to the panel show, posing amusing questions to the newlyweds. Blushing added tremendously to the color of the show. *Maurice Ledet*.

The congregation at PALMER, Ark., held its second annual Progressive Dinner Dec. 1. Thirty adults participated at six homes. The dessert course turned into a lively three-hour session of charades. Such guesses as "After birth, then what?" and "The Bionic Bubble" kept everyone in stitches. *Linda Orchard*.

Brethren in the PEORIA, Ill., church held their winter social the evening of Dec. 1. The theme was carried out with a time machine cranking out the years and music as it went "Through the Years." Different dance steps were demonstrated and everyone joined in at the conclusion. Entertainment for the evening revolved around the different eras, beginning with barbershop singers for the 1900s and followed by singers with songs from the 1920s, 1930s and on up. After the enter-



LIVING GIFTS — Houseplants are presented to, from left, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Holcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ma'son and Pastor Dan Fricke on behalf of the Portland, Ore., church, above, and Mat Cory as Grandpapa Time entertains the children, right. (See "Church Activities," this page.)



ART LINKLETTER? — Local Elder Tom Smith interviews children during the family night held Dec. 15 on the Ambassador College campus in Big Sandy for the Tyler and Big Sandy, Tex., churches. His subjects include, left to right, Nettie Edleman, Buck Avey, Jake Tomes and Kitty Long. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

tainment a session of popular music and dancing followed. *Myrna Davison*.

Twenty-four single young adults from the PITTSBURGH, Pa., East church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lisman for a Bunco party the night of Dec. 1. The group divided into couples to play Bunco and other games including Monopoly, Pit and Uno. At appropriate intervals, popcorn and refreshments provided a delightful respite. *Frank Lewandowski*.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hancock invited the PLYMOUTH, England, church to their home after Sabbath services Dec. 8 for a games evening. Various board games were brought and enjoyed by the brethren present. Refreshments were also brought by members and coffee was provided by Bryher Hancock.

About twenty members and friends attending the Plymouth church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hancock Nov. 25 to help with the distribution of 12,000 *Plain Truth* leaflets.

The attractively printed leaflets offer a free six-month subscription to *The Plain Truth*. As there is no *World Tomorrow* broadcast in the United Kingdom, leaflets are used to bring God's message to the people's attention. However, members found out that it is no small task to get the message to a moderately sized city like Plymouth. *John Collins*.

A folk dance and potluck dinner gave the PORTLAND, Ore., West church an opportunity for hours of family fun and fellowship the evening of Dec. 8. Bill Melzer came down from Olympia, Wash., to provide the music and instruction for an evening of folk dancing. In the interim, Dan Oliver and Mary Conner entertained the brethren with a few songs.

Steve Vink played host to the evening's activities and made a surprise presentation for the Church of God's ordained servants in the area. A living gift of houseplants were presented to Pastor Dan Fricke, and to local elders and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Holcomb and Mr. and Mrs. Don Ma'son. Mat Cory amused the younger folk by dressing as Grandpapa Time and relating stories of animals now extinct. *Woody Corsi*.

The SPRINGFIELD, Mass., church had an International Night Nov. 24 at Bellamy School. The dinner featured American, Polish, Italian, Chinese and Mexican specialties with a sumptuous salad bar prepared by Asa Emerson.

Next came a musical segment presented by the church choral and the junior YOU members. A costume contest for the children followed with Heather Korzenowski, Jessica LaFleur and Randy Garska winning first, second and third

places respectively. The evening closed with an auction presided over by Dave LaFleur, who showed great comic ability by providing an entertaining and profitable session. *Mr. and Mrs. David Lengieza*.

The SMITH FALLS, Ont. church held a social Dec. 1 with the theme of the International Year of the Child. Members provided international specialties for a delicious meal following Sabbath services.

Adri McCready narrated a costume parade and talent show, followed by an award ceremony in which Heath Houghton, Arin McCready, Liz Johnson and Dan Pattemore were designated the winners.

Posters drawn by the children representing their concept of the Year of the Child were used for decorations. Prizes for the best posters went to Allana and Lee Phillips.

Last but not least was a cake walk in which members attempted to win a castle-shaped cake baked by Lois Leach. *Shirley MacMillan*.

Spontaneous applause greeted 15 Vietnamese children, special guests of the STOKE, England, church at a social Dec. 8.

