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HWA SPEAKS TO YOUNG PEOPLE

ORR, Minn. — "You kids are all at an age when you are going to live in two worlds," stated Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong Aug. 6 in an address to the second session of campers at the Church's Summer Educational Program (SEP). "Another world is coming on and you're going to live into that world. And that's a great opportunity for you," he said.

In his opening remarks, the pastor general told the campers: "One reason you're here in this camp this summer is to begin to prepare you for things that will become your responsibilities when you're grown and mature and perhaps it [the Kingdom of God] will begin in about three to five years from now or less. Because we're very, very close to it right now."

Continuing, he traced the origins of mankind and detailed the prehistory of the earth. The first weekend of man's existence is important to us, he related, because it was during this time that God educated Adam and Eve and Satan performed his famous deception.

Mr. Armstrong spoke at length about the character of Lucifer, and steps the angelic being took that led to his downfall. "God had set a government over the earth," he asserted, "and He had a great throne where He had created a special angel, a great superangel. He was much greater than the other ordinary angels."

Mirror of Satan's attitude

Mr. Armstrong continued: "I know [that when a boy] is 15 (the

Lucifer was to rule over the angels on earth under God, said Mr. Armstrong, but Lucifer made a fatal mistake: "As soon as he got on the throne here on the earth he began to resent God. He said, 'Now who does that God think He is? I want to rule everything too.'"

"So," he said, "he got selfish and . . . filled with vanity. And he wanted to get even with God . . . instead of living God's way, he taught them [the angels living on earth] to live the other way. Now God's way that He had taught them to live is the way of love. One [way] is give, the other is get."

Competition vs. giving

"Now get means you take, you receive, you acquire, you accumulate, you add to what you have, you pile up all you can for your own and for yourself. That's all selfishness. So he got selfish. And he got to feeling that he was better than anything or anybody . . . and he got envious and jealous and then he got into competition."

"Today everything is competition," stated Mr. Armstrong. He related how competition leads to resentment of authority and how Lucifer eventually rejected God's government that is ruled by love and embraced a philosophy of government based on hostility and rejection of higher authority. He spoke of how the surface of the earth was devastated in the ensuing struggle between Lucifer's forces and God's angels, leading to the restoration of the planet by God mentioned in Genesis 1 and Psalm 104. Lucifer



SEP APPEARANCE — Herbert W. Armstrong shakes a staffer's hand Aug. 6 during the Church leader's visit to the second session of the Summer Educational Program (SEP). [Photo by Dexter H. Faulkner]

The pastor general then spoke of his experiences in carrying Christ's Gospel to world leaders. He discussed the campers' role in the Kingdom, and how their parents were called by God the Father and how this opened the door to spiritual understanding for them.

He encouraged the campers to see the hour-long film of the Young Ambassadors to be shown at the Feast. "They have put on a terrific show," he reported, "and there is some good lilting music and they sway and sing, but you will see a lot of the Ambassador College campus. It lasts a full hour and it's just fine,

it's just wonderful and you will enjoy it."

Living God's way

He spoke at length concerning Christ's message and what the campers are to do with it: "Now you have been set apart [and] every one of you is going to have to come to the place where you make your own final decision of whether you're going to [become] converted. You shouldn't be baptized until you come to that place where you have rejected Satan's way entirely and decided you want to live God's way. "Just realize that He [Jesus

Christ] is so great He can do anything through you and if you give yourself to Him there's everything He can do in and through you. Now when the right time comes . . . you're going to have to face this question and make a decision one way or the other.

"Be sure you make the right decision. I'll keep praying for all you kids that when the time comes you'll go the right way and not the wrong way. Because whatever we sow that's what we're going to reap, and I want you to reap this Kingdom of God with joy and peace and happiness all over the world."



TAKING TIME OUT — Herbert W. Armstrong pauses to converse with campers Cynthia Grosdubois (left), Brenda Peterson and Joseph Jacoby Jr. upon his arrival Aug. 6 at the Church's Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn.

law lets you begin to drive an automobile when you are 16), you just want to get hold of that throttle of power. You want to get your hands on that steering wheel . . . But you're not so interested in the brake as you are in the power.

"Well, this superangel that God put on the throne — he was like that." Furthering the analogy, he stated, "Now in our government we have a Congress . . . they make the laws. Now the President can't make laws. The President is there to enforce the laws and to administer the government. He is to do what Congress tells him to do. But sometimes he doesn't want to do that — he wants to tell Congress what Congress ought to do. And Congress wants to tell the President what the President ought to do. And that's human nature. Everyone wants to tell someone else what to do."

then became Satan the devil.

Mr. Armstrong admonished the campers to avoid the attitude of competition as it was manifested in man through Adam's rejection of God. He said, "We get into too much competition sometimes in our sports until . . . Satan has got us where we want to compete, we want to get the best of the other fellow and that is not God's way. And we won't be doing it that way once we get into God's world."

Focusing on Satan's successful attempt to deceive Eve and have Adam reject God, Mr. Armstrong spoke of the eventual spurning by man of God's Sabbath and laws as a result of that initial act. He related how God began a plan that would cut man off from divine contact (except for a few) for 6,000 years, when Jesus Christ would return to restore God's government.

SEP a success; Imperial reopens

PASADENA — The Church's Summer Educational Program (SEP) at Orr, Minn., wrapped up a "rewarding and fulfilling" summer Aug. 13, the final day of the second session, said Kevin Dean, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's liaison for the Church's youth educational programs.

Asked what his personal high point of involvement was, Mr. Dean responded: "Receiving positive feedback from parents. With Mr. [Richard] Ames in charge of the educational vein of camp, we stressed application of the seven laws of success. The format of this year's, and for that matter, next year's camp, was basic training on how to live in today's world."

Several pastors in the United States field ministry, including Dennis Doucet of Lake Charles, La., have commented favorably on the SEP experience, stating that campers are returning with "fresh and positive attitudes, with a whole new viewpoint of the Church."

Planning for next year

Mr. Dean reported that plans for next summer's program are in the works, with discussion on the possibility of three sessions of three weeks each. "We had to turn down several hundred applicants this year," he stated. "We hope to offer reduced rates again so more campers can enjoy and benefit from the SEP experience."

Mr. Ames, who also serves on the theology and speech faculty at Ambassador College, related his satisfaction: "Our purpose was . . . successfully fulfilled. We saw youths in God's Church strengthen their character and develop self-discipline. It was an exciting and enjoyable summer that was profitable and successful for both campers and the

staff. We are looking forward to seeing them become leaders both now in God's Church and in the world tomorrow."

Imperial begins

In another of the Church's educational programs, the reopening of Imperial Schools, adjacent to the (See IMPERIAL, page 3)



IMPERIAL RIBBON CUTTING — Seventh-grader Sandra Doucet cuts a ribbon Aug. 14 to celebrate the reopening of Imperial School, closed since 1974. From left: Michael Feazell, ministerial services aide; Joseph Locke, principal; Robert Cote, assistant principal; Marguerite Cote, secretary; Kevin Dean, Herbert W. Armstrong's liaison for the Church's education programs; Carol Dean, first-grade teacher; Joseph Tkach, director of ministerial services; Robert Fahey, director of the Australian Work; and Aaron Dean, aide to Stanley R. Rader. [Photo by Sheila Graham]

In faction-ridden Zimbabwe: Mugabe inherits the whirlwind

PASADENA — Simon Bolivar, the great "liberator" of South America, said near the end of his sad career, "He who serves a revolution plows the sea."

The same might be said of the frustrations now confronting Robert Mugabe, the Marxist-trained revolutionary who gained power in Rhodesia — now Zimbabwe — after a bloody seven-year conflict.

Gracious in victory, Mr. Mugabe proclaimed on the new country's birthday — April 18, 1980 — that "it is time to beat our swords into plowshares." The pragmatic Marxist tried to bury the hatchet, promising no recriminations against either the white minority or his defeated electoral foes. He further outlined an economic program he hoped would prevent a wholesale exodus of the white population, without which Zimbabwe's economy would certainly collapse.

It sounded good at the time. But Mr. Mugabe is confronting the ugly realities of today. He is a man caught in the middle. His more radical comrades are disappointed that more of the spoils of war have not come their way. Thousands of frustrated whites have left, with many more ready to flee if — or when — conditions worsen. Worst of all, the prospect of a post-independence civil war, predicted by many observers

years ago, could be just over the horizon.

Crisis over a murder

Prime Minister Mugabe's mounting troubles have come to a head over the arrest of one of his cabinet ministers, Edgar Tekere, on charges of killing a 68-year-old white farmer on the outskirts of Salisbury. Mr. Tekere, the minister of manpower and planning, has been a headache for Mr. Mugabe all along. The most radical minister in the cabinet, Mr. Tekere has called repeatedly for a swifter white-to-black changeover in government offices.

Mr. Tekere has been the champion of those Africans who believed that upon independence, everything should come their way instantly, as Britain's *NOW* newsmagazine put it, "not only . . . parliamentary power, but also the white man's home, the white man's car and the white man's position as boss."

Mr. Tekere has a big political following and Mr. Mugabe found himself on a political hot seat. To continue to hold cabinet minister Tekere in prison could have led to massive unrest, but to release him could send thousands of whites packing to South Africa.

Mr. Mugabe chose a middle course. He intervened to have Mr. Tekere released on bail, giving his

own personal assurance of a future trial. But, he has only bought time. If Mr. Tekere is convicted, riots are certain to occur. If he is acquitted (and there is no doubt whatsoever of his guilt) whites will be assured that the judicial system is no longer independent of political pressure.

Thus Zimbabwe has all the earmarks of the chaos that erupted in the throes of independence of the former Belgian Congo in 1960.

Tribal conflict looms

In a surprise move when he took office, Mr. Mugabe announced that

Lt. Gen. Peter Walls, chief of the Rhodesian army, would retain his post and preside over the integration of the regular army with two guerrilla forces, one of them Mr. Mugabe's, the other belonging to arch-rival Joshua Nkomo. It was to be an impossible task. Lt. Gen. Walls has now resigned.

"So great is the split behind the facade of army unity," reports

quest for political power.

"This is a formula for disaster," continues *NOW*, pointing the way toward all-out black-vs.-black civil war. Incredibly, the remaining Rhodesian white soldiers are supposed to be split between the two forces. They would certainly leave before that occurs.

"Mugabe, the revolutionary turned pragmatist," concludes

WORLDWATCH BY GENE H. HOGBERG

NOW, "that there is talk in Salisbury that the attempt to form a unified command will be abandoned and two forces will be formed along tribal lines" — again, one loyal to Mr. Mugabe and the other loyal to Mr. Nkomo, who has never given up his

NOW, "is trying to survive in the whirlpool of emotion, fear and frustration, trying to attract aid, trying to appease the revolutionary blacks and to assuage fears of the whites, he has a task no man can envy."

It's tough to plow the sea.

Bill restricts attorney general

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Senate Bill 1493, which would bar the California attorney general from initiating civil lawsuits against religious organizations for alleged wrongdoing, was passed by a wide margin in the California assembly Aug. 21.

A spokesman for Sen. Nicholas Petris, sponsor of the measure, said the bill was sent back to the senate for ratification of four amendments.

According to a spokesman for the legal office of Rader, Helge & Gerson, these include a delay of implementation of the bill from Jan. 1, 1981, to June 1, 1981; a provision that courts should consider financial restitution upon criminal conviction of any individual; a slight change allowing the attorney general to "make inquiry" concerning funds solicited from the general public for specific purposes; and a section that makes destruction or unauthorized changing of financial records punishable under the California penal

code. Amendments sponsored by Attorney General George Deukmejian to restore civil powers of his office were defeated before the vote, according to Associated Press (AP) reports. An AP wire report stated the attorney general currently has civil investigative power over

churches, because "the theory is that churches are public trusts because of their tax-exempt status and the attorney general is representing the people."

The measure will not become law until amendments are ratified by the senate and Gov. Jerry Brown signs the bill.

AC leaders hear faculty

PASADENA — "Many people have a huge wishbone but not much backbone," commented Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Ambassador College, at the Student Leadership Seminar Aug. 12-13. In his keynote address Mr. McNair talked about leadership traits and the seven laws of success.

Fifty-three students, named late in the spring semester of 1980 as Ambassador and Women's club of-

ficers, student body officers, resident assistants and *The Ambassador Portfolio* editor, attended the seminar in the college's Student Center.

The group heard from Greg Albrecht, dean of students; Arthur Suckling, financial aids officer; Marvin Plakut, student housing officer; and Gary Shaffer, student body president.

The Feast film featuring the Young Ambassadors was shown. Mr. Albrecht admonished the leaders to keep the vision they were to see in the film — to remember that inspiration when the going gets tough.

One club president remarked, "Having the leaders together as a group will . . . build, transfer and spark unity within the student body."

Mr. McNair reminded the student leaders: "We want to see that you really learn how to set the right example by your humility, dedication, having the right goal, perseverance, reliance upon God, and really living as a leader should."

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

The story is told of a gossip brought before a judge, accused of spreading false stories about his neighbors. He was sentenced to scatter a mass of feathers throughout the town and then to retrieve every one. The impossibility of collecting them all made it vividly clear to him that wrongs of this nature cannot be set entirely right.

Gossip is an evil thing by nature. It's a light weight to lift up, oh very easy, but heavy to carry and very hard to put down again. Gossip can be like poison gas!

First of all, both are easy to make and both are very hard to get rid of. Both are destructive in their results — one destroying the bodies of men, women and children, the other destroying their characters.

One other thing they have in common: There is the danger that, after they are released, the wind might change and so destroy the one who released them.

The Ninth Commandment of God says, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." And the reason for not doing so, we have commonly thought, is because of the real harm it will do the other person.

Now that is a valid reason for refraining from false witnessing or gossiping; but Christ gives us a second reason: the real harm we do to ourselves. In short, the kind of judgment or gossip or false witnessing we do, according to Christ, is like poison gas — the wind may change and blow it back into the face of him who releases it.

As the New English Bible translates it: "Pass no judgment, and you will not be judged. For as you judge others, so you will yourselves be judged, and whatever measure you deal out to others will be dealt back to you" (Matthew 7:1-2).

If we as Christians propose to be fair in our dealings with others, we should put the best possible construction on our words and actions. We should try to look at others in the most favorable light, remembering our own faults and failures. We

should refrain from judging them, lest we ourselves in turn be judged.

What can we do about gossip? How can we as Christians overcome this abominable habit? There is something we can do.

Begin an active campaign against gossip by stopping it at its source!

- First, learn to recognize gossip in your own conversation. There will be many times when you will be so absorbed in conversation that you will not realize you are actually gossiping. However, after the talk is over, you can look back and see where you gossiped. Once you apply yourself to analyzing your own words you can catch yourself while speaking. Then as you are conscious of your words — which we certainly should be, since we are going to be judged by them — you will begin to think *before* you speak (Proverbs 15:28).

- Second, *repent* of gossip. Don't take it lightly. You will never overcome gossip until you are deeply convinced of its evil. Most people, after they've gossiped, just shrug their shoulders and say, "Well, I guess I really shouldn't have said those things, but . . ."

Go to God on your knees. Ask God to forgive you for your attitude of heart.

- Third, don't *repeat* gossip. If you've been gossiping — change! Put an end to gossip in your life! Don't lend your ear to gossip, for this encourages others to gossip. I have found that 92 percent of what is told you in confidence you couldn't get anyone else to listen to. So simply don't listen to gossip!

God's Word condemns the listener just as much as the gossiper.

Brethren, we are in a work that is spreading *good news*! Is it right that we should spread evil news to one another?

Let's repent of gossip! Let's get rid of its cancerous growth from our midst!

Determine now that you will not listen to gossip and not spread it. Let's really believe — and practice — the instruction of Psalm 15. Spread good news, not poison gas!

HOUSING DEPOSITS REQUIRED

Reports are coming into the Festival Office from motel and hotel owners in our Festival sites stating that many of our members have made reservations with them but have not yet sent in the required room deposits. Therefore, the motels are giving fair warning that the rooms will be released unless the proper deposits are received.

SECOND TITHE ASSISTANCE

All member second tithe assistance requests should be handled through local pastors before the Feast of Tabernacles. Members should *not* go to the Feast without sufficient funds, expecting assistance at the Festival site. Only limited funds for genuine emergencies will be available at the Festival locations and then only with the local pastor's recommendation.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Remember those at home

Very soon now the Feast of Tabernacles will be here again, when God's people will — at their various Feast sites — come together to worship Him and to enjoy a foretaste of His coming Kingdom. Surely *enjoy* is a most appropriate word to describe the happiest time of each year for God's Church — this wonderful Festival of worship, fellowship and fun.

Sadly, though, there are some of us who are quite unable to attend the Feast — possibly, as in my own case, because of ill health; perhaps also there may be illness in our immediate family or restrictions put upon us by an unconverted husband (or wife). It can be a very lonely time for us until we are able to attend local services again, on the first Sabbath after the Feast — and it is during this lonely time that letters and cards from our brethren at the Feast make a tremendous difference.

So, during the happy days ahead of God's Feast of Tabernacles — remember those of us who are unable to be there with you. And, please write to us. You can't imagine how much it means.

