

NEW TV AND RADIO PROGRAMS

By Herbert W. Armstrong

A new office and broadcasting studio is now nearing completion here in Tucson. I am setting myself to the task of producing six new half-hour TV programs a week, and also seven new radio programs a week, in addition to general executive management and oversight of the entire Work of the Church, Ambassador College and the Ambassador Foundation.

Ambassador College is now "back on the track" and running smoothly. God's Church is once again GOD'S Church. And in connection with the foundation, the WORLDWIDE personal evangelism of the Church is leaping forward as never before.

In a little over two weeks I shall be leaving on a visit to Jerusalem and to Cairo. First stop will be to Chicago [Ill.]. On the Sabbath during Unleavened Bread, I will speak to some four or five thousand members from surrounding churches at Chicago — then from there on overseas. When we come back, the plane will have its annual inspection and overhaul for some two or three weeks, and then off for Moscow and Warsaw.

At Moscow, in addition to meeting some of the Kremlin leaders, we hope to arrange for a scholarship in the performing arts, where winners annually in such arts as ballet and gymnastics will make first performances at the Ambassador Auditorium, and the foundation will arrange for their bookings all the way across the United States, winding up at Lincoln Center in New York.

Mr. Stanley Rader was in Moscow making first preliminary arrangements a week ago. In our visit to Moscow, as in China, we are to be housed in a government guest house, as guests of the U.S.S.R. They are very friendly to us in the Kremlin, but right now very hostile toward President Jimmy Carter and the government at Washington. At least that is the attitude they express to us. Mr. Rader also stopped over in Warsaw, and everything there is all set for our visit, and I will meet the very top officials and speak before groups of leaders.

Mr. Rader called me the other day from Tokyo. He is now again in China, where he has speaking engagements be-

fore four University Law School groups — one in the far north in Manchuria, north of North Korea. Mr. Rader tells me that while speaking to law school audiences on international law, he does have the opportunity to get in announcements about the coming Kingdom of God.

Mr. and Mrs. Rader will return by way of Moscow to finalize arrangements for my visit, and we will meet at Jerusalem. The Raders will continue from there with us.

Obviously in a Communist country where there is no religious freedom and the national "religion" is atheism, I cannot use such biblical terms as "salvation," "repentance," "forgiveness of sins," etc. Yet God has shown me how to carry to them the GOOD NEWS of the Kingdom of God — the true GOSPEL — by

using such simple terms as "GIVE" and "GET." I explain that the "GIVE" way is really outflowing "LOVE" — the way of serving, helping, cooperating and sharing. But the "GET" way is SELF-centeredness, vanity, coveting, lust and greed, jealousy and envy, competition and strife, which leads to destruction, violence and war, and rebellion against authority.

In countries like China and Russia, they UNDERSTAND this. As a matter of fact, many professing Christians still do not really understand the meaning of "REPENT." It means MUCH MORE than emotional remorse or being sorry.

A Methodist bishop was speaking in one of the smaller churches. His sermon was on "Repentance," but with all his scholarly explanation, he

was unable to make these simple church people understand. A black man near the rear of the church held up a hand and asked if he could speak.

"I think I can show the people what you mean, sir," he said. The bishop told him to go ahead and explain. The man got out into the aisle and began walking rapidly toward the pulpit, saying: "I'm going to hell! I'm going to hell! I'm going to hell!" Reaching the front he turned around and began walking rapidly to the rear, saying: "I'm going to heaven! I'm going to heaven! I'm going to heaven!" Then he turned back forward saying, "I think what you-all mean by repentance, sir, is to turn around and go the other way!" The congregation UNDERSTOOD!

In foreign countries — especially atheistic nations

where there is NO freedom of religion, I have to do as the apostle Paul did. He said, "Unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law" (I Corinthians 9:20). I also have to speak a language that they UNDERSTAND — and a language that IS PERMISSIBLE in their country.

When I tell them that EVERY TROUBLE, EVERY EVIL IN THIS WORLD HAS COME FROM PEOPLE LIVING BY THE ATTITUDE OF "GET" — and that in the world to come, which world-famous scientists say (with a single-world government) is our only hope of PEACE, we shall all have to turn around and go the way of "GIVE," they UNDERSTAND, and I have preached not only the GOOD NEWS (Gospel) of the coming Kingdom of God, but I have also shown that all must REPENT — turn from the way of "GET" to the way of "GIVE." Some in Beijing next day were overheard saying they never thought of that before — but turning from "GET" to "GIVE" is our only hope!

In every way the Work of GOD is leaping ahead once again.

Booklets that BUILT the Work during the 1950s and up to about 1967, which were either "killed," or, like the U.S. in Prophecy booklet, greatly reduced and the LIFE cut out of it — during a conspiracy to abolish everything I had ever written and substitute new LIBERAL doctrines following the "STP" [Systematic Theology Project] — all those booklets are being brought back into print. THE TRUTH of God, not a watered-down liberal and secular teaching, is once again going out IN POWER!

I have today gone thoroughly into the state of the Spanish Work with Mr. Leon Walker, and we have new advertising plans for pushing forward the Spanish Work, though it showed a big increase in 1979 over 1978.

Advertising in newspapers and magazines and increase in radio and TV stations will be continued.

As long as we PLEASE JESUS CHRIST, God's Work will forge ahead. And as we increase in the fervency and earnestness of PRAYER in the right attitude, the Work will prosper!

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE TO TAKE ON NEW LIFE

By Herbert W. Armstrong

The Ambassador College Bible CORRESPONDENCE COURSE is to start a new life and be greatly expanded — still under direction of Mr. Richard Sedliacik.

Mr. Sedliacik is coming to Tucson Thursday of this week [March 13] to go over plans for the expansion with me.

We may use much of the older former lessons — after editing and updating. But the lessons will go back to a new lesson every month, year after year continuously.

Many are excited about the renewal and expansion of the Correspondence Course. It did much through the years to help build God's Church.



BASIC TWELVE — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong is keeping the Church's current 12-lesson Bible Correspondence Course, pictured above, intact, reports Correspondence Course director Richard Sedliacik, but plans set forth by Mr. Armstrong call for additional lessons to be published that will expand upon many of the topics introduced in the basic 12. Many lessons from the old course will be resurrected, updated and edited as necessary, said Mr. Sedliacik. Lesson 13 is scheduled to appear this summer, and new lessons will continue to be published at the rate of one a month indefinitely. As with the former 58-lesson Bible course, tests after every four lessons (with test cards to be sent in for grading and then returned to the student) will be required for continuance of the course. (A summary of the contents of the 12-lesson Bible Correspondence Course appears on page 12.)

Europe begins to take charge

PASADENA — Arthur Schlesinger Jr., aide to the late President John F. Kennedy, recently returned from a 20-day trip around the world. He returned with an "impression so strong," he summarized it in the March 13 *Wall Street Journal* as "a consistent, deep, dispiriting and almost unqualified lack of belief in American foreign policy."

European leaders especially, he said, "do not trust a leadership that swings wildly from credulity to hysteria." They regard American foreign policy as "abysmally inconstant" and President Jimmy Carter as a man "devoid of world view and subject to emotional gusts of irritation. . . . Furthermore, Mr.

Schlesinger said, the leaders of West Germany, France and elsewhere on the continent "have no illusion about the Soviet Union, but they have no faith in Mr. Carter's steadfastness or purpose. Most fundamental of all, perhaps they question his simple competence."

U.N. blunder

The mess over the vote of the U.N. resolution deploring Israel's settlement policy is only the most recent proof of American blundering, noted Mr. Schlesinger.

A supposed "failure of communication" March 1 resulted in America's ambassador to the United Nations, Donald McHenry, casting a

vote against Israel in the U.N. Security Council. A resolution calling for Israeli withdrawal from settlements in the occupied West Bank including East Jerusalem was approved unanimously.

Two days later, President Carter renounced the vote, saying the United States should have abstained because the resolution's references to Jerusalem had not been deleted. The mix-up was an incredible blunder — its repudiation even worse.

The Israelis denounced as "repugnant" the original vote and dismissed an apologetic letter from President Carter. Reaction to the apology in the Arab world was predictably angry. Mr. Carter was accused of giving in, during this election year, to the Jewish lobby.

The United States, by its U.N. bungling, severely damaged its entire Middle East policy. The Camp David agreement, calling for a May 26 deadline on a plan for Palestinian autonomy, is all but dead. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who had placed so much hope in Mr. Carter, was stunned by the vote flip-flop.

'Carter Doctrine' fiasco

American policy toward the rest of the Middle East is floundering too. In the wake of Russia's invasion of Afghanistan, Mr. Carter declared on Jan. 23 the Persian Gulf to be of vital interest to the United States and offered limits to Moscow. Yet, only six days later, Mr. Carter said America didn't have "enough military strength" to defend the Gulf by itself. Yet no allies were consulted beforehand that their help might be needed.

Since this time U.S. diplomats have scurried about, seeking friends in the Gulf and elsewhere in the region in order to patch together some sort of defensive arrangement to add sinews to the "Carter Doctrine" skeleton. Little has been accomplished. "We are going around the Indian Ocean with a begging bowl," reported columnist Irving Kristol, "humbly asking for permission to establish naval and air bases in the area. How pathetic."

Even Pakistan, the day following the ignominious flip-flop, rejected America's \$400 million aid package. Washington's jilted lovers are upset!

The Pakistan slap-in-the-face, according to Mr. Schlesinger, "surely will go down as one of the more ignominious incidents in the history of American diplomacy. Mr. Carter had sent his special assistant for National Security [Zbigniew Brzezinski] to plead for the privilege of helping Pakistan!"

Read Ezekiel 16:33!

The oil-rich Arab Gulf states want

to be as free of the dominance of both Moscow and Washington as they can. Yet, they are weak and vulnerable. They need support from somewhere. And it's coming from Western Europe, with France taking the lead.

France and the EEC move in

French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing set out March 1 on a tour of five Gulf states (Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia) plus Jordan. Though it had been planned beforehand, President Giscard's trip could not have been better timed to take advantage of Mr. Carter's diplomatic pratfall. Reports

dispute with Washington over this crisis. French businessmen, in fact, stand to gain more than other EEC members in increased trade with Moscow.

West Germany is the nation that is caught in the exposed position. Bonn is being torn between Washington and Paris.

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of West Germany was in Washington last week trying to convince Mr. Carter of Bonn's sensitive position with regard to the Soviets and detente. Mr. Schmidt told interviewers in Washington that the United States must remember that Germany is still divided; that the Soviets can turn up the heat on

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the *Daily Telegraph* of London, "Giscard believes the time is ripe for a strong French push, to catch on the rebound sheikhs and emirs whose trust in Washington has been undermined.

President Giscard, in his first stop in Kuwait, signed a joint communique with the Kuwaiti emir, calling for Palestinian right of self-determination — in effect, backing a PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) state in the West Bank. Don Cook, Los Angeles, Calif., *Times* Paris correspondent, assessed the aggressive French policy this way:

"A major fundamental trans-Atlantic split is rapidly widening between the European Common Market countries and the United States over Middle East policy. . . . The contrast between President Carter backpedaling on behalf of the Israelis while France was pushing forward on behalf of the Palestinians could scarcely have been made more vivid, or welcome, to Giscard. . . . He also picked up a number of important long-term oil deals along the way."

The Common Market, as a whole, is going to follow up this first major diplomatic foray into the Middle East. "Britain's Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington," reports the *U.S. News & World Report*, "now talks of revising key U.N. Resolution 242 to address the problem on a Palestinian homeland. The European Community fashions a political declaration that would call for bringing the Palestine Liberation Organization into peace talks."

The chancellor's concerns

The French-led Common Market Mideast drive follows on the heels of widespread mistrust in Europe over U.S. demands for strong action against the Soviets in the wake of Afghanistan. The French for their part, have not attempted to hide their

isolated Berlin at any time. "I can't forget," he said, "that the Warsaw Pact troops are only 30 miles from my own home in Hamburg."

Mr. Schmidt also told interviewers from the *Wall Street Journal* that "we import 97 percent of our oil and gas, some of it from the Soviet Union. It is not too easy for us to tell them we don't need it anymore. We need it. . . . We have to export in order to be able to import. We export about 30 percent of our GNP. Your exports are about 7 percent. We clearly see that sanctions vis-a-vis the Soviet Union — or South Africa — are a sword with two edges."

No more zig-zag

What angers Mr. Schmidt and other European leaders is the total hot-and-cold inconsistency and unpredictability — "le zig-zag" the French call it — of U.S. foreign policy.

Presently, America's allies are being told to follow a hard line toward Moscow. Yet, who knows what tomorrow may bring? Mr. Carter is already speaking of taking the SALT II treaty out of the deep freeze this spring. Will Europeans be left clinging to an anti-Soviet limb again in the near future, with Mr. Carter ready to saw it off in the interest of renewed detente?

The Europeans have been burned too often.

Little wonder that the Germans want, in the words of a West German diplomat, to "protect themselves as much as possible against the effect of these Carter fiascos." Despite inner frustration and anger, Mr. Schmidt remains cautious in his remarks about Washington and the Atlantic Alliance. Not so his close friend, President Giscard who, a few days ago in a televised interview, talked glowingly of the "reappearance of Europe as a new center of influence and decision in the world."

Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Spring is here. How can I tell? Easy. First, this morning my wife told me it was time for spring cleaning. Second, my sinuses. And third, the weeds that profusely grow in my garden after the California winter rains.

This morning I was determined to tackle the weeds. Want to or not, I had to gather my tools and get to the root of my problem. No trouble with the first few, but then I came upon a weed I had never seen before. Tug as I might, this way and that, I could not uproot that weed. Exhausted and frustrated, I sat down to rest before my second assault. As I sat there looking at that weed in disgust, a thought came to mind about a story I had read in a magazine.

