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OUR LIGHT IS SHINING! —and not the cosmetics on our faces

The following article written by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong is reprinted from the Dec. 18 Pastor General's Report.

ARE WE the true Church of God? Jesus said of His people: "Ye are the light of the world. . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14, 16).

I want you to read a letter I received from a restaurant operator regarding our people at the Feast of Tabernacles:

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

We own a franchised Perkins restaurant here in Rapid City, S.D. Our business is one that we have been very proud of the past few years, but this year is one that really made us feel special. We had the pleasure and opportunity to serve members of the Worldwide Church of God while they held their convention here in our city.

During the course of a year being in a tourist location we have had the pleasure of meeting many nice people from all over the world. But the members of the Worldwide Church of God are a very special people. We have never known such considerate, courteous, kind and gentle people. Our staff numbers 100 and we were all very sad to see the convention come to an end. To think that we would have to wait another whole year to see these great people. The love and affection shown on the faces of these great people makes one feel like he wants to be around them all of the time.

Congratulations Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong. If all of your church members are like the ones we had here in Rapid City, S.D., we tip our hat to you. We shared in an experience we will never forget.

Brethren, have you read my booklet, *Why Were You Born?* And the booklet, *Just What Do You Mean — Born Again?* You were born for a PURPOSE! That PURPOSE is to be born into the GOD FAMILY — and that means to first develop God's own perfect spiritual CHARACTER! I know a woman who said, "I'd rather have a well-made-up face than perfect godly character." But that woman has never been called to be a child of GOD — to develop His CHARACTER and enter eternal life in His Kingdom.

The restaurant operator was not impressed with painted faces, but with SPIRITUAL CHARACTER exemplified by performance. He could SEE God's people's GOOD WORKS!

God says: "The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." Also, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

When rumors leaped over

telephone wires during the recent Feast that I had made a remark about cosmetics, a few protesting letters came in, informing me of "the woman's viewpoint." Of course I was concerned with our women's viewpoint, but far more with the way God looks at it. It's one thing to say, "Here's how I look at it!" — and quite another thing to be concerned with how God looks at it!

I want to quote a woman's viewpoint when she heard the rumor, and also after she had read the article in *The Worldwide News*:

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I LOVE YOU! I have just read your article in *The Worldwide News* on makeup. While reading through I could feel the love and concern you have for us women. You are like a very dear and very wise father to us.

When I first heard about the issue of makeup, more or less four weeks ago through my husband who works in the Johannesburg [South Africa] Office, who heard from Mr. Frank Nelte who just returned from a ministerial conference — my heart sank!

Then I analyzed my feelings. Of course you are right. It is vanity. But I didn't fully realize how it, the use of makeup, debased God by exalting the self, until I read your words. God forgives us women for doing that and our husbands for allowing it, and help us to start again on the right road.

Recently the pastor of the Johannesburg church in a sermon said, "Let us be concerned with what Jesus Christ would have us do or be."

He is choosing His Bride; He wants her to have a clean face. Soon we will be changed and will shine like the sun. What comparison to have a painted face for a few years and that? None! Thank

your article, it was so plain to see! We would not have known it by our own understanding, though.

Because you seek God's righteousness, He has allowed you to show us that we have been doing something that is sin in His sight. Now we can be one step closer in pleasing God.

Please continue to ask God to show us where we need to change in behavior and for the deeper understanding of spiritual knowledge. The sooner we learn our lessons, the sooner Christ can return!

In deep love and respect,
A.W.

How wrong it was

I wanted to write you to let you know that when I heard you say no makeup that I did remove it. But I also felt like the women who made excuses and didn't think it was that wrong.

I just read *The Worldwide News* and I want to thank you for the article on this subject. I now see how wrong it was. I was just fooling myself. I now know that I was full of vanity, desiring to be beautiful, exalting myself, and wanting to be in the Kingdom but also looking like the women of this world.

I believe you have the mind of Christ and I'm glad He has shown you through His Spirit that He was unhappy with us women, and that He has shown us one of our hidden sins.

Your spiritual daughter
through Christ,
B.G.

Salvation more important

I must admit when I first heard about the makeup "crisis," which I heard through the grapevine, I was angry and started running off at the mouth. But after a little while I shut my big mouth and thought about it. I realize it's true. I felt like a different person with it on. I wanted to catch the eyes of passersby.

I was angry because Christ threw a sword right in the heart of "my" pride — and it hurt deeply. Because I had to battle pride and self-righteousness in myself and Satan was winning, I kept asking

it didn't shock God. He knew what was going on in my heart, if not in my mind, regarding makeup. I'm sure, if I had been asked, I would have said all the things you mentioned — "I can take it or leave it, I don't do it for vanity, I don't see any harm in it," etc. God knew I needed to be tested on this — and soon — before Satan went too far and I would have been unable to extricate myself from a wrong way of thinking. Now I see myself! And see that Satan was influencing me. That, of course, makes it much easier!

The things I have learned about myself since your decision was read have been multiple. I am extremely grateful for your help in learning these necessary spiritual lessons, painful though they are. I know that Christ loves His spiritual Body — His Church — and all the physical things will pass away. So only the spiritual things are of very great significance to Him.

You know, this brings to mind an interesting thought! In the past, when the subject of makeup had been brought up (rumors that you were looking into it, or were considering changing the '74 decision on it), I would always think, We should let the women's husbands decide. If he likes it on her, allow him to make the decision, since he is her head. (I was pretty sure my husband would've approved my wearing it!) And now our Husband-To-Be has made a decision! He doesn't like it!

My husband and I also found it interesting that there seems to have been a great deal of emphasis on makeup in the world in the past few years (right during the years it was allowed in the Church), especially in connection with women who are pursuing careers and who desire to project a certain image. Not a few of our members (those who find themselves in positions where they must work outside the home) have expressed some concern about how their bosses would react and how it would affect them at work. It's a revealing commentary on our lifestyles and how we must, as Christians, survive in this world but not be part of it.

Well, I didn't mean to go on so, though I thought you might be interested in

Society has put so much emphasis on youth and the beauty that youth holds that, if we are not careful, we too can become caught in the fervor of remaining eternally 20 years old! My father says, "Sooner or later you can tell what kind of a life a woman has had by her face." The women, who don't know better, want to live life their own way and then paint innocence and beauty on their face. We in God's Church can receive love, joy, peace and gentleness that will not only give us beautiful faces — but also godly character to take with us into the world tomorrow.

Thank you Mr. Armstrong for your part in preparing us to be the Bride of Jesus Christ. I would like to add also that my husband has been most encouraging and helpful by his loving remarks to me.
K.B.