Mary Vingris
Leeds, England

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Close to God

I want to thank Herbert W. Armstrong for his articles which help me to be closer to our God. Also, I appreciate very much, "Just One More Thing," by Dexter Faulkner. Always interesting!

I pray God continues to bless His Work and His servants.

Helene Sabin
Guadeloupe

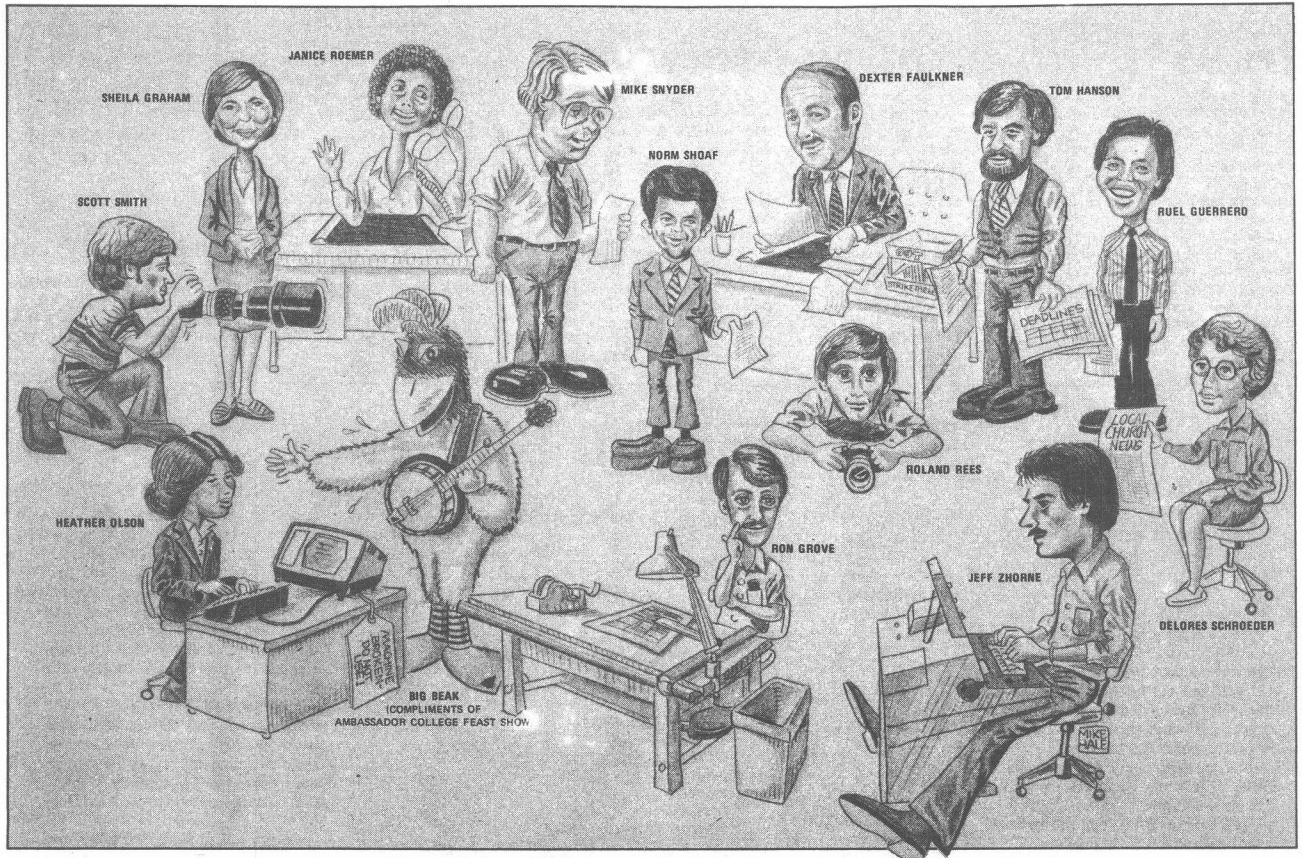
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Proposed events

I am most happy to read your [Herbert W. Armstrong's] lead article in the latest *W/N*. You brought out a lot about the proposed events that are to come to pass real soon. And the fact that God's Work may end real soon.

Glen Greenfield
Girard, Ohio

The WN staff wishes you a fantastic Feast!



1980 AC Envoy available soon

By Raymond F. McNair and Dennis Robertson

PASADENA — Last year Herbert W. Armstrong authorized the publication of a 1980 Ambassador College *Envoy*. The book is completed and due back from the publishers around Sept. 1. The *Envoy* will be made available to Church members at this year's Feast of Tabernacles.

The 1980 *Envoy* is the largest single-campus book the college has ever published, since previous large editions included three campuses. This year there are 224 pages with about 60 percent of the book in full color.

The cover is original, featuring a landmark synonymous with Ambassador College.

Three different paper stocks were used to emphasize the three main divisions of the book (all of the highest quality). Not only have Ambassador College and its various activities been covered, but a special 48-page section is dedicated to covering God's Work worldwide, including Mr. Armstrong's travels, international offices, the Work in Pasadena, the Feast of Tabernacles and a map of the world showing various Church locations, Festival sites and world offices.

The *Envoy* is scheduled to be ready for distribution at the Feast sites at \$15 a copy. Mr. Armstrong has approved paying for this out of second tithe. During the Feast information will be given on how you can get a copy. A certain number of *Envoys* will be shipped directly to each Feast site in the United States and Canada.



AUGUST GRADUATION — William Stenger, registrar, looks on as Deputy Chancellor Raymond F. McNair presents a diploma to Chris Visco, who, along with Ron Smith, graduated from Ambassador College Aug. 14. [Photo by Scott Smith]



SCHOOL BEGINS — Second-grade teacher Joan Bogdanchik assists an Imperial student in the Church-sponsored school in Pasadena. [Photo by Robert Taylor]

Imperial

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Ambassador College campus, took place Aug. 19, after a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 14. With an enrollment near the 300 mark, Mr. Dean expressed confidence and enthusiasm over the event.

"Mr. Armstrong is the founder and human guiding force behind this effort. Due to the response in Pasadena he recently approved the

opening of a high school Oct. 8 [the school now offers grades kindergarten through eighth] and he's excited about the whole prospect."

The high school program is based on an accredited correspondence course offered by the American School. The high school will be structured identically to a regular high school, around a framework of Bible classes and physical education.

Imperial Schools has a faculty of 28, including part-time instructors from Ambassador.

400 plus enroll at Ambassador

PASADENA — More than 400 students poured onto the Ambassador College campus Aug. 18 to 22 as the college opened its doors for its 34th year under Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong.

Deputy Chancellor Raymond F. McNair said that students and a "very dedicated" faculty were anticipating an exciting and inspiring academic year, as "more and more it seems God is using the fruit of the college — both in the field ministry and offices in God's Work."

His comments were made at a graduation ceremony Aug. 14 in his Hall of Administration office, for Chris Visco, who completed his degree program this summer.

Value of AC education

Mr. McNair spoke on the background of Ambassador College at a (See 400 PLUS, page 7)



REGISTRATION — Karen Wallbridge, a freshman from Canada, shows her Ambassador College orientation packet to Canadian students Chris Minke (left) and Eli Chiproot (right). [Photo by Robert Taylor]

Chicago railroad station offers free PT subscription brochures

PASADENA — More than two million people will view a new *Plain Truth* advertising stand this month at the Northwestern railroad station in Chicago, Ill., says Boyd Leeson, circulation director for the United States PT. "We're joining a prestigious line of advertising products, including *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines, the Hertz rental corporation and others." A metal stand with a backlit poster featuring a *Plain Truth* cover and the inscription, "What next, America?" was placed in the station Aug. 18. The

stand offers free brochures that contain preaddressed and postage-paid cards for a complimentary subscription to *The Plain Truth*.

"This stand gives us high exposure, reports the circulation manager. "We hope it will prove to be a very inexpensive means of obtaining new subscribers." He pointed out that the Chicago stand is a prototype, and pending approval, the program will expand into other cities.

New programs

Also in the prototype stage is a

new program that stocks *Plain Truth* subscription brochures in supermarkets. Mr. Leeson said the brochures will be placed in "high-profile" areas, alongside brochures for *Time* and other national periodicals.

A direct-mail advertising effort for *The Plain Truth* is paying off handsomely, he reports, as response rates are averaging "around 7 percent." The circulation area tested seven separate packages on subscription lists obtained from 25 different magazines, including *Organ-*

ic Gardening, American Business, Field and Stream, Consumers Digest and Changing Times.

American Business topped the list with a response rate of 13 percent. "This was an incredible response," he states. "Industry standards put a successful program at 2 to 3 percent. We have a huge, untapped audience with the direct mail program."

Growing trend

Mr. Leeson reports that several of the new subscription programs used by the U.S. circulation office are taking root around the world, with the cardholder program [WN, May 19] leading the way. *Plain Truth* newsstand programs dot the globe, with 650,000 copies distributed monthly in the United States alone.

"Mr. Herbert Armstrong wants (See CHICAGO PT, page 7)



PILOT PROGRAM — Prototype *Plain Truth* advertising stand on display in the Chicago, Ill., Northwestern railroad station. (Photo by John Loupe)

THE FEAST SHOW

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS

By Kathy Kranch

Recess was just over for fourth graders at Second Ward School.

"Mrs. Shaw, it's not fair! Why do Sherry and Debby get to go to Virginia Beach and we have to stay here in school?" demanded Cindy.

"Yeah, what are they going to do there?" wondered Angie.

"They'll probably get way behind like I did when I had chicken pox," chimed in Eddie.

"What are they going to do, swim in the ocean all day?" asked John.

"Why didn't you go on vacation in the summer like everybody else?" chided Maggie.

Mrs. Shaw leaned back in her chair. She'd had Worldwide Church of God children in her room before, but the other kids hadn't been angry and jealous about them going to their convention. She was shocked. Actually she knew very little about their religion or what they did at their Feast. She glanced around the room and saw that everyone was upset, especially Sherry and Debby.

Finally, she said: "Let's see, you girls leave next Wednesday. That means Tuesday, Sept. 23, is your last day of school. Since everyone is interested in your Feast, you can tell us about it that day. We'll do it the last hour of school and you can take as long as you like. Does that sound OK with everybody? — Good!

"I've written your reading assignments on the board so you may all get busy. Sherry and Debby, would you both come up for a minute?"

They felt awful! They'd told the kids a little bit about the Feast and they got so jealous. Now the teacher was mad at them, too.

Feast reporters

"Well, girls, you get to be reporters. Do you have any slides or photos or souvenirs from last year? You could bring them in. You both like to draw, maybe you could do some of that," said Mrs. Shaw.

Sherry and Debby brightened up. Mrs. Shaw wasn't mad at them after all. Debby thought for a second and said: "You know what? Last year in Art we made a TV show. We got some newsprint and drew on it and glued it to oatmeal boxes and it rolled the pictures around. It was fun. We could do that."

"That was fun! Could we do that?" asked Sherry.

"Sure! I have some newsprint. You'll have to get your own oatmeal

boxes and a big box for the screen, too. You may use class time if you have free time. But, since it's already Thursday, you'll probably need to work on it this weekend, too," replied Mrs. Shaw.



Finally, the bell rang at 3:30 and school was over. The whole fourth grade tramped out the door and onto the school buses. The girls took seats toward the middle. They talked about their project all the way to Sherry's house. Sherry hoisted up the giant roll of newsprint and started down the aisle.

"I'll talk to Mom and call you after I get home, Sherry!" yelled Debby.

"See you later!" Sherry called back.

After a few more miles the bus squeaked to a stop for Debby. She bounced off the bus and ran down the hill to her house. As soon as she was in the door she could smell peanut butter cookies, and she knew right away whose house she and Sherry would work in that night.

A television show

"Mom, Sherry and I have to make a television show! Everybody got mad about our going to the Feast so Mrs. Shaw wants us to be reporters and talk about it Tuesday. I think we should work here. Can we call Sherry now?" asked Debby.

Mrs. Bryant messed up Debby's blonde curls and put her arm on her shoulder. "Here's a cookie, tell me what you're going to do." They headed for the living room and sat down on the couch. They were still talking when

Mr. Bryant came in from work.

"You can't get good help anymore," remarked Mr. Bryant as he shut the door. "I wish I could sit around and eat cookies all day."

ready?" asked Mrs. Shaw.

They hurried to the front of the room. There was so much to tell. Together they lifted the large box that was their television screen onto the teacher's desk. They had drawn a copy of the Ambassador College seal with the lion, the lamb and the little child and put the title of their project over it.

"We named our program 'The Feast Show.' This picture shows that we know a happy, safe time is coming. Even babies could play with lions. We go in the fall, not in summer, because that is when God says to go," said Debby.

Sherry talked next. She told about what kids do at the Feast. "Every day we go to church in a big convention center in Norfolk, Va. We sing songs and listen to talks about the Bible and what it means. I take notes so that I will remember things. Dad bought me a brand-new notebook yesterday just for the Feast. Debby and I are both in the children's choir. We get to sing in front of thousands of people. Sometimes we get nervous, but there are a whole bunch of us, so we don't get too scared.

"One day is called Youth Day. Then we get to do lots of important jobs. If you are a teenager there are even more things to do. There are movies about important people in our Church like Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader, and we get to see some of our old friends." Debby gave Sherry a look that told her she had better give her a turn.

Debby's turn again

"We have a hotel on the beach of the Atlantic Ocean. Our families are staying in the same place. We are going to go swimming in the ocean and walk on the beach and have picnics. Dad says that at least once we are going to get up in time to see the sun rise over the ocean. Mom is not too crazy about the idea, but I think it is neat! We get to go out to fancy restaurants sometimes. What I like best is that Mom and Dad have promised to take me to an ice cream place. Now that will be fun! We are going to see Williamsburg, where the colonists were," Debby said.

They talked until 3:30 when the bell rang.

The whole class was buzzing. "You're going to have a great time!" "Bring back some pictures for us." "Don't eat too much!" "Have a good time." "Let's all go, it sounds great!" concluded Mrs. Shaw.

"I wish you all could go. You know what? Someday you all will be able to go," said Debby. She gave Sherry a knowing glance and they were off to their "Best Feast Ever."

"Oh, Daddy, you're teasing!" replied Debby with a smile.

"Come sit down and talk to our reporter while I finish dinner," said Mrs. Bryant.

So, Debby told her father the whole story and soon it was time for dinner. As soon as they finished, Debby called Sherry.

In a few minutes the Lyons' big gray car eased down the driveway. Sherry crawled out and lugged the roll of newsprint with her. Debby led her right to the kitchen. Mrs. Bryant leaned out the kitchen window and called to Mrs. Lyons, "Come on in and have a cup of coffee, Carolyn." The ladies had a good talk over coffee and cookies as the girls worked on their project.

Now and then the girls would ask something about what they'd be doing at the Feast this year. Mostly they just did it by themselves, though. And so went the next day at school and a little bit on Saturday night and most of Sunday and Monday at school. They both knew they had never worked so hard on anything before. On Tuesday morning they put on their favorite clothes because they wanted to feel really good for their show.

Show time

Finally, it was 2:30 and time for the show.

"Sherry and Debby, are you



HURRICANE HITS FEAST SITE — A marooned boat and debris lay on shore at Corpus Christi, Tex., a new Feast site this year, hit by hurricane Allen Aug. 9. [Photo by Dennis Van Deventer]

Hurricane dies 'unusual death' before hitting Texas Feast site

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. — After cutting a swath of destruction through the Caribbean, hurricane Allen inexplicably collapsed less than 20 miles from the shores of Corpus Christi, a 1980 Festival site, according to pastor Dennis Van Deventer. Allen hit Aug. 9.

Billed as "the worst Caribbean hurricane in this century" by United States and international meteorologists, Allen built to the equivalent force of 200 megatons of nuclear energy only to die an "unusual death," said Mr. Van Deventer.

"We've been blessed," said Texas Gov. Bill Clements. "There's a great difference between what we anticipated and what we received. I think we've handled it very well. But I think God's handled it even better."

Awesome confrontation

Several news sources as well as others commented that there was "absolutely no reason for the storm to abate," according to Mr. Van Deventer. He recounted that hurricane Celia pounded the area in 1970, leaving "millions and millions [dollars] worth of damages. It practically scraped Corpus Christi off the map."

Pointing out that Celia was rated less than half of Allen's power, the Texas pastor reported that nearly 200,000 people fled the community in anticipation of the storm. "Allen was earmarked to destroy Corpus Christi, but it failed."

The only reason the city was spared "was that a handful of God's people reside within its confines and that the leadership of God's Church had selected the city to be a 1980 Feast site," he asserted.

Mr. Van Deventer feels that awesome powers were responsible for the storm, and that more awesome powers checked its progress. "I know that it would [have] served Satan's purpose if Corpus Christi was destroyed," he stated. "I feel that wherever God places His name — that place becomes special — I believe Corpus Christi was protected, that the standoff 20 miles from the shores was a confrontation between God's forces and the forces of Satan."

He said the U.S. Weather Service considers hurricanes the "most destructive force in nature," topping earthquakes and tornados. "Nobody sustained the 180-mile-per-hour winds" that smashed the Yucatan peninsula and the island of Haiti. Many Texas weathermen are at a loss to explain the incident, saying only that the storm's abatement was "miraculous."