Four forest plants

As I remember the story, a man was once taking a walk through a forest with his grandson by his side. The man suddenly stopped and pointed to four plants. The first was a tiny sprout. The second had rooted itself quite firmly. The third was a small shrub. The fourth had grown into a well-developed tree.

The old gentleman said to his grandchild, "Pull up the first plant." The youth pulled it up easily with his fingers. "Now pull the second," said the man. The youth obeyed and with slight effort the plant came up, roots and all. "And now the third," continued the elderly gentleman. The boy pulled with one hand, then the other, but it would not come. Then he used both hands, and the plant finally yielded. "And now," said the old man, "try the fourth." The youth pulled at the trunk of the sapling with

all his might, but hardly a leaf shook. "I can't move it!" he exclaimed in frustration.

"Just so, my son," said the wise old fellow, "with our habits. When they are young and small, we can cast them out, but when they are full grown they are hardened and sometimes cannot be uprooted."

A lesson here

I think we can learn from this little story. The way we allow ourselves to think is important. It is all too easy, if we are not on our Christian guard, to form habits of thinking negatively, thinking on things of little or no worth, letting our thoughts wander aimlessly. Forgetting our tremendous calling.

Constantly entertaining a certain thought will lead to performing some act, and if the act is repeated again and again, it gets deeply rooted inside us and becomes a part of our basic character. And if that habit is a sin, notice where it leads: "Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:14-15).

The Passover season is upon us — the spring of God's Holy Days plan. Now is the time to address ourselves to our bad habits and root them out before they are so big we can't move them.

Let's make sure we are thinking on the honest, just, pure things (Philippians 4:8), so that when our thoughts and outlooks develop into habits and become part of our character, they will produce only happy, abundant, eternal life.

Checking checks cuts costs, says director

Richard Rice is a minister in God's Church and is director of the Church's Mail Processing Center in Pasadena.

By Richard Rice

PASADENA — With your help and cooperation, the guidelines in this article can save the Work of God thousands of dollars each year in money, time and manpower. And, all that's involved are a few simple, easy principles to remember when preparing title or offering checks to Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong.

Each week in the Mail Processing Center we receive a number of checks that "bounce" after they are deposited in our banks. Some are written on empty bank accounts, and some are incorrectly or incompletely made out.

As you can understand, a donation to God's Church is of no value if the check cannot be cashed.

Plus, processing these checks

costs the Work literally thousands of dollars each year in employee time and wages. (When a check is returned to us by the bank unpaid, we must remove that donation from the person's record, write a special letter and send the check back.)

And, the person who writes such a check can lose money, too. When a check bounces, the writer is often charged a fee of \$3 to \$6 by his own bank. If the check is returned more than once, the cost can be doubled. By reducing the number of these nonnegotiable or bounced checks, everybody will gain.

A few rules

Here are a few guidelines to help all of us, as members of God's Church, in writing our checks and keeping tabs on our bank accounts:

1. When sending U.S. Postal Money Orders, please be careful to send the right copy. Many times the top copy — which is the nonnegotiable receipt — is sent to us by mistake,

and this has to be returned for correction.

2. When sending checks, please be sure to sign them. About half of the nonnegotiable checks we receive have not been signed. Again, we have to return them so they can be completed.

3. Also, take an extra moment and check again to be sure the date is correct. Checks more than six months old cannot be cashed, nor can postdated checks. Also notice that the amounts are the same in both the written and numerical figures.

4. Sometimes we receive checks made out to other people or organizations. Evidently some get the checks mixed up when paying their bills and send the title check to the electric company and the electric company payment to the Church.

Everyone understandably slips up once in a while. But a few of us consistently send checks that cannot be cashed. It is important that we all try our best to see that our contribu-

tions reach headquarters safely and without delay.

A few other points

Here are several more thoughts that can be helpful to all of us:

1. When moving, make sure that you leave sufficient money in your checking account to cover all outstanding checks before the account is closed.

2. Keep your checkbook records up to date and don't write a check unless you have money in the account to cover it.

3. Habitually writing checks that bounce is bad for one's credit rating, in addition to causing a lot of unnecessary work for the person to whom the check is sent.

Remember that a donation is of no value to the Work if the check cannot be cashed. If we all exercise more care, we can minimize this problem and reduce the unnecessary expense for God's Church of handling bad checks.

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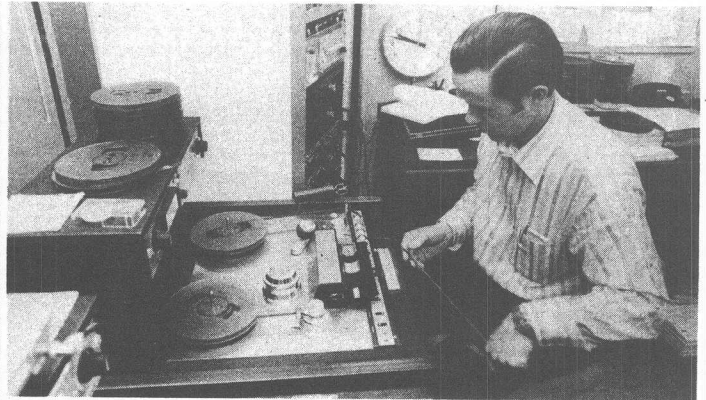
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PROGRAM PRODUCTION — Herbert W. Armstrong is recorded in Tucson, left, and the tapes sent to the Radio Production Department. Audio engineer Manfred Fraund splices literature ads into a program, above. Radio Production supervisor Garland Snuffer and maintenance engineer Richard Dolan check new recording equipment, below. [Photos by Ron Prociw and Roland Rees]

'Small, but very dedicated staff' handles Work's radio programs

By Michael Snyder
 PASADENA—Many individuals now in God' Church first came into contact with the Work by chancing upon Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong speaking on *The World Tomorrow* broadcast. According to Garland Snuffer, supervisor of the Work's Radio Production Department under Larry Omasta of Media Services, *The World Tomorrow* broadcast is one of the longest running radio shows of any kind, having been on the air since 1933. It is also one of the biggest buyers of air time in the United States, as well as buying a significant amount of air time on international stations.

Small, but dedicated

Backing up Mr. Armstrong's commission to preach a message of hope to a dying world requires a great deal of organization and work, states

Mr. Snuffer. Beginning in a small cramped studio in the Ambassador College Library, the Radio Production Department currently consists of nine fulltime staff members, all of whom share several responsibilities and duties.

"We have a small, but very dedicated staff," states Mr. Snuffer. "We service 58 radio stations on a continual basis with constant change in numbers."

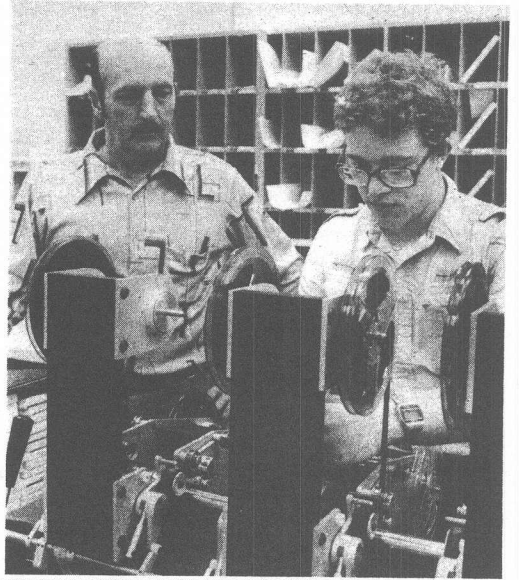
Getting the Gospel message to the world is a complicated process that must be executed with a minimum of error, according to Mr. Snuffer, as the responsibility of handling knowledge with eternal stakes is a serious one.

First step in Tucson

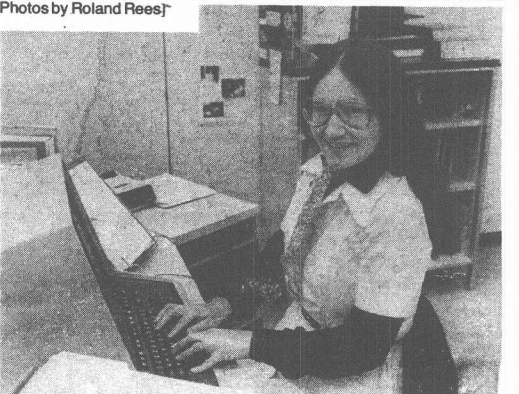
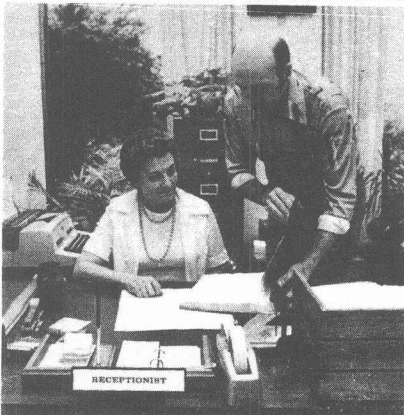
The first step begins when Mr. Armstrong speaks before an audience or records a tape in the studio at

his home in Tucson. The recorded message is then delivered to Radio Production. Audio engineers Manfred Fraund and Martin Tranquada splice in the opening and closing themes of *The World Tomorrow* broadcast and add the literature advertisements. Upon final completion and approval of the finished message, the master tape is dubbed or reproduced for the many radio stations airing the broadcast. The tapes are then boxed up and shipped to the contracted radio stations. After airing, the stations ship the tapes back to Pasadena, where the tapes are erased and the process begins anew.

"It's an awesome responsibility to work with the message that God is delivering through Mr. Armstrong," states Mr. Snuffer, "and our staff responds with enthusiasm and zeal in helping Mr. Armstrong get his job done."



COMPLICATED PROCESS — Clockwise from above: Karwin Klassy serves as an audio engineer for the English international broadcast; Martin Tranquada puts finishing touches on a copy of the French-language broadcast; Patti Harris transcribes one of Mr. Armstrong's programs; Sue Beach reproduces a broadcast from a master tape; Mr. Snuffer and receptionist Jean Wood examine a braille copy of one of Mr. Armstrong's booklets; Brenda Gibson erases old tapes so they can be dubbed with new programs. [Photos by Roland Rees]



FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

This issue's "Forum" is the continuation of a question-and-answer session by Stanley R. Rader, the Work's treasurer and general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, in Pasadena Feb. 19. Mr. Rader's comments cover various aspects of the present state of the Church.

I just want to clarify something I was hearing a long time ago. But it's something to do with the Jewish community and the possibility of these people being Jewish and how it would tie into the Jewish community?

That's a good question. The young lady is talking about the fact that many of these people were Jewish people. There is a problem there, and I referred to it in certain circles, but I can give you the history now because it's interesting. It's true and it's interesting, and then you can make whatever inferences you have to make from what I tell you that I know is true.

It goes back actually to December of 1973. In December of 1973, Mr. Armstrong arranged for Arthur Rubinstein to, excuse me, in December, '74, for Arthur Rubinstein to play a recital here at Ambassador, and the Church donated an additional \$100,000 to the state of Israel and Rubinstein donated his services, and it was a magnificent evening. It's something that any of you who were fortunate enough to share in will remember all of your lives.

How many of you were here? Well, you know what a magnificent event it was. But there were things going on that were hideous, absolutely hideous before that event took place.

There is a man in Los Angeles whose name is Fleischmann, Ernest Fleischmann. He is the executive director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association. When he heard that Rubinstein was coming to play for us, he was outraged because Rubinstein on the day before, or two days before, I forget which, was to give a benefit performance for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association in concert at the Music Center.

So he took it upon himself to contact the maestro and to label us via telephone. He was here, Rubinstein was in New York at the Drake Hotel, Mr. Armstrong and I had just seen him, the arrangements had already been made, but we introduced ourselves to him and had a wonderful

know these people, but here, I'm practicing, leave me alone.

I also put in a touch with our good friends in Israel who had arranged the whole concert, and, of course, they made him realize how ridiculous it was, and he came and he played.

Well, Fleischmann has never let up. To show you how people's minds work, in case you don't know, and I am sure you all do, it's very hard to get the poison out once the poison is there. When we were preparing our first issue of *Quest* magazine, the first issue, remember, wasn't published until the early winter of '77. In the fall of '76, that's almost two years later, we had commissioned the photograph of Rubinstein's daughter — one of his daughters was a fine photographer. You know *Quest* has had a steady history of featuring the finer aspects of the photography art or craft.

At the very last moment, now mind you she was married at one time to this William Coffin, the chaplain at Yale. At the very 11th hour she pulled her material when she found out we were the same anti-Semitic, fascist organization that had brought her father, Arthur Rubinstein, to California two years before.

It's amazing, that's how it sticks. Once it's in it's hard to get it out. Of course, after January of '75, when Rubinstein first came here, we established a foundation, and we took this whole Southland cultural community by storm, and we have outperformed Mr. Fleischmann and given him problems ever since.

And our friends in the community told us the damage he has done out there. So we've had a rabbi in the area — you've heard me tell this story at the Feast of Tabernacles — who in the summer of '75 took it upon himself to go to the airwaves, radio interviews, television interviews, newspaper interviews, to label us as the greatest threat to Judaism in 2,000 years, urging the Jewish community of Los Angeles to boycott us.

That was Rabbi [Shlomo] Cunin. Some of you might remember

On the way home the father will say to the mother, or the mother will say to the father, aren't those beautiful students, aren't those beautiful people? Why can't our kids be like that? Then they're going to send their kids to Ambassador College, and we're going to convert them.

So that's really what the rabbi had on his mind, but that doesn't make us evil does it? But he was trying to paint us as evil and as a serious threat.

So that was the summer of '75. What I did then to put down that brushfire was to call upon Mr. [Michael] Ravid. You all remember Mr. Ravid, he was a very much loved figure in this area. Of all of the consular generals that they've ever had in Los Angeles he is the most well liked and well remembered.