Coming out of world

I'm quite sure you've gotten thousands of responses on the subject of not wearing any more makeup. Well, here's another response. I'd like to thank you for speaking out and I thank Jesus Christ for most definitely inspiring you as to how wrong we all have been. I've worn makeup for 20 years and never thought I'd go without, but it's really nice to see what I really look like! The funny thing is, my husband who is unconverted, hasn't even noticed I quit wearing makeup. Anyway, I'm glad you were inspired to do away with the makeup. Every day I feel I'm coming more out of the world.
J.

Promptly washed it off!

I think you will be pleased to know that ALL who had any makeup whatsoever on their faces prior to hearing the *Pastor General's Report* in which you spoke out vs. makeup, promptly washed it all off after services! The teens in our Church, who are under considerable peer pressure to wear makeup, also complied immediately — without parents telling them to — and they are glad to be doing the right thing
L.P.

Needed to be told

I have just read your article in *The Worldwide News* and heard your sermon concerning makeup. . . I have to admit, as our God has made me see, that every word you said about women and makeup applies to me, but I did not realize it until you told us.

We know, as you continue to remind us, that Christ is going to return soon and we need to get ready. We also know that it is through you that He leads His Church. When we are displeasing in God's sight we need to be told. If you don't tell us, Mr. Armstrong, who will? I deeply appreciate your pleasing God and not men and speaking out on this and every other thing that God reveals to you. I pray that all our Father's begotten daughters will be thankful for this correction and free from the desire to look like or please the world.
S.M.

Thanked God

Thank you for setting the women of the Church straight on the subject of makeup. I have thanked God in prayer for making this decision and now would also like to thank you for communicating it to us. In common with many others, I was deceived about makeup and saw no harm in wearing a little. I used to wonder, however, if in the Millennium women would use facial paint, and it always seemed inconceivable that when the earth was full of the knowledge of G. d that such a thing would be done.

You have always said that when our ways please God, the Work prospers. Thank you for showing us how we have unintentionally been disagreeing with God.
J.S.

you for your loyalty to God and the good example you set for us all.

Here at the headquarters church, as soon as the rumor spread, our women, the very next Sabbath, almost universally appeared in Church without makeup. There has been not ONE complaint from this largest of all our congregations. GOD bless our women!

Let me give you a few other letters from women after having read my article.

Pleasing God

Thank you for your love and concern in the recent correction on makeup. Everything you said about the subtlety of Satan deceiving us and our vanity and desire in wanting to be a part of this world is exactly right. After reading

God to help me to be humble, then the makeup discussion came up. Salvation is much more important than a little paint.

Now after a couple of weeks I'm used to not wearing makeup and it doesn't really bother me anymore now. I'm so glad to be without it. I'm not trying to hide behind the outward shell. It's making me feel more the importance of the inner me, the part that God sees. It's scary to see my lack of character which I thought I had.

Your daughter in Christ

Minister's wife

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the decision you made regarding makeup. (I realize God was the One who did it — through you!) My initial reaction was not very good. I must admit, I think Satan thought he really was going to get me on that one. You see, I didn't realize how important it had become to me. (I have been coming to Church since I was 12 years old and never wore any makeup until I was 25!)

It took much prayer, even tears, to get my attitude right. Afterward, I realized how close Satan had come to getting me! My own intense disappointment at my announcement shocked me! But I'm sure

some of the reactions God's women had. We have found that most, like me, felt taken aback, disappointed, even angry, but repented after realizing the source of that terrible attitude. A few were (and are still) feeling very depressed and rebellious about it.

God is surely reading a beautiful Bride for His Son. Thank you for fearlessly allowing God to use you in that deep cleansing.

With love,
Your daughter in Christ

Inward woman

I want to thank you for getting us "back on the track" about makeup. Don't get me wrong, now, I was not pleased at first — I liked to wear a little makeup! Your letter, however, made me take stock and realize how far we had strayed from "a little." Thank you for reminding me of my reasons for putting makeup on.

My first reaction was, "I will obey because I respect God's authority in His Church, even though I don't understand the reasoning." Having decided to obey, I gradually began to see why you made the decision. I have now begun to busy myself with the inward woman. You, through God's Word, have shown us true femininity.

Polish crisis reveals way to European unity

PASADENA — The crackdown was inevitable. But its speed and thoroughness came as a shock to the world nevertheless. Overnight, in the early hours of Dec. 13, the backbone of political defiance to Communist rule in Poland was broken.

The flickering flames of freedom that Poles thought they detected were snuffed out once again.

Government of 'national salvation'

As 1981 drew to a close the government of Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski (also Communist Party chief) was under rapidly intensifying pressure from Moscow to crack down on Solidarity union militants with Polish security forces, or the Red Army would do the job for him.

Fast-paced events in the days preceding the crackdown were simply too much for either Premier Jaruzelski or the Kremlin to ignore any longer. Solidarity militants, ignoring their union's charter forbidding political activity, were steering the union movement onto a clear collision course with the government.

At the union's meeting in Gdansk in the first week in December, Solidarity leaders pressed for a new law ensuring democratic elections, as well as calling for a national referen-

dum on whether or not to abolish Poland's Communist government. "We have reached the climax, and let's face it, we must seize power," declared one representative.

At about the same time, union delegates meeting in the city of Radom made the mistake of tape-recording one of their more fiery strategy sessions. On the tape, national union leader Lech Walesa was heard to say, "There will be confrontation; it is unavoidable."

Mr. Walesa's words were mild compared to the recorded demand of Warsaw's hard-line Solidarity firebrand Zbigniew Bujak, a 27-year-old factory worker, "The government should be finally overthrown, unmasked and deprived of credibility."

(A Solidarity official later verified the authenticity of the recording.)

In the end Solidarity could not succeed in the struggle for power with the government because it had no weapons to fight with, except for the calling of strikes. One union official said that "our weapon is the paralysis of the economy."

But increasingly, this weapon became self-defeating. In the public view Solidarity came to share the

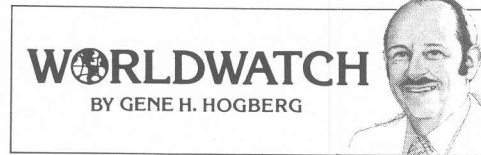
blame along with the government for the collapsed state of the Polish economy, which had been deteriorating for nearly 16 months, ever since Solidarity was born in August, 1980.

Soviets not happy

The Soviet Union is not entirely

Communist Party first secretary.

The plea by Gen. Jaruzelski's government for calm and order went straight to the heart of Polish nationalism. Posters slapped up in Warsaw declared: "For the Polish nation, this is an historic movement,



pleased, however, by the Jaruzelski crackdown, carried out in the name of the Military Council for National Salvation. It's embarrassing for the Kremlin to see a military junta replace civilian rule by the Communist Party in one of its client states.