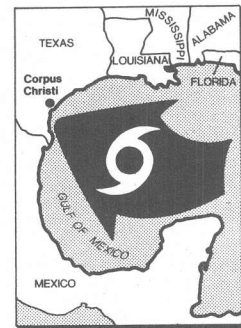
Mr. Van Deventer also reported that no Church members suffered major damage and that brethren in Waco, Austin and San Antonio, Tex., were standing by to offer inland housing for those fleeing the storm.

Restaurants and hotels

Brethren attending the Festival in Corpus Christi will benefit in certain areas as a result of the storm, he reported. "Hotels and restaurants that will be serving the brethren suf-

fered only minor damage and all expect to be back in full service by Labor Day [Sept. 1]." Rooms that sustained water damage will be "fully restored," offering members brand-new furnishings and carpets.

Certain establishments that resisted cooperation with the Feast housing efforts either suffered major damage or were completely destroyed, he said. "One manager ordered me off the premises when she found out I was from the Worldwide



Church of God," stated Mr. Van Deventer.

"She accused me of trying to distribute Church literature and convert her guests while I was there. She doesn't have to worry about having any guests now — she doesn't have a hotel; it looks like a bulldozer ran over the place."

He also spoke of an establishment that tried to take advantage of the Church. "He tried to get us to make his establishment the Feast headquarters. Naturally, we refused the whole thing and now he won't have any guests for several weeks." He

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World observes those at Feast

By Mark McCulley

Once again God's people around the world will be keeping the Feast of Tabernacles, which portrays the thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ on earth. Many sites are in tranquil settings that belie world crises and help us to picture the peace that will soon prevail.

However, not all of our Feast sites are away from the hustle and bustle of a city. Some, of necessity, are right downtown.

How, then, can we insure that this Feast of Tabernacles is everything God intends it to be? Is it possible to portray His glorious Kingdom while in the confines of this world?

Surprisingly, this is not only possible, but is one of the commands God gives His people: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). "Maintain good conduct among the Gentiles [unconverted people], so that, in case they speak against you as wrongdoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God in the day of visita-

tion [when they are called]" (1 Peter 2:12, Revised Standard Version).

Keeping the Feast in a city is not a time for the city to rub off on us, but for God's Spirit, magnified through the actions of His people, to rub off on the city. How can this occur?

The best illustration of this principle is to look at some comments that were received in years past.

From one motel owner: "Your people exemplified everything one could possibly wish in another human being. Their patience, thoughtfulness, courtesies and manners, in young and old alike, were beyond belief in this day and age."

From an official: "Without a doubt, I have never seen a more perfectly organized group, nor one so well handled by such outstanding people as your organization with whom we worked . . ."

The November-December 1969, *Good News* listed several incidents of interest. One was the example of a restaurant owner at Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., who sent in a \$100 offering on the Last Great Day. The

reason? That was our first year there, and we had made a tremendous impact on the community.

Since there are twice as many sites in the United States this year, and many more around the world, our impact should be doubled, not lessened in any way. This year we will have the opportunity to be shining examples in some 86 sites worldwide.

What can each of us do to set a right example at the Feast?

- Courtesy — sometime during the Feast you'll probably have to stand in line, or wait to be served or perhaps be served by someone who isn't in a good attitude. How would Jesus Christ react? With patience and courtesy, not demands or selfishness, but smiling, giving, even offering to help someone else. So should we.

- Service — Not everyone can take it easy at the Feast. Each site requires the efforts of hundreds of volunteers to keep the traffic flowing and the area clean, to pay the bills, mop the floors and do the jobs necessary to make this Feast the best-organized convention in the world.

What if you don't have a job for the Feast? If you're physically able, look around to see what needs to be done. Check with those already working to see whom to contact, then volunteer. Even if no one notices, God will.

- Make a special effort to leave a good impression at your motel, in the restaurants and at the convention center. This shouldn't be done in a vain or egotistical manner, but by truly living God's way during these eight days.

- Have a Christian Feast! God called us out of this world and gave us these days to portray His soon-coming Kingdom. The best way to foreshadow the glory of that Kingdom is to be a shining example to those around us by everything we do during this Feast.

Let's not be taken back by the presence of a city around us, but become the living legends God wants us to be. "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21).

Use caution, avoid losses

By Mark McCulley

"Neither shall any man desire your land when you shall go up to appear before the Eternal your God three times in the year" (Exodus 34:24, paraphrased throughout).

God's promised protection still applies to His people. For many years, farmers and others in the Worldwide Church of God have left their homes and valuable machinery when going to the Feast of Tabernacles. However, even though God promises protection, Jesus Christ Himself said, "It is written again, You shall not tempt the Eternal your God" (Matthew 4:7). Nor for that matter should we tempt hotel maids, clerks or anyone else at the Feast.

Each year, many of God's people, through carelessness or neglect, lose hundreds of dollars in cash or other valuables. How can we avoid need-

less losses during the Feast? The tips given here can help.

First, remember not to carry large amounts of cash. Traveler's checks are available in most banks for a 1 percent fee; that is, \$1 for every hundred dollars worth of checks that you buy. They're even available in foreign currencies, such as English pounds.

If you use traveler's checks, you should not have to carry more than about \$50 cash at a time. This will greatly reduce any loss you might incur through theft.

The next step is not to leave money or valuables in your car, room, tent or camper. You never know who may be passing by. Last year one woman lost a wedding ring valued at more than \$1,000 to a sticky-fingered hotel maid; however, with fast action on the part of the police,

(See CAUTION, page 11)

Lock doors, notify friends when leaving for Festival

Before leaving for the Feast, take a look at some helpful hints to deter neighborhood burglars and things to watch out for while traveling, written by Sgt. Sidney Lyle, crime prevention officer of the Odessa, Tex., Police Department, and member of the Midland, Tex., church. Sgt. Lyle has been with the police department for 15 years. His articles have appeared in various publications including The Worldwide News and The Good News.

By Sidney Lyle

More than 60 percent of all residential burglaries are nonforced. The thief does nothing to gain entrance except walk in. People walk away from their homes leaving doors and windows unlocked — an open invitation to the thief.

In keeping pace with the changing lifestyle of the '80s, the thief is changing his lifestyle, too. It's hard to imagine but more than half of all housebreaking is committed during daylight hours, precisely when most of us feel most secure about leaving our homes — too often leaving them unlocked and unwatched.

Prevent thievery

The best ways to prevent thievery are to: 1) Lock your doors with locks that work. Even the simplest lock will prevent the average thief from entering your home; 2) Place a small stick upright in the runner of the window to keep it from being raised

and allowing unlawful entry; 3) Lock up valuables before leaving; and 4) Ask a neighbor to watch your property while you're away. Don't expect him to be a crime-fighting hero, though.

Law enforcement agencies are happy to meet with small groups in their homes to explain how the buddy system works.

Why not call neighbors and arrange a time for a meeting. Then call your area law enforcement agency and ask them to send an officer to your meeting.

Make it easy for your neighbor. Make your home look lived in. If you don't normally leave a porch light on, don't leave it on while you are away. A porch light burning 24 hours a day is good evidence that no one is at home. Have the post office hold all mail deliveries.

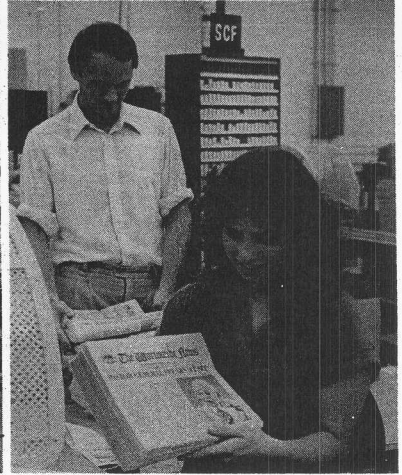
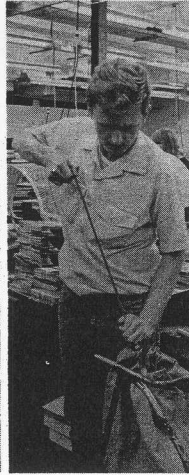
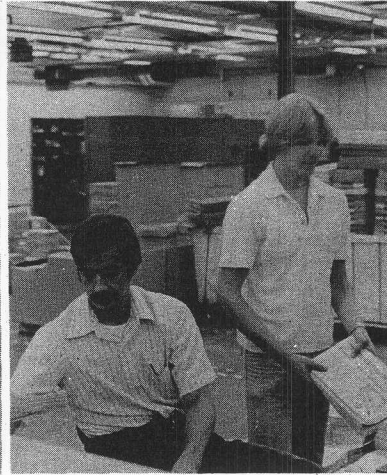
On the road

If you travel by car, make sure your car, including spare tire, is in good condition. Let someone know where you are going, by what route and when you expect to arrive.

Try not to travel at night. Limit daily driving to not more than 400 miles, or eight hours driving time. Never pick up hitchhikers.

And if you don't know what makes your car run, you may be in for some real problems with shade-tree mechanics, paying for unnecessary repairs. Get to know your car. Become familiar with its major

(See LOCK DOORS, page 11)



Adept postal center employees strive to fulfill needs of Work

By Michael Snyder
PASADENA — Ever wonder how you received the issue of *The Worldwide News* you're holding? Nearly every piece of literature, magazine or member letters, magazines or other direct mail you've received passed through the Work's postal center across from the Ambassador College campus.

The Work's postal center sends out more than 1.5 million pieces of mail every month for the Church, Ambassador College and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, according to Eric Shaw, supervisor of the center under Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center director.

Vital role

Employees in the postal center support Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in the "truest sense," reports Mr. Shaw, as mailing out Mr. Armstrong's co-worker letters, *The Good News*, *The Worldwide News* and other publications rarely is accomplished in the usual 8-to-5 working day. "We've had crews working until 2 a.m. and coming in at 5 a.m. to get the *Pastor General's Report* out," he states. "We're here to fulfill the needs of Mr. Armstrong and the Work."

A 13-year employee of the postal center, Mr. Shaw has seen his department expand from a small operation to a sophisticated array of machines capable of mailing multiple millions of pieces of literature an-

nually. "Back in the early '60s Dwayne Long and student assistants mailed practically everything by hand," recounts Mr. Shaw. "Now we have 11 full-time employees who, with the help of other part-time staff members and complex machines, can mail out more than a million magazines and pieces of literature a month."

Complex situation

Working with the United States Postal Service is a detailed and complex relationship, reports the postal center manager. "Regulations are constantly changing. We are always striving to mail pieces in the most efficient way — a slight difference in a mailing package can often mean a savings of thousands of dollars."

A case in point, states Mr. Shaw, is when 150,000 copies of Mr. Armstrong's book *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like* were mailed last spring. One postal center employee worked out a way to save 65 cents a book by changing the mailing package so it weighed less than a pound. "Through this extra effort," he says, "we saved several thousand dollars in postal costs."

Another problem is fatigue, according to Mr. Shaw. "When we mail *The Good News* to members and co-workers, our staff actually lifts more than five tons of magazines over a period of 10 hours, feeding them into labeling machines and stacking bundles."

Despite the vast numbers of mail pieces, the postal center maintains high standards, he asserts. "We treat every mailing label as a person. We dare not lose a single label — these people are writing to Mr. Armstrong for important information, and we send the response with the same attitude of concern the individual would receive in a one-on-one situation."

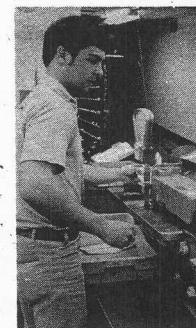
Rush work is not uncommon either, reports the center manager. "If needed we work all night to complete a job. Twice during the early part of the lawsuit in 1979 we even had volunteer crews come in from all over Southern California to mail out special editions of *The Worldwide News*."

Ready for any job

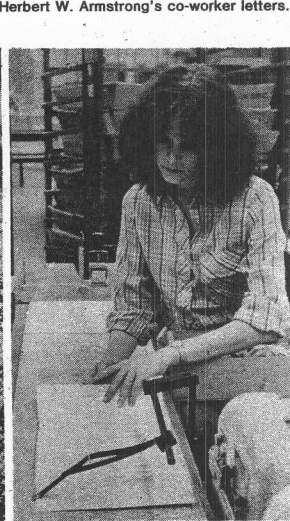
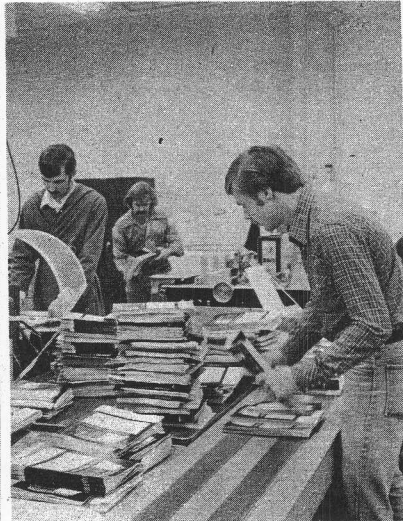
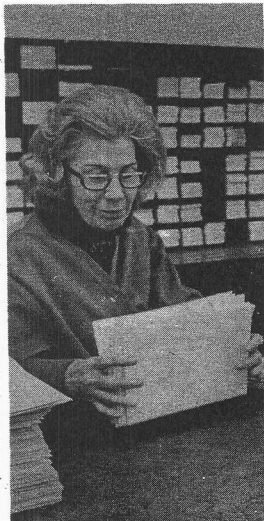
"We try to be ready for any crisis situation," reports Mr. Shaw, adding that postal employees are "on call 24 hours a day." Production foreman Coy Colbert illustrates, "You end up feeling like a minuteman sometimes." Mr. Shaw states that the postal center maintains a trained staff that can come in for an emergency mailing at any point. "We try to operate in the most efficient means. If Mr. Armstrong wants a letter mailed immediately, we get the job done."

"Sometimes things get a little hectic," says Mr. Colbert, "but we've got to be flexible — we're here to support Mr. Armstrong and fulfill the mailing needs of the Work."

WORKING STAFF — Clockwise from left: Supervisor Eric Shaw pauses in the postal center; Ed Stonick and Matt Morris process *The Worldwide News*; Warren Magee sacks the mail; Terry Smiri and Ruth Salmon bundle the *WN* for mailing. Below, foreman Coy Colbert (left) discusses plans with Don Pinkston. [Photos by Roland Rees and Michael Snyder]



EXPRESS MAIL — David Mosby gets out the business mail while Janet Case handles office duties, above. From lower left: Marjorie McAllister stacks literature; Dan Fennessy, Dwayne Long and Peter Ditzel prepare *The Good News* for mailing; Steve Isbill and Mr. Long label the magazine; and Sandra Davis works on Herbert W. Armstrong's co-worker letters. [Photos by Roland Rees]



63 Japanese finish AC course

PASADENA — Sixty-three students from Bunkyo Women's Junior College in Tokyo received certificates upon completion of an English course at Ambassador College July 21 to Aug. 11. Deputy Chancellor Raymond McNair addressed the group Aug. 10 at commencement exercises. The three-week course included instruction in English conversation, music appreciation and American history, culture and literature.

Mark Kaplan, an Ambassador

College faculty member who helped teach the course, felt "positively impressed and very moved with the Japanese students." David Maas, another faculty member involved in the program, noted, "Many of the true values which Ambassador College stands for . . . were exemplified in the respect and giving way set by these young ladies."

The group visited a number of public amusement parks in the Los Angeles area, San Diego, Calif., and Tijuana, Mexico. They staged a bar-

becue cookout for the student body and a Japanese dinner. The group took a videotape of the Young Ambassadors' Feast show and a documentary on the English program, shot by a Japanese cameraman in Los Angeles, to show at Bunkyo's annual festival.

Phil Rice, program coordinator, viewed the visiting students' reactions as "very positive." The Japanese teachers who accompanied the students plan to send 100 students next year.



COURSE COMPLETED — Deputy Chancellor Raymond F. McNair presents a certificate to one of the 63 women from Tokyo who completed a three-week English course at Ambassador College Aug. 10. [Photo by Scott Smith]

Hurricane

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reported that the hotel was one of the few severely damaged during the hurricane. "I'm not trying to say these incidents were directly the result of 'cause and effect.' But it sure looks interesting."

Area grateful

The storm did benefit farmers by bringing an end to the area's drought [WV, Aug. 11]. "Many farmers said that they were going to have massive slaughters of cattle, [but] the rains brought life-saving water for crops and animals alike."

Mr. Van Deventer stated that the first thing he did after the storm was "to get on my knees and thank God. I know we had the prayers of brethren around the country and those prayers were answered."



STARTING POINT — Top photo: Linda LaBissoniere, secretary to the registrar, hands registration papers to Vicky Murney. Above, freshman Agnes Youngblood flashes a smile to a fellow student. Right photo, Kathy Brunz (left) converses with recorder Linda Baldwin while David Ruppert (right) waits to join in. [Photos by Michael Snyder and Robert Taylor]

Chicago PT

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The *Plain Truth* to be the largest-circulating magazine in the United States and we're doing all we can to fulfill this." Some of the ideas that eventually lead to a successful program come from the field ministry and Church members, he said.

PTairlift

KLM, the airline in the Netherlands, opened up a new avenue for faster distribution of the French *PT* to Europe. According to Mr. Lee-son, we are now testing this system where we print the *PT* in the United States and airfreight the bulk magazines to various points on the globe.