He was the only one who didn't give the impression of being a professional diplomat, the only one with real heart and sincerity, and people loved him. He came here and he just talked to everybody in the community, and he put out all of those fires.

So we thought most of them were out of any serious nature, but then of course the lawsuit started, and we heard from various people that there were various elements downtown who might possibly have poured oil onto the fire, saying I told you so, that type of thing, and that might come from those cultural groups.

But it is true that there is a brotherhood of judges. You all understand that. Just like there is a brotherhood of lawyers, there is a brotherhood of doctors, there is a brotherhood of architects. If you want to sue an architect, you've got to go out and get another architect to testify about the first architect. He doesn't want to do that because if he does, next time around he might be on the receiving end. So they like to keep their skirts clean; they like to stay out of those battles. Let everybody be incompetent just as long as nobody is proved to be incompetent.

Doctors you know, generally for years buried their mistakes. It's true! But over the last couple of decades they've been able to knock down the walls of resistance of doctors testifying against other doctors. But it wasn't easy. When I was teaching at the law school, I had at least half a dozen outstanding doctors who went on to become outstanding lawyers, working in that field of forensic medicine where they could be called in so that they could testify against doctors, who were doing the things that were not up to standard.

Lawyers don't like to testify against other lawyers, and judges don't like to reverse the decision of

going to reverse B in the same courtroom, courtroom side-by-side, you know how unlikely it is, the chances are two — slim and none — generally to have that happen. Again you have your appellate courts.

Then, of course, people of like backgrounds, whether those are ethnic backgrounds or religious backgrounds or cultural backgrounds, do tend to flock together. So maybe within the court of, let's say a court like Los Angeles Superior Court, you have quite a lot of Jewish judges. They would probably tend to work together.

I mean you can imagine my chagrin when the very first day Title, Judge [Julius] Title, referred to [Steven S.] Weisman as my good friend. That should have been a sign to our lawyer to get out of there. And, so one of our lawyers called attention to that and Allan Browne made a judgment call. That's what happens when you go to court you know. You have lawyers that have to make judgment calls. Despite that friendship, which was inviting a peremp-

"Lawyers don't like to testify against other lawyers, and judges don't like to reverse the decision of somebody that they have to see every day of their life."

tory challenge, it was inviting a challenge, not even peremptory, just a challenge of prejudice.

If Allan Browne had said at that moment, I didn't realize you were good friends with Mr. Weisman — Judge Weisman — I would prefer if you would withdraw from the case, that would have been the last we would have seen of Title. And that would have been having seen him much too long.

But Allan Browne, I'm not criticizing him now, I'm just speaking plainly with you because you're part of the inner family here, he made a judgment call. He decided he'd rather have Title even though he's an admitted friend than to have X, Y or Z who could be worse. That was a judgment call. But remember, Allan Browne is down there everyday with it. He has to suffer.

As I told the Chinese people, in our society every major issue of any importance affecting the lives of millions always winds up being settled eventually by the Supreme Court. Yet, the first people who hear the arguments are Los Angeles Superior Court judges, the very people who would never be the people litigating the problems, if they were still in private practice. It's a very strange situation that attains.

You would almost think if you have a monumental issue that affects millions of people, maybe it would be better to be able to go directly to the very best court in the country. You ought to be able to say, this issue needs the nine best minds we have. This needs the best people. Maybe they shouldn't even be judges, probably not. But it needs nine outstanding minds to focus on this problem, whether we're dealing with busing, or we're dealing with all of the other issues of our time. Yet, that isn't our system. Those battles begin in a Los Angeles Superior Court.

So, it's a pity that that's the type of situation that attains. So these people live together. I would like very much to believe that there is no real problem that exists because all of these people are Jewish. I would like very much to believe that and I do. Until I've been shown otherwise I'm always going to try to believe that.

I was very concerned all during the past six months because the only major group that was not coming to the fore and joining us in making requests for hearings were the synagogues and temples. But I forgot to tell you that we now have the American Congress of Synagogues, and they will be joining in our writ of certiorari to the Supreme Court. They represent all of the synagogues of the United States.

So at least those people — in fact,

their famous Leo Pfeffer, who is one of the leading constitutional lawyers in the country — has written the brief, which will not only be signed by the Jewish synagogues but by the Presbyterians and all the other groups.

So I would like very much to believe it isn't there. But something, of course, is there, and it goes back to that era. And one of the reasons I had Mr. Ravid come back again this year was to do work out there in the community for us to put to rest these lingering doubts that people might have had about our position vis-a-vis the Jewish people, our position vis-a-vis the state of Israel and our not being fascist and our not being anti-Semitic. And he did a good job again.

It's a good question. It's one that's been there all along and a lot of us have been concerned about it. We're trying to balance it out. Well, you might notice — some of our lawyers are Jewish, some are not. Most of our lawyers are either Catholic or they're

Jewish. I don't know what that tells you, but that's the way we have it. Mr. [Allan] Browne is Jewish. Mr. [Ellis] Horvitz is Jewish. Mr. [Lawrence] Tribe, our constitutional lawyer from Harvard, is Jewish. Mr. [W. Marshall] Morgan is Irish. Mr. [David] Harney is Irish and both Catholics.

Mr. Harney said, I've been a member of the Catholic Church for 55 years and no one's ever asked me if I could vote. No one's ever asked me if I approved of what the pope does and everything. He's outraged about the whole thing, and he's one of the best lawyers in the country.

After the March 5 TV special, I was wondering how long it'll be before it would be on national TV — the documentary?

Well, we are buying time. The question is about the March documentary.

We're buying time around the country. It's not easy to open up the time slot that we're looking for. Remember, we're trying to get from 9 to 10 at night or very close to that.

Television is undergoing a bit of a change. It used to be one season. Everything was set in the fall, and they either bombed or succeeded and the changes came about the following fall. But now the competition is so intense that the shows that bomb are blown right off the air, and new shows come in at the beginning of January. So we're fighting that. As soon as that shakedown takes place some time will open.

We're trying very hard to get into, we have an offer for Channel 13 in New York — but Channel 13 in New York is WNET, which is an educational channel, and we're hoping to get a different — again, it's not as widely watched, it's educational TV, but they offered.

So we're trying to buy time around the country, and we'll be buying market by market. Mr. [Joe] Tkach and other people in the ministry are working closely, telling us which areas they'd really like to have it air in first, where it would give the best support for the churches and so on. So it's kind of a coordinated effort.

I'd like to know if there are any new developments in the sale of the Big Sandy [Tex.] campus — and also SEP [Summer Educational Program]?

The question is any new developments, SEP and Big Sandy sale. We have had no nibbles on Big Sandy. The people who wanted to buy it before have just not had the wherewithal to come up with the funds for closing the sale, and we've had no other offers even though it's obvious according to the State, that we're selling.

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evening with him. You've heard Mr. Armstrong talk about it, I think.

He contacted Rubinstein and told Rubinstein that we were anti-Semitic, fascist and just about the worst people in the whole world. He told that to everybody he knew was an intimate of Rubinstein and urged them to urge him not to come here.

Rubinstein didn't get to be — at that time he was 87 — he didn't get to be 87 in any different manner, you might say, of certain fundamental things, any more easily than Mr. Armstrong had gotten to be 82 at that time. You've got to really have a lot of fortitude and a lot of intelligence and something going for you to get up to that age. So he let me know what happened. He said, I don't believe any of this, and I sent him some material. He wasn't concerned about Fleischmann, he had already made up his mind, but he wanted some material so that he would have something to tell his friends so that he could say, look, read it for yourself, I

the story I told at the Feast of Tabernacles. I said, the rabbi almost has it right. I mean except he's painting us as evil people and we're not. But I said, what he's complaining about is that the Jewish community does support the arts; in fact, in city by city around the United States, around the world, you would not have the cultural centers, you would not have those things if the Jewish community was not involved. They're generally the ones who push it the most.

He said, I'm going to tell, in essence I said, this is what he is seeing, he is seeing this magnificent auditorium on this magnificent campus or our beautiful Ambassador College people, our students parking cars, serving as ushers and usherettes. A Jewish mother or father is going to come to Pasadena, they're going to spend a magnificent evening here, they're going to hear an outstanding cultural performance, they're going to see all those wonderful people, they're going to get back in their car.

somebody that they have to see every day of their life. When I go downtown — I haven't been down there in a while — I mean if it weren't again so sad it would be comical. In fact I do laugh under the circumstances.

I was sitting one day having coffee in the cafeteria of the ninth floor and who comes walking by? Our good friend [Thomas T.] Johnson, our good friend [Jerry] Pacht, our good friend [Robert] Weil, and they all said, "Good morning, Mr. Rader, how are you?" You know, they didn't have their robes on and what does that tell you? It tells you that these people live their lives together on the bench.

Now I'm not saying there's anything essentially evil about it or necessarily corrupt about it. But they spend their lives with one another, they break bread together at lunch, they have coffee together in the morning. I don't know how often they see one another socially in the evening. But you can put two and two together easily. I mean if A is

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ing a \$30 million piece of property for \$10.6 million. There just are no offers.

I don't know what you want to know about SEP, but Mr. Armstrong is a very strong supporter of YOU, YES, as well as the SEP program, and we'll probably be making some announcements about that in the next few weeks.

Do you have any plans in the near future to visit the Scandinavian countries?

Plans to visit Scandinavia? For some reason or another, Mr. Armstrong and I have not been there in many years. We have active churches there now, and they are very solid, and the invitations have been extended again and again by our own ministers, and we have also had invitations from the governments and we just haven't gotten there. So we don't have any concrete plans. It's such a beautiful place to visit that you know it would be so much easier to think about going to Norway or to Sweden or to Denmark than to some of the places that we've had to visit in the past.

But Mr. Armstrong sets the priorities, and they've been set in that fashion and we've been overlooking that area. But all of our ministers want us to come and I'd like very much to go, but we don't find a way to squeeze it in. It's so close, we're always right there, you know. We're only an hour away or two hours away at the most and we don't get there.

In regard to our endeavor to get the Gospel through to nations like China and Russia and Japan especially, have we got any plans for publishing any of our material, literature or "The Plain Truth" even, in their languages?

I think I mentioned earlier I hope to start getting literature that we already have available into China. Obviously if the demand is there we can begin to think about publishing in Chinese.

But for a long time we've been thinking about publishing in Japanese and still haven't done it. Of course Japan is an expensive place to do our work in, and it's just outrageous and not getting any better. The costs just keep climbing clear out of sight and that may be one of our problems.

But by all means if we begin to get the Work going strong, we should have something in their language. In China the people are very eager to get English material. Walking on the street I gave a teacher a copy of *Quest* magazine that he admired, and he had to give me something back so he gave me his, almost like a primer. He was an English teacher. He gave me a copy of the book that he uses to teach the secondary school.

I know that there is a big demand for English. Everyone listens to English. Everyone who has a radio listens to *Voice of America*. I was impressed. I'd never had much of a feeling about *Voice of America* until I got to China, and I found that everybody that we met listens to *Voice of America*. Every single bureaucrat that we met — every single minister of the government — they get their news from *Voice of America*.

I asked why. There are two reasons. One, they get the news much faster. *Voice of America* gets their news almost as fast as we get it from CBS, NBC or ABC, whereas their newspapers, even if they were to print everything, don't print it as it happens. They release the information according to their own schedule, which has to do with, should we print it or shouldn't we? Should we change it or shouldn't we?

By the time they get through making those decisions a long time can pass, and then they are all trying to learn English. So I don't think that in a place like China we should not make some tentative plans to think about distribution in English as well

as things that would help them to come along a little faster.

In Japan, on the other hand, I don't find that much English being learned by the young people. Mr. [Osamu] Gotoh and others that I've met over the years have told me, everyone has told me in Japan, that if we wanted to be successful in Japan, it's got to be in Japanese, without question.

Has the Justice Department been shown our documentary?

Yes. The Justice Department saw the documentary about two weeks

ago Monday. They were much impressed by it.

Mr. [Earl] Silbert has been working closely with them. He came out of the Department of Justice, well, out of the U.S. attorney's office, knows everybody in justice and has been trying to get them to move against the State. It's difficult to get them to move, particularly since they took a beating just recently.

They moved against the City of Philadelphia in what looked like a terrible abuse of the civil rights of the black population of the city of Philadelphia. They lost in the lower court and Superior Court again. Maybe that's made them a little gunshy for the moment because they thought they really had an open-shut case against the mayor there and the police chiefs: It didn't work out that way.

So, we're still feeding them with information, and they're very well informed. They're leaning in our direction, but there are a lot of considerations. It's a highly political thing, when the Department of Justice moves against a state, you see. We're asking them to move against the highest law enforcement officer of the state of California. Their sympathies are with us 100 percent, but it's a political decision that they're going to have to make, I'm afraid.

When they bumped into the City of Philadelphia, I think they found that, you know how Paul didn't want to go to Jerusalem, and he said, I want to go to Rome? I think they ran into the system there, and they don't know how much different it would be in this neck of the woods, one of those things. So it's a tough call for them.

But we keep giving them every bit of information and tell them we'll give them anything they want. We'll give them every piece of information as long as it's kept on a confidential basis. Things that, to the attorney general, we would never give and he would never even think of asking. But we still can't get them to move.

But you can see what a sensitive thing it would be. So maybe we're trying to get something, but we've been working on it for 14 months, so the impossible takes a little while.

You mentioned that the ministerial conference should be held here in June, scheduled for that. Is there a chance that Mr. Armstrong might be able to be here for that or will someone else have to take it?

There is a good chance that he will decide to be here for it. Whether he should be here for it or not is the question. It depends on how many sessions he would think he would want to take and whether, if it's only for one or two sessions, whether we couldn't do even a more effective job with less strain on him by means of TV, but there's nothing stopping him from coming in June and doing it. It just depends on what he wants to do, what he thinks would be best, how many sessions he intends to take — no other problems.