The visit was promoted by the Spokesman Club, arranged by President Cavan McCarthy and social worker Derek Jones. After a welcome glass of lemonade, the children joined in games organized by Heather Sadler, who was quite unperturbed as the interpreter echoed her instructions in Vietnamese.

Tony Sadler, local elder, Cavan McCarthy and Bill Bailey insured that there was a full program of dancing and games for those attending. After several games and a sing-along, it was time to bid goodbye to the children to wrap up a delightful evening. *Heather McCarthy*.

On Dec. 9 and 16 eight men and their sons of the TAMPA, Fla., church used their carpentry skills to finish the inside of a home for a Church member and her three young children.

Jake Koontz served as project head and arranged that little money be invested in extensive repairs. Some work remains yet to be done, but the family is happy with the donated work of the men. *Lynn J. Rowe*.

The WATFORD, England, church held their second social at the Holywell Hall in West Watford Dec. 8. More than 100 members enjoyed games, dancing and a session of charades organized by Mike Barlow, Lewis McCann and George Campbell. Highlighting the evening was a performance of Irish dancing by the McGarvey family. *David Jardine*.

More than 100 members of the WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis., church participated in an evening in "London Town" Dec. 8. The Dells Grade School cafeteria was decorated with a London skyline, a miniature London Bridge and other sights of the British city. Members enjoyed a delicious fish and chips dinner, followed by dancing and fellowship. An English pub was set up to provide cool refreshments during the evening. *John Torgerson*.

CLUB MEETINGS

The BRAINERD, Minn., Women's Club met at the home of Mrs. Gary Hansen Dec. 12 for a noon luncheon. Included in the agenda was an informative presentation on bread and pastry baking. *Phyllis Haggquist*.

On Monday night, Dec. 3, the CALGARY, Alta., North Spokesman Club stole the spotlight. To provide a challenging speaking experience, the

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Spokesman Club sponsored a symposium on geopolitics. The entire church was invited to the symposium for the evening of discussion and fellowship. The five men and their primary topics of the night were: Murray Polyslin speaking on the Quebec issue; Jerry Jantzen covered the separation of the two Germans; Stanley Kitt talked about economic and political issues in Japan; John Ondracka detailed the crisis in Iran; Jim Baldwin spoke on the ramifications of the Panama Canal treaties. *Ed Kitt.*

The CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Spokesman Club held its first ladies night Dec. 10 in the elegant LaProvence Room of the Heerenracht Hotel. Director Bill Whitaker welcomed the ladies and guests, including Dan Botha, pastor of the Cape Town churches.

After a sumptuous meal, President Derek Ringrose introduced toastmaster Trevor Weber for the evening's speeches. At the conclusion, Pat Bartnicke received the Most Helpful Evaluator award, with Most Effective Speaker going to Albert



CLUB DISPLAYS TALENT — Brenda Eades models a Spanish outfit in the Evansville, Ind., Ladies Club Fashion Show Dec. 9. (See "Club Activities," this page.) [Photo by Arnold Leaf]

'LOCAL CHURCH NEWS' DEADLINES

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Separated siblings meet, get very unusual surprise

By Joe Handley
LAUREL, Del. — Two persons were among the 100 to 120 attending Sabbath services here at Laurel July 14. What is so unusual about that? These two persons, Edward Figgs and Ginger Marsh are:

A brother and sister who had not seen each other for more than 20 years.

And neither one knew the other was in God's Church.

At an early age Ed and Ginger were separated into foster homes in different parts of Delaware. During their childhood and teen years they saw each other only a few times, and then lost all contact.

A few months ago Ginger, now living in Kansas City, was able to locate her brother with the help of someone from Delaware. Ginger phoned Mr. Figgs and said she

Abraham and Most Improved to William Thomas. After the speeches, Andrew Oliver, Loy Piet, William Thomas, Brian Bergsted and Derek Ringrose received their graduation certificates from the Club. *Lawrence Boks.*

The CHICAGO, Ill., Northwest Church Women's Club completed three days of a bake-and-craft sale Dec. 7. Because of the response of the Church brethren donating handmade items and baked goods, the sale was extremely successful. The club's financial goal is to assist YOU members in going to the Summer Educational Program at Orr, Minn. *Leslie Carlson.*