Also disturbing to Moscow is the degree of Polishness in the emergency government. The word *socialist* does not appear in its official title. And Gen. Jaruzelski, in an impassioned speech proclaiming the imposition of martial law, stressed his role as "chief of government," omitting the references to his role as

and the last chance to make order in our own house with our own force."

The latest Polish crisis also probably represents the last chance for Poland, or any other Soviet satellite in Eastern Europe for that matter, to come out from under Kremlin domination on its own strength.

Poland is simply too strategic a

piece of real estate to escape the Russian orbit. "It is axiomatic," said one expert, "that Moscow is not in this era and under existing world patterns going to allow Poland to escape from its effective military control."

Poland is strategic because it lies athwart the historic invasion route to Russia from western Europe. Without Poland, the Soviet Union's forward position in central Europe acquired in the aftermath of World War II would collapse.

Poland is the keystone to Moscow's entire buffer zone in east-central Europe. Moscow maintains an army of occupation of 20 divisions in East Germany. There are also five divisions in Czechoslovakia and four in Hungary. This combined force of 29 divisions is largely supplied over the road and rail network of Poland. Only two Soviet divisions are in Poland, but they are encamped there for the express purpose of guarding these supply lines.

Without Poland, Moscow would have to abandon its entire western position. Its troops would fall back on the line of the Priepet marshes where

(See CRISIS, page 3)

Isolated member looks to fellowship at Festival

By Dan Aldrich
WILLIAM STONE, Bahamas — For Lorenzo Sears, 78, the Feast of Tabernacles is the most exciting time of the year. That's the only time he can attend Sabbath services and be with brethren.

Mr. Sears lives with his wife outside William Stone, a town on the Caribbean island of Little Exuma, which is part of the Bahama islands. He keeps the Holy Days by devoting himself to prayer, Bible study and meditation.

He eagerly looks forward to the Feast each year in Nassau, Bahamas, where he visits with friends, speaks with ministers and sits elbow to elbow with 300 brethren of like mind. Until Nassau became a Feast site in 1976, Mr. Sears kept the Feast in the United States.

Formerly a member of the Anglican denomination, Mr. Sears' first contact with the Church was in 1943 when he heard Herbert W. Armstrong's broadcast on a vacuum-tube radio tuned to station WKY in Kentucky.

"Mr. Armstrong said things which I didn't agree with as an Anglican," said Mr. Sears. "However, as I studied the Bible, I found that he was speaking the truth, so I began to keep God's laws."

Later, Mr. Sears was among those who received the first issues of the Bible Correspondence Course mailed out in December, 1954. For several years, Mr. Sears continued to listen to the broadcast and study the Correspondence Course.

Eventually, Mr. Sears asked for counseling and baptism. Because of his remote location, however, it was

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not until 1965 that he was able to meet with one of God's ministers, Ronald Kelly, on a baptizing tour in the Caribbean.

On the island, the Sears' grow corn, okra, tomatoes, cabbage, oranges, guava and grapefruit and raise chickens and sheep. They eat some of their crops and sell the rest. The Sears' only daughter, age 22, teaches school in the Bahamas.

Though he misses not being able to participate in a Spokesman Club or other church activities, Mr. Sears looks forward to the world tomorrow and appreciates being a part of the worldwide body called by God.

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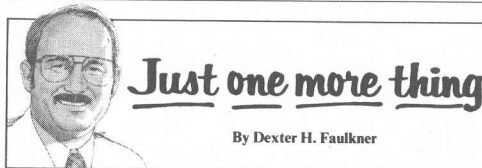
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Cohesive bond unites, strengthens God's Work

An elderly professor was addressing a group of students gathered around him. In his feeble hands the old man held a bundle of sticks fastened together with a cord.

"Now," the frail old gentleman said, "I want each of you to try to break these sticks in two." He handed the bundle to one of the students, a tall, brawny fellow.

Grasping the bundle of sticks at each end, the young man strained with all his might, but couldn't snap them. Looking defeated, he handed the bundle to the person on his right.

"Hal!" the next fellow laughed. "I know how to do it." He held the sticks at either end and pressed his knee into the middle of the bundle, attempting to break the sticks across his knee. He pressed for all he was worth, but the sticks remained intact. He sheepishly handed the bundle to the next person, a rugged-looking young man with muscular arms and legs.

"I know a way," the young man said. "You fellows are just weaklings." Laying the bundle of sticks on the ground, he stepped on one end with his heavy boot and grasped the other end in both hands. Then, his brow furrowed and his teeth clenched, he pulled as hard as he could. Nothing. He tried again, summoning all his strength and this time jerking upward on the sticks.

The only result was that the sticks slipped out of his hands and he fell over in frustration. The others laughed. "Well," the defeated challenger mumbled, "there is no way to break these sticks in two." The other young men nodded in agreement.

"No?" the elderly teacher asked. "I can do it." The burly young man stared at him in disbelief.

Taking the bundle of sticks, the old man, with his weak fingers, untied the knot in the cord. Then, taking each stick one by one in his

feeble hands, he broke each in two.

United we stand

"Do you understand the lesson of the bundle of sticks?" asked the old man when he had finished. "When we are bound together in unity, no power can harm any one of us. We remain strong and intact. But separated, we are each easy prey for a destroying force."

So it is with us in the Church. Together, we are a strong, solid unit, working powerfully to support Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in preaching Christ's Gospel to the world in this end time. Each individual member plays an important part in this great Work. But, without unity the Work cannot function.

The apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:16, that the whole Church should be "fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Every one of us is important in doing the Work, so we need to be like-minded and speak the same thing, relying on each other and working together to fulfill the great commission. God's Word places great stress on the theme of unity and oneness:

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). In these three verses the word *one* is used seven times, implying the need for perfect oneness in God's Church. Seven is the number of perfection.

Promote Unity

What are some ways we can promote unity in God's Church?

• **Cooperate.** As members of the same team we all need to work

together in harmony to achieve the goal. Whether we are acting on an instruction in one of Mr. Armstrong's letters or following the directions of a parking-lot attendant in our local congregations, we should do so in a willing, humble attitude.

• **Have a constructive attitude.** Many a worthwhile project has been ruined by pessimism alone. Satan is the source of negativity, but Philipians 4:8 shows us what we as Christians should keep our minds on: the positive, the uplifting, the helpful, the encouraging. Avoid gossip and talebearing — no other force is more destructive in God's Church.

• **Welcome responsibility.** Look for opportunities to help and serve individual brethren and the Church as a whole. Don't leave things for someone else to do. Look for ways to get involved.

• **Show enthusiasm.** As the old saying goes, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." And enthusiasm is infectious. If you are excited and positive about a particular project or job, those around you will see your attitude and follow suit.