What do the Chinese people think of their regime and of the United States?

Their government? They think their government, from everything

I still remember what Dr. [Robert K.] Thomas, who is the vice president for Academic Affairs at Brigham Young University [Utah], told me when I met him for the first time four or five years ago: "In the next two decades, the question will not be what you believe, it will be whether you're going to be permitted to act or refrain from acting in consequence of those beliefs, and the battles will be fought in the courts. You'll be fighting them, we'll be fighting them." He was right. They have lived

the ones that we know are sanctioned by the Bible. He tentatively gave us Washington's Birthday off after I had told him there were a lot of requests for it. While our personnel manual is being redone, we took it off.

He doesn't believe in it. He said we have enough Church holidays without having to observe others. So, I don't know what's going to come of that in the final analysis. But, I was asked to intervene for Monday. So I did. But that might be the last time that we celebrate George Washington's birthday. I don't know.

I had a hard enough time explaining to him why it was being celebrated on the 19th instead of the 22nd or whatever day it was. He wasn't very happy about the whole thing, frankly, because he figured, well if that's the case, everyone will be ready to start their holiday on Thursday night, and they'll be sick on Tuesday morning.

There's a lot of that going on in other institutions. I don't think he thought about it here, but we know when you have a three-day holiday, there's the preparation time a lot of people take to get away and there's the returning time, and it does kind of play havoc with many institutions. But we'll have to go over all that material.

I'd like to check this one point that's been raised. There ought to be some way to get around it. I guess that would be by federal law we're talking about, so if we have any impact, I guess, Interstate Commerce, we'd fall under that act. I'll have Mr. [Ralph] Helge check it. He's not very busy these days. I'll have him check into that.

Why hasn't there been any response to Mr. Armstrong's co-worker letter concerning donating to the international Work?

I haven't heard. In other words, what has been the response of what? **Mr. Armstrong's appeal to the co-workers to donate to the international Work.**

Was that something that was asked? I don't remember getting that. Do you, Mr. Bicket? When did Mr. Armstrong ask that?

I thought that it was the beginning of January.

What did he say? **He said that the Work in the international areas needed a little more money, and he would like us** (See FORUM, page 7)

"I would say that the thing that I have found most difficult to tolerate and to bear up under is not the attacks on me, for the attacks on me have never been attacks on me. I have never been relevant. I've never been material. Any attack on me has always been an attack on one person, and that person is Mr. Armstrong."

through persecution once before, you know.

I have several questions I'd like to ask, mainly pertaining to employees that work here that are hourly paid. Many of the employees would like to donate extra time, but under federal and state law, they cannot, whereas a salaried person can. If you work any overtime by state or federal law you're required to pay those people for working. So they cannot donate their time. And secondly, like yesterday with a paid holiday. I don't understand why we would be paid for somebody's birthday. I'd just as soon work myself.

I don't know the answer to the first one. Is there anyone here? Mr. [Jack] Bicket, have you looked to be certain that there's no such thing anymore as volunteered labor?

Federal law prohibits it. Even for charities?

To the best of our knowledge it is.

I know that the unemployed can volunteer their services all the time to churches.

An employee of an organization cannot volunteer his time to that organization.

So in other words, perhaps it's different for the person who is not employed at all. Well, we'll find some way to work around it, because it's a good question, obviously.

What was the second part of it? Holidays.

Holidays. Well, Mr. Armstrong doesn't believe in holidays, except

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"After reading this expose on the Supreme Court, I'm glad none of my cases ever went that high!"

Member dance group performs ballet about world tomorrow

By Richard H. Calenius
BROOKLYN, N.Y. — A preview of the world tomorrow came alive in ballet and music Jan. 12, as the Brooklyn-Queens church presented a full-scale production entitled *A Classic Experience — The World Tomorrow in Music and Dance*. Written and performed by Church members, the idea was originally conceived by Deborah Swift and a friend 10 years before. "We wrote an entire dance script based on the coming Kingdom of God, but the production was so complicated that we shelved it," reports Mrs. Swift.

However, Mrs. Swift rediscovered the script a little more than a year ago. After receiving encouragement and the go-ahead from pastor Leslie Schmedes, Mrs. Swift began intensively recruiting and planning the production.

"Thanks to the tremendous support from the ministry, the church and the tolerance and help from my husband, we managed to pull it off," states Mrs. Swift.

Classical music

The first half of the Jan. 12 production was devoted to classical music,

with Wendy Pack opening the performance with a Brahms piano piece, followed by flutist Portia Lagares' rendition of a Haydn sonata. Turning to song, tenor Robert Vitale presented an Italian art song, two operas by Puccini and Gounod's "Oh, Divine Redeemer." Mrs. Swift, despite being afflicted with tonsillitis, closed the first half with an Italian art song and a number each by George Gershwin and Schubert.

After a 10-minute intermission, the ballet opened with members in full costume cast as the obedient nations rejoicing before God in the beginning of Jesus Christ's reign. As the obedient nations prepared for the first Feast of Tabernacles of the Kingdom the rebellious nations appeared, jeering at the obedient dancers.

They were self-sufficient and obnoxious, but God sent drought that produced famine and disease. Greatly weakened, the rebellious nations repented, and God's mercy, represented by other dancers, shined upon them. Dancing in thanksgiving, the formerly rebellious nations were joined by the entire cast and all danced joyfully in praise to God and

His great love.

'Professional quality'

Performed to Beethoven's *Pastoral Symphony* and narrated by Lomax Morris with scriptures from Isaiah, Zechariah and Micah, the performance was "well-received and was a professional quality production," according to Mr. Schmedes.

"We are all very impressed with the production," continued Mr. Schmedes, "and despite having to overcome numerous obstacles it was well worth the effort." A former off-Broadway dancer and singer, Mrs. Swift concurred, stating: "We never dreamed it would come off as well as it did. Both cast and audience were tremendously inspired, and there were tears of joy on both sides."

The Jan. 12 performance was a full-scale production replete with lighting, sets and costumes made especially for the production by seamstress Marsha Kelly. Principal dancers in the ballet were Pamela Condon, Matthew Cardona, Sigi Calenius, Ronald Forbes and Deborah Swift.



NATIONS REPENT — Rebellious nations represented by dancers Deborah Swift and Sigi Calenius are held aloft as they repent and rejoice before God in a ballet production about the world tomorrow, above. Below, the cast of *A Classic Experience* take their bows for the performance. (Photos by Norm Champagne)



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Two applications

A church found itself in need of a new pastor, and the board of trustees met to consider two applications. The first read as follows:

"Gentlemen: I am greatly distressed to learn of the death of your pastor. Although I am of a different denomination, I have long admired your pastor's speaking abilities.

"I feel I am amply qualified to replace him, as I have studiously avoided giving offense to my current large congregation and have never spoken against those of the political, commercial and social leadership in our community. Since your church is against law, I would like you to note that I have preached against it for years and know every argument against keeping it. It might also interest you to know that I have succeeded in attracting the most influential and wealthy families of the community to my present church.

"Recognizing the problems of our different denominations, I would like to point out that this will present no difficulty, as all denominational roads lead to the same place, and I will preach whatever you wish me to. I normally preach psychological precepts instead of scriptural, aiming to ease the minds of my congregation of any guilt complexes and worry. I am sure you will be pleased with my ability to attract new members, and I would be flattered to come for an interview at your convenience. Sincerely, Pastor John Smith."

The trustees were pleased and enthusiastically voted to request a personal interview. They then opened the second application:

"Gentlemen: I have heard of your vacancy and offer my qualifications. I have been well-educated and personally tutored by a leading scholar. I previously was a zealous

member of a large denomination until an event in my life shook me up and caused me to totally surrender my life to obeying Jesus Christ. I have been completely reeducated by the Word of God and am empowered by God's Holy Spirit.

"You will find that I preach the same Gospel Jesus preached, which unfortunately is not popular to the masses. My congregations are normally small, and other churches actively persecute and attempt to brand me as a troublemaker, a false prophet and a heretic. I have been arrested and thrown in jail a few times, but never for any actual wrongdoing.

"I will bring to your church the true way to salvation and prove them, exhort them and teach them to obey the law of God. I shall open their eyes to the real purpose and plan of God and teach them the true way to real happiness, peace, joy and eternal life. Unfortunately, these are contrary to the doctrines your church now holds."

The trustees were livid with rage! The audacity and insolence of this upstart of sending such an insulting letter to important and respectable men! These trustees would certainly not tolerate any controversial, ex-jailbird in their pulpit. Who was this man anyway?

The chairman of the board looked for the signature and read, "the apostle Paul."

Which of these preachers would you choose?

Ray A. Meyer, pastor
Louisville, Ky., church

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Industrial hitches?

It seems nobody has bothered to investigate the complex problems that Noah had to tackle during the construction of the ark. However, given the governmental industrial standards of today, Noah may have

had an even rougher time of it. If Noah tried to build an ark in 1980 it may have gone something like this:

"And the Lord said, 'Noah, where is the ark I have commanded thee to build?' And Noah replied, 'Lord, I have yet three craftsmen out on workman's compensation and my gopher wood supplier hath been subpoenaed for wage and price guide violations. And of a grievous time O Lord, my subcontractor hath gone out of business and my plumbers are on striketh. My son Shem hath formed a rock band with his brothers Ham and Japheth and are henceforth nowhere to be found.' And the Lord grew angry saying, 'What about the animals I told thee to assemble?'"

"Fearfully, Noah replied: 'Lord, they have been delivered to the wrong address, but my supplier informeth me that I shall yet see their faces this Friday hence.' And the Lord said: 'Havest thou gathered the unicorns? And the fowls of the air by seven? Noah wrung his hands and wept: 'Verily Lord, unicorns are a discontinued line, and fowls of the air are only available in half dozens.'"

After all this, would it be any wonder that a flood would be sent to cover the earth?

Ken Lewis, pastor
Perth, Australia, South church

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Dried fruit roll

For a delicious treat, try making your own dried fruit roll.

½ lb. pitted dates
½ cup raisins
1 lb. dried figs
½ lb. dried apples
½ lb. dried prunes
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 cup filberts
2 cups almonds
1 tsp. grated orange rind
coconut

Grind all nuts and fruits except coconut. Mix well with orange peel. Divide mixture into four parts. Shape into 10-by-2-inch rolls. Roll completed rolls in coconut. Wrap in plastic film. Your dried fruit rolls will keep for several weeks and provide a tasty treat.

Athena Watson
Portland, Ore.

How to form a junior church choir

First, take 40 happy and cheerful children ages 4 to 13, add a hard-working but patient mother (as choir director) and an accompanist who loves children. Spice these with music of enjoyment (fun songs) and fill with songs of God and what they mean. Touch the songs up with pictures to color and musical notes to help each child to remember the words.

Fruit and cookies can be added to help perk up the young children and keep them fresh. Spread a generous portion of love and care as the topping, with a dash of patience to smooth things out. Bring to Sabbath services and watch parents burst with happy pride as your mixture vibrantly sings to the delight of all.

Dorothy Brassell
Bluffton, Ohio

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Sabbath morning pancakes

Sabbath morning pancakes seem to be a tradition in many households in the Worldwide Church of God. Here's a recipe that's easy to prepare — yet tasty and nutritionally sound.

2 cups whole wheat flour
½ cup wheat germ
1 tbsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
3 tsp. honey
2 eggs
2 cups milk
½ tsp. vanilla
¼ cup oil (safflower or corn oil)

Mix dry ingredients together in bowl. Add liquids, mixing together until smooth. More milk may be added for a thinner pancake. Cook on grill.

Guaranteed to last you through Sabbath services.

Kathy Jones
Washington, Ind.

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Keep His Commandments

More than 150 years ago in a rough log cabin in the backwoods of Kentucky, a mother sat nursing her baby. As the years passed and the little boy grew, his mother taught him the Scriptures, often reading to him the Ten Commandments. The boy soon knew them by

heart and would recite them for his mother and himself every night before going to bed.

One day when the boy was 9 years old, his mother quietly told him: "Abe, I'm going away from you soon, and I won't be coming back. But I want you to remember to live as I have taught you; to keep His Commandments." The wee lad solemnly gave his promise, and not long after the mother died peacefully.

Today the efforts of that simple country woman are known the world over, for in those nine short years she molded the character of her son, Abraham Lincoln, who became one of the greatest Presidents of the United States.

It was his mother's influence that helped make President Lincoln the man that he was — and he never forgot her. Even at the height of his career Mr. Lincoln stated, "All that I am, my mother made me."

Truly, no one knows the power of a mother's love!

Bernice Charter
Houghton, England

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Homemade zucchini bread

Occasionally one may feel the urge for something homemade and tasty. If you're tired of the commercial bread found in stores, try this recipe for homemade zucchini bread:

3 cups whole wheat pastry flour
3 eggs
1 ¼ cups brown sugar (or add honey to taste)
¼ cup honey
1 tsp. baking soda
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
2 cups zucchini peeled and grated
3 tsp. cinnamon
½ cup nuts
½ cup unsalted nuts (preferably walnuts)
3 tsp. vanilla

Beat eggs till light and fluffy; add oil, sugar/honey, zucchini and vanilla, mixing lightly but well. Mix in flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Add nuts to mixture after it has blended well. Bake in two greased 9-by-5-inch pans at 325 degrees for 45 minutes or slightly less.

Audrey Neufeld
Hemet, Calif.

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to contribute more to them, or no, to Pasadena.

Oh, to Pasadena. Yes, well, income is up and the response to all of Mr. Armstrong's letters has been very good, much better than we would have anticipated.

We have in the past few years done less from Pasadena for the Work in other areas in the world than we would like. Mr. Armstrong was much encouraged by the reports that came to him from these other Works of how well they have been doing despite the fact that we have not been doing as much as he would like to do.