Members of the CHICAGO, Ill., Northwest church Women's Club learned important information concerning cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from Church member and respiratory care therapist Jon Otto at their Dec. 16 meeting. Topics were led by Donna Jilek, and the agenda featured an icebreaker by Leslie Carlson. *Susan Frederick.*

The Ladies Club of the EVANSVILLE, Ind., church had their third meeting of the year Dec. 9. Sandra Fentress conducted the first half of the meeting, introducing Lucy Garrett and Bernice Benningfield for short speeches on each other. Table topics were coordinated by Esther Fentress, and a committee to plan future meetings was appointed to include members Brenda Eades, Pat Frankum, Kathy Jones, Henrietta Kissel, Madalon Leffler and Nancy Miller.

During the second half of the meeting members discussed arts and crafts. Mistress of Ceremonies Bonnie Coultas introduced speakers Kathy Jones, Nancy Miller, Jeanne Ambrose and Charlene Glover. The meeting closed with a style show showcasing clothing made by club members. Refreshments were provided by Donna Kramer, Madalon Leffler, Pat Merriweather and Bessie Shaw. *Kathy Jones.*

"How to be responsive to your husband — the woman behind the man" was the theme of the Dec. 17 meeting of the FLINT, Mich., church's Concerned About People Club. Dawn Kruger presented the table topics and hostess Margaret Miller spoke in depth about how to love, honor, obey and submit to your husband.

The speaker's table featured candles and an elegant place setting, and posters reflecting the theme were used for decorations. Adviser Linnea Haas presented a topic related to the theme of Proverbs 31:11 to wrap up the evening. *Joann Whitehead.*

The Ladies Club of the HOUSTON, Tex., East church met at the home of Ruth Fischer Dec. 11. Twenty-seven women attended, each bringing a tasty covered dish for a pitch-in dinner. The agenda of the meeting featured a napkin-folding demonstration and a discussion of party themes for children. *Billie Post.*

The MOUNT POCONO, Pa., Women's Club played host to a senior citizen's brunch Dec. 22. The meal served by the club included a citrus fruit cup, creamed turkey, scrambled eggs, garden peas, sweet rolls, coffee cake and homemade jams and jellies. *Margie Storm.*

The Spokesman Club of the

planned a trip to Delaware and that she would like to stop and see him and his family.

Before contacting him again, she attended services in Laurel and noticed that the man sitting across the aisle looked like what she thought her brother might look like. She even talked with Mr. Figg's sister-in-law that day. Each left not knowing who the other was until a few days later.

Ed was baptized in 1962 and Mrs. Marsh in 1971. Perhaps God had to smile when Ginger told her best friend shortly before leaving Kansas City, "Wouldn't it be something if I got to Delaware and found Eddie was in the Church?"

Both Ed and Ginger feel they have been doubly blessed by the newfound addition to their physical lives and spiritual family.

MOUNT POCONO, Pa., church held their graduation banquet Dec. 15 at the Officer's Club.

Speeches were presented by Gary Krieger, Ed Buda, Bill Wasner, Dave MacNally and Dan Quinn. Following the conclusion of the meeting members partook of generous portions of tossed salad, prime roast, baked potato, green beans, black forest cake and coffee and tea. *Margie Storm.*

The first meeting of the SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., Breakfast Club took place Dec. 9. Toastmaster Don Marles introduced police officer Wayne Trainor, who presented a film on preventing child molesting. Wayne Shaughnessy led the Club in a topics session before a buffet meal. *Pam Shaughnessy.*

SINGLES SCENE

The United Singles Club of the CLEVELAND, Ohio, East church held its second annual Thanksgiving Dance Nov. 24 at Sidoti's Catering in Berea, Ohio. A stylishly dressed mannequin, special decorations and a dark pin-striped suit worn by master of ceremonies John Reiter helped reinforce the theme of "La Copacabana De Cleveland." More than 150 people danced until 2 a.m. to a blend of disco and soft rock. Local church member David Ripp provided a sophisticated sound system to enhance the music to the enjoyment of all.

A high point of the evening was a dance contest won by Andy Ashley and Jean Pate. Robert Boley of Dallas, Tex., won a record album for having traveled the farthest.