• **Don't worry who gets the credit as long as the job gets done.** A team — like the Church — can accomplish much as long as no one becomes selfish. Our purpose as Christians should not be personal aggrandizement, but the overall good of the Body of Christ.

• **Keep learning and growing.** Correct past mistakes in your personal behavior. Think of and apply new methods of promoting togetherness and strong bonds of unity among brethren and in your family.

• **Fellowship with the brethren.** This is one of the greatest keys to strengthening unity in the Church. Get to know every member in your congregation. The more involved you become with your brethren, the more genuine, godly love you will develop for each other, and this will promote unity among God's begotten children.

Satan would like to destroy God's people. The only way he can do this is to divide us and attack us individually. Alone, none of us is a match for Satan's diabolical devices, but if we stick together, supporting, helping, praying for and encouraging each other, nothing can make us fall.

Remember Psalm 133:1, which was Mr. Armstrong's mother's favorite scripture: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Herbert Armstrong addresses ministers, brethren in two cities

PASADENA — Giving what some ministers characterized as his "most powerful sermons ever," Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong flew to Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 12 and Seattle, Wash., Dec. 19, to speak to more than 4,200 brethren.

Arriving at Will Rogers International Airport in Oklahoma City at 1:30 p.m. in the Work's G-II jet, Mr. Armstrong and his party drove to a hotel for an informal meeting with ministers. Those traveling with Mr. Armstrong included Robert Fahey and his wife Evelyn, evangelist Leroy Neff and his wife Maxine, and Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center, and his wife Virginia.

Oklahoma City pastor Arnold Clauson, who coordinated events there, said the group left for services after the 20-minute meeting, driving inside the Made in Oklahoma Hall, where more than 1,700 brethren waited for the pastor general.

As Judd Kirk, pastor of the Wichita, Kan., church, led the song service, Mr. Armstrong and his party entered the hall. The pastor general was greeted with a standing ovation. "Brethren were very excited to see and hear Mr. Armstrong," Mr.

Clauson commented. "One member later said that Mr. Armstrong's visit 'was the greatest thing to happen in Oklahoma City.'"

After a sermonette by Mr. Fahey, Mr. Armstrong spoke about "What is sin?" "He also talked about cosmetics, Christmas and the two trees in the Garden of Eden and their relationship with the Holy Spirit," said Mr. Clauson. Mr. Armstrong mentioned that the last time he was in Oklahoma City was in 1914, during a business trip.

Following his 1½-hour sermon, Mr. Armstrong met with ministers and their wives. "He discussed developments at the Big Sandy campus, including the possibility of it going to four years," Mr. Clauson said. The ministers presented the pastor general with a model oil rig as a token of his visit. "I was personally impressed with Mr. Armstrong's incredibly sharp perception of world events," Mr. Clauson said. "He's keeping his finger on the pulse of the world situation."

The following week Mr. Armstrong traveled to Seattle, a city he visited in February, 1980. Evangelist Dennis Luker, pastor of the

Seattle church, and fellow Washington ministers Roger Foster and Glen White met him and Mr. Fahey. Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services evangelist Harold Jackson and his wife Helen, and Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the Work's publications, and his wife Shirley at the Boeing airport there.

Because of rain, Mr. Armstrong stepped directly from the G-II to a waiting car and drove to the Seattle Exhibition Center for services.

Following Mr. Fahey's sermonette on "what it means to be back on the track," Mr. Armstrong spoke for an hour and a half. Following services, Mr. Armstrong met privately with his brother Dwight, who came to listen to the pastor general's sermon. After the Armstrongs' private meeting, the pastor general met with 90 ministers and their wives for an hour. Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Fahey updated the group on God's Work worldwide.

Mr. Armstrong and his group left for Pasadena following the meeting, taking off from Boeing airport about 6:30 p.m.



AIRPORT ARRIVAL — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong pauses with a Stetson hat given to him upon his arrival at the Oklahoma City, Okla., airport Dec. 12. Church treasurer Leroy Neff (left) and Robert Fahey look on. (Photo by Eddie Burgess)



BROTHERS — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (left) and his brother Dwight sing hymns before the pastor general's Dec. 19 sermon in Seattle, Wash. Dwight Armstrong composed the music for the majority of the Church's hymns. He lives in Washington state. (Photo by Dexter H. Faulkner)

25,000 calls received during Festival period

WATS volunteers break record

Alan Smikle is a Church member attending the Kalamazoo, Mich., congregation.

By Alan Smikle

PASADENA — "Thank you for calling, may I help you?" This familiar phrase is heard hundreds of times daily by Church members, co-workers and many first-time callers on the Work's Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines.

During the 1981 Feast of Tabernacles, I was privileged with more than 100 other volunteers to answer telephones on the WATS lines. Most of the regular WATS-line operators were attending the Feast outside Pasadena, and we were selected to temporarily fill their positions.

While it was inspiring to experience the excitement of callers receiving their first taste of God's truth, the highpoint for many of us came Oct. 18. As the sun set on the Ambassador College campus here,

another record was set in God's Church.

"Spectacular Sunday"

The day began for us at 3:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST), which is 6:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). Twenty-five red-eyed, sleepy volunteers sat in the WATS training room, receiving procedural instructions on how to handle incoming calls. We were told that all U.S. television stations airing *The World Tomorrow* (then about 80, now more than 100) would feature an updated version of the program *Mideast: Quest for Peace*. Following Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's assassination, Herbert W. Armstrong retaped portions of the broadcast. Advertisements for the program, now retitled *The Sadat Murder*, appeared in New York City and Los Angeles, Calif., area newspapers. We expected an above-average day for calls.

"Ring-through"

After our instructions, WATS

personnel assigned us to the 25 phone stations.

At 3:55 a.m. PST Mr. Armstrong urged viewers to call the WATS number and request a sample copy of *The Plain Truth* and *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

Immediately, the lights on our telephones began blinking on and off. Every WATS line had a caller, which the WATS personnel call a "ring-through." The relatively quiet atmosphere in the WATS area quickly filled with ringing telephones and the buzz of operators answering callers. We were to see several "ring-throughs" that day.

Excited callers from Washington, D.C., and Portland, Maine, requested copies of *The Plain Truth* and *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. Several wanted copies for their friends and relatives.

As I found myself on the other end of "Thank you for calling, may I help you?," I reflected on the times I had used the WATS line to request

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Crisis

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Russian armies lost out to the Germans in both World Wars I and II.

Where does this leave the people of Poland and their neighbors in Eastern Europe? Simply this: Their independence cannot be achieved on a piecemeal basis, with one satellite after another gently slipping out from under Moscow's control. Not only the recurring crises in Poland (in 1956, 1970, 1976 and 1981) prove this point, but the crushed rebellions in East Germany in 1953, Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968 do as well.