So, I think he's reminding the co-workers that the Work is worldwide, and although we're paying more attention to the needs here, those needs out there still need to be taken care of. I would imagine that there are many people out there among co-workers who feel the same. Income may be up because of that comment. But I don't think he was asking people in this country to send their money overseas directly.

This is not a question, but I just want to say that I commend you, and we all, of course, concur on this. We feel that you have done very well in hanging in there, despite the trials, like for example this lawsuit that is still going on and all of the efforts that Satan has been making to destroy this Work, and that you've done, we feel, a very commendable job in hanging on, despite having to take the insults of people that you thought were friends. I just want to say, it's very good, and just keep up the good work.

I thank you very much for those sentiments. I don't want any of you to think for a moment that it's been particularly difficult for me to bear up under these comments and criticisms, whatever they may be, or to bear up under the natural stresses of the past 14 months. To be perfectly candid with you, as I always try to be, it has not been difficult for me to do that. It just has not been.

I mean, I have received training. I have had experience with the things that we are doing, or things that I

knew I would have to be called upon one day to handle. Like Mr. Armstrong told me on the very first day that I met him, almost a quarter of a century ago, that he would be persecuted. He never stopped reminding me of that, ever. So this was something that I knew, if Mr. Armstrong were right about anything, he would certainly be right about.

So consequently it came as no surprise, and I was prepared for it and trained for it, and under his tutelage. You have to understand, it's a long period of preparation that I've had under him, and I wish I could share all of it with you, but that's impossible.

I would say that the thing that I have found most difficult to tolerate and to bear up under is not the attacks on me, for the attacks on me have never been attacks on me. I have never even been relevant. I've never been material. Any attack on me has always been an attack on one person, and that person is Mr. Armstrong. When they attack me, they're attacking him, and in essence, they are attacking the living God. That's what it's been all about.

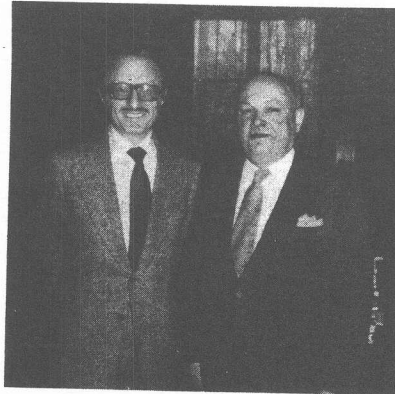
So on occasion if I have been more rather than less short tempered, or more rather than less intolerant of the inability perhaps, let's say, of the media from time to time to absorb and assimilate the material, it has been not so much because it really hasn't concerned me at all. It's just been a very easy thing for me to live through. There has been no problem.

I didn't have to work harder, because I always worked hard and have

to work longer hours; I always work long hours. I didn't have to change what I was doing. I simply took most of it in stride. But to hear Mr. Armstrong accused directly and indirectly — those things have bothered me.

I am determined to vindicate him 100 percent. I want to vindicate him 100 percent if at all possible by maintaining the privacy and integrity of this institution, which is perfectly capable of governing itself under

the laws of God. But if I have to let down the barriers and let the people know in no uncertain terms how good he is and how bad some others have been, well so be it. But I will vindicate him, I assure you. Thank you.



OVERSEAS VISIT — Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF) Executive Vice President Stanley R. Rader visited Warsaw, Poland, to continue relations begun there before AICF founder Herbert W. Armstrong's illness in 1977. The foundation had become involved with a children's health center funded through private contributions, and on this trip Mr. Rader met with Janusz Wiecezorek, head of the center, left. Mr. Wiecezorek is also head of the Office of Ministers of the Polish People's Republic and chairman of the Council for the Preservation of Monuments to Resistance and Martyrdom. Mr. Rader reports that Mr. Armstrong has talked with Poland's ambassador to Japan on several occasions and has agreed for the foundation to participate in the Chopin Competition. From Moscow, right, Mr. Rader reports that relations between the United States and the Soviet Union are worse than reported in the U.S. media, and that the Soviets feel that until President Carter lifts some of the economic and political restrictions he imposed on Russia, it will be difficult to consider any new programs originating in the United States. However, Mr. Rader notes that plans are still going ahead for Mr. Armstrong's trip to Russia, and that Mr. Armstrong will continue to walk through these doors as God opens them.



British, Irish Feastgoers to meet at resort

RADLETT, England — For the first time since 1974, the entire membership in Britain and Ireland will meet together at one site, reports Edward Smith of the British Festival Office.

This year's Festival will be at Brighton, a seaside resort on Britain's south coast. Some 4,000 to 4,500 people are expected to attend, and international transfers to the site are welcome, Mr. Smith said.

Brighton, about 50 miles south of London, is easily accessible by road,

rail, sea or air. Gatwick, the nearest international airport, is 30 minutes away by car. Services will be in the 5,000-seat Brighton Centre, one of Britain's most modern convention complexes.

Hotels and guest houses will provide the majority of accommodations for Feastgoers in Brighton. The British Festival Office advises overseas visitors to opt for hotel accommodations — the facilities are of superior quality and full meals can be provided daily. An average daily ex-

penditure per adult for such lodgings would range from 12-20 pounds (about \$25-\$50 U.S. currency), which includes room, breakfast and dinner. Lunch can be obtained from one of the more than 200 restaurants and cafeterias in Brighton. The Brighton Centre will also offer lunch daily at prices starting at 2 pounds (about \$5).

Local attractions include the Royal

Pavilion (an Oriental palace dating from the period of King George IV), the Brighton Marina (Europe's largest yachting berth, with facilities for 2,000 vessels), an aquarium, a waxworks, two toy museums, playgrounds, theaters, tennis courts, golf courses and 3,000 acres of parks and sports fields. Horseback riding, ice-skating, croquet, soccer and beach

Festival-site coordinators meet

PASADENA — Twenty-one Feast-site coordinators and their business managers met for a day-long meeting March 10, according to Ministerial Services head Joe Tkach. Meeting with the 1980 Festival coordinating team of Ellis LaRavia, Joe Tkach, Jack Bicket and Dr. William Kessler in the Ambassador Auditorium, the ministers were briefed on plans and policies approved by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong for the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles.

"Everyone was excited and enthusiastic about current plans, and we all expect that this Feast is going to be very inspiring and enjoyable for

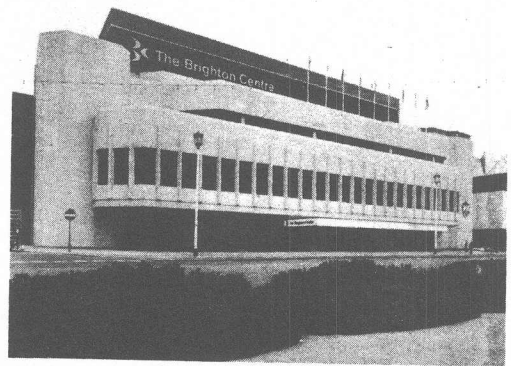
all," says Mr. Tkach.

While final arrangements and contractual agreements are still pending, Mr. Tkach stated that the U.S. brethren will be notified of the identity and arrangements for each of the 1980 sites sometime around the Days of Unleavened Bread. Mr. Tkach also noted that local pastors will be more directly involved in the 1980 Feast, as increasing the number of U.S. sites to 21 (there were 11 sites in the United States in 1979) will allow virtually every U.S. pastor to speak or participate in services.

Plans for the U.S. continental sites also call for Mr. Armstrong to speak live by microwave or satellite on both

of the Holy Days. International sites will be furnished an audio recording because of the prohibitive time difference.

A special *Worldwide News* is in the works for an April release that will explain in detail transfer procedures, housing requirements, individual site summaries and additional helpful information for brethren planning their fall itinerary. Mr. Tkach pointed out that an expanded edition of *The Good News* will be sent to members and co-workers in August, with several articles by Mr. Armstrong and other leaders of the Work to assist brethren in preparing for and enjoying the Festival.



FESTIVAL SITE — The Brighton Centre, a convention facility in a resort area on England's southern coast, is the location for services of the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles for members in the United Kingdom and Ireland. (Photo by Frederick Wackett)



FESTIVAL PLANNING — Festival-site coordinators and business managers meet in Pasadena to discuss plans for the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles, left. Ministerial Services director Joe Tkach addresses the group,



right, with, from left, Ellis LaRavia, Jack Bicket and Dr. William Kessler, each of whom is responsible for certain Festival functions, looking on. (Photos by Roland Rees)

activities will be available.

The Feast program includes, in addition to regular services, a civic reception and formal dance played host to by Brighton's mayor, film shows, get-togethers for the elderly, children's parties, a talent show, sports programs and activities for youths.

Full details about housing for the English Feast may be found in the Radlett Office Festival Accommodation brochure. Interested members should write directly to: Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Box 111, St. Albans, Herts., AL2 2EG, England.

U.S. members wishing to transfer to the Brighton Feast site should make their requests through the office in Pasadena. Applicants from other areas should apply through their local offices.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Fifty members of the **BINGHAMTON, N.Y.**, church met for a seminar on leadership at the Treadway Inn in Owego, N.Y., Feb. 24. Pastor Britton Taylor opened the morning session with a lecture on setting goals and working to achieve them. Lawson Price, local elder and personnel administrator at Atlantic Design Co. in Vestal, followed with a lecture on leadership in the business world. He discussed eternal success laws given in the Bible.

At the afternoon session, Mr. Taylor outlined qualifications for Christian leadership. Mr. Taylor closed the session seminar with an informal question-and-answer period. Between sessions the group enjoyed a buffet luncheon. *Eleanor Lukowski.*

The **CANTON, Ohio**, church with guests from **AKRON, Ohio**, enjoyed a game night Feb. 16. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cleveland organized the activities with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nicholson serving refreshments. Many games were played and numerous door prizes awarded. An added attraction for the children was the coloring books and colors given to each. *Frank A. Richards.*



PRaises TO GOD — The little children sing at the Mount Pocono, Pa., Sabbath services March 1. (See "Church Activities," this page.) (Photo by Margie Storm)

The **CHICAGO, Ill.**, **NORTHWEST** church had its first annual talent show Feb. 9. Luis Ferrer began the show with an array of jokes and introduced the performers. Talented musicians, singers, dancers and comedians made a varied and entertaining evening, including a poetry recital. The show, produced by Lowell Foster, was a grand success. Thanks are due to all who helped on stage or backstage to make a memorable occasion. *Sally Einersen.*

On Feb. 2 the **CHRIST CHURCH**, Barbados, members gathered on the roof deck of the Caribbee Hotel overlooking the Caribbean to celebrate the church's 12th anniversary in the area. All enjoyed performances by the choir and the Barbados YOU. Pastor Carlos Nieto spoke on the growth of the Church. A dance followed. *Clement Lowe.*

Some say that a small earth tremor occurred in Elyria, Ohio, Feb. 17 with its epicenter at Gargus Hall. Some say the cause of the quake was more than 100

stirred up Church of God members swinging and stomping in a square dance. It was the **CLEVELAND, Ohio**, **WEST** church saying farewell to pastor Greg Sargent and family.

Mr. Sargent and his wife Marian are being transferred to **SAN ANTONIO, Tex.** They had pastored in Cleveland for more than six years. At the dance, minister Guy Engelbart, his wife Penny and Laverne Witting paid them tribute. Gifts were presented and the dance resumed. *Jeff Smith.*

On Jan. 26 the **CONNECTICUT** church had a winter social. The YOU provided the meal and a cake auction. Israeli dancing, a puppet show and a band filled out the evening. And in a raffle competition, Jan Zachlud won a quilt made by the women members. Clowns mingled with the crowd, and one gave balloons to all the youngsters. *Helen C. Klies.*

The **DAVENPORT, Iowa**, church had a social at the Elks Club in Moline, Ill., Feb. 16. The 100 people present enjoyed a potluck meal. Next, came a talent show which included young children, teenagers and adults. Afterward the group divided into teams for games. *D. Holmes.*

On Feb. 16 the **FARGO** and **GRAND FORKS, N.D.**, churches had a "Great American Cake and Pie Bake-Off" at the Glyndon, Minn., Community Center. This auction of about 40 cakes and pies

added more than \$800 to the activity fund. The cakes and pies were baked by men with only background suggestions from wives. After the women judges had awarded prizes for the best six, all the cakes were auctioned. In furious bidding, the best cake sold for more than \$60. *Earl D. Jackson.*

The brethren of the **FLINT, Mich.**, church met at Sherwood Forest Feb. 17 for a winter outing. Hoods, boots and mittens were the apparel of the day. Sledding, tobogganing, skating and hayriding were the activities of some. Others played touch football.