After an inspiring sermon by Fred Bailey, the EVANSVILLE, Ind., Singles Club met at the home of Bonnie Coultas Dec. 8 for a pitch-in dinner and fellowship. Afterwards, members were invited to the home of Chuck and Brenda Eades for wine and edibles before taking in the Philharmonic concert. *Kathy Jones.*

SPORTS

The ASHEVILLE, N.C., church basketball team came out on top in the friendly rivalry with the GREENVILLE, S.C., team Dec. 16 with the final score 66-64. Steve Ferenchik was high point man for Asheville and Ronnie Poole took the honors for the Greenville team.

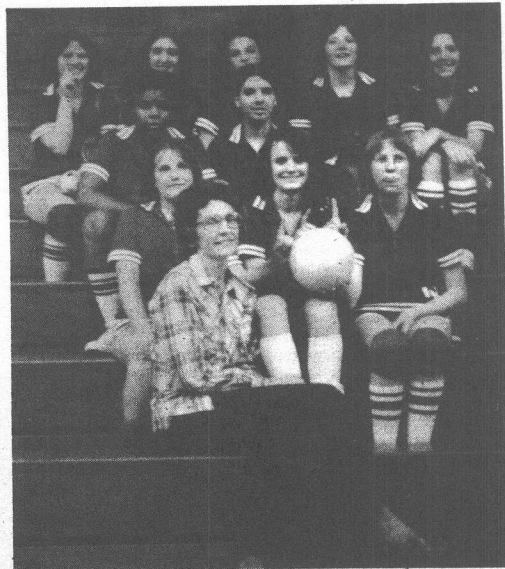
Later the same day the Greenville women's basketball team edged the Asheville women 13-12 in a closely matched contest. *Steve Tereshany.*

Dec. 2 was the date midpoint of the season for the CALGARY, Alta., North church's eight-team curling league. The teams are well-matched this year and provide excitement and suspense on the Calgary Stampede Grounds every Sunday starting at 9 a.m. *Ed Kitt.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The YOU triregional volleyball tournament took place Dec. 1 and 2 in DES MOINES, Iowa. Teams from the KANSAS CITY, Kan., East church, MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., SIOUX FALLS, S.D., and APPLETON, Wis., churches were treated to a generous potluck dinner Sabbath afternoon and YOU-sponsored pizza dance Saturday night.

After a delicious breakfast Sunday morning, the YOU members attended an officer's seminar presented by national YOU staffer Mark Ashland. Sunday afternoon saw the double-elimination com-



EASTERN VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS — Washington, D.C., Eagles won the Allegheny-Mid-Atlantic Northeast YOU Triregional Volleyball tournament at Frederick, Md., Dec. 2. Team members are, top row, left to right: Michelle McQuigg, Lisa Salyer, Susie Mosholder, Jeannie Strought and Sherry Williams; second row: Lorraine Perry, Karen Layher and Deanna Cummings; third row: Janice Mosholder, Karen Kesner and Myra Miller; bottom row, Coach Mary Layher. [Photo by Vern McFarland]

petition, with the Appleton, Wis., team taking the final honors. Lisa Steenport of the Appleton team was chosen the Most Valuable Player, and an All-Star team was chosen to feature Edith Gloe and Beth McCord of Sioux Falls; Sandy Stafford, Tina Hassel and Lisa Steenport of Appleton; Miriam Curry and Ann Hayes of the Kansas City East church. *Tom Clark.*

The YOU teens of the CALGARY, Alta., South church sponsored a dance and regional volleyball tournament Nov. 24 and 25. More than 70 teenagers participated in the weekend activities. Seven co-ed teams were entered in the senior and junior divisions. Teams from EVANSBURG, RED DEER, CALGARY North and South, LETHBRIDGE and EDMONTON made up the senior division, while teams from DIDSBURY, RED DEER, CALGARY North and South and EDMONTON, Alta., made up the junior division.