"True and full independence for Poland," writes Joseph C. Harsch in *The Christian Science Monitor*, "can come under existing circumstances only through a breakup of the whole Soviet empire or in the course of a major war which Moscow lost."

The nations of Eastern Europe will only come out from under Soviet domination *en masse* — as one of the two "feet" of Daniel 2. This can be done only by means of a grand realignment of political

forces in Europe as a whole. There will obviously have to be great pressures on Moscow exerted by a reawakened Western Europe. The Kremlin only respects force.

Thus one must watch the reaction of Western Europe now, and in the years ahead, to the Soviet crackdown in Poland. And one must, of course, not overlook the impact of Pope John Paul II.

It is significant that when Mr. Armstrong recently met Franz Josef Strauss in Munich, the "Strong Man of Europe" remarked that the Soviets now fear the Polish pope more than they do American missiles. Soviet agents, maintained Dr. Strauss, were heavily implicated in the attempted assassination of the pope earlier this year. (We have strong evidence in our News Bureau files to back up this assertion.)

The Soviet news media treat the pope as a troublesome meddler in "their world" and continually attack him, albeit indirectly. While the Soviets realize that the pope is cautious about interfering too much in day-to-day affairs, they are also aware of the pope's long-term goals for Poland and all of Eastern Europe.

Here is what the Nov. 23, 1981, edition of *Newsweek* had to say about this:

"The Pope is enthralled by a compelling mission — he believes he has a calling from God to unite Europe. During his first return to Poland he declared that the Holy Spirit intended that 'this Polish Pope, this Slav Pope should at this precise moment manifest the spiritual unity of Eastern Europe.' Beyond this, John Paul seems to believe that Poland's salvation will also bring salvation to the West. In this spirit he has named the Slavic Saints Cyril and Methodius as the patron saints of Europe. Addressing top European theologians on the subject of Europe's Christian roots, the Pope summoned up two other apocalyptic visionaries — [Oswald] Spengler and [Fedor] Dostoevski — to bear witness to his own conviction that '... the problem that assails us is really to save Europe and the world from the final catastrophe...'"

Little wonder that the Soviet KGB tried to do away with the Polish pope. So continue to watch the Vatican's own *Ostpolitik*, as well as political events and personalities in Western Europe as the decisive decade of the 1980s unfolds.

Member survives injuries

HAZELBROOK, Australia — Jan. 20, 1981, could have been Neil Fergus's last day. The rear section of a skidding truck smashed through the windshield of a utility (similar to a truck) Mr. Fergus was driving, pinning him in the vehicle for an hour before a rescue squad arrived.

His wife Gwen was notified at 11:30 a.m., 2½ hours after the accident. She asked John Comino, pastor of the Bathurst, Blue Mountains and Sydney North churches, to anoint Mr. Fergus.

Doctors reported that all bones in the right side of his face were shattered. Head injuries could have caused brain damage; his right hand was crushed and he had a broken left shoulder and right hip.

By this time, according to Mrs. Fergus, many brethren had been asked to pray for a safe emergency repair surgery, which was begun that evening.

For a week, Mr. Fergus "was not a pretty picture," said Mrs. Fergus. His eyes were swollen shut, his head

and face were stitched, he breathed on a respirator, both legs were in traction and a metal "halo" was screwed into his head to hold his jaws together and his teeth firm. He couldn't see, speak or move.

Mr. Comino again anointed Mr. Fergus, who reported a cessation of pain. He progressed well.

Four weeks after the accident Mr. Fergus limped along on crutches — the bone specialist had to see it to believe it, noted Mrs. Fergus. His jaws still wired shut 6½ weeks after the accident, Mr. Fergus was allowed to go home.

At 25 weeks, he was back at work, scars on his face barely noticeable. His crowned front teeth look like the old ones, his wife reports.

The neurosurgeon insists that Mr. Fergus should have brain damage, paralysis and headaches, but he doesn't. Mrs. Fergus remarked.

"Neil has made a miraculous recovery," said Mrs. Fergus. She thanked all the brethren who prayed for her husband and sent cards.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The **BALTIMORE**, Md., church had a major fund-raising activity Nov. 15. Brethren searched their attics, basements and garages for items they didn't need and donated them to be sold. At the end of the day, minister Marvin Hush and his wife Jan tallied up a profit of \$1,100.

The congregation had its annual Thanksgiving Sabbath Nov. 21. Brethren brought food for a stage display during services, and the food was later distributed to needy families. Ed Marrs gave a sermon on being thankful and learning to count your blessings. The brethren enjoyed a buffet luncheon afterward. *Mr. and Mrs. Jon D. Cook.*

The **Ambassador Entertainers of BELFAST**, Northern Ireland, celebrated their centennial performance by entertaining 17 elderly ladies in a residential home in north Belfast Nov. 24. The group of singers presented a floral tribute to the residents and provided a special supper to mark the occasion. During the past five years, the Ambassadors have entertained 7,000 senior citizens and mentally and physically handicapped people in the greater Belfast area by presenting their songs and humor as a service to the community. *Robin Morrow.*

Members from surrounding church areas attended a social Nov. 15 commemorating the 15th anniversary of the **BELLE VERNON**, Pa., church. The congregation originally met in Uniontown, Pa., under pastor James Friddle. Included in the social were a potluck, square dance, skits and carnival games for the children. Minister Grover Petty served as master of ceremonies for the afternoon.

Belle Vernon members attended a special Bible study Nov. 17 that featured a slide show of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastor Dave Johnson, who took the pictures during the Feast in Jerusalem, explained many facts about the area and its biblical significance. *Mark Hardway.*

The annual fair of the **BIRMINGHAM and JASPER**, Ala., churches took place Nov. 21 at Oporto Armory. This year's theme was international, with proceeds going into the social fund. French quiche and other exotic foods were served. Foreign names ranging from Peking Surprise to Libyan Fighter Jet tagged the 14 booths. Three hours of festivities allowed everyone ample time to sample wares and win prizes. *Helen F. Garrison.*

Members of the **BOONE and LENOIR**, N.C., choirs attended a seminar-workshop Nov. 14 and 15. Saturday evening a covered-dish supper preceded the first instruction by Tom Hammet, a member from Dalton, Ga., who taught music basics and the importance of pronunciation of words. Sunday, the choirs sharpened their musical skills with much singing. A class in conducting and individual instruction was also given. *Starr L. Reynolds.*



SQUARE DANCE — Singles from the Washington, D.C., area dance to the calls of a square dance caller at a singles' social Nov. 15. (See "Singles Scene," this page.) [Photo by Don Peacock]

Brethren of **CANTON**, Ohio, enjoyed the first movie night of the winter season Nov. 21 at the Canton Swiss Club. Highlights were a potluck after services and a double feature presentation of the Walt Disney films, *Snowball Express* and *Ten Who Dared*. *Dick Gray.*