Inside, the families shared a potluck meal and friendly conversation. And many participated in the drawing contest organized by Helen Braman. Awards for the best drawings went to Cindy Whitaker, Hiedi Ray and Robin Brewer. But all the entries were appreciated. Winners of the table tennis tournament were Ken Daws and Ben Tally. *Joann Whitehead.*



TALENT IN ACTION — Cheri Roulet mimes at brushing her teeth during a talent show by the three Portland, Ore., churches Feb. 9. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

A *Night at the Peking Opera* was the film viewed by women of the **HOUSTON, Tex.**, **EAST** church at their Feb. 12 meeting. Egg Drop soup was sampled and plans for future meetings were made. *Billie Post.*

On Feb. 16, after playing a tape from Herbert W. Armstrong, the **HOUSTON, Tex.**, **EAST** minister Hal Baird gave some announcements and led into Acts 6:1-7 and I Timothy 3:1-10. Those who expected an ordination were proved right. There were in fact three. Earnest Istre, Melvin Scott and Ron McGowen were ordained as deacons. All three had fulfilled the functions of deacons for some time. *Billie Post.*

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Kurts Sr. of the **JACKSON, Miss.**, church were honored with a reception Feb. 16 in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. About 200 brethren attended and enjoyed snacks, punch and a beautifully decorated wedding cake. The Kurtses have been in God's Church for four years. Their oldest son, George Jr., is also a member of the Jackson church and their son Paul is pastor of the **MONTGOMERY, Ala.**, church. Paul's twin sister, Pattie McGee attends church in **LONDON, England**. *George T. Kurts Jr.*

On Feb. 23, 44 members of the **KENOSHA, Wis.**, church gathered at Spencer's Bowl. After bowling, everyone went to a clubhouse for games and refreshments. All enjoyed the evening and another similar event is planned. *Connie McClure.*

On Feb. 16 the **MACOMB, Ill.**, church enjoyed a full day of activities. Following services and lunch was a slide presentation by minister Robert Druisen on the 1979 Czechoslovakia Feast of Tabernacles, which he and his family attended. After a potluck dinner, the entertainment was a musical comedy presented by the Western Illinois University Graduate touring group. "This truly was our best social ever," was the general opinion. *M.A. Thompson.*

March 1 the tiny tots gave the special music at the **MOUNT POCONO, Pa.**, Sabbath services. They enthusiastically sang their praises to God. A party was given for the children. Mrs. Bob Green made a cake that looked like a guitar and another like an open book with the first psalm on it. The children were delighted. *Margie Storm.*

The **NASHVILLE, Tenn.**, brethren



THE FIREHOUSE — From left, Pasadena Church members Ingrid Helge, Traule Soetebier, Gwen LaRavia and Cathy Downs pose for a photograph at the March 16 grand opening of The Firehouse, a free-clothing center for the Pasadena churches. (See "Church Activities," this page.) (Photo by Warren Watson)

were promised a variety show Feb. 23, and variety was certainly present. About 250 people gathered at Whites Creek High School to be entertained by such versatile acts as Abbott and Costello, Ray Charles, Elvis Presley and disco dancers. Musical arrangements were played on the piano, organ, drums and harmonica with vocal performances by several individuals and groups. The acts were introduced by George Greenwood. To make everyone feel at home, commercials were presented between many of the performances. Credit for the evening goes to Dave Duncan who produced the show. *Mary Hutcheson.*

The **OMAHA-LINCOLN, Neb.**, church raised \$190 by collecting trading stamps recently. This project involved the members in no expense and little time. All turned their stamps in to one person who cashed them at a redemption store. The money was sent to the Work. *Mrs. Charles Hillerson.*

Refreshments and drawings for prizes accompanied the March 16 grand opening of The Firehouse, a free-clothing center organized by members of the **PASADENA** churches. Gwen LaRavia, coordinator of the project, said the clothing on display is not referred to as "used" because of the high standard required for the donated items.

The Firehouse was originally a fire station in old Pasadena and is also used by the Church for Boy Scout meetings and for storage, Mrs. LaRavia said. After hours of volunteer labor the newly decorated building has an old country-store atmosphere. Clothing is displayed on wooden racks and on shelves, and a dressing room is available. It will be open for business every Wednesday and the first and third Sundays of the month.

Future plans include scheduling occasional guest lecturers and planting a vegetable garden behind the building. *Sheila Graham.*

The three **PORTLAND, Ore.**, churches met Feb. 9 for a potluck dinner and fun show. Members watched entertainment ranging from skits to mime and from vocals to instrumentals. A dance followed. *Woody Corsi.*

Members of the **PLYMOUTH, England**, church were shown two films Feb. 16. The first film was *Signposts Aloft*, which demonstrated the importance of knowing where one is and the direction one is taking. Using examples from air

navigation it showed the value of having the "right attitude." Not having the right attitude can cause a disastrous accident for an aircraft. The parallel was having the right attitude towards God.

The second film, *Time and Space*, explained some of the aspects of the theory of relativity. The films provided an interesting and educational evening. *John Collins.*

The brethren of the **RICHMOND, Va.**, church met for good food and entertainment at a Western-style social sponsored by YOU Feb. 16. After the meal of chili and hot dogs came the entertainment. Several instrumentals, some solos, a dance routine, a poetry recital and imaginative skits made the evening memorable. Then, to top everything off, the children enjoyed a pinata. *Chip Brockmeier.*

About 140 people from **ROCHESTER, N.Y.**, attended the annual snow party at Mendon Ponds Park Feb. 10. Although the temperature was at freezing point, it was a bright and sunny day — perfect for ice-skating, sledding and snowballing.

Inside the lodge, games, music and fellowship took place around the fire. An aroma of simmering chili, cooked by Jean Mansfield and Teresa Beilstein, filled the air. All enjoyed the chili, salads, cider and desserts. *Jake Hannold.*

The **SARNIA, Ont.**, church had a games night Feb. 2. After a potluck dinner, many games were played and money prizes drawn during the enjoyable evening. *Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Stecroix.*

The members in the **SOUTH BEND-ELKHART, Ind.**, area will observe the 19th anniversary of the church in that region Aug. 23. Several of the region's churches will meet for services at South Bend's beautiful and spacious Century Center. Many activities are planned including a formal dinner dance that evening in the Great Hall. All former pastors and assistants are invited as well as any brethren who have formerly lived in the area. Please direct any correspondence to Werner F. Lanter, 54909 Ash Road, Osceola, Ind., 46561. *Werner Lanter.*

On Feb. 14 some 40 members from **ST. ALBANS, England**, and surrounding churches took a coach trip to the nearby London Palladium. The show playing to packed houses is *The King and I* starring Yul Brynner and Virginia McKenna. A surprise was the packed supper served on the coach. *Bill Allan.*

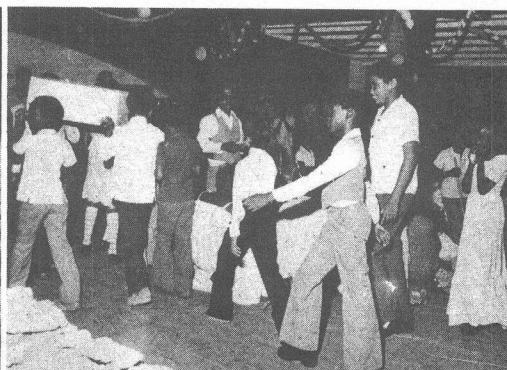
The **ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.**, church enjoyed a potluck luncheon and talent show at the Ridgewood Activity Center in Seminole Feb. 17. The show, which was organized by Bobby Sommerkamp, included instrumentals ranging from a harmonica and mountain fiddle to a one-man band and a variety of vocals. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

On Feb. 17, some members of the **SWINDON, England**, church traveled to London on a trip organized by Jed Pinder. Those who went to the Science Museum viewed sections on agriculture, astronomy, aviation and the history of steam locomotives. Those who visited the British Museum saw the exhibition about the Vikings, who made a considerable contribution to England's culture and language. The exhibits consisted of a reconstruction of a Viking house, cooking vessels, weapons and a set of metal worker's tools.

The group traveled to London by train at half price made possible by a detergent (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 9)



CHURCH ANNIVERSARY — Left, pastor Carlos Nieto and his wife cut the cake at the 12th anniversary of the church in Barbados. Right, the YOU



members march around the walls of Jericho in their play. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

CHURCH NEWS

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company's "two for the price of one" voucher scheme. *Andrew Rowley.*

Spiritual satisfaction was the mood at the TAMPA, Fla., church, Feb. 9, when Raymond McNair and Joe Katara visited on behalf of Herbert W. Armstrong.

Mr. Katara introduced the documentary *Church vs. State* and Mr. McNair gave a sermon on unity. After services was a question-and-answer session, followed by a potluck meal and a Bible study.

Because of the spiritual meat given and the feeling of closeness to Mr. Armstrong received through these representatives, spiritual batteries were recharged, and the hope was expressed that similar meetings would occur in the future. *Lynn J. Rowe.*

The Sounds of Joy, a band of musicians from the TAMPA, Fla., congregation, entertained with old and familiar tunes at the Paquette Nursing Home Feb. 16. The group's goal is to bring their sounds of joy into all the convalescent homes in the area. This was their 11th performance. *Lynn J. Rowe.*

CLUB MEETINGS

The ATHENS, Ga., Spokesman Club had a wine and cheese ladies' night at the Watkinsville Community Center Feb. 16. Couples fared on imported and domestic cheeses and wines. Mrs. Dale Knight was instrumental in the setup. Topics were led by Dale Knight. The discussion scanned a range of subjects from politics to television to instances of prayer being answered dramatically. The response was excellent.

Three speeches and two sermons were presented during the speaking session. Because the idea was to show the guests a regular meeting, even an attack speech was given. The president was Robert McClelland. Pastor Marc Master-son served as overall evaluator. *Joseph M. Hague.*

Twenty members and friends of the BRISBANE, Australia, Seniors Club hired a minibus and car and motored to Bellbird Grove March 2.

A picnic was enjoyed in the idyllic mountain surroundings. Steve Flannery, Beryl Wyatt and Jean Bone sang and Olwin Waterman won a "guess the envelope's contents" competition. Cards and other games were available. As there was little traffic on the roads and freeways, a pleasant drive home completed a successful evening. *Olwin Waterman.*

"The hand that rocks the cradle" was the theme of the Concerned About People Club meeting in FLINT, Mich., Feb. 18. Decorations included a poster made by Helen Braman and a baby doll and crib. The doll was used to demonstrate the importance of eye contact when speaking to children.

Hostess Glenda Christiansen spoke about communicating with children and helping them to grow. Cohostess Linda Lapp presented topics on teaching your

children about God and Mary Palmer gave an ice breaker.

Linnea Haas, club adviser, gave ideas on helping your children internalize Church values. The program was related to Proverbs 31:28 that says, "Her children rise up and call her blessed." *Joann Whitehead.*

The HAGERSTOWN, Md., Spokesman and Graduate Clubs met at the Wacohu Grange Hall for a wine and cheese night Feb. 14. Brian Drawbaugh spoke about the factors determining different types of cheeses and Hugh Buchanan talked on how to enjoy wines. During

served. It was a cake made by James Hills to resemble an open book. Inscribed on it was a quote from Psalms 81:10, "Open your mouth wide and I will fill it." There was enough cake to fill not only the members' and guests' but also the waiters' mouths. *James R. Hills.*

The MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Spokesman Club had a ladies' night at the Boulevard Cafe Feb. 16. One hundred eleven club members and their guests attended. Club directors Leonard Schreiber and John Moskel and their wives were presented with azaleas. Mr. Schreiber expressed his opinion that this was the best ladies' night he had attended in years. *James R. Steinele.*

The Busy Betsys of PALMER, Alaska, assembled Feb. 10 for a course on how to clean for the Days of Unleavened Bread. The girls were instructed to "think like a crumb" and find places where crumbs

Other officers are secretary-treasurer Anna Mae Prohaskin and sergeant-at-arms Tony Alfieri. *Deborah Eve Banack.*

SPORTS

The district YOU basketball tournament took place in the Southern Illinois College gymnasium at HARRISBURG, Ill., Feb. 24.

Placing first was CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., second was BELLEVILLE, Ill., and third was POPULAR BLUFF, Mo. The third-placed team was given the Best Sportsmanship award and one of their players, Danny Short, was judged the Most Valuable Player.

In the cheerleading, ST. LOUIS, Mo., was judged the winner with Cape Girar-

the team has won the award once in regional and twice in district competitions. Kevin Handy from Oakland received the Most Valuable Player award.

In the cheerleading competition San Jose and MODESTO, Calif., tied for first place. Both will go forward to the regionals. *Jeff Smith.*

YOU members gathered from WARNER ROBBINS, ROME, ATHENS, ATLANTA and COLUMBUS, Ga., in CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 2 and 3. At Sabbath services, Jim Thornhill gave an update on YOU, YES and the SEP program with emphasis on turning the hearts of the children to the fathers and vice-versa. That evening a disco dance was held. The dance contest was won by Tom Dickey and Kim Wicks.

Sunday morning was time for the basketball tournament. The junior division was won by Rome and the senior by Chat-



WINNING SMILES — The Oakland, Calif., Tigers, left, express their happiness after winning the YOU district basketball competition in San

Jose, Calif., Feb. 2 and 3. San Jose's cheerleading squad, right, tied for first place in cheerleading competition. (See "Sports," this page.)

the intermission the two clubs sampled wines and cheeses from various countries.

Afterwards, James Dawson presented speakers Steve Golden, Bill House, Stewart Dawson and Lyle Hoffman. Club ended with director Terry Mattson stressing the need to overcome speaking problems. *Gerald W. Dulaney.*

The KENOSHA, Wis., Women's Club met Feb. 20. The club was informed that the quilt they had made was completed and ready for sale. Minister Mike Hanisko spoke on having a positive attitude in relationships, especially in marriage.

The HANISOKS, who had a baby girl three weeks ago, were surprised with a baby shower. All four members of the family received gifts. After the meeting a Chinese luncheon was enjoyed in the home of Lois Roberts. *Conni McClure.*

The MANHATTAN, N.Y., Spokesman Club had a ladies' night Feb. 17. Forty-two people gathered at Beefsteak Charlie's restaurant on Manhattan's fashionable East Side. Directing the program was copastor Edward Faulk and his wife Thelma.

Adam Kahn gave topics and Domingo Quiems was toastmaster. Conrad Silveira won the Most Effective Speaker's cup, Ernest Owens was judged the Most Improved Speaker and Sal Pirazolza was judged Most Helpful Evaluator. After a steak dinner an unusual dessert was

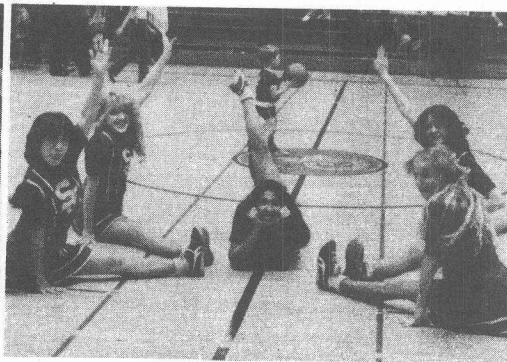
might hide. Then they practiced by cleaning drawers, cupboards and toasters, by stripping a bed and by searching coat pockets and purses. They also learned how to read labels to find leavened products. Now the girls are hiring out their services to help women clean out their homes for the Feast. Their earnings will be put in the Busy Betsy club treasury.