The senior division was won by Calgary South under coaches Eric and Juanita Rasmussen. The Edmonton "C" junior team, coached by Judy Allam, won the final honors in the junior division. *Jim Wright.*

Fellowship and fun were the bywords for 75 members of the HOUSTON, Tex., North junior YOU group as they enjoyed a hayride and Weiner roast Dec. 8. The evening was capped off with a marshmallow-roasting session around a blazing campfire. *Ellen Hakes.*

Twenty-five members of the LE-NOIR, N.C., Boys and Girls Club enjoyed a fall party at the Mutual Savings and Loan Building in Lenoir Dec. 8. Games and fellowship were a delightful source of amusement for the two-hour session. *Tom Fox.*

The MONTREAL, Que., YOU played host to their first regional volleyball tournament Dec. 2. Teams from OTTAWA, CORNWALL, QUEBEC CITY, SHERBROOKE, MONTREAL French and MONTREAL English were represented and Ottawa eventually took top honors in the stiff competition. A delicious buffet meal was prepared

by the Montreal English mothers for the post-game feast. YOU coordinator Lee Marcellus of the Montreal English YOU group coordinated the weekend. *E.A. Gore.*

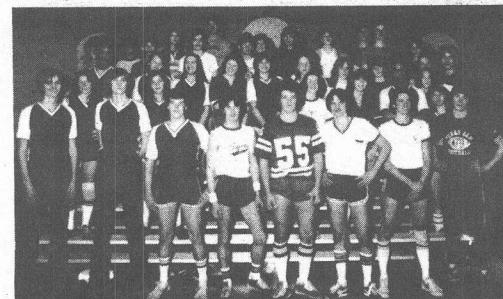
More than 40 junior YOU members from the MURFREESBORO and COOKEVILLE, Tenn., churches were taken on an educational tour of the Nashville Metropolitan Airport Dec. 16. The young people learned interesting facts about airports and airplanes, and enjoyed the demonstration of the security gate. After a question-and-answer session, the young people were presented with flight pins and coloring books to wrap up an exciting trip. *Everett Corbin.*

The ROANOKE, Va., YES members held their annual costume party Dec. 16. Prizes for the cutest, most original and best workmanship were won by Matthew Puckett, Lisa Chandler, and Brian Stiglich, Dianne Shaw, Matthew Reed and Veronica Einhellig respectively. After a session of exciting games, the breaking of a pinatz and distribution of "goodies" capped off the activities of the event. *Sherry Kinzie.*

The WHEELING, W. Va., YOU held a western-style disco dance Dec. 15. Teens from five churches enjoyed the atmosphere of a western saloon, created by stuffed dummies of a sheriff, an outlaw and a piano player. The following day saw exciting basketball games played in the Union High School gym. Overnighters were housed by Wheeling church members. *Jeff Fozard.*

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CANADIAN VOLLEYBALL — The YOU volleyball teams from Ottawa, Cornwall, Ont., Quebec City, Sherbrooke, Que., and Montreal, Que, French and English meet in Montreal Dec. 2 for their first regional meet. (See "Youth Activities," this page.)

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

UPDATE

UTRECHT, Netherlands — Advertisements in two newspapers and two magazines for the *Seven Laws of Success* booklet and *The Plain Truth* magazine have brought in 543 new subscribers, raising the circulation of the Dutch-language *PT* to 16,243, said Abraham "Bram" de Bree, director of the Dutch-speaking Work.

Mr. de Bree also said that the Dutch Correspondence Course enrollment increased by 87 to 1,093, and that final plans are being made for public lectures to take place in the northwest part of the country in March. This is in addition to the lectures in the city of Zwolle in the northeast, at which monthly attendance has grown to 29 as a result of announcing the December lecture in the *PT*.

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VANCOUVER, B.C. — Evangelist Les McCullough, regional director of the Work in Canada, traveled to Great Britain, West Germany, the Netherlands and South Africa in mid-December on behalf of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong asked Mr. McCullough to undertake the tour for him to keep in contact with those areas and their regional directors. While in the United Kingdom, Mr. McCullough met with evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of the Work in Great Britain, Britain's ministry and other ministers from West Germany who were able to attend. Mr. McCullough made similar contacts in South Africa and visited regional director Bram de Bree in the Netherlands before returning with a personal report for Mr. Armstrong.

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The 55 Church of God brethren in Haiti were left without a pastor last spring when Raymond Clore, a local elder in the U.S. Foreign Service, was transferred to Cameroon. But the situation has now been rectified. Oct. 1 Lionel Estinvil, an Ambassador College graduate, moved to Haiti to pastor the French-speaking church here. According to the French Department, Mr. Estinvil will be working as a ministerial trainee directly under Dibar Apartian, director of the French Work.