A new program recently begun by the U.S. Postal Service enables the circulation people to ship the French *PT* directly from the printer to Paris. Bypassing the conventional United States postal system cuts the delivery time to "mere days." He stated the circulation staff will continue to investigate new means of distributing *The Plain Truth*, so that more people may receive what the Work has to offer.



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- Any issues of the old *Church of God News*;
 - Any Feast brochures;
 - "Bible Study Quarterly" (from the early years of the Work);
 - "Good News Letters" (from the early years of the Work);
 - "Co-Worker Bulletin" (from the early years of the Work);
 - and co-worker or member letters before 1950.
- Please do not send anything at this time; call us first. Thank you.

Member combats pain to serve

Ruby Jean Belcher, author of the following article, is a long-time member of God's Church in the Pikesville, Ky., area. Mrs. Belcher is a second-grade teacher for the Grapevine, Ky., Elementary School.

John LaBissoniere, PT newsstand manager, stated that Raleigh Collins sets a fine example of service in the newsstand program. "His extraordinary efforts are commendable and inspiring," he said.

By Ruby Jean Belcher
EAST POINT, Ky. — Painful and uncomfortable physical problems don't stop Raleigh Collins from doing his part to spread the "good news." Mr. Collins, 55, suffers nearly constant pain from a serious back injury and finds it difficult



RALEIGH COLLINS
to breathe at times — a condition fostered by black lung disease. Yet this man distributes 1,000 to 1,250 newsstand copies of *The Plain Truth* each month, driving

hundreds of miles every year to do his part in the program. Despite his physical afflictions, he also arranged for, and stocks, 92 of the Church's *PT* outlets.

Practically all libraries, hospitals, doctors' and dentists' waiting rooms and other public facilities in 10 cities in Kentucky receive copies of *The Plain Truth* because of Mr. Collins' efforts.

As well as distributing thousands of *PT*'s annually, Mr. Collins is a powerful example of service and determination. As he overcomes and builds character, he helps others in the Pikesville newsstand program and in God's Church here to be inspired towards greater service. With an attitude of enthusiasm that can't be muted by extreme pain, Mr. Collins is living proof that anything can be overcome with God's help.

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forum in the Auditorium Aug. 18. He said Ambassador College was founded by Mr. Armstrong not to be a "rubber-stamp college," but to fill a unique role. Quoting from the book of Proverbs, he exhorted the students to make the most of their time at Ambassador, pointing out they were "highly privileged to be able to attend."

New requirements

The student body for 1980-81 will not exceed 500, as per Mr. Armstrong's instructions. The vice chancellor said that this requirement was in force to preserve "the family-like atmosphere" that prevailed in the earlier years of the college. Such an atmosphere will foster

character growth and promote proper learning, he said.

Three new classes are among requirements for an Ambassador degree. Students were informed that Mr. Armstrong wants to provide students with a "well balanced education," including a course in music appreciation and a marketable skill of typing. Replacing the Old Testament Survey course for sophomores is a two-semester class entitled Fundamentals of Theology, to be taught by Richard Ames.

Incoming students must now take the five required theology courses of Principles of Living, Life and Teachings of Jesus, Fundamentals of Theology, Doctrines of the Worldwide Church of God and Biblical Scholarship. Eighteen hours of upper-level theology courses must also be taken as electives for the theology degree.

Classes began Aug. 25.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

One hundred ALEXANDRIA, La., Church members and their children enjoyed swimming, baseball, volleyball and food at the Kiwanis Club Campground July 13. A covered-dish luncheon was served at noon. The day was spent playing games, visiting or fishing in the pond. *Mrs. Gilbert K. Arnold.*

The APPLETON and WAUSAU, Wis., church areas had their annual summer picnic at Lake Emily July 20. Children's games included pin the tail on the donkey and a penny-in-the-sawdust hunt, with Matthew Jones the winner with 14 pennies. Horseshoes, volleyball, softball, swimming and card games occupied the teens and adults throughout the day. A potluck meal was served at noon. *Pauli Laessig.*

At the annual BAKERSFIELD, Calif., church camp-out 60 campers shared the weekend of July 18-20 at the Antelope Canyon campground above Tehachapi, Calif. Planned activities included a Bible study Friday night, another Bible study Sabbath morning, a potluck lunch and services under the pines. George Anderson gave the sermonette, and pastor Al Mischnick gave the sermon. Brad Rosequist led a sing-along Saturday night. Card games, hikes and fellowshiping were the main activities on Sunday. Faith and Melody Anderson organized games for the young children. The finale was a noontime feast of roast beef and lamb, which was provided by the church activity fund and prepared by YOU members and volunteers. *Linda Byars.*

The BRISBANE, Australia, churches had a formal dance June 28 with 250 in attendance. The event took place at the Riverside Ballroom, overlooking the Brisbane River. The group danced to the music of The Rhythmairs. Dinner was served in an adjoining room. *Jeff Ryan.*

Members of the CARDIFF, Wales, church distributed 4,000 *Plain Truth* leaflets July 20. Afterward the workers returned to the home of Peggy James for a picnic lunch. *Hilary Calwell.*

The CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Young Adult Club sponsored spaghetti supper after Sabbath services Aug. 2. Following the meal, the monthly Bible study was conducted by minister Bill Cowan Jr. The next day they had a picnic at Jack Bradford's property atop the Georgia side of Lookout Mountain. The main activities were swimming and water games in Bear Creek and diving off rocky cliffs. *Barb Keeper.*

The CLARKSBURG, W. Va., and BELLE VERNON, Pa., churches met at the Appalachian Community Center for a picnic July 13. Games were sponsored by the Ladies' Club. Volleyball, softball and touch football were also played. The teenage boys challenged the men to a football game, which the men won 35-0. Gail Groves won a Thermos cooler by guessing that a pearl was hidden inside, and Christine Poth won a Thermos jug for guessing the number of M&Ms in a jar. *Jeanette Richardson.*

The CLEVELAND, Ohio, EAST and WEST churches had a special service Aug. 2. After a film about the receivership, visiting ministers Robert Fahey and Robin Webber spoke and then an-

swered questions. Mr. Fahey's mother and grandmother live in Cleveland and attend the East church, and Mr. Webber's wife has relatives in the Cleveland West congregation. *Jeff Smith.*

The first social activity sponsored by the COLDWATER, Mich., church was a camp-out and picnic July 26-27. Sixteen families camped overnight at the Waffle Farm campsite on Craig Lake. Activities began Saturday with a YOU Bible study by pastor Ken Williams. After sunset, card games and dinner completed the evening's activities. The next morning, events began for the youngsters. The picnic lunch that followed was attended by 160 brethren. Adult games began in the afternoon with softball, volleyball, badminton, horseshoes and a dunk tank. The older men won the tug-of-war against the younger men. Gene Mailloux and the local YOU organized games for the young people, and Basil Broughman organized the adult events. *Buck Buchanan.*

The annual YOU Day of the COLUMBIA, Mo., church took place July 19. The opening prayer was given by Mike Absher, songs were led by Paul Blythe and announcements were given by Dan Smith. Sound equipment was handled by Eileen Conrad and Daniel Kleindienst. Kim Freeman and Frank Haymart greeted people at the door. Camilla Oswald sang "Rainbow Connection" for special music. She and Bonnie Conrad designed the programs. YOU coordinator Ed Blythe gave the sermonette. Other YOU members helped set up chairs, collected songbooks and took attendance. Under the direction of Christine Oswald, refreshments were served after services. A display table showed YOU activities over the past several years. *Kim Freeman.*

The CUMBERLAND, Md., church experienced a beautiful day for the annual picnic July 13. The fun included softball, volleyball, badminton, horseshoes and fellowshiping. Novelty games were played by adults and children. A Bible game called Who am I? was directed by minister Grant Spong and Sam Metz. The final event of the day was a sing-along, led by Mr. Spong on guitar. Printed programs were produced by Pat Blubaugh and included a poem, "Picnic Time," written by Mary Whitacre. *Cafolyn Raines.*

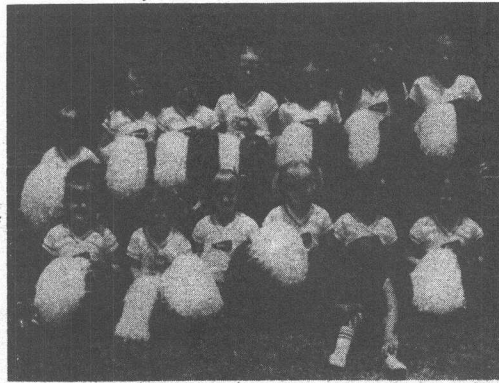
The fifth anniversary of the FLORANCE, Ala., church was celebrated with a potluck supper July 12. The highlight of the evening came when Billy Joe Campbell, on behalf of the congregation, presented pastor Jim Tuck and his wife Joan with gifts of appreciation. Minister Roland Stanley and his wife Sheila also received gifts. *Jack Lawrence.*

The annual picnic of the JACKSONVILLE, N.C., church took place July 20. Activities included volleyball, softball and horseshoes. Homemade ice cream was the hit in the afternoon. Chuck Marino won in horseshoes, while Dorothy Wood won a watermelon by guessing its weight. Sue Derstine won a jar of peas by guessing the correct number in the jar. *JoAnn Winn.*

The KAMLOOPS, B.C., church observed its seventh anniversary by holding combined services with the Salmon Arm, B.C., brethren July 5. Guest minister for the occasion was Ken Webster of Lethbridge, Alta. Bob Millman, who has pastored the churches since their inception, recounted his early travels in the area. He also acknowledged the men who laid the foundation for the churches

by conducting Bible studies and baptizing tours for some years before his arrival. Joy Cuvelier, the pianist who began playing for church services at age 10, was presented a gift in recognition of her service. Helga Woods, the first person baptized by Mr. Millman and the oldest member in the area, cut the anniversary cake. *Faye E. McHollister.*

Members of the KNOXVILLE, Tenn., church and YOU went rafting down the Nantahala River in North Car-



PRETEENS — The Royals cheerleaders of the San Antonio, Tex., church pose before entertaining residents of a nursing home with cheers and dance routines July 31. (See "Youth Activities," page 11.)

olina July 20. On the rougher parts of the river, participants received thrills as well as spills. In the calmer parts some jumped in for the fun of it. *Lori Pritchard.*

The LOUISVILLE, Ky., church had a picnic in Floyd's Knobs, Ind., July 13. The event featured a wig walk, a series of competitive, but fun events. Other activities included swimming, tennis, volleyball, a fishing derby, a tug-of-war (Kentucky vs. Indiana men) and a strongman contest. The afternoon events concluded with live entertainment and the awarding of prizes and honors. *Robert Adcock.*

The MAIDSTONE, England, church picnic took place at the Bewl Bridge Reservoir in Kent, England, July 27. Set in the heart of some of southeast England's loveliest countryside, this haven for sailors and water-sports enthusiasts created an idyllic setting for the members and their families who came for an afternoon of fun and friendship. Most of the 60 picnickers kept active in swimming and rounders competition, organized by minister Robert Harrison. The less sporty enjoyed the simple pleasure of good food and company. *Graham Tarant.*

The MIAMI, Fla., church viewed a slide presentation of Israel July 29. The slides showed sites visited by members who attended the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles in Israel. The slide-tape presentation was produced by Union, N.J., pastor Richard Frankel and Glen Prokesch. *Shirley Segal.*

The MONROE, La., brethren met at a city park for a picnic June 15. As the food was placed on tables, the YES boys challenged some of the women to a game of softball. The men took over playing after the boys tied the ladies. A junior

Olympics for the pre-YES and YES youngsters included foot races, obstacle courses and tricycle races. *Joyce Brown.*

Ken and Eva Clemons, deacon and deaconess in the PASADENA AUDIOTIUM P.M. church, were honored at a surprise wedding anniversary party Aug. 10, at the home of evangelist Joe Tkach in Pasadena. The Clemons were married Aug. 8, 1944, in Long Prairie, Minn. He was ordained a deacon in 1976, followed by his wife's ordination less than one year later. The party was attended by local ministers and friends.

Members of the PORTLAND, Ore., WEST church attended a camp-out at Camp Adams near Molalla, Ore., July 19-20. Sabbath morning some of the

pool complete with high and low diving boards and a separate children's wading pool provided a relaxing setting for a summer evening. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

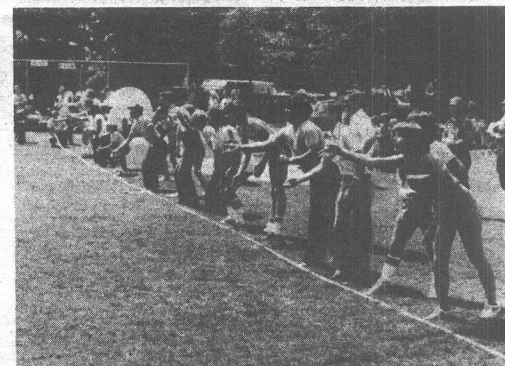
The SALEM, Ore., family picnic took place at Bush Pasture Park Aug. 3. The event began with two volleyball tournaments, with teams divided into age groups. In the men's division, the 20 to 27 year olds were victorious. In the women's group, the winners were the 20 to 29 year olds. Lunch was a potluck. Table games, volleyball and an informal water-balloon fight followed the meal. After the children's races came the main event, a tug-of-war across Pringle Creek. The losing team was dumped into the creek twice in a row. Ice cream cones were then served to everyone. *Janice Young.*

Mr. and Mrs. James Friddle, who formerly served the SAN DIEGO, Calif., church, were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Voss in San Diego July 27. Mr. Friddle conducted services on the Sabbath. At the morning Bible study a taped narration of Jerusalem and surrounding areas was given, including a taped narration by Richard Frankel, pastor of the Union, N.J., church. Mr. Friddle also showed slides he had taken at the Feast in Jerusalem a year ago. *Susan Karoska.*

Eighty people from the TEMORA, Australia, church attended a social after Sabbath services July 5. Under the direction of James Laing, tables were quickly set up for a meal of hot dishes, cold meats, salads and various desserts. After the meal the brethren enjoyed ballroom and square dancing. *Yvonne Druce.*

The TORONTO, Ont., EAST church welcomed its new associate pastor, Alvin Nordstrom, and his family at services July 19. A special tea hour after services gave the Nordstroms and members a chance to become better acquainted. Mr. Nordstrom will be working with pastor Doug Smith. *Carola Finch.*

The TORONTO, Ont., EAST and WEST annual picnic took place July 27 on the grounds and lake of Seneca College, King City campus. Activities included boating, swimming, volleyball, soccer, wheelbarrow races, lurching, games, picture taking and a flea market. *Bill Moore.*



EGG TOSS — Members of the Vancouver and Surrey, B.C., churches toss eggs to each other in a contest during a picnic July 20. (See "Church Activities," page 9.)

activities. *Woody Corsi.*

The ROCHESTER, N.Y., church had guest speakers on two consecutive Sabbaths. On July 12 Richard Frankel, pastor of the Union, N.J., church, gave a slide show on Jerusalem. The following Sabbath Dibar Apartian, evangelist and director of the French Work, presented a film documentary on the receivership imposed on the Church by the State of California. After his sermon, Mr. Apartian answered questions about the film and other aspects of the Work. *Jake Hannold.*

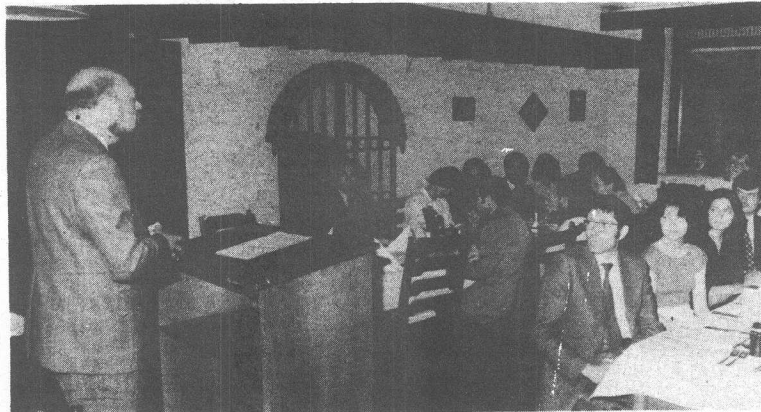
The annual camp-out and picnic of the ROME, Ga., church took place July 19-20 at the Woodmen of the World campgrounds. Mr. and Mrs. David Owen and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Peters directed the cooking of the barbecued chicken and goat. As the meat cooked, potatoes and corn were steamed above it. Cole slaw, desserts and drinks were brought by the ladies to complete the picnic feast. Young and old spent the day playing volleyball, softball and horseshoes. Nail driving, sack races and an egg-toss contest were also included in the activities. The musically minded picked and grinned. Homemade ice cream topped off the afternoon. *Edna Weyman.*

The ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., church's second pool party and hot-dog cookout of the summer took place July 20 at the Walter Fuller Pool. The Olym-

pic play *Ruth* was presented to the TORONTO, Ont., churches July 26. Performers included Paul Mastin (Boaz); Tina Nikolai (Ruth) and Gwen Sheehan (Naomi). The highlight of the performance was Marg Brown singing "Whither Thou Goest." Tom Ecker, pastor of the Toronto West church, presented red roses to Kim Tompsett and Connie Brown, who produced, directed and helped write the play. *Bill Moore.*