New officers were appointed: treasurer, Wendy Eckman; scrapbook keeper, Mandy Eckman; snack sergeant, Tara Orchard. *Linda Orchard.*

SINGLES SCENE

The Chat & Chew singles' club of the SOMERSET-MIDDLESBORO, Ky., churches met Feb. 16 and made plans for the spring dance. All singles are invited to the event to take place in the Somerset church hall April 19 beginning at sunset. The dance will have an Arabian setting. *Betty J. Frye.*

The WOODBRIDGE, N.J., church organized a single's club, which is sponsoring activities such as bowling nights, roller skating parties, game nights and Bible lectures. Activities are geared mainly toward singles but others are also invited, says President Tom Bartell.



Jose, Calif., Feb. 2 and 3. San Jose's cheerleading squad, right, tied for first place in cheerleading competition. (See "Sports," this page.)

deau second. *Connie Edwards.*

The NASHVILLE, Tenn., YOU played host for the district basketball and cheerleading tournament at the Madison Community Center Feb. 17. Six teams participated in the A and B divisions basketball competition. In the A division TUPELO, Miss., was declared champion after a win over MEMPHIS, Tenn. Teams from NASHVILLE, DICKSON and MURFREESBORO, Tenn., and BOWLING GREEN, Ky., competed in the B division with Nashville taking top honors.

In the cheerleading competition, squads from Bowling Green, JONESBORO, Ark., Murfreesboro, Nashville and Tupelo performed. Judged best was the Jonesboro squad followed by Tupelo and Nashville. The Tupelo and Nashville basketball teams and the Jonesboro cheerleading squad will compete in the regional tournament in HARRISBURG, Ill. *Mary Hucheson.*

The SAN JOSE, Calif., YOU was host to the northern California district basketball and cheerleading competition Feb. 2 and 3. Eight basketball teams and eight cheerleading squads participated in hopes of reaching the regional competition scheduled two weeks later.

The OAKLAND, Calif., Tigers were first with the San Jose Sun second. Both teams will advance to the regional tournament. The Best Sportsmanship award went to San Jose. In the past three years

taooga. Both teams will go forward to the regional competition in VALDOSTA, Ga. Jeff Skinner from Chattanooga won the Most Valuable Player award.

Chattanooga came first in the cheerleading competition with Athens placed second. The two squads will participate in the regionals. *Ruth Bailey.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The FREEPORT, Bahamas, YOU visited the Rand Memorial Nature Center Feb. 17. The members were shown slides of the birds and plants they would be seeing before the tour began. The birds flew around the trail and ate from the hand of the instructor. The instructor explained that the common plants and animals play an important part in the environment.

Because of bad weather, they had to rush to the end of the trail. There, the youths viewed the flamingoes. Some of them had never seen those birds before. After that, they went back into the building with a better idea of what nature is about. *Shannon Linsay.*

On the night of MARCH 1, laughter rang through the MOUNT POCONO, Pa., Administration Building. After an evening of bowling, the local YOU members were spending the night there in their sleeping bags. But they were still full of boundless energy. So next morning they went bowling again and then back to their homes. *Margie Sorn.*

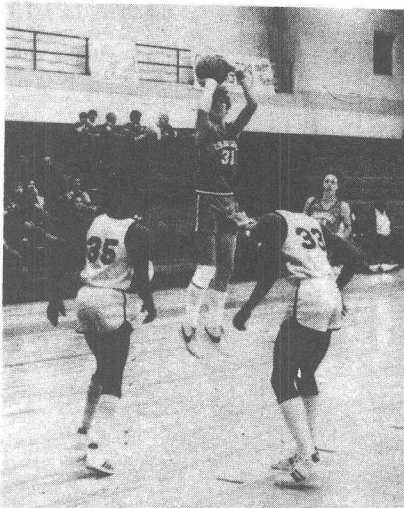
Feb. 2 the NASSAU, Bahamas, YOU launched its first fund-raising project of the year. Each YOU member was responsible for the sale of three tickets to an evening of entertainment featuring the film *Boatnik* and minicomedies. This gave YOU the opportunity to invite their friends in the community.

Refreshments, generously provided by the parents of the YOU members, were sold during the course of the evening. And, thanks to the support of the Church, YOU made \$340. *Desmond B. Curling.*

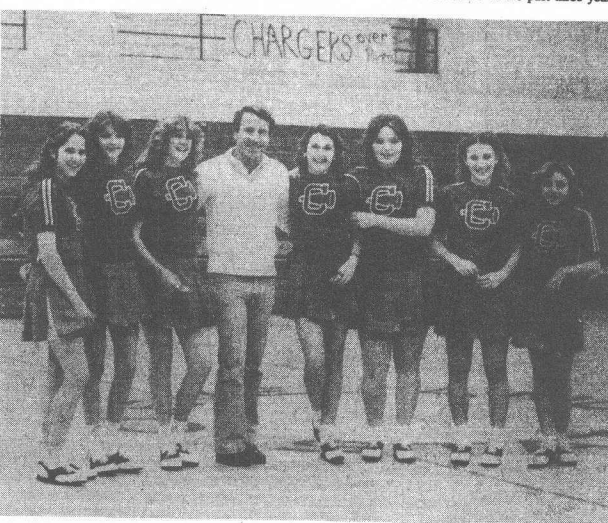
Feb. 24, the NEW ORLEANS, La., YOU had their first bowling tournament. Eighteen participated in three games.

A new bowling ball was awarded to the winners of the junior and senior levels. The junior ball was won by Howard Little and the senior ball by Beth Little. Michael Nicholas and De Ann Jiles won prizes for their high scores. A team, the Cajun Strikers, was formed to play other YOU groups. *Carl Crosby.*

The ST. ALBANS, England, YOU had a Scottish evening Feb. 17 at the home of Scotsman Duncan McLean. An afternoon trip to the sports center was followed by a traditional Scottish meal of potatoes, swedes and, of course, haggis. Then came cloutie dumpling and custard. (See CHURCH NEWS, page 11)



SHOTS AND CHEERS — Left, Jeff Skinner of Chattanooga, Tenn., shoots over the heads of two opponents of the district 41 basketball tournament in Chattanooga Feb. 2 and 3. Jeff was judged the Most



Valuable Player. Right, Jim Thornhill, the national director of YOU, awards first place in the cheerleading competition to the Chattanooga squad. (See "Sports," this page.) (Photos by Ken Browden)

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Later there were recitations and two talks on Scotland. The evening ended with energetic country dancing. *Bill Allan.*

The Bible Bowl returned to ST PAUL, Minn., Feb. 23. This time the competing YOU teams were vying for the 1980 regional championship. Two hundred spectators encouraged the teams competing in the Civic Center.

The teenagers were particularly mentally sharp that evening. They were able to answer almost every question including those taken from such categories as Greek and Hebrew.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., finished third, WASSAU, Wis., second and the DESS

MOINES, Iowa, team, led by captain Tim McQuoid, came first. *Tom Barr.*

The SYRACUSE, N.Y., YOU on the weekend beginning Feb. 16 traveled to SPRINGFIELD, Mass., for a Bible Bowl and the regionals in basketball and cheerleading. What followed turned out to be quite an adventure.

Early Saturday morning all departed in the bus owned by YOU coordinators Harold and Esther Maybury. The bus traveled through a snowstorm, just getting through to services on time. After a sermon on hope the Bible Bowl began. BUFFALO, N.Y., took the trophy with WOODBRIDGE, N.J., a close second and Syracuse third. A hot supper followed and the basketball and cheerleading started.

The next morning there were more basketball games and a YOU officers' meeting with Mark Ashland of the national YOU staff. Then everyone attended a dance at which minister Daniel Bierer announced the basketball and cheerleading results. The YOU members then headed for home.

Half an hour later, the bus broke down. The mechanics in the group tried to start the engine but weren't successful. Without the correct tools it could not be fixed. Meanwhile the YOU group had to make the best of conditions. They slept 22 in the bus compared to the ordinary six. When the tools arrived the next morning, every-

body was happy.

Mr. Maybury and others spent several hours working on the engine. They were able to start it in the afternoon, and the bus took everybody across the border into New York. Then it broke down again. Fortunately, that evening the cavalry from Syracuse came to the rescue and the vehicle was towed home. All passengers arrived safe but tired. *Chris McMorris.*

The TOLEDO, Ohio, YOU participated in a Junior Achievement Youth Fair Jan. 26-27. The YOU booth offered sample *Plain Truth* magazines and gave out Church pamphlets on youth, drugs, depression, alcoholism and venereal disease. More than 1,000 pieces of literature were distributed at the event, which 10,000 attended. *Alex Yeager.*

The TORONTO, Ont., EAST YOU played host to a skating party Feb. 10 at a lake near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns. Sixty-seven YOU members and adults attended. The young men played hockey while the girls played broomball. Easily seen was YOU coordinator Clive Hylton wearing his abominable snowman outfit (better known as a snowmobile outfit).

To quench the thirsts, on the edge of the lake was a giant pot of boiling water for hot chocolate. And to feed the starving multitude, food was prepared by Mrs. Burns and friends.

Later, everyone thawed their frozen bodies and relaxed watching home movies of the Burnses' family visit to Hawaii. *Vanessa Gomes.*

Feb. 24 the UNION, N.J., junior YOU enjoyed a visit to the Trenton museum and planetarium. At a chemistry show at the museum David Rupp and Christine Stroy

received copper-plated nickels for their assistance. The planetarium show was "Celestial Events," also very interesting. *John P. Schuller.*

The WAIKATO, New Zealand, YOU hiked up Mt. Tarawera Feb. 17. They went as far as the Chasm crater. This is the main crater in the 9-mile fissure that opened in 1886 destroying a Maori vil-

lage. From the crater the YOU members could see White Island, a semicircular volcano about 50 miles away.

On the way up, the group branched off the main track and traveled through bush for part of the way. After the four-hour hike all went to the Blue Baths (hot and cold pool) to soothe their aching legs. *Sherly Milne.*

DIRECTOR ANNOUNCES 1980 CARIBBEAN FEAST SITES

Caribbean Regional coordinator Stan Bass reports that the eight Caribbean Festival sites have been established for the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles as follows:

Nassau, Bahamas	Runaway Bay, Jamaica
Bridgetown, Barbados	Palmer, Puerto Rico
Hamilton, Bermuda	Castries, St. Lucia
Georgetown, Guyana	Tobago, Trinidad

Mr. Bass emphasized that all transfers from the United States and Canada must be approved through their respective national housing offices. Members transferring to sites in the Bahamas, Bermuda, Jamaica and Puerto Rico cannot make their own arrangements because of contractual agreements and must process their requests through Mr. Bass's office after receiving approval from the U.S. or Canadian Housing Office.

'LOCAL CHURCH NEWS' DEADLINES

Reports for "Local Church News" must be postmarked no later than 14 days after the date of the event reported on and be no longer than 250 words. Reports lacking the date of the event cannot be published.

MAJOR'S MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

While the Wilson family went camping in the mountains, Jim and Major got lost after a rainstorm. Trying to find their way back to camp, Jim slipped over the side of a cliff.

Part Two

Major did not want to leave his young master, but he had to go for help.

As he hesitated for one more second, smoke tickled his nose. It was coming from that camp fire far below. He must find his way down to it. That faint scent would guide him.

Jagged rocks on the trail began to cut into his padded paws as he hurried down the mountainside. He felt his coat snagging on thorny bushes, and once his ear was cut by a sharp branch that extended from a fallen tree.

Coming to the stream that had been narrow before the rain, he was forced to swim the icy water. Teeth chattering, he hurried on and on, down and down.

Shivering, exhausted and bleeding, Major found the Wilson camp just as the late afternoon sun was making the forest shadows a deeper gray.

'Back at last'

"Mama! Mama! It's Major!" shouted little Susie when he arrived at the camp fire where a log blazed merrily. He dropped on the ground and grinned weakly at Susie as she hugged him close.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson both came from the station wagon where they were preparing the evening meal. "Back at last!" Mrs. Wilson said. She shook her head at Major. "We were worried. Where have you and Jim been for so long? I hope you weren't out in that shower. And where's Jim?" She looked around, startled. "Where is Jim?"

"Now, now, let's stay calm," urged Mr. Wilson. He knelt and examined Major's paws and ragged coat. "I think Major's come to take us back to where he left Jim." Rising, he looked down at the beagle. "Okay, fella. Take us to Jim, will you?"

"Oh-h-h-h," sighed Major. He was exhausted, and both of his front feet were sore. But he wanted to go back to Jim. He staggered to his feet and started into the trees.

"Daddy, he's limping," cried Susie. "Can't you carry him?"

"No, darling, Major has to sniff his way to where he's been," explained her father. "Wait a second, Major, I've got to get Jim's walkie-talkie." He hurried back inside the tent and emerged with two rectangular boxes. "Susie, you know how to work this, don't you?"

Susie accepted the box. "Yes, sir." "Good girl. You keep it on and listen for any instructions I tell you until Mother gets back."

"Where am I going?" asked Mrs. Wilson.

"I want you to drive the car down to the Park Station. We passed one on the way up here. See if you can get one of the rangers to help us. Bring him to our camp. I'll be in touch by these walkie-talkies." He turned. "Okay, Major, let's get going. It'll be dark before long."

Major to the rescue

Major hurried. In spite of his sore paws he kept going up and around boulders and overrocks, arriving at last at the swollen stream. Mr. Wilson plunged into the stream with Major. On the other side, he paused long enough to dump icy water from his knee-high boots. Then they hurried on.