Mr. Estinvil, 27, is a native of Haiti, and the Haitian government will only allow natives with theology degrees to pastor churches in this Caribbean nation.

Mr. Estinvil had little knowledge

of English when he came to the United States in November, 1971, he said, and he enrolled in an American high school to study the language. In 1972 his interest in God's Church was aroused when he came in contact with *The Plain Truth* magazine, and he was baptized. After being accepted to Ambassador College in the fall of 1973, he worked in the editorial area of the French Department.

In 1977, Mr. Estinvil became the first and only Haitian to graduate from Ambassador College.

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PASADENA — The Ministerial Services Department has announced the following ordinations to preaching elder: Tom Blackwell of Harrison, Ark., and Dennis Doucet of Lake Charles, La.

Ordained as local church elders were: Gary Ehman of Appleton, Wis., Dennis Gillen of Paducah, Ky., Gwendell Holste of San Luis Obispo, Calif., Arthur Kirshian of Kent, Wash., Richard McCall of St. Petersburg, Fla., Arlie Patterson of Roswell, N.M., William Pearson of Miami, Fla., Rodney Reynolds of Poplar Bluff, Mo., Stuart Segall of Coos Bay, Ore., and Walter Tannert of Tucson, Ariz.

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PASADENA — More than 500 Pasadena-area brethren turned out to serve on the 91st annual Tournament of Roses Parade, which for the past 14 years has been the major fund-raising event for the area churches, said Robin Webber, local elder in the Auditorium P.M. congregation, who assisted in coordinating the church involvement. The Rose Parade skirts Ambassador College at the start of the parade route on Orange Grove Boulevard.

Because of the large number of brethren who annually work on the Rose Parade, Mr. Webber said, "The Church is the grease behind the wheels . . . I'd say we're about 75 percent responsible for making the Rose Parade run." The brethren serve in ushering in the stands, in parking, building security and cleanup, and running concession stands along the parade route. Ambassador College students sell programs along the parade route and help run concessions at the Rose Bowl, raising money for the student body activities that take place throughout the academic year. Church-raised money goes to sponsoring youths to camp, scouts and other activities and needs in the local area.

Services, campaigns, interviews highlight Caribbean island tour

By James Caprio

PASADENA — Evangelist Dibar Apartian returned Dec. 9 from a 10-day tour of the French-speaking islands in the Caribbean where he held public appearances, Sabbath services and interviews with the news media and ordained Gilbert Carbonnel, minister on the island of Martinique, to the rank of preaching elder.

Mr. Apartian's first stop was Martinique, where the largest French-speaking church outside of Montreal, Que., exists. More than 200 brethren meet for services there every week, and 240 attended to hear Mr. Apartian preach morning and afternoon services on the Sabbath, Dec. 1.

"In Martinique we are very well known because of the radio broadcasts — prime time, three times a week from two different stations," explained Mr. Apartian. Despite difficulty in traveling on the island, 83 new people attended Mr. Apartian's one-hour public lecture the next day on the International Year of the Child. "Of course, we linked that with the Gospel," Mr. Apartian said.

Record attendance

Mr. Apartian then went to Guadeloupe, where area television and radio stations had wanted to interview him but couldn't because of Mr. Apartian's busy schedule. He was due to give a public appearance that night in the capital city of Basse-Terre, where there is a church of 29 members. Seventeen new people attended the lecture. Next day, in the north section of the island in Pointe-a-Pitre, where 49 brethren attend services, 94 new people attended. These were record figures, even though there was no publicity campaign and only subscribers to *La Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*) were invited.

"I could hardly believe it," Mr. Apartian said of the turnout, which represented nearly one out of every seven subscribers on the island. . . . With the kind of response, the church in Guadeloupe, which is about 80 at the present time, might just double up in the next year or so."

Mr. Apartian underscored the significance of the large turnout by saying, "It's awfully hard to travel, whether it's Martinique or Guadeloupe, because after 8 p.m. there is no way of going home — there's no public transportation — and most people don't take cars. So the public appearances were at 6:30 in the evening so they could go home in time to catch the last bus. But as it

is, some of them stayed until 8 or 8:15 because they had questions."