The UNION, N.J., church played host to young people from the Martiniq church during their five-day stay in the area. The youths, ranging in age from 15 to 22, saved for more than a year, to visit the United States. Part of their stay included a tour of New York City. At a barbecue given by Doreen Chrobocinski, the local YOU members had the opportunity to fellowship with the visiting group. Though they spoke predominantly French, the smiles and friendliness of all bridged any language barriers. The youths gave an exhibition of their native songs and dances and presented a slide show depicting the lifestyle in Martinique. With their handmade drums, other instruments and colored costumes, they delighted the 150 brethren who watched their show July 29. The group also presented their show at the Welking Neurological Hospital in Chester, N.J. *Debbie Banack.*

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LADIES' DAY — Helmut Meier speaks on enjoying life at the Darmstadt, West Germany, Spokesman Club Ladies' Day June 15. (See "Club Meetings," page 9.) [Photo by Tony Johnson]

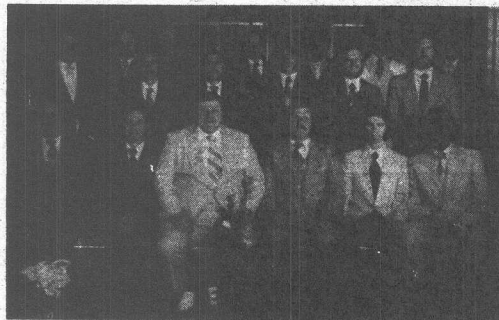
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The weather was warm and sunny for the VANCOUVER and SURREY, B.C., churches' picnic July 20. About 250 brethren were served a lunch of burgers, salad, juice and watermelons. The Vancouver teams won the men's and ladies' softball games. The children engaged in throwing competitions, foot races, relay races and tug-of-war. The adults struggled in a relay race with a five-foot diameter inflated ball. Also for the adults were an egg-toss and a hands-behind-your-back pie-eating contest. Others played a quiet game of bridge in the shade. *Fred Whitehead.*

A carnival for the VICTORIA, B.C., church took place at the home of Don Jodrell Sr. July 13. The aroma of barbecued meat brought the brethren to the YOU booth. Children played pin the tail on the donkey and fished for prizes at the fishing pool booth. Other events in-

cluded a baking contest, the distribution of prizes for the local winter games and a contest in which adults raced to be the first to drain a baby bottle. A bouquet was given to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Crompton for organizing the occasion. *John Plunkett.*



SPOKESMAN CLUB — The San Diego, Calif., club members pose during their Polynesian graduation evening July 13. (See "Club Meetings," this page.)

cluded a baking contest, the distribution of prizes for the local winter games and a contest in which adults raced to be the first to drain a baby bottle. A bouquet was given to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Crompton for organizing the occasion. *John Plunkett.*

A Hawaiian social for the VISALIA, Calif., church took place at the home of associate pastor Ted Herlofson July 26. The evening included swimming, dancing and a variety show, emceed by Ray Woods. A gazebo and Tiki huts decorated with palm leaves landscaped the yard. Brethren feasted at tables filled with melons, fruits and relish trays. A choice of fresh coconut drink, Hawaiian punch or cocktails at the Tiki bar was also available. A plant was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Herlofson on behalf of the brethren for their hospitality. *Sharyl Justice.*

Harry Smith, a member of the WALTERBORO, S.C., church, assisted Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wiehrs in obtaining a government grant to restore their home. Several members helped with the restoration, which took more than a year and is now completed. The project was not only an example to the neighborhood,

but also helped encourage Mrs. Wiehrs, who had been ill. *Jo Morris.*

The WAUSAU, Wis., church celebrated its fifth anniversary with a potluck supper July 12. More than 200 attended the occasion. A cake shaped as the number 5 was prepared by Gert Kotecki. The first pastor of the area was Jess Ernest. Currently Dave Fiedler pastors the church, which has grown from 135 in 1975 to an average of 180 at the present time. *Patti Laessig.*

CLUB MEETINGS

The Berghof Hotel was the setting for the BONN, West Germany, Spokesman Club's Ladies' Evening June 22. Cliff

New Century Ladies' Club of the COLORADO SPRINGS and PUEBLO, Colo., churches June 27. After lunch at Furr's Cafeteria in Pueblo, the ladies received personal instruction on various patterns. Works on display included shawls, capes, a tablecloth, a sweater and an afghan. *Susan Peterson.*

Green mountains provided the scenery for the DARMSTADT, West Germany, Spokesman Club's Ladies' Day June 15. Rudolf Hilsheimer's table topics provoked enthusiastic responses. Richard Doll won the Most Effective Speaker cup with his speech on love. He also shared the Most Improved Speaker cup with Andreas Drosdek. The club members felt Kurt Gutmann's evaluation was the most helpful. In his overall evaluation, club director Thomas Root spoke of the tremendous part club plays in training for the job of reeducating people in the world tomorrow. The crowning touch to the proceedings was the meal served by the hotel staff. *Tony Johnson.*

The MERIDEN, Conn., Women's Club installed new officers for the coming season at the final meeting of the year June 9. The members and their husbands dined buffet style and were entertained by students from a local dancing school. The highlight of the evening was a talk by pastor Larry Woodridge on the role of women in society, and how club helps fulfill that role. *Mary C. White.*

The NEW ORLEANS, La., Reading Club and guests convened for the club's fourth anniversary celebration July 12. In his opening remarks, club President Erwin Dörner spoke on the purpose of the club. After a potluck meal minister Paul Herrmann showed slides of his travels through Europe and Israel. Of special interest were the slides of the places where Christ supposedly walked. *Maurice Ledet.*

At the annual June brunch of the OTTAWA, Ont., Ladies' Club, a discussion by guests and members during the table-topics session created an atmosphere of friendliness for the second part of the meeting. Each member gave a short presentation on her favorite woman of the Bible. The men then played a cooperative game, which was followed by an evaluation of the differences between competitive and cooperative games. *Fleurette Kuberski.*

The PASADENA, SPANISH church Spokesman Club had its final Ladies' Night for the session at a local restaurant June 26. Forty-two people attended the occasion. Topicsmaster Pete Lorenzana introduced thought-provoking topics, including "Which woman in the Bible do you admire most?" Club director Reginald Killingley announced Eduardo Valenzuela as the president for the next session. *Lincoln Jaitla.*

The SAN DIEGO, Calif., Spokesman Club gave a Polynesian send-off to its two graduates at the Bali Hai restaurant on Shelter Island July 13. The evening consisted of a cocktail hour, dinner, table topics and speeches for the 100 who attended. Joe Musselman was topicsmaster and Lou Balogh was toastmaster. Club director and copastor Camilo Reyes presided. Graduates Bob Gompertz, president, and Maurice Gilbert, treasurer, gave speeches reflecting on their club experiences. Ray Hooks, a previous graduate, spoke with humor about the lighter side of marriage. After the meeting, a Polynesian dance was performed by Samoan twin sisters and their Hawaiian partner, along with a Samoan fire dancer. *Dennis Ryan.*

The WIMBLEDON, England, Ladies' Club met July 19. The meeting was directed by Mrs. Robert Harrison, the assistant minister's wife. Talks were given



LADIES' EVENING — Club President Johannes Eisermann opens the Bonn, West Germany, Spokesman Club with welcoming comments June 22 as (from left) Linda and Wolfgang Thomsen and Ruth Eisermann look on. (See "Club Meetings," this page.) [Photo by Tony Johnson]

by Mrs. Hawkins on her hobby of collecting seashells and by Sue Francis, who spoke about her first year at Ambassador College. *Margaret French.*

Twenty-two members and guests of the WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis., PREP (Prepare Responsible Enthusiastic People) Club participated in an inner-tube float down the Apple River July 20. The group camped out the previous night and was joined by about 10 young adults from the Minneapolis, Minn., area. Organized a year ago, the young adults club is a service and activity club. In addition to recreational outings, the club has monthly formal meetings similar to Spokesman Club. *John Torgerson.*

took an eight-mile nature hike along the abandoned Washington and Old Dominion Railroad July 20. The Northern Virginia Regional Park runs from the Potomac River near Washington west to the Blue Ridge Mountains. During the six-hour adventure, the group retraced the steps of U.S. President Grover Cleveland and revisited the site of a civil war skirmish. The hikers paused frequently along the way to observe some of the 140 species of birds and 700 species of wild flowers recorded for this trail. Participants packed their own picnic lunches, but also sampled the wild blackberries along the way. *Daniel B. Peacock.*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Twenty YAH Seniors from the SPOKANE, Wash., church enjoyed an evening performance of the play *Dames at Sea*, presented by the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Summer Theater, July 27. Before the performance, the group had a picnic in the city park. *Margaret Lay.*

SINGLES SCENE

The UNION, N.J., singles met July 19. In a discussion on family living, pastor Richard Frankel covered such subjects as dating and courtship in character building. Club President Tony Alfieri discussed future activities and opportunities to serve the brethren by providing entertainment and baby-sitting services. Plans include a fall dance and distribution of *The Plain Truth* and Herbert W. Armstrong's books. Wayne Pratt volunteered as club treasurer. *Dennis R. Pisapia.*

Eight WASHINGTON, D.C., singles



SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT — Russell Duke, pastor of the Kansas City, Mo., East church, awaits a pitch, while Rob Shumate is ready to catch, at a tournament in Sedalia, Mo., July 6. (See "Sports," this page.)

SPORTS

The golf tournament of the BUFFALO and ROCHESTER, N.Y., churches was a partners' best-ball event at the Alden Country Club in Darien Center, N.Y. On June 15, halfway through the round, a heavy thunderstorm forced postponement until July 20, when 24 golfers completed their rounds. Ron Beilstein and Lewis Caswell were the winners at 16 under par, with Jerry Weidner Sr. and Jerry Weidner Jr. runners-up at 11 under. *Ants Nomm.*

The COLUMBIA, Mo., church played host to a softball tournament in Sedalia, Mo., July 6. The championship went to Columbia, with Kansas City, Mo., North second and Kansas City East third. Along with the tournament, there was volleyball and a potluck. *Keith Cooper.*

The DETROIT, Mich., DynOmite Cheerleaders attended the International Cheerleaders Federation summer camp at the University of Michigan July 20-24. The girls received five ribbons in various categories. The final day the group received the most-sought-after blue ribbon. (See CHURCH NEWS, page 10)

CHECKLIST FOR CHURCH NEWS WRITERS

Since "Local Church News" is such a great way for you to let others know what's happening in your area, here are a few helpful suggestions in telling your story. You can use this as a checklist whenever you are the reporter for a big happening in your area.

1. Include your complete name, address and phone number on the article itself (not just on the envelope or accompanying letter).
2. Include date and location of the event in the article. Reports lacking the date of the event cannot be run.
3. Give complete, accurately spelled names of all people mentioned. Include first and last names.
4. Label pictures. Identify people in the photo, tell what's happening and give the photographer's name.
5. Write in the third person; use *he, she, they*, not *we* or *I*.
6. Type article or print legibly. Always double-space.
7. Reports must be postmarked no later than 14 days after the event takes place.
8. Be creative, but brief! Tell the story in 250 words or less.
9. Be sure to include your *WN* mailing label.



PUPPETS — The Shreveport, La., Junior YOU girls show the sock puppets they made and used in plays based on familiar Bible stories during a slumber party July 19. (See "Youth Activities," page 11.)

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and girl were John Lanum, who came as Jean Laffite, and Sheila Rigney, who dressed as Abraham's wife, Sarah. Games played included a baby-picture contest and knots. Chaperons were minister Robert Persky and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Puckett, who organized the party; and Mr. and Mrs. John Crisinger, YOU coordinators. Punch and hors d'oeuvres provided by the teens were served as refreshments. *Julia Lanum.*

The SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Royals preteen cheerleaders entertained residents of the Southern Manor Nursing Home July 31. The 13-member squad performed various cheers and two dance routines to the music of the Hokey Pokey and the Bunny Hop. After the program, the girls, ranging in age from 4 to 11, served the residents punch and cookies. *Kathy Bell.*

The YOU camp in SCOTLAND took place at Peebles June 13-15. Campers arrived Friday evening and settled in on the banks of the River Tweed. The next

morning a Bible study was given by YOU coordinators George Davidson and Bob Storrier and included guest speaker Marty Davey, a student from Ambassador College. The campers roasted a deer over

an open fire for their evening meal. Sunday the local youth club leader, D. Close, arrived with a fleet of canoes and gave the campers instruction before their trip down the fast-flowing River Tweed. *Craig Millar.*

The Junior YOU of SHREVEPORT, La., had a fun-filled weekend July 19-20. While the boys and their dads went on a camping trip, the girls gathered for a slumber party. The young ladies de-

signed their own sock puppets and entertained each other with plays based on familiar Bible stories. *Becky Burks.*

Mr. and Mrs. Brady Veller of TAMPA, Fla., played host to a going-away party July 27 for Mary Lynn Johnson, Angie Cooper and Sandra Fike, who will be attending Ambassador College this fall. YOU members and families attended and enjoyed various games and rounds of Bible charades. The honored

guests received gifts, and then everyone joined in a sing-along. *Sandra Fike.*

The WHEELING, W. Va., YOU had a car wash July 13. For seven hours in front of the church hall, the group washed dirty cars, vans and trucks. A policeman came in and watched as the soapy teenagers cleaned his patrol car. The youths were able to raise \$93 for a trip to Disney World in Florida in August. *Jeff Fozard.*

Lock doors

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working components. You may know a mechanic who can give you a quick course in emergency repair. If not, your automobile dealer will assist you for a small fee.

If you purchase gasoline on a credit card be sure the amount of purchase written in by the station attendant is the same as stamped on the receipt with the credit card machine. If those two figures are not the same, don't sign it. Have him fill out a new receipt.

Keep in mind that the trunk of your car is a far safer place to store expensive items like cameras. Don't trust the security of a motel or hotel room — too many people have keys. If you spend the night in a motel that has a through-the-door peephole, be sure that it has not been reversed. If you can't see out, it has been tampered with. Be sure to cover the inside with tape to keep prowlers from looking in.

Air travel

If you travel by air, remember: Maintain complete control over your valuables. Carry traveler's checks and other valuable papers such as visas and passports on your person while en route.

Preventing crime isn't impossible. In fact it is really quite simple. Remove the easy opportunity and you will less likely be a victim. Unfortunately, thieves are still thieves and they will commit criminal acts. The point is, you don't have to be the victim.

Caution

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it was eventually recovered. This can apply to any expensive and easily removable personal possessions. That which is easily seen is often easily stolen.

Beware of deals that sound too good to be true. Things that sound too good to be true usually are. Whenever people with money gather, other people gather to try to take it away from them.

You might want to inspect your motel room before you pay for the full eight days. If it's not what you asked for, or if it's not what your confirmation said it was, you might ask for a refund or another room.

Finally, if there is any situation at home that may need attention during the Feast, don't forget to tell someone where you will be and leave a telephone number.

This year's Feast of Tabernacles promises to be a memorable one spiritually. With a little care and a lot of prayer, it can be memorable physically as well. Let's do our part to see that it is.

Mr. Attorney General of California:

The battle lines are drawn! Your office launched a State vs. Church lawsuit—to test the strength, power and the very existence of the Constitution of the United States.

THIS, MR. ATTORNEY GENERAL, is a battle you can't win! Realize it or not, you have chosen to do battle against the living God! You have engaged in an unconstitutional fight to take over, own and operate (or destroy) God's Holy Church—to run it by the will of politicians instead of the will of God! God's Church belongs to GOD—and when you attack it you attack Almighty God!

The giant Goliath once challenged the people of God. The soon-to-be King David, then only a lad, said, "Who is this Philistine that he should defy the living God?" The giant lost that battle—and his life!

Our forefathers came to America to escape religious persecution from human government. They established a Constitution whose First Amendment guarantees the religious liberty they fled, fought and died to secure for us!

That Constitution still stand inviolate! But even if we, as they, had to flee to other countries for a base from which to spread God's truth, we would remove beyond your jurisdiction! There is no way you can stop us!

This nation is becoming aware that your massive civil lawsuit actually is the first REAL TEST of the freedom of CHURCH against political encroachments of STATE! It is a battle to decide whether politicians of the STATE can take over, own and operate all CHURCHES according to political will instead of the WILL of God!

It is a political onslaught to determine once and for all that the CHURCH of the living God may be governed by Him according as He directs through His chosen apostle, as revealed in His Word, the Holy Bible!



HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

The GOVERNMENT OF GOD once existed over the earth—a fact unknown in the world today. It exists today in only one place in the world—in God's CHURCH!

The first created man, Adam, rejected that government OF and BY God FOR the people. Our first forefather chose government OF and BY the people. Unfortunately self-motivated political rule has developed—sometimes evil.

The GOVERNMENT OF GOD is government from the top down—from God, through Christ as living HEAD of His Church, and on the human level the apostle of Christ's choosing, then in administrative office, evangelists, pastors, preaching elders and teachers (Ephesians 4:11-12, I Corinthians 12:28). No prophets ever served in administrative capacity in the New Testament Church.