It was almost dusk as Major came to the cliff where Jim had gone over. He peered anxiously down. "Woof!"

"Major!" responded Jim's voice. "I knew you'd come back!"

"Woof, woof!" Major wanted Jim to know that he had hurried.

Mr. Wilson leaned over and looked down. "Major led me to you, Jim." He gave a low whistle. "You're in a bad spot. But just stay calm, and I'll get some trained men to haul you up out of there." He switched on the walkie-talkie. "Hello, Alice? I found him! We need some help. Jim's caught on a tree on the side of a cliff. He's all right so don't worry. Let me talk to that ranger. Over."

Major watched the rescue efforts with

interest. Two men from the park service lowered themselves down the side of the cliff and together they brought Jim to the

"No darling, it's in the book of Job," replied her father. "But Satan did give Job plenty of his troubles."



top. A grateful Mr. Wilson hugged Jim in a tight embrace. Then he picked up Major and carried him as they walked back down the mountain.

As Major nestled in Mr. Wilson's arms, he occasionally swiped his tongue over the big hands. "Oh-h-h," he sighed. Now my feet don't hurt.

When they were reunited with Jim's mother and Susie, they invited the rangers to have hot soup, sandwiches and apples with them.

After the men departed, the Wilsons lingered around their camp fire, watching a silver moon rise overhead.

Jim wonders why

"All the time I was waiting for Major to bring help I kept thinking of one thing," Jim said, after he retold how he happened to fall. "I hadn't broken any of the Ten Commandments. Why did I get in such a jam, Dad?" Mr. Wilson smiled and stroked Major's head as he lay between them beside the fire. "The Scriptures say, 'Man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward.'"

"Did Jesus say that?" Susie asked, clasping her hands, hoping she was right.

"Did Satan make Jimmy fall?" Susie continued.

"No. Gravity made him fall," explained Mr. Wilson. "It's just as that verse says, even if man didn't have a great enemy — Satan — we would still have all kinds of problems because we're human. We are vulnerable. By that I mean we're often careless. Sometimes when we're in beautiful surroundings we hurry, or we don't notice what time it is or where we're going. Right, Jim?"

"Yes, sir. And the rain didn't help matters."

The fire crackled. "Oh, there went a spark flying uphill," Susie cried with delight.

"It's not 'uphill.' It's sparks fly 'upward,'" Jim corrected.

"Anyway, I like the fire," Susie added, used to her brother's attempts to improve her speech.

"It's very pleasant," agreed her mother.

Major did not hear the rest of the conversation. He rested his nose on a banded front paw. The sweet scent of pinewood burning lulled him into peaceful sleep.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — Representatives of the organizations supporting the Church in its defense against the California attorney general's attack made their support known March 7 in a public press conference in Washington, D.C., according to the March 13 *Pastor General's Report*. The 18 ecumenical, civil rights and religious groups are filing three amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs on behalf of the Church in the U.S. Supreme Court. Representatives at the press conference expressed their alarm at the attorney general's actions and related the hope that the U.S. Supreme Court would consent to review the case.

The 18 organizations supporting the Church are as follows: National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; Synagogue Council of America; Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; Lutheran Church in America; Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches; Board of Church and Society — the United Methodist Church; William P. Thompson, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; National Association of Evangelicals; Northern California Ecumenical Council; American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California; Americans United for Separation of Church and State Fund, Inc.; Institute for the Study of American Religion; Berkeley Interfaith Council; Christian Legal Society; Methodist Federation Fund; Committee to Defend the First Amendment Research Institute; Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity; and Alliance for the Preservation of Religious Liberty.

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PASADENA — The Canadian Work produced record-breaking figures for the month of February, according to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's international representative, Leslie McCullough. Incoming figures "are going through the roof" with a 264 percent increase over the same period last year.

The year-to-date newspaper advertisement response was pushed up more than 3,000 percent over last year, with more responses still coming in. States Mr. McCullough, "We've more than doubled our *Plain Truth* mailing list, and the Work in Canada is absolutely going out the top!" According to Mr. McCullough, other figures show a dynamic and growing Work in Canada, as regular mail is up 62 percent, donation mail 9 percent and income up 26 percent for the month of February.

Also in Canada the first ministerial conference in seven years was held Feb. 18-21. It was the first time that many of the 92 ministers and wives had seen the Vancouver, B.C., Office and had met the staff.

The Canadian *Plain Truth* newsstand program was a part of the month's unusual gains, as according to Mr. McCullough, the combined February-March issue yielded four times the number of responses normally received.

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PASADENA — Information from the International Office of Ministerial Services here continues to show growth in the Church worldwide.

In the Netherlands, 327 people responded to an offer in *Echte Waarheid*, the Dutch-language *Plain Truth*, for Herbert W. Armstrong's book, *Tomorrow... What It Will Be Like* in English.

As indicated by a *Good News* circulation of only 140, the vast majority of the 14,071 *PT* subscribers in Holland are non-English speaking, and so were responding to an advertisement in a foreign language.

A continuing advertising campaign in three newspapers for the booklet *Why Were You Born?* also drew more than 330 responses to date. Church attendance in Utrecht and Tilburg is about 200 each week, up 19.5 percent over last year, and the income shows a 16.1 percent year-to-date increase.

The office also reports that "exceptional income increases" have come in from New Zealand. Income for February was up 24.6 percent over February last year (which was up 36.3 percent from 1978), bringing the year-to-date increase to 23.7 percent. The amount of mail coming into the New Zealand office during February also jumped 222 percent over last year.

Part of the increased income has been attributed to a \$1,200 donation from a group of women in the Auckland congregation who have opened an opportunity shop in a busy part of the city selling second-hand goods, with all proceeds going to the Work. In three months, income topped \$2,000, which they divided by sending 60 percent to the Work as general income and 40 percent to special programs and projects such as Summer Educational Program (SEP) and Youth Opportunities United (YOU) activities that benefit the Church within the country.

Also in New Zealand, almost 6,500 requests have come in for Mr. Armstrong's book *Tomorrow... What It Will Be Like*, and from Tonga in the South Pacific, *The Plain Truth* mailing list has quadrupled as the result of a postcard promotion in all the post office boxes in the main city of Nuku'alofa.

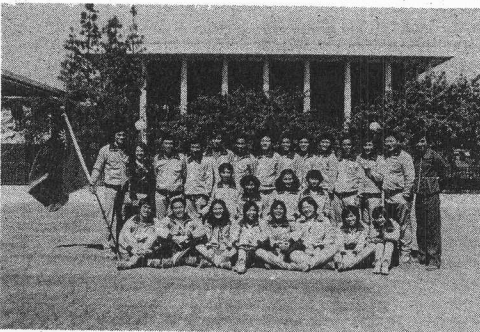
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PASADENA — Thirty-six ministers of the Church in the Philippines met in Manila March 10-12, reports Leslie McCullough, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's international representative. Mr. McCullough, visiting the Philippines for the first time since 1978, stated that the meeting went "very well" and noted that the Philippines ministry was "excited and encouraged."

Mr. McCullough also pointed out that because of recent arrangements made to allow the Canadian Work to pay for the printing of the Philippine *Plain Truth* magazine, the Philippine churches were now able to utilize their budgets to help the area churches and are enjoying a year-to-date growth rate of 32 percent.

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PASADENA — Nineteen athletes from the Tiawanesse Republic of China, plus their trainers and coaches and a reporter from the *Min Sheng Daily News* in Taipei, are living and training at Ambassador College during a 5½-week stay in the United States says trainer Sharon Hatfield.



CHINESE ATHLETES — Nineteen athletes from the Tiawanesse Republic of China, in training for the summer Olympics, are staying at Ambassador College for 5½ weeks. (See "Update," this page.) [Photo by Roland Rees]

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE LESSON SUBJECTS

Following are the titles and subject matter contained in the present 12-lesson Correspondence Course. As described in the article on page 1, the course is being expanded, with future lessons to cover many of the topics in the 12 lessons in greater detail.

1. "Why Study the Bible in the Space Age?" Explains Bible is relevant today, why people don't understand it, that it is the foundation of knowledge. Gives thumbnail sketch of present world turmoil and shows Bible predicted it.
2. "World Peace — or World in Pieces?" Covers the present global crisis: threats of hydrogen-bomb warfare, famine, pollution and biological warfare. Shows all this was prophesied in the Bible, and that God must intervene to save mankind from annihilation.
3. "The Dramatic Return of Jesus Christ!" How, where and approximately when Christ will return. Reminds student why He must intervene in world affairs.
4. "The Coming Utopia — Wonderful World Tomorrow" Describes government of the coming Kingdom of God Christ will set up on earth and the utopia it will produce — how the world will soon be transformed.
5. "Just What is Man?" To really understand God's plan and purpose for mankind (which is the heart and core of the Gospel message of Christ), one needs to learn the most basic, foundational truths of the Bible such as the mortality of man and where he is not going. Lesson 5 begins this series by exploding the immortal-soul concept and explains about the spirit in man.
6. "What is Hell?" Destroys myths about hell and expounds the biblical teaching about this most misunderstood subject.
7. "Will You Go to Heaven?" Refutes false concepts about going to heaven. Reveals truth about inheritance of the Kingdom of God and this

earth at the resurrection.

8. "What It Means to Be Born Again" Picks up from Lesson 7 and expounds God's purpose for creating human life. Explains all about being "born again" as members of the God Family.

9. "What is Real Repentance?" Explains true origin of human nature and sin. Makes plain that genuine repentance is much more than a feeling of remorse over past mistakes, showing that godly repentance is sincere, heartfelt, unconditional surrender to God and His law. Biblical warnings against false repentance also expounded.

10. "Should You Be Baptized?" Explains why baptism is an essential step in beginning the Christian way of life. All aspects of the biblical teaching covered, including rebaptism in the New Testament.

11. "Why You Need the Holy Spirit" Reveals what the Holy Spirit is, how it works, exactly why mankind desperately needs it today, how one can receive it. Fruit of the Spirit is defined. Immersion into God's Church by the Holy Spirit explained.

12. "Christianity Is a Way of Life" Gives biblical definition of a real Christian. The Ten Commandments, the weekly Sabbath, annual Sabbaths and tithing are expounded in sufficient depth to convince one who is being called by God. Overcoming, the Christian fight and the living faith necessary to make our obedience possible are covered. Shows one can indeed live the Christian life and attain God's glorious purpose for humanity.

Treasurer speaks at Pittsburgh

By Frank Lewandowski

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader, evangelist and personal assistant to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, spoke at Sabbath services here Feb. 23 to some 1,700 brethren gathered from eight area churches.

Mr. Rader's visit took place before his trip to Poland and the Soviet Union, where he was to arrange for Mr. Armstrong's planned May meetings there.

The First Amendment: Church vs. State, the film documentary on the

present legal battle with the State of California, was shown before Mr. Rader's comments.

Mr. Armstrong's assistant began by thanking the brethren for standing behind God's Work during this trying period. He described his relationship with Mr. Armstrong and detailed the rigorous work schedule the pastor general maintains.

Comparing the events since the State's imposition of a receiver on the Church to a war, Mr. Rader commended several Church members for the heretofore-unrecognized

leadership qualities the present struggle has brought out in them.

The evangelist described Mr. Armstrong's illness, citing both the miracle of his recovery and the miracle that much of the Church's leadership was blinded to that recovery. As a result of that blindness, according to Mr. Rader, some Church leaders began to turn their backs on God. "So God was able to allow Mr. Armstrong to see what would happen to the Church if he were gone," said the Church treasurer.

He recalled that Mr. Armstrong began setting the Church back on track following the Passover in 1978. "Once he started moving, there was no one on earth who could stop him," Mr. Rader remarked. "From that moment forward, he has been cleaning up the Church of God, getting it ready as a Bride."

Mr. Rader encouraged the brethren to remain faithful no matter what persecution the future may hold. Quoting from Psalm 2, which he said referred to persecution against the Church, he stated: "The living God has been laughing at their [the State's] machinations through this lawsuit. He has been demolishing them step by step."

host for the Chinese athletes at the request of Mr. Bodenshot.

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PASADENA — Income in the United Kingdom is up more than 50 percent from the same period a year ago, reports Rod Matthews of the International Office here. The Work in England has experienced an increase in mail income, and trends seem to indicate that this will continue, according to Mr. Matthews.

The English Work also sponsored a newspaper insert campaign advertising *The Plain Truth* magazine and returns from the effort have "been very good," states Mr. Matthews. Cost per response was much lower than expected, and the English Work hopes to run inserts in additional newspapers in the future.

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PASADENA — Pastor David Noller of Brisbane, Australia, North and South churches will be spending the first part of the Passover season in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, according to Rod Matthews of the International Office here. Mr. Noller will conduct a special Bible study and Sabbath service for which 3,000 *Plain Truth* readers have been invited.

Mr. Matthews also pointed out that Mr. Noller and his family will keep the Passover, the Night to be Much Observed and the First Day of Unleavened Bread with the Kuala Lumpur brethren, while Singapore and Kuala Lumpur pastor Yong Chin Gee keeps the Passover and the Feast with the church in Singapore.

The evangelist remarked that the State's actions have proved most effective in unifying the Church and making it more prominent. "We've been waiting for this fight against evil for a long time," he said. "The chaff has been separated from the grain."

Regarding Mr. Armstrong's coming opportunity to speak before leaders in the Soviet Union, Mr. Rader said: "We're going to keep going through open doors. Income is up, attendance is up, baptisms are up, morale is up."

That evening after services Mr. Rader played host to a dinner for the ministers and their wives from the church areas represented at services. He spoke and then answered questions for two hours.

Don Lawson, pastor of the Pittsburgh church, said Mr. Rader's visit was a "shot in the arm" for the area and expressed his hope that other areas would have the same opportunity.