CLERMONT and EMERALD, Australia, brethren had a family night in Clermont Nov. 14. Plenty of food had been prepared and was enjoyed, especially the corn on the cob. Games included musical chairs and balloon games. In a sing-along, Daphney Franetovich played the organ and her daughter Brenda played the accordion. The highlight of the evening was a Bible baseball game. Adults and children were divided into two teams, and pastor Bruce Dean was the pitcher. The evening ended with a dance. *Rosemary Warren.*

Members of the **COLUMBIA**, Mo., church who worked on the Lake of the Ozarks shuttle bus program at the Feast of Tabernacles gathered at the Heritage House Smorgasbord Nov. 21 to "roast" their foreman, Frank Roberts. Under the direction of pastor Richard Rand, Mr. Roberts has been in charge of scheduling and overseeing this Festival service for the past three years. After the jokes were all told and enjoyed, a heartfelt thanks was given to Mr. Roberts and his wife Shirley by the masters of ceremonies, Bill Beauchamp and Bill Forbis. *Johnny M. Ernst.*

COLUMBIA, S.C., brethren enjoyed an outdoor activity at the Maxcy Brown home Saturday night Dec. 5 in 40-degree weather. Hot dogs were roasted on a fire, along with marshmallows. A sing-along followed, with music by several musicians from the church. *Paul Nowlen.*

The **CORNING**, N.Y., church had a potluck dinner Nov. 28 following Sabbath services. Members and guests enjoyed a variety of foods and the opportunity to fellowship. *Nancy Saylor.*

The **DETROIT**, Mich., **EAST** church had a Thanksgiving dinner Saturday evening Nov. 21. About 360 people from several neighboring church areas attended the annual event. According to social committee members Pete and Darlene Meldrum, 15 oven-roasted turkeys and 35 homemade pumpkin pies were served, along with the usual trimmings. Steve Golden, head of the singles' group, presented pastor Earl Williams and elders Mike Pellar and Randy D'Alessandro each with a cornucopia full of fresh fruit and homebaked goodies on behalf of the singles. Square dancing filled the remainder of the evening, with Earl Mason from Fort Wayne, Ind., as the caller. The children enjoyed playing with balloons. *Jean T. Smith.*

The **FLORENCE**, S.C., church had its first annual talent show Nov. 14 at the Darlington Fiber Industries Recreation Center. Visitors from surrounding areas came to join in the fun. Performances included fiddle and guitar playing, singing, pantomime, piano and clarinet solos and several humorous skits. Pastor Paul Kieffer presided as master of ceremonies. *Charles B. Edwards.*

The **GARDEN GROVE**, Calif., brethren "squared-off" for a night of

square dancing Nov. 14. Professional caller was Dave "Happy" Neujahr. Chili, hot dogs and other refreshments were served to restore the energies expended on the dance floor. Traditional square dancing provided most of the entertainment, but a few learned some new country dances. *Dan Rowe.*

The **GLOUCESTER**, England, members saw slides of Israel with a taped commentary by Richard Frankel during services Nov. 14. A social followed, with children's games organized by Ray Bunting and George Webb. A whist [a

dinner Nov. 28, followed by the showing of cartoons and the comedy film *Hawmps*. Popcorn was served to all. Pastor Craig Bacheller recently recommenced Spokesman Club, Leadership Class and a daytime ladies' Bible study. *Robert G. Lehman.*

Brethren of the **MONROE**, La., church enjoyed a wiener roast and hayride Nov. 14. A slide show of the Feast was presented by three young men who attended one of the sites in England: Alvin Bennett, Tim Clary and Bob Vestal. While the young of heart braved the elements, bobbing for apples and riding atop the hay, others played chess and cards inside the building. *Joyce Brown.*

Pastor Cecil E. Maranville gave public lectures in **MONTREAL** and **MAGOG**, Que., Nov. 1 and 8. At the

snow, organized by Joan Mackay and Yvonne Hull, with David Hull as host. After the fashion show, a cartoon feature and the Robert Louis Stevenson movie *Kidnapped* were shown. *Pam Shaughnessy.*

The second annual Scandinavian Night of the **SIOUX FALLS and WATERTOWN**, S.D., churches took place Nov. 7. Favorite Scandinavian dishes were featured at the meal following Sabbath services. Music and comedy routines were presented by some of the "Scandihovians." The movie *Savage Sam* was shown for the young and old alike. *Nadine Van Laecken.*

The **WASHINGTON**, D.C., church choir gave a special presentation of the first five numbers of Mendelssohn's *Eljah* during the sermonette time of Sab-



AMBASSADOR ENTERTAINERS — This singing group from the Belfast, Northern Ireland, church pauses during their 100th show, given at an elderly women's residential home in north Belfast Nov. 24. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

card came) drive took place, supervised by Cyril Davies, and the prize winners were Gladys and Harry Lunn, Gale Quinn and Basil Harris. Dancing and refreshments followed. Colin Smith presented a slide show of the August church camp-out and the Feast at Prestatyn, Wales. *Olive Willis.*

The **JACKSON**, Tenn., church had its annual wiener roast and hayride Nov. 22 at the Chickasaw State Park. The lodge had two roaring fireplaces decorated with corn stalks, pumpkins, Indian corn and calico bows. Brisk weather didn't hinder the enthusiasm for the hayride. The meal consisted of roasted Wieners, buns, relishes, desserts and drinks. The night's activities ended with a sing-along conducted by Bill Mays and a square dance directed by Sam Crowe. *Sue Gardner.*

Some 225 members of the **KENT**, Wash., church enjoyed their first pre-Thanksgiving Day celebration and dinner Nov. 22 at the Des Moines Field House in Des Moines, Wash. The large log building was festooned with harvest scenes, the tables were decorated with cornucopias and a roaring fire in the giant fireplace warmed the brethren as festivities began. Following the dinner of turkey, dressing and trimmings, members were entertained by singing, Thanksgiving skits and special numbers by the children. Master of ceremonies was pastor Richard Parker. Finally, young and old participated in a dance before returning home. *Gale Ullerick.*

Church members in **MAURITIUS** had an outing Oct. 27. Sixteen members climbed Le Pouce Mountain, which is 2,661 feet high. Because the peak was narrow, the group had lunch at the foot of the mountain. On Nov. 11, 12 members, plus a few friends, went hiking. Catching the bus at Rose Hill, the group went to Nouvelle Decouverte, where they explored a cave. From there they walked to Les Mariannes and viewed the northern plains and coast. Continuing on the hike, they reached La Nicoliere, where they had lunch. The last leg of the hike took the group to Pont Bon Dieu, which is a large natural cave. The hikers caught the bus home three miles away at Brisee Verdier, making the hike 10 to 12 miles in length. *Surendra Proag.*

A family picnic for the **MELBOURNE and FORT PIERCE**, Fla., brethren took place Nov. 22 at Hobart Kiwanis Park in Wabasso, Fla. The children enjoyed a variety of games, while the teens and adults played several rounds of volleyball.