And as His chosen apostle, I say to you in the authority of Jesus Christ the POLITICAL STATE cannot and shall not take over, govern or administer the affairs of the Worldwide Church of God. By that authority, far transcending yours, Mr. Attorney General, this Church shall continue to operate, not by

the will of politicians, but by the will of the eternal God as revealed in His Word!

Your jurisdiction extends only to the boundary lines of the state of California. The jurisdiction of God's GOVERNMENT is limited to the voluntary assent of its baptized members worldwide.

Within the jurisdiction of human political government in all matters, aside from an attack to take over, own and operate God's Church, according to political will, our members are willingly subject to whatever government of man that has jurisdiction over us. We are respectable, God-fearing, law-abiding citizens in whatever country we live. We practice the law of outflowing love toward neighbor equal to self-concern. But our God is a jealous God (Exodus 20:5) who will not tolerate another usurping His rule! And in this case He will fight for us!

Mr. Attorney General, we are not in politics nor shall we be. But when your office assumed it was launching this supreme TEST CASE to test the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States you grossly underestimated God's Church! If your office assumed you were attacking a very small, weak, though a sufficiently established Church to serve as the first domino of a domino theory—that we would simply lie over and "cave in"—you must have known very little of us.

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HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
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advertisement in the New York Times (Aug. 13), Los Angeles, Calif., Times (Aug. 14) and in selected editions of the Wall Street Journal (Aug. 25).

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

NEW YORK — Church treasurer **Stanley R. Rader** appeared on several radio and television shows during the first two weeks of August, including *Mid-Day with Bill Boggs* on WNEW-TV; *The Candy Jones Show* on WMCA-radio; *Westchester Open Line*, on WVOX-radio; and *Good Morning New York* on WABC-TV.



AWARD-WINNING ARTIST — Song stylist **Nancy Wilson** performs on the stage of the Ambassador Auditorium Aug. 7, the first of four recording artists to appear in the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation's series, "Superstars — Summer '80." [Photo by Sheila Graham]

Questions and comments centered on the attack against the Church by the State of California. Mr. Rader refuted arguments made by an atheist while on WNEW-TV, where he was joined by **Dean Kelley**, an executive with the National Council of Churches, and representatives of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

While on WMCA-radio, commentator **Candy Jones** praised *Quest/80* magazine, saying she had spoken of it many times on the air. As Mr. Rader explained the aspects of the Church's legal struggles, Ms. Jones commented: "I don't understand how a state can appoint a receiver to take possession of church property or records and then overtake and supervise operations until litigation has been concluded." She referred to Mr. Rader's *Against the Gates of Hell*, as "an extremely important book."

During his visit to New York, the Church treasurer granted a telephone interview with **John Dayle** of KTOK-radio, who urged his listeners to "buy Mr. Rader's book for your preacher and see that he reads it!"

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PASADENA — God's Church is enjoying a period of growth, according to evangelist **Joe Tkach** of Ministerial Services. In the first six months of 1980, 1,741 people were baptized in the United States; a 33 percent increase over the same period in 1979.

Mr. Tkach reported that the month of June saw the highest attendance figure for U.S. churches

since such records were kept in 1978. For the six-month period ending in June, he said that 106 public Bible lectures took place within the United States with a combined attendance of nearly 1,000 new people.

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PASADENA — The 12 Ambassador College students and graduates taking part in the Thailand educational project for Laotian refugees and hill tribe people are "doing very well," according to pastor **John Halford**, who returned from Thailand Aug. 18. He reports the students were "greeted magnificently" by Thailand government officials at the airport. The students are teaching English to refugees at the Ban Thong refugee camp and two students are helping teach English in a primary school. Mr. Halford says that "tremendous interest" exists for learning the English language in Thailand.

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PASADENA — Elements of the Church's new Youth Educational Services (YES) project are in the development stages, according to **Kevin Dean**, Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** liaison for the Church's youth educational programs. The lessons are being developed for each age group, kindergarten through eighth grade, and will be mailed to participating parents.

"There won't be a Sabbath school setup based on a traditional Sunday school," he said. "God's Word clearly spells out that it is the responsibility of the parents to teach their child about God. We're going to give the parents a tool to help them do this."

He reported that Mr. Armstrong wants a strong family structure within God's Church. YES will be a tool to help families strengthen their ties, while focusing on God's truth. Mr. Dean stated that YES will consist basically of a special correspondence course reviewed and approved by Mr. Armstrong.

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PASADENA — Dancing and singing in rhythmic meter, 26



FOLK DANCE — A young couple from the Martinique church dance to Caribbean folk music at the Ambassador Auditorium Aug. 9. They performed with 24 other young men and women from their home country, before an audience of more than 1,000. [Photo by Michael Snyder]

young men and women from Martinique with their chaperons treated Church brethren to performances of Caribbean folk music while in the United States and Canada July 27 through Aug. 14.

After two years of planning and fund raising in the island nation, the troupe flew to New York, where they staged a series of performances in Long Island, N.Y., and New Jersey before flying to Montreal, Que., for another show Aug. 4.

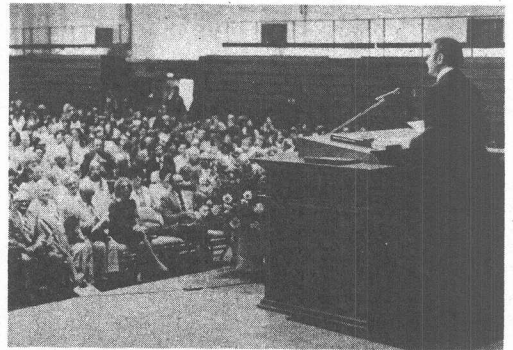
The show, featuring a full percussion rhythm section complete with congas and other instruments, was staged in the Ambassador Auditorium for more than 1,000 Church members Aug. 9. **Dibar Apartian**, regional director for the French-speaking Work, said the young people "felt a mutual warmth between themselves and the Pasadena brethren."

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PASADENA — In an effort to stem rising shipping costs, the United States *Plain Truth* will no longer pay for inside delivery of copies of the newstand *PT* to coordinators, says **John LaBissoniere**, U.S. newsstand manager.

He says few exceptions will be made to the rule, which is expected to save \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year.

Inside delivery requires the truck driver to deliver shipments inside



BIG SANDY ADDRESS — Church treasurer **Stanley R. Rader** discusses events in the Church's legal struggles at Sabbath services in Big Sandy, Tex., Aug. 16. Brethren from eight church areas attended. The evangelist was on the former Ambassador College campus Aug. 14 to 16, where he held a press conference and played host to a ministerial dinner. Mr. Rader announced an in-depth study as to the feasibility of reopening the former campus as a base for a number of functions such as recreational and youth programs and a retirement center for the elderly. [Photo by Scott Moss]

houses or garages of recipients, instead of leaving them on the driveway or porch.

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PASADENA — The Festival Information Office reports the Rapid City, S.D., Festival site will feature

a Festival choir. The first rehearsal for the choir will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Civic Center. Interested persons should plan to attend. The choir director for the site is **Jim King**, and he can be reached at 3860 Balantrae Road, Eagan, Minn., 55112.

INTERNATIONAL DESK BY ROD MATTHEWS



PASADENA — Hurricane Alen hit St. Lucia, then sideswiped Puerto Rico, Haiti and Jamaica several weeks ago. You may wonder how our brethren fared.

Carlos Nieto, a minister from the neighboring island of Barbados, visited St. Lucia and reported that the coastal areas were badly hit and severe damage was suffered by the banana and mango crops, so farmers can expect eight to 12 months without income. Fortunately, the capital city of Castries was not hit as badly.

Several of our brethren lost their homes and had furniture damaged by water. The Feast-site building in St. Lucia suffered some water damage that should be repaired by the Feast.

God watched over His people and

an inspiring example of His presence was left for everyone to see. In the village of Fond Assau, a frail woman, who has been a member for many years, lived in a poorly constructed house that would be considered vulnerable to hurricanes.

When the storm subsided, the whole village was devastated, but our member's house stood intact in the middle of ruins.

In Jamaica, the Runaway Bay Feast site escaped serious damage and all members are reported to be fine.

Caribbean update

The Caribbean Office in San Juan, Puerto Rico, reports the mail count for the month of June is up 38 percent over the same period last year. The amount of mail containing contributions this month was up 50 percent over last year, and actual income for the Caribbean is up 4.8 percent over June of 1979.

Al Sousa, associate pastor of the San Juan church, conducted Bible lectures for students of the Spanish Correspondence Course in San Juan, Ponce and Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. The percentage of response to the invitation in terms of attendance progressively improved from 2 percent in San Juan to 13 percent in Ponce and 15 percent in Mayaguez. An additional conference is planned for Humacao, Puerto Rico.

New Zealand excitement

July income in New Zealand achieved the second highest monthly income figure ever, surpassed only by June, 1980. This was an increase of 26.2 percent over July last year, and the year-to-date increase is now running 31.7 percent ahead of 1979.

During the month, regional director **Bob Morton** made a brief visit to Fiji, where a conference with our ministers from Fiji and Tonga, plus a member from Western Samoa took place.

The minister in Tonga, **Tolu Ha'angana** reports that all the representatives of churches sponsoring radio programs in Tonga were summoned to a meeting in late June. A number of them were given instructions about their programs and how they need to be improved. *The*

World Tomorrow was cited as an excellent example of what a religious program should be. It was "highly recommended" because it is so educational to the public.

The Work in the Pacific Islands is growing well, with 143 percent more letters received this year than last. On the Sabbath while Mr. Morton was there, attendance in Suva was 58 — an all-time record for that church. While in Fiji, Mr. Morton approved additional advertising in Tonga, Fiji and Western Samoa.

Mr. Morton announced that the Work will hire two additional full-time ministers. These will be **Bill Sidney**, who for the past three years served as a local church elder in Auckland, New Zealand, and **Tolu Ha'angana**, the local church elder in Tonga, who is to retire from his government post as director of agricultural quarantine soon.

The Netherlands

Regional Director **Bram de Bree** teleaxed that income at the end of June showed a 22 percent year-to-date increase. The response to ads placed in newspapers and newspaper flyers in May gave us a 0.32 percent response.

At a meeting with our advertising agency the decision was made to once again place ads in the TV guides. Six Dutch TV guides cover 90 percent of the Dutch population. However, only three of the six will accept our ads. Ads are scheduled to appear at the end of August and beginning of September. This is when new TV programs begin and vacations are over.

Work in Thailand

John Halford, who was in Thailand with 12 Ambassador students who are working in a refugee camp in the north of the country, reports that they settled in well and started to work Aug. 15 near the town of Chiang Khong.

Cameroun

Ray Clore, local elder in Cameroun, West Africa, reports that registration procedures are still held up for the Church there, although they have progressed to the presidency translation unit (equivalent to White House staff). Until this is achieved, the Church cannot meet for services in Cameroun.

So, please remember our brethren there, especially Mr. Clore's wife, **Rhonda**, who came down with malaria several weeks ago. We hope and pray that she recovers quickly and completely.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91223

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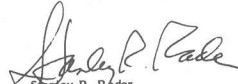
To Herbert W. Armstrong (as Pastor General of The Worldwide Church of God) and the Boards of Directors of Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, and the Board of Trustees of Ambassador College:

The accompanying financial statements are probably more embarrassing to the Attorney General of California than any other disclosure that could be made. Truth is a powerful weapon, and the truth hurts liars.

We publish here an exact and complete copy of our financial report for the past 2 years. The statements are, of course, audited, and our auditor's opinion is set forth in full.

The plain facts speak for themselves. I want to point out, however, two important points for you to consider. First, note the absurdity of the allegations in the State's complaint (discussed in footnote 8(a)) in the context of our financial statements. Among other false accusations (each of which is disproved by the facts), the State alleges that a true and complete accounting of our finances can never be developed. Will they now claim that these statements are a miracle? Second, read the opinion of our independent auditors. It should be abundantly clear that they have no reservations whether these statements are a fair presentation of our financial affairs.

Of greater importance than our battle with the politicians of the State of California is the continuing, magnificent support of the brethren and coworkers God has called. Truly Jesus Christ has built His Church, as He promised, such that the gates of hell cannot prevail against us. On behalf of Mr. Armstrong, I want you to know that we deeply appreciate your prayers and sacrifices so that the Gospel can be preached in all the world with greater boldness than ever before.


Stanley R. Rader
Treasurer

We have examined the combined balance sheets of WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD (a California nonprofit corporation) and various Corporations Sole (see Notes 1 and 2), AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, and AMBASSADOR INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FOUNDATION (both of which are California nonprofit corporations) as of December 31, 1979 and 1978, and the related combined statements of support and revenue, expenses, and changes in fund balances, and changes in financial position for the years then ended. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

As discussed in Note 8(a), in January 1979, the State of California initiated certain legal actions with respect to the operations of Worldwide Church of God (the California corporation), Ambassador College, and Ambassador International Cultural Foundation. In the opinion of special counsel, the likelihood of the relief sought by the State of California being granted and sustained on appeal in a final judgment and having a material adverse effect upon the operations of The Worldwide Church of God, Ambassador College, and Ambassador International Cultural Foundation is remote.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly the combined financial position of Worldwide Church of God and various Corporations Sole, Ambassador College, and Ambassador International Cultural Foundation as of December 31, 1979 and 1978, and the results of their combined operations and the changes in their combined financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.



Los Angeles, California,

May 30, 1980.

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD, AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, AND
AMBASSADOR INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FOUNDATION (Note 1)
COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS - DECEMBER 31, 1979 AND 1978

ASSETS	1979		1978		LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	1979		1978	
		(Note 3)					(Note 3)		
CURRENT ASSETS:					CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Cash (Note 4(b))	\$ 4,702,000		\$ 4,668,000		Current portion of long-term debt (Note 7)	\$ 1,510,000		\$ 2,880,000	
Receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,122,000 in 1979 and \$651,000 in 1978 (Note 4(e))	2,357,000		1,545,000		Current portion of obligations under capital leases (Note 6)	369,000		362,000	
Other (Note 4(f))	3,197,000		1,842,000		Accounts payable	3,737,000		1,035,000	
Total current assets	10,256,000		8,055,000		Accrued liabilities	2,713,000		3,018,000	
					Other	489,000		362,000	
LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES, net (Note 4(e))	698,000		1,192,000		Total current liabilities	8,818,000		7,657,000	
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT HELD FOR SALE, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,692,000 in 1979 and \$1,802,000 in 1978 (Note 5)	8,352,000		8,438,000		LONG-TERM DEBT, net of current portion (Note 7)	9,060,000		10,463,000	
DEPRECIABLE PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT, net of accumulated depreciation of \$11,668,000 in 1979 and \$10,123,000 in 1978 (Notes 4(g), 5, and 7)	10,068,000		11,253,000		OBLIGATIONS UNDER CAPITAL LEASES, net of current portion (Note 6)	2,088,000		2,453,000	
LEASED PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT, under capital leases, net of accumulated amortization of \$2,523,000 in 1979 and \$2,578,000 in 1978 (Notes 4(g) and 6)	1,496,000		1,796,000		DEPOSITS AND OTHER LIABILITIES (Note 5)	388,000		896,000	
NONDEPRECIABLE PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT (Notes 4(g), 5, and 7)	45,559,000		45,737,000		DEFERRED INCOME (Note 4(b))	2,517,000		2,118,000	
	\$76,429,000		\$76,471,000		COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 8)				
	=====		=====		FUND BALANCES (Note 4(c))	53,558,000		52,884,000	
						\$76,429,000		\$76,471,000	
						=====		=====	

The accompanying notes to combined financial statements are an integral part of these combined balance sheets.