Mr. Apartian said he believed one reason God is blessing that area with growth is because of their concerned attitude about the Church. "The brethren are so very much interested in what is happening in the U.S.A., in Pasadena," he said. "The first question they ask is about Mr. Armstrong: How is he? I was there the same time Mr. Armstrong was in China, so they had not received the news yet that he was in China. They were so excited! [Yet] they know more about his activities, frankly, than some of the people over here. That shows again why God is blessing them. It's very heartwarming."

Brethren aid Dominicans

Guadeloupe and Martinique are separated by the tiny island of Dominica, which was devastated by hurricane David this fall, and the brethren on the two French islands have been assisting the brethren on the small English-speaking island with their necessities, Mr. Apartian said.

"Apparently Dominica has the same dialect as Martinique," said Mr. Apartian, "so they were able to establish contact with the island. . . . They were able to bring them some clothing and some food. They helped them with their needs."

Though Dominica is only 15 minutes by plane from the neighboring islands, damage was so extensive it is only accessible by boat. It may well be a year or more before the island will be able to get back on its feet. Water, much less electricity, has not yet been fully restored to all portions of the island.

"The island was totally devastated, and at night it is totally dark," Mr. Apartian said. "Our people from Guadeloupe and Martinique who went there, among the things they had to bring was candles because they have no lights. So candles was one of the necessity items."

Mr. Apartian said you can definitely see God's hand even in the face of the disaster, as none of God's people on Dominica were injured by the hurricane.

Climax of trip

"The climax, perhaps, of the whole trip was Haiti," said Mr. Apartian. "Haiti is the third poorest country in the world, and the condition of the people in Haiti, especially some of the brethren," said Mr. Apartian, "is very poor."

Because Haiti is strongly Catholic,

the Church has not been able to register as a church there, and many brethren are unable to find jobs because of the Sabbath. "Even if they did find jobs, it's incredible. They make about \$8 a week for a family of four. So that is something we have to be praying about," Mr. Apartian said.

Lionel Estinvil, an Ambassador College graduate and a native Haitian, flew to Haiti to take care of the church there after Ray Clore, an American who worked in the U.S. Embassy in Haiti, was transferred to the Cameroon in Africa. (See "Update," this page.)

After arriving back in Haiti around Feast of Tabernacles time Mr. Estinvil contracted malaria and typhoid. "It is a miracle that he was able to meet me at the airport," Mr. Apartian said. "The doctors wanted him to go into the hospital, and he said no. He told me as soon as I got there that I had an interview with Radio Haiti, which is the largest station there. So I said, 'Fine, let's do it.'"

Haitian radio interview

The interview lasted half an hour, and Mr. Apartian said: "They seemed to know about the Work, about the Church, about the Gospel, and they knew about Mr. Armstrong. So they asked me all kinds of questions about the Church and about what we believe — this is a Catholic country!"

The interviewer "asked questions about how we pay for our broadcasts, so I explained what tithing was," Mr. Apartian said. "And he wanted to know what the Gospel is, so I told him what the Gospel was. He wanted to know what people are doomed forever, what salvation is. He asked a question about Christ's return. He said, 'Is it true that people will be angels?' I said no, and so I told him about the resurrections — all three of them because he wanted to know."

"This was all on the air! This was unbelievable! I told him about why you were born, and about Mr. Armstrong's mission over in China. It was really fantastic."

That night 10 minutes of the interview was played on the news, with the announcement that the interview would be rebroadcast in its entirety the next Sunday morning, which it was.

"If that is not getting the Gospel out, or a witness, I don't know what is," said Mr. Apartian. "This was a whole half hour preaching the Gospel, at their own expense."



COMEDY SPECIAL — Comedian Bob Hope starred in a musical extravaganza sponsored by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF) as a benefit for the Bing Crosby Youth Fund in the Ambassador Auditorium Jan. 3. Joining Mr. Hope onstage were, above, from left, Debby Boone, Shirley Jones, Diahann Carroll and Beatrice Arthur. At right, AICF executive vice president Stanley R. Rader and performing arts general manager Wayne Shilkret present a check to Kathryn Crosby, widow of the late Bing Crosby and honorary chairwoman of the Bing Crosby Youth Fund, which annually donates more than \$3 million to charitable concerns. The comedy show, dubbed *Hope, Women and Song*, will air as an NBC-TV special Jan. 21. [Photos by Charles Buschmann and Warren Watson]