Melbourne brethren had a potluck dinner Nov. 28, followed by the show-

ing of the Montreal East Chorale set the tone by singing two songs. Mr. Maranville expounded the prophecies of the next few years. In Magog 18 new people attended, and in Montreal there were 43 new people. Many of those who were new stayed afterward to enjoy refreshments and talk with the brethren. *Melvin R. Rahel.*

The 20th anniversary of the **PHOENIX**, Ariz., church was celebrated Nov. 21 at the Phoenix Hilton Grand Ballroom. Some 760 brethren attended services, dinner, dancing and a slide show. Debbie Skinner, Ruth Hoffman and Jana Cardona put talents together and made an anniversary cake. Of the former Phoenix pastors, only Keith Thomas and Vernon Hargrove, along with their wives, were able to attend. *Millie Davis.*

ROCKHAMPTON and GLADSTONE, Australia, brethren enjoyed a beach picnic at Kemp Beach in Yepoon, Australia, Nov. 22. The main excitement of the day was the attempt by each family to fly homemade kites. Other activities included games of cricket, swimming, hiking and children's tug-of-war. A barbecue meal cooked by Bob Bennett was served during a break in the activities. *Dawn Bennett.*

ROME, Ga., brethren gathered at the Woodmen of the World camp Nov. 22 for a day of fun and fellowship. The day was highlighted by the pit-roasted bull prepared by David Owen and several assistants. Games for all ages were provided, and the autumn sunshine added its warmth to the occasion. *Darl E. Arbogast.*

A farewell party for the Camilo Reyes family took place Nov. 29 at the outdoor patio complex of the Virgil Gordons in **SAN DIEGO**, Calif. Mr. Reyes has been transferred to San Jose, Calif. Gifts for the family members were presented by pastor Norman Smith and included a silver serving tray and an original painting by Gene Franciello. Lisa Davis, on behalf of the girls of the church, gave daughters Terry and Debbie gold charms to remind them of their sojourn in San Diego. Choir director Jim Walker arranged and Mr. Gordon was master of ceremonies for a program presented by pianists Margaret Walker and Larry LeBlanc, singers Cyndy Jones, Jacque Smith, Margaret Walker, Gerald Shoquist, Raymond Hooks, Paul Smith and Mr. Gordon, and guitarist Paul Smith and his bunch, musicians Tom Eltrich on drums, Frank Espinoza on bass guitar and Margaret Walker on violin. *Susan Karoska.*

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., brethren had a social and potluck at the Echo Bay Hall Nov. 7. Humorous dress styles were shown by the children in a fashion

bath services Nov. 14. Soloists were Doris Beechum, soprano; Deborah Desaso, alto; Isaac Cummings, tenor; and Gerald Beechum, bass. Music director David Myrick directed and accompanied at the piano. *David Myrick.*

CLUB MEETINGS

The **Women's Club of BINGHAMTON**, N.Y., had its first meeting of the season Nov. 1 at the Lodge in Endicott, N.Y. Virginia Weber served as hostess. After a brunch was enjoyed, the table-top session was led by Linda Furney. Hazel Lambert conducted the business portion of the meeting, and Pat Hubbell presented ideas for a craft sale to raise money. Pastor Britton Taylor, director of the club, spoke on making life happen and not just letting life happen. *Eleanor Lulkoski.*

The **CHICAGO**, Ill., **NORTHWEST** Women's Club met Nov. 15. Following the business portion of the meeting and refreshments, 63 women heard from members Debbie Otto, Emma Miller and Teri Ballo on the subjects of home canning and freezing. The presentation included sampling some of the products. *Claudia Cocomise.*

President Berna Long opened the Nov. 1 meeting of the **CHICAGO**, Ill., **WEST** Women's Club, which took place at the Naperville Federal Savings and Loan in Naperville, Ill. A garage sale with new items donated by merchants was discussed as a fund raiser this year. Pam Chochola led table-top sessions, and Donna Herron gave her icebreaker. Guest speaker was a paramedic who showed the proper procedure to help a choking victim, and who encouraged everyone to learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation. *Shari Regnier.*

The Graduate Spokesman Club of **CLEVELAND**, Ohio, had a progressive dinner Nov. 14. Four courses were served in four houses separated by more than 30 miles. Appetizers began at Jeff Smith's home in Lakewood, Ohio, followed by salad and bread at Jack Davies' house four blocks away. The club members then traveled 30 miles east to Charlie Palmer's abode for turkey dinner. Afterward, the club car pooled five more miles to John Whetson's home for desserts of chocolate cake and sweet potato pie. *Jeff Smith.*

The **CORNING**, N.Y., Women's Club had its first brunch meeting of the year Nov. 21 at the Lodge-on-the-
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Green. Karen VanDyke and Gayle Vanderveer were hostess and cohostess, respectively. Pastor Britton Taylor presented a lecture on how to make our lives fruitful by setting goals, and he listed five priorities to setting goals according to a system of values. *Nancy Saylor.*

The Triple A Club, 18- to 30-year olds, of EDMONTON, Alta., NORTH enjoyed a masquerade party and dance Nov. 19. Prizes were awarded to the most humorous, most original, best couple and the costume best fitted for the individual. Guests were welcomed from as far away as Vancouver, B.C., Saskatoon and Regina, Sask., and Calgary, Alta. *G. Brown.*

The **ERIE**, Pa., Women's Club had a lesson on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) Nov. 28. Carol Cole gave demonstrations on how to help a victim recover from choking, and with the help of President Evelyn Lemmon, she demonstrated CPR. *Sandra Little.*

The first-ever meeting in HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, of the Ambassador Women's Club took place Nov. 22 at the North Gottingen Library with 35 ladies in attendance. This year's director and president is Betty Kost. Beverly Conrad is vice president, Vera Abbott is secretary and Dana Samson is treasurer. Mrs. Kost opened the meeting by going over the goals of the club. Hostess was Linda MacDougall, and cohostess was Sandy Baker, who also led tabletopics. Speeches given by Dana Samson and Gillian Elliott were appropriately about this month's theme of "True Womanhood in Today's World." An icebreaker was given by Mrs. Kost. *Brenda Dooks.*

The Ladies' Night Nov. 29 at the Matamora Motor Inn marked the end of the 1981 session of the HAMILTON, ROTORUA and TAURANGA, New Zealand, Spokesman Club. Members

at the meeting. Two quick-acting spokesmen brought in flashlights, which lit up both the rostrum and the speaker's face. In this eerie atmosphere the club reacted to its conclusion. *T. Bart.*