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD, AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, AND
AMBASSADOR INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FOUNDATION (Note 1)

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE, EXPENSES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979 AND 1978

	1979	1978
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:		
Church-		
Contributions and bequests (Note 4(b))	\$ 56,590,000	\$51,255,000
Gain on sales and retirement of property, plant, and equipment (Note 5)	28,000	464,000
Rental and other income	1,077,000	1,262,000
	57,695,000	52,981,000
College-		
Support and contributed services from the Church (Note 4(d))	5,127,000	2,805,000
Contributions and bequests	581,000	1,082,000
Tuition and fees	447,000	998,000
Rental income, primarily television facilities	393,000	739,000
Sales and services to students	821,000	1,337,000
(Loss) gain on sales and retirement of property, plant, and equipment (Note 5)	(308,000)	732,000
Government grants	-	426,000
Other (Note 5)	710,000	564,000
	7,771,000	8,683,000
Less- Support and contributed services from the Church	(5,127,000)	(2,805,000)
	2,644,000	5,878,000
Foundation-		
Support and contributed services from the Church and College (Note 4(d))	5,623,000	6,621,000
Publishing (Note 4(b))	5,095,000	3,870,000
Performing arts--concert ticket sales (Note 4(c))	875,000	607,000
Other	88,000	131,000
	11,681,000	11,229,000
Less- Support and contributed services from the Church and College	(5,623,000)	(6,621,000)
	6,058,000	4,608,000
Total combined support and revenue	66,397,000	63,467,000
EXPENSES (Note 12):		
Church-		
Support and contributed services to the College and Foundation (Note 4(d))	10,457,000	9,152,000
Evangelism-		
Personal	2,194,000	1,507,000
Television and radio broadcasting	5,971,000	6,642,000
Publishing and editorial	5,152,000	5,018,000
Support of international associated organizations (net of funds received of \$208,000 in 1979 and \$389,000 in 1978--see Notes 1 and 2)	2,237,000	3,250,000
Local congregations	16,391,000	17,135,000
Management and general	13,133,000	9,813,000
	55,535,000	52,517,000
Less- Support and contributed services to the College and Foundation	(10,457,000)	(9,152,000)
	45,078,000	43,365,000
College-		
Support and contributed services to the Foundation (Note 4(d))	293,000	274,000
Instruction (Note 2)	337,000	2,979,000
Academic support	384,000	548,000
Student and other services	1,184,000	1,491,000
Operation of property, plant, and equipment	2,617,000	3,430,000
Scholarships and grants	128,000	556,000
Other operations	261,000	360,000
Management and general	3,282,000	4,479,000
	8,486,000	14,117,000
Less- Support and contributed services to the Foundation	(293,000)	(274,000)
	8,193,000	13,843,000
Foundation-		
Publishing (Note 4(b))	9,442,000	7,826,000
Performing arts	1,724,000	1,598,000
Grants and charitable support (Note 4(c))	567,000	526,000
Management and general	719,000	1,236,000
	12,452,000	11,186,000
Total combined expenses	65,723,000	68,394,000
COMBINED SUPPORT AND REVENUE OVER (UNDER) COMBINED EXPENSES	674,000	(4,927,000)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	52,884,000	57,811,000
FUND BALANCES, end of year (Note 4(c))	\$ 53,558,000	\$52,884,000

The accompanying notes to combined financial statements are an integral part of these combined statements.

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD, AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, AND
AMBASSADOR INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FOUNDATION (Note 1)

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979 AND 1978

	1979	1978
FINANCIAL RESOURCES WERE PROVIDED BY:		
Support and revenue over (under) expenses	\$ 674,000	\$(4,927,000)
Add (deduct)- Items not affecting combined working capital-		
Depreciation and amortization	2,308,000	2,906,000
Loss (gain) on sales and retirement of property, plant, and equipment	280,000	(1,196,000)
	3,262,000	(3,217,000)
Proceeds from sales of property, plant, and equipment	816,000	6,024,000
Reduction in long-term receivables	494,000	4,366,000
Long-term borrowings	-	145,000
Increase in deferred income	399,000	351,000
Increase in deposits and other liabilities	-	858,000
Other, net	-	12,000
	4,971,000	8,539,000
FINANCIAL RESOURCES WERE USED FOR:		
Current maturities and payments on long-term debt	1,403,000	2,854,000
Purchases of property, plant, and equipment	1,655,000	3,362,000
Reduction of long-term obligations under capital leases	365,000	366,000
Decrease in deposits and other liabilities	508,000	-
	3,931,000	6,582,000
INCREASE IN COMBINED WORKING CAPITAL	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 1,957,000
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN COMPONENTS OF COMBINED WORKING CAPITAL:		
Cash	\$ 34,000	\$ 1,993,000
Receivables	812,000	834,000
Other current assets	1,355,000	(301,000)
Current portion of long-term debt	1,370,000	96,000
Current portion of obligations under capital leases	(7,000)	(4,000)
Accounts payable	(2,702,000)	899,000
Accrued liabilities	305,000	(1,303,000)
Other current liabilities	(127,000)	(257,000)
INCREASE IN COMBINED WORKING CAPITAL	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 1,957,000

The accompanying notes to combined financial statements are an integral part of these combined statements.

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD, AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, AND
AMBASSADOR INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FOUNDATION (Note 1)

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1979

(1) Basis of presentation-

The Worldwide Church of God is an unincorporated spiritual association of approximately 70,000 adult members throughout the world. Its temporal affairs in the United States of America are conducted through Worldwide Church of God (a California nonprofit corporation) and various Corporations Sole; such corporate entities are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Church."

The accompanying combined financial statements include the combined assets, liabilities, fund balances, and financial activities of the Church and two affiliated organizations, Ambassador College (the "College") and Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (the "Foundation"). The assets and activities of these entities are located in the United States. The Church has associated organizations which operate in other countries, the resources of which are principally derived and expended locally. Therefore, these organizations are not included in the accompanying combined financial statements. All significant balances and transactions among the entities included in the combined financial statements have been eliminated.

The organization, activities, affiliations, and associations of each of the combined entities are discussed in Note 2 below.

(2) Organization and activities-

Church-

The temporal entities of the Church in the United States consist of Worldwide Church of God, a California nonprofit, nonstock corporation (the "California Corporation"), and various corporations sole (the "Corporations Sole"). The California Corporation was formed in 1947 under the California General Nonprofit Corporation Law; its corporate name prior to 1968 was Radio Church of God. The Corporations Sole were formed in 1979 in various states other than California, and their corporate names, as required by statute, generally contain the name of the officer forming the corporation, his title within the Church, and other required language to show that the entities are corporations sole. This form of nonprofit, nonstock corporate entity has no board of directors and vests all authority in one person, who is, in effect, the corporation. For the Corporations Sole, that person is Herbert W. Armstrong.

(4) Summary of significant accounting policies-

The significant accounting policies followed by the Church, College, and Foundation are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

(a) Accrual basis of accounting-

The combined financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, except for depreciation accounting with respect to certain College property, plant, and equipment, as explained in Note 4(g).

(b) Revenue-

Church-

Contributions to the Church are generally received by mail, with the exception of contributions received during the seven annual Church festivals. The contributor usually indicates the type of donation (see Note 2), which the Church credits to the contributor's account. A receipt is sent to the donors and co-workers for each donation; members receive monthly receipt statements. An annual statement summarizing contributions for the year is provided to each contributor who does not specifically request otherwise.

Contributions are recorded when the funds are constructively received. The Church considers constructive receipt to include contributions received during the first part of January, but postmarked prior to January 1. Contributions processed after December 31, but recorded for the years ended December 31, 1979 and 1978, amounted to \$1,483,000 and \$1,384,000, respectively.

During 1979, approximately 85 percent of all contributions to the Church were received by the Corporations Sole. In 1978, all contributions were received by the California Corporation.

College-

Tuition and fees received by the College prior to January 1 for future academic periods are deferred at December 31 and recognized as income in subsequent periods, as earned. Such amounts (\$217,000 and \$140,000 at December 31, 1979 and 1978, respectively) are included in deferred income in the accompanying combined balance sheets.

Foundation-

Receipts of Quest/79 (in 1978, Quest/78) magazine subscriptions are deferred (\$1,953,000 and \$1,665,000 at December 31, 1979 and 1978, respectively) and recognized as income over the related subscription period. Receipts from advance performing arts ticket sales are deferred (\$347,000 and \$313,000 at December 31, 1979 and 1978, respectively) and recognized as income when the related cultural event takes place. Such amounts are included in deferred income in the accompanying combined balance sheets.

Revenue and expenses from publication of Quest/79 (in 1978, Quest/78) and Everest House, Publishers sales, for the years ended December 31, 1979 and 1978, are aggregated under the caption "Publishing," in the combined statements of support and revenue, expenses, and changes in fund balances.

(c) Funds received subject to restrictions-

Church-

As described in Note 2, the Church receives second and third tithe funds and support to assist in the acquisition, construction, and maintenance of buildings. At December 31, 1979 and 1978, the Church had no funds subject to restrictions, since all contributions received for specific purposes had been expended.

College-

The College has been donated property with a fair market value at date of grant (1975) of \$185,000, subject to certain donor's restrictions. The property has not been recorded in the combined financial statements due to uncertainties regarding vesting of title.

The College has a beneficial interest in the net income earned from endowment funds which are held and managed by an independent bank. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for colleges and universities, the College has chosen not to record these endowment funds in the accompanying combined balance sheets. The principal is to remain inviolate and invested for the purpose of producing income, 92 percent of which is to be distributed to the College. From these endowment funds, the College received an income distribution of \$129,000 in 1979 and \$64,000 in 1978. These endowment funds had an approximate market value of \$1,276,000 as of December 18, 1979 (the date of the most recent appraisal).

Foundation-

The permit that allows the Foundation to sell tickets and appeal for donations in Los Angeles, California requires that a specified percentage of gross revenue be donated to charitable, cultural, educational, and humanitarian organizations. During 1979 and 1978, such donations to other organizations exceeded the required percentage of gross revenue. Accordingly, at December 31, 1979 and 1978, the Foundation had no assets subject to restrictions.

(d) Support and contributed services-

The College and Foundation receive a significant portion of their support from the Church, which includes certain donated administrative and other services that would be performed by College and Foundation employees if Church personnel were not available. Support arising from the use of contributed services from the Church to the College and

Foundation amounted to \$1,277,000 and \$1,088,000, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 1979, and \$238,000 and \$1,594,000, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 1978. In addition, the College contributed services to the Foundation of \$293,000 in 1979, and \$274,000 in 1978. These amounts have been eliminated in the combined financial statements. The amounts for contributed services are computed by reference to costs incurred by the various Church and College departments whose activities benefit the College and Foundation.

During 1979, monetary support provided by the Church to the College and Foundation, respectively, amounted to \$3,850,000 and \$4,242,000 (1978--\$2,567,000 and \$4,753,000 respectively) and has been eliminated in the combined financial statements.

It is the intention of the Church to provide funding to both the College and Foundation as required to further the commission of the Church, through monetary support and contributed administrative and other services.

(e) Receivables-

Receivables consist of loans made to officers, employees, and others, amounts due from international associated organizations, receivables from the publishing operations of the Foundation, and other receivables (including rental income and deposits).

Loans to officers and employees totaled \$332,000 and \$896,000 at December 31, 1979 and 1978, respectively, and are repayable through 1994. Certain of these loans are noninterest-bearing and have been discounted to present value, using an interest factor related to the prime rate. Other loans include secured and unsecured notes and loans made to College students.

Amounts due from international associated organizations (see Note 2) arise from the distribution of Church publications and certain other services.

Receivables from the publishing operations of the Foundation arise from subscription and advertising sales of Quest/79, rental of the Quest/79 subscriber list, and Everest House, Publishers sales.

(f) Other current assets-

Other current assets consist of publication inventories, prepaid expenses (including insurance and other costs), royalty advances, and short-term investments (\$801,000 and \$266,000 at December 31, 1979 and 1978, respectively, consisting primarily of marketable securities, which are stated at market value).

Publication inventories include Church publications, which are distributed free of charge to Church members and others. These publications are stated at cost determined on a first-in, first-out basis, net of a reserve for inventories in excess of anticipated distribution, and are charged to expense in the period in which the literature is distributed. Such inventories amounted to \$766,000 and \$495,000 at December 31, 1979 and 1978, respectively. Publication inventories also include production costs and purchased manuscripts and art work related to future issues of Quest/79 magazine, which are stated at cost, and book inventories of Everest House, Publishers, which are stated at the lower of production cost or estimated realizable value.

Royalty advances have been made to the authors of books being published by Everest House, Publishers. These advances are generally not refundable by the authors, and are stated net of reserves for anticipated excess advances.

(g) Property, plant, and equipment-

Purchased property, plant, and equipment are capitalized at cost. Donated property, plant, and equipment are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of the gift.

Generally accepted accounting principles for colleges and universities do not require depreciation of educational facilities. Accordingly, the College does not depreciate its educational buildings and related improvements, library collections, and fine arts items.

Auxiliary and service-related College property, plant, and equipment (which are supplemental to the primary educational activities) and Church and Foundation property, plant, and equipment are depreciated using both straight-line and accelerated methods (primarily for vehicles and audio/video equipment) over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Land improvements	10 to 20 years
Buildings and improvements	45 years
Aircraft	15 years
Equipment and furnishings	3 to 12 years
Vehicles	3 years
Leasehold improvements	6 to 20 years

Leases of property, plant, and equipment under capital leases for the College and Church are amortized over the term of the respective lease agreements.

Costs incurred for remodeling and improvements are capitalized, with normal repair and maintenance costs expensed as incurred.

The historical cost (or donated value) and the related accumulated depreciation of assets sold or retired during the year are removed from the accounts, with the resulting gain or loss reflected in the combined statements of support and revenue, expenses, and changes in fund balances.

(h) Volunteer workers-

Supplemental efforts of volunteer workers are not recorded as contributions and expenses, since it is not practical to calculate the monetary value of the benefits received. Such services might constitute a significant factor in the operation of the Church, College, and Foundation.

(i) Other significant accounting policies-

Other significant accounting policies are set forth in the financial statements and the notes thereto.

(5) Property, plant, and equipment-

The December 31, 1979 and 1978, balances of property, plant, and equipment, excluding Church and College property held for sale as a result of the discontinuance of the Big Sandy, Texas, activities (see below), are as follows (amounts in thousands):

Table with columns for 1979 (Church, College, Foundation, Combined) and 1978 (Combined). Rows include Depreciable (a) Land improvements, Buildings and improvements, Equipment and furnishings, Vehicles, Aircraft, Leasehold improvements, and Less- Accumulated depreciation.

(a) See Note 4(g) for accounting policies relating to depreciable and nondepreciable property, plant, and equipment.

At December 31, 1979, the Church and College owned equipment and furnishings (including fine arts items) with a cost of \$134,000 and \$195,000, respectively, maintained in both owned and non-owned private homes (principally Mr. Armstrong's).

Property, plant, and equipment with a total cost of approximately \$39,874,000 and \$54,448,000 at December 31, 1979 and 1978, respectively, was exempt from property taxes based on the academic use of facilities by the College. Big Sandy properties, which were exempt from taxes in 1978, are currently taxable because the educational use has been discontinued.

In 1978, the Church and College sold approximately 30 parcels of real property, with a net book value of \$3,169,000 for a total sales price of \$4,629,000. Appraisals were obtained for a significant portion of the properties sold and the sales prices approximated the appraisal values.

Deaccessions of College library books in 1979 and 1978 amounted to approximately \$133,000 and \$475,000, respectively. A significant portion of the retirements in 1978 resulted from the consolidation of the Big Sandy and Pasadena libraries.

At December 31, 1979 and 1978, the cost of fully depreciated property, plant, and equipment still in use amounted to \$3,241,000 and \$3,516,000, respectively (primarily College equipment, furnishings, and vehicles).

Property, plant, and equipment of the Church and College located in Big Sandy, Texas, at December 31, 1979 and 1978, and held for sale is as follows (amounts in thousands):

Table with columns for 1979 (Church, College, Combined) and 1978 (Combined). Rows include Land and improvements, Buildings and improvements, Equipment and furnishings, Vehicles, and Less- Accumulated depreciation.

In October 1978, an agreement was entered into to sell the properties located in Big Sandy, Texas, for approximately \$10,600,000. A \$500,000 security deposit was paid outside of escrow by the prospective buyer.

The proposed sale was canceled in January 1979, as a result of the complaint filed by the Attorney General of the State of California (see Note 8(a)). The judge imposing the receivership cited this proposed transaction as the primary justification for this action.

In 1979, the College obtained an appraisal of the real property held for sale in Big Sandy, Texas, which indicated a market value in excess of book value. However, the size and nature of the property, with many high-cost, special-purpose structures, may limit its marketability.

(6) Leased property, plant, and equipment under capital leases-

The following is an analysis of capital leases at December 31, 1979 and 1978 (amounts in thousands):

Table with columns for 1979 (Church, College, Combined) and 1978 (Combined). Rows include Land and buildings, Data processing equipment, Other equipment, and Less- Accumulated amortization.

The land and buildings category consists of an office building lease with a 20-year term, expiring in 1992. The lease provides a renewal option of 10 years at the end of the lease term at the then fair rental value and purchase options at 10, 15, and 20 years from the beginning of the lease at the then appraised value.

The following is a schedule by year of future minimum lease payments under capital leases, together with the present value of the net minimum lease payments as of December 31, 1979 (amounts in thousands):

Table showing future minimum lease payments from 1980 to 1985 and thereafter, including present value of minimum lease payments and less current portion.

The amount necessary to reduce the minimum lease payments to present value is calculated at the interest rates implicit in the terms of the lease agreements. The present value of the minimum lease payments is reflected in the accompanying combined balance sheets as current and noncurrent obligations under capital leases.

(7) Long-term debt-

Long-term debt outstanding at December 31, 1979 and 1978, is as follows (amounts in thousands):

Table with columns for 1979 (Church, College, Foundation, Combined) and 1978 (Combined). Rows include Mortgages payable, Loans payable to bank, Advances from members, Other, and Less- Current portion.

Mortgages payable at December 31, 1979, are real property mortgages held by various lending institutions at interest rates varying from 6 percent to 10 percent, payable to 2001, and secured by Church and College property with a cost of \$792,000 and \$32,412,000, respectively.

Advances from members are noninterest-bearing, unsecured notes, the majority of which are repayable at a maximum of 20 percent per year at the request of the member. Such advances have been discounted to present value using an interest factor related to the prime rate.

(8) Commitments and contingencies-

(a) Lawsuits, claims, and related matters-

State of California lawsuit-

On January 2, 1979, the Attorney General of the State of California, on the relation of six former members of the Church, filed a complaint in Los Angeles County Superior Court, suing for an accounting of the funds of the California Corporation, the College, and the Foundation, the removal of Mr. Armstrong and the other directors and trustees of the entities, the appointment of a receiver, and injunctive relief.

The complaint alleged on information and belief that the current directors and trustees of the California Corporation, the College, and the Foundation, particularly Messrs. Armstrong and Rader, were pilfering and siphoning off assets of the Church on a massive scale, amounting to several millions of dollars per year, and that all of the excess of expenditures over receipts is attributable to such pilfering; were in the process of liquidating the properties of the Church on a massive scale by selling the properties at prices substantially below fair market value and converting the proceeds to their own personal use; had failed and refused to call or hold any elections whatsoever among the membership of the Church and had not allowed them to vote on any matter affecting Church governance; had attempted to conceal from the membership the true worth of the Big Sandy, Texas, properties by publishing false statements to the effect that they were worth only about \$8,000,000; and had shredded and destroyed the financial records

of the California Corporation, the College, and the Foundation, such that it would never be possible to develop a true and complete accounting of their finances. Based upon these allegations, a receiver was appointed on January 2, 1979, and confirmed on January 12, 1979. (Although no evidentiary showing had been made to substantiate the various allegations in the complaint, the court nevertheless concluded that a receiver was necessary to ensure that the records be kept intact so that the State of California could effectively prepare for trial.)

Subsequently, through numerous pretrial motions: (a) the receiver was dismissed and the State of California allowed to proceed through injunctive orders; (b) the mandatory aspects of those injunctive orders were stayed when the California Corporation filed a notice of appeal; (c) another receiver was imposed by the court to maintain the status quo during the pendency of the appeal; and (d) the receivership order was stayed through the posting of sufficient undertakings by individual sureties who are members of the Church residing in California.

Management has indicated its intention to contest this action vigorously. Although the parties are not yet at issue, appeals by the California Corporation, College, and Foundation from the court orders are pending before the California District Court of Appeals and the California State Supreme Court, and a petition for a writ of certiorari has been filed with the United States Supreme Court. In the opinion of special counsel, the likelihood of the relief sought by the State of California being granted and sustained on appeal in a final judgment and having a material adverse effect upon the operations of the Church, College, and Foundation is remote.

On January 16, 1979, in response to the litigation mentioned above, the California Corporation, College, and Foundation filed a suit in federal district court requesting injunctive relief and substantial damages from the State of California for its alleged violation of their constitutional and civil rights. The preliminary injunctive relief was denied and the suit was dismissed on federal abstention grounds. In 1980, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit overruled the dismissal to allow for an amended complaint, which has not yet been filed.

Other lawsuits-

The Church, College, and Foundation have been named as defendants in various other lawsuits, some of which involve claims for substantial damages. In the opinion of management and in-house counsel, such lawsuits are either without merit or the liability for any recovery in excess of insurance coverage is remote.

(b) Executive employment agreements and remuneration-

Herbert W. Armstrong-

During 1979 and 1978, the California Corporation had an agreement with Mr. Armstrong, providing an annual basic compensation of approximately \$200,000.

In April 1980, a new agreement with a duration of 7 years was entered into between Mr. Armstrong (as Apostle and President of the Church) and one of the Corporations Sole, providing an annual basic compensation of approximately \$258,000, a parsonage allowance, the use of an automobile, the payment of corporate expenses incurred, and certain lifetime survivor benefits.

During 1979 and 1978, Mr. Armstrong received additional remuneration (including other direct compensation and parsonage allowance) of \$179,000 and \$106,000, respectively.

Stanley R. Rader-

During 1979 and 1978, the California Corporation had an agreement with Mr. Rader, as Treasurer of the California Corporation and senior personal advisor to Mr. Armstrong, providing an annual basic compensation, in 1979, of \$200,000 (1978--\$175,000).

In April 1980, a new agreement with a duration of 7 years was entered into between Mr. Rader (as Treasurer of the Church, Evangelist in the Church and senior personal advisor to Mr. Armstrong) and one of the Corporations Sole, providing an annual basic compensation of \$220,000, a parsonage allowance, the use of an automobile, the payment of corporate expenses incurred, and certain lifetime survivor benefits.

During 1979 and 1978, Mr. Rader received additional remuneration (including other direct compensation and parsonage allowance) of \$99,000 and \$162,000, respectively.

Remuneration of other directors, trustees, and officers-

Direct remuneration of other directors, trustees, and officers of the California Corporation, College, and Foundation during 1979 aggregated approximately \$700,000, which included \$534,000 of annual basic compensation, \$55,000 of other direct compensation, and \$111,000 of other remuneration (consisting of housing allowances and moving expenses). In 1978, direct remuneration aggregated \$807,000, which included \$614,000 of annual basic compensation, \$65,000 of other direct compensation and \$128,000 of other remuneration.

Corporate policy requires approval of executive compensation levels by Mr. Armstrong or Mr. Rader. The other direct compensation has been approved in writing by Mr. Armstrong.

In addition to the above, Mr. Armstrong and other executives are entitled (in certain cases) to the use of Church- or College-owned furniture and fine arts objects and interest-free loans and guarantees of loans; Church ministers also receive parsonage allowances. The value of the nonmonetary portion of the foregoing is not readily determinable by the combined entities.

(c) Indemnification of officers and directors-

The corporate bylaws of the California Corporation provide for the indemnification of all officers, directors, and employees of the California Corporation or of an affiliated entity in which a proprietary interest is held, for any losses, costs, liabilities, and expenses incurred by such persons in the course of their employment. Such indemnification is subject to the discretion of the Board.

Accordingly, in 1979, because of the legal action initiated against the California Corporation, College, Foundation, and other parties by the State of California (see Note 8(a)), the Board of Directors of the California Corporation specifically extended indemnification to Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Rader, Mr. Henry F. Cornwall (Treasurer and a Director of the Foundation), and Mr. Ralph K. Helge (Secretary of the California Corporation and of the College), all of whom were named as defendants in such action.

(12) Supplemental functional expense information (a)-

The expenses of providing the various programs and other activities of the Church, College, and Foundation have been allocated as follows:

	Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	Support of College and Foundation	Grants and Charitable Support	Grants to Other Associated Organizations	Printing Services	Cost of Book Sales	Professional Fees	Performing Artists' Fees	TV and Radio Broadcasting
Church(b)-									
Support and contributed services to College and Foundation	\$ -	\$ 10,457,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Personal evangelism	580,000	-	8,000	-	282,000	-	36,000	-	8,000
Television and radio broadcasting	1,019,000	-	-	-	-	-	49,000	-	4,369,000
Publishing and editorial	1,437,000	-	13,000	-	2,245,000	-	20,000	-	64,000
Support of international associated organizations	957,000	-	-	270,000	409,000	-	15,000	-	95,000
Local congregations	8,870,000	-	2,310,000	-	84,000	-	92,000	-	-
Management and general	4,816,000	-	1,000	-	5,000	-	4,073,000	-	28,000
Less- Support and contributed services to College and Foundation	-	(10,457,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	17,679,000	-	2,332,000	270,000	3,025,000	-	4,285,000	-	4,564,000
College(c)-									
Support and contributed services to Foundation	-	293,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Instruction	279,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Academic support	299,000	-	-	-	1,000	-	4,000	-	-
Student and other services	625,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operation of property, plant, and equipment	1,422,000	-	128,000	-	-	-	121,000	-	-
Scholarships and grants	152,000	-	-	-	-	-	16,000	-	-
Other operations	1,363,000	-	-	-	19,000	-	66,000	-	-
Management and general	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Less- Support and contributed services to Foundation	-	(293,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4,140,000	-	128,000	-	20,000	-	207,000	-	-
Foundation(d)-									
Publishing	1,559,000	-	-	58,000	2,968,000	511,000	356,000	-	175,000
Performing arts	623,000	-	-	-	97,000	-	-	546,000	139,000
Grants and charitable support	-	-	556,000	-	11,000	-	-	-	-
Management and general	204,000	-	1,000	-	10,000	-	102,000	-	130,000
	2,386,000	-	557,000	58,000	3,086,000	511,000	458,000	546,000	444,000
Total combined expense: 1979	\$ 22,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,332,000	\$ 270,000	\$ 3,025,000	\$ 511,000	\$ 4,285,000	\$ 546,000	\$ 5,008,000
Total combined expense: 1978	\$ 26,559,000	\$ -	\$ 4,125,000	\$ 1,345,000	\$ 5,041,000	\$ 194,000	\$ 1,272,000	\$ 445,000	\$ 5,046,000

(d) Operating lease commitments-

At December 31, 1979, future minimum rental payments (net of sublease income) required under operating leases that have initial or remaining noncancelable lease terms in excess of 1 year are as follows: \$226,000 in 1983, \$84,000 in 1984, and \$24,000 in 1985 and thereafter.

Rental expense for all operating leases, except those with terms of 1 month or less that were not renewed, totaled \$2,208,000 (including \$1,457,000 of local church hall rentals), net of sublease rental income of \$191,000 for the year ended December 31, 1979.

(e) Other commitments and contingencies-

The Church was contingently liable at December 31, 1979, as guarantor of \$8,559,000, in secured obligations of the College, \$201,000 of which was also guaranteed by the Foundation.

The College was contingently liable, at December 31, 1979, as guarantor of \$1,789,000 in Church obligations (the present value of future lease payments) under a capital lease of real property. The College was also contingently liable, at December 31, 1979, as guarantor of a real estate loan of \$94,000 entered into by Mr. Armstrong.

The Foundation has made commitments to provide grants and charitable support to certain charitable, cultural, educational, and humanitarian organizations. Such payments will be funded by future years' revenues for performing arts activities.

(9) Tax-exempt status-

The Church, the College, and the Foundation are exempt from federal and state income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and Section 23701(d) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. The California Corporation, the College, and the Foundation have each received recognition of such exempt status by ruling letters from the Internal Revenue Service and the California Franchise Tax-Board. In 1980, the Corporations Sole applied for formal recognition of their exempt status and requested a federal group exemption letter. In the opinion of management, all requirements for issuance of such a ruling letter have been satisfied.

(10) Employee benefits-

Eligible employees of the Church, College, and Foundation have elected to join a contributory short-term disability plan providing benefits that are comparable to and in lieu of the California State Disability Insurance Plan. During 1979 and 1978, substantially all employees of the Church and College were covered by a noncontributory long-term disability plan providing benefits of two-thirds of annual income (to a maximum of \$24,000 per year) up to age 65. At December 31, 1979, accruals have been provided for the present value of incurred liabilities for reported claims under the plan. The plan was discontinued for all years subsequent to December 31, 1979.

Eligible employees of the Church, College, and Foundation are covered by a noncontributory healthcare and medical plan. Contributions by the Church, College, and Foundation totaled \$197,000 in 1979 and \$195,000 in 1978.

The Church and College are presently providing benefits to selected former employees, at a cost of \$309,000 and \$294,000 for the years ended December 31, 1979 and 1978, respectively. The benefits are generally computed as a percentage of the former employee's final compensation and are based on the number of years of service, with additional amounts paid to some individuals. Since the benefits to be paid are determined on a discretionary, case-by-case basis, the payments do not constitute a pension plan; accordingly, no amounts have been accrued in the accompanying combined financial statements for any future payments which may be made.

(11) Related-party transactions-

In 1969, the Church entered into an agreement (specifically approved by Mr. Armstrong and the Board of Directors of the California Corporation) to lease a jet aircraft from Mid-Atlantic Leasing Company through Excelsior Investment Corporation, both of which are entities in which Mr. Rader held a one-third interest. Total payments made to Excelsior Investment Corporation over the 8-1/2 year term of the lease were \$4,785,000, representing principal payments of \$3,113,000 and interest of \$1,672,000 (representing an interest rate of approximately 11 percent). The fair market value of the aircraft at the inception of the lease/purchase was approximately \$3,200,000. In 1977, the Church exercised its option to purchase the aircraft for a nominal sum. The aircraft is included in the combined balance sheets at a cost of \$3,808,000, less accumulated depreciation at December 31, 1979 of \$1,730,000. The cost of \$3,808,000 represents principal payments made under the above lease agreement, and additional improvement and refurbishment costs paid to outside parties. The market value of the aircraft, as of June 1979, was estimated to be in excess of \$5,000,000. In the opinion of the Board of Directors of the California Corporation, the terms of the lease/purchase were not less favorable to the Church than lease/purchase arrangements made between the Church and unrelated parties.

In 1977, the Church terminated a lease on another jet aircraft leased from Mid-Atlantic Leasing Company. The Church has agreed to indemnify Mr. Rader for any economic loss sustained as a result of the termination of the lease.

The Church and the Foundation (with the specific approval of Mr. Armstrong) have retained the services of Worldwide Advertising, Inc., an entity in which Mr. Henry F. Cornwall, Treasurer and a Director of the Foundation, has a substantial beneficial interest. Worldwide Advertising, Inc. (and Mr. Cornwall) acts as advertising and public relations consultant to the Church and the Foundation and is agent for the purchase of radio and television time and publication space. During 1979, the Church and the Foundation paid \$2,275,000 and \$235,000, respectively (1978--\$614,000 and \$223,000, respectively), to Worldwide Advertising, Inc. for purchase of such media time and consulting services. Mr. Rader, prior to becoming an officer of the California Corporation, was president and majority shareholder of Worldwide Advertising, Inc. In the opinion of the Board of Directors of the California Corporation, the terms of the arrangement are not less favorable to the Church and the Foundation than similar arrangements made between the Church and the Foundation and unrelated parties.

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader serve in either an official or ex-officio capacity on the boards of directors of many charitable organizations, certain of which receive contributions from the Foundation. (See Note 8(e).) Such contributions by the Foundation totaled \$164,000 and \$100,000 in 1979 and 1978, respectively.

Table with 14 columns: Maintenance, Repairs and Supplies; Contracted Services; Depreciation and Amortization; Travel, Lodging and Related Expenditures; Postage and Shipping; Building and Equipment Rentals; Telephone and Utilities; Interest; Insurance; Vehicle Fuel; Taxes, Licenses and Fees; Other; Total (1979); Total (1978). Rows include various financial items and totals for 1979 and 1978.

(a) Functional classification of expenses-

The costs (including salaries of employees who perform services that benefit various programs or activities) of providing Church, College, and Foundation programs, activities and supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying statements of support and revenue, expenses, and changes in fund balances. Certain of these costs have been functionally allocated by reference to departmental estimates of costs related to specific functions. Management believes that these classifications represent a fair and reasonable presentation of the functional activities of the Church, College, and Foundation.

(b) Church-

Personal evangelism--As indicated in Note 2, Mr. Armstrong and certain designated evangelists and executives determine the appropriateness of evangelistic activities. Personal evangelism consists primarily of domestic and international evangelistic campaigns made by Mr. Armstrong (and other evangelists) to proclaim the message of the Church to all nations. The cost of these campaigns includes dinners and banquets, gifts to foreign dignitaries, and travel and hotel expenditures incurred by Mr. Armstrong and those accompanying him, including other evangelists, staff, flight crew, and the television and camera crews who record the activities.

Television and radio broadcasting--includes the cost of the Church's broadcasting studios and television and radio air time purchased.

Publishing and editorial--includes the costs associated with production and distribution of The Plain Truth and Good News magazines, The Worldwide News Church newspaper, and other booklets and literature of the Church, all of which is distributed free of charge to Church members and the general public.

Local congregations--throughout the United States are pastored by full-time ministers, whose compensation is paid by the Church. The Church also bears the cost of travel, lodging, and related expenditures incurred by the ministry, including the cost of attending ministerial conferences.

Local congregations generally meet in rental halls. Other significant operating costs include charitable assistance to needy members, which is administered by local ministers.

Management and general--costs are not identifiable with any specific program, activity, or service (but are necessary to the conduct of Church activities) and include general corporate management, accounting and data processing services, and budgeting functions, as well as various other supporting services which are not generally related to domestic and international evangelistic campaigns or ministerial activities.

There are no costs associated with fund raising because the Church does not make public appeals for donations.

(c) College-

Instruction--includes the cost of full-time faculty, ministers, and other personnel who serve as faculty on a part-time basis. When the College discontinued (in 1978) all undergraduate programs other than theology (see Note 2), few full-time faculty were required; almost all theology faculty members have other duties within the Church. As a result of the foregoing, the direct costs of instruction in 1979 are significantly less than they would otherwise be if Church ministers and other personnel were not available. The cost of instruction in 1978 also includes termination payments made to full-time faculty members (for services they had contracted to perform in 1979) as a result of the discontinuance of all non-theology programs.

Academic support--consists of academic administration, audiovisual services, curriculum development, and libraries.

Student and other services--includes the costs of the admissions and registrar offices, counseling and career guidance, cultural events, financial aid administration, health services, intramural athletics, and the student bookstore and dining facilities.

Operation of property, plant, and equipment--includes custodial services, maintenance of buildings and grounds, utilities, and property insurance.

Other operations--are independent operations, principally income-producing use of College facilities.

(d) Foundation-

Publishing--includes the production, distribution, circulation, and editorial costs associated with Quest/79 magazine (Quest/78 in 1978) and books published by the Foundation under Everest House, Publishers.

Performing arts--primarily consists of the concert series held in Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena, California.