The **MONROE**, La., Women's Club started its third year Nov. 15. Topics were presented and led by Donna Ellett. Speeches were given by Hannah Knaack, Lois Netherland, Carolyn Ernest and Renee DeVille. Refreshments were served by Alice Clements. Director Briscoe Ellett evaluated the club and gave seven purposes and goals for Women's Club. *Wanda Martin.*

The Spokesman Club of **ROSEBURG**, Ore., had its introductory meeting after Sabbath services Nov. 14. This is the first opportunity for Roseburg area members to join together in the character development program of Spokesman Club. The meeting was called to order by minister John Christopherson, who welcomed and encouraged the members. Following warm-up exercises, Mr. Christopherson introduced the topic-master for tabletopics. After a short break, the toastmaster introduced the four appointed speakers in turn. Three men gave icebreakers, and the final speech of the evening was delivered with a purpose by deacon Warren Poland, who exhorted the members to be as concerned for each other's success as for their own. Mr. Poland was awarded the Most Effective Speech award. The meeting was concluded by Mr. Christopherson, who gave an overall favorable evaluation of the first meeting. *William H. Englander.*

Thanksgiving was the theme for the Nov. 17 meeting of the Manasota Women's Club of **ST. PETERSBURG**, Fla. The Homemaking Committee made the decorations, using a variety of fall items. A brief history of Thanksgiving was given. Games and songs were suggested that included the whole family. The refreshments added to the Thanksgiving theme. *Helen Walworth.*



DO-SI-DO — A couple from the Garden Grove, Calif., church swing to the music at a square dance Nov. 14. (See "Church Activities, this page.")

and guests enjoyed fine food before the meeting began. Tabletopics were presented by Mike Carswell, and then the dessert of fruit salad and cheesecake came during the interval. Speakers Jerry Powell, Andy Milne, Ralph Reisborough, Brian Smart and Selwyn Vivian were presented by toastmaster Patrick James. Director Don Engle evaluated the evening, and President Jim Carswell presented Mr. and Mrs. Gingle with a set of steak dishes in appreciation for direction and guidance during the year. As a finale, Mr. Smart showed a short film taken during the Feast of Tabernacles at the Rotorua Feast site. *Mike Carswell.*

The first-ever Spokesman Club in MAIDSTONE, England, got off to a fine start Nov. 24, thus bringing to fruition the desires of many of the men in the area who for years traveled 34 miles to London or a few miles less to Sevenoaks, England. Under the overall direction of pastor John Meakin, John Davidson was appointed president, David Rowing, vice president; John Shanks, secretary; George Holden, treasurer; and John Patch, sergeant at arms. *George Holden.*

The **MINNEAPOLIS**, Minn., SOUTH Spokesman Club met Nov. 18. Heavy snow caused power outages across the area, and the lights went out just as the club began the speaking portion of

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Sixty members and guests of the Half Century Plus Club of the MILWAUKEE, Wis., churches saw a slide show of the Feast in Brno, Czechoslovakia, Nov. 21 at the Ponderosa Steak House in Wauwatosa, Wis. The members enjoyed a meal, fellowship and the slides taken before, during and after the Feast. The club became aware of some of the hardships of the brethren living behind the Iron Curtain, and the club members are now involved in establishing regular correspondence with these brethren. *L.S. Melancon.*

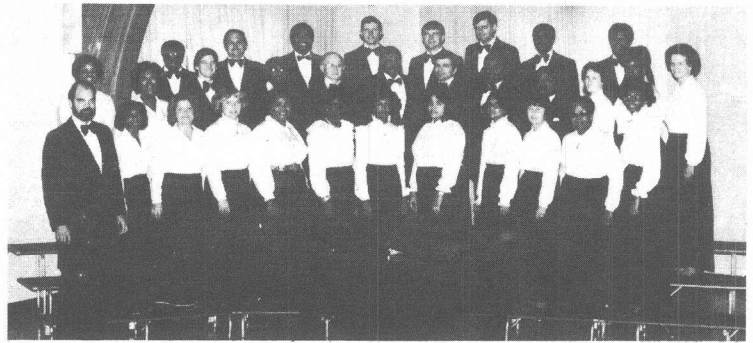
SINGLES SCENE

The **CHICAGO**, Ill., WEST singles sponsored a Bible study Nov. 21, which was attended by 80 singles from the four Chicago area churches. David Roenspies, local elder of the Chicago Northwest church, and a 1966 graduate of Ambassador College, gave the Bible study. He spoke on proper dating and men's and women's true roles in society. Refreshments were served afterward. *Arnold Jaros.*

The **LONDON**, Ont., singles had a day of fellowship Nov. 22. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilding were present for the day's activities. Following the meal, the assemblage enjoyed a variety of games, both as a large group and in small clusters. *Darrel Clutton.*

The **SAN JOSE**, Calif., Singles' Club met Nov. 11 for its monthly Bible study evening. Topics led by Brett Ebright dealt with the ways we give God thanks, and members shared ideas on what we should be thankful for. Minister Larry Shamus taught some of the aspects of communication through simple, yet complex games. The club met in the Ferrantes' recreation hall, and the evening was rounded out when the club members presented the couple with a thank-you cake. *Mike Light.*

One hundred forty singles from Ohio to New Jersey attended a square dance sponsored by the **WASHINGTON**, D.C., Singles' Club Nov. 15. A professional caller provided the music and instruction. The afternoon began with a chili and cornbread meal, followed by



WASHINGTON CHOIR — The Washington, D.C., church choir poses for a group picture after performing selections from Mendelssohn's *Elijah* at a special Sabbath service Nov. 14. (See "Church Activities," page 4.)

the square dance, and ended with a singing. *William A. Walker.*

SPORTS

The **AKRON**, Ohio, church played host to three hours of volleyball with the Columbus, Ohio, YOU girls Nov. 22 at Erwine Junior High School. The cheerleaders provided concessions and everyone enjoyed the day's activities. *Lori M. Orosz.*

The **CALGARY**, Alta., SOUTH YOU played host to the annual YOU volleyball tournament Nov. 29. Some 179 YOU members from all churches in Alberta participated. A special Sabbath service for YOU members took place the previous day concurrent with the regular Calgary South service. Services were followed by a potluck and dance. Volleyball games started Sunday morning. Alberta YOU coordinator Doug Smith presented the ribbons to Wetaskiwin, Alta., YOU members for the senior division and to the Calgary North A team for the junior division championship. *Emily Lukaick.*

The **COLUMBIA**, S.C., church was host to the regional volleyball tournament Nov. 22. Teams from Raleigh, Jacksonville and Greensboro, N.C., Augusta, Ga., and Columbia took part in the games. Greensboro was the winner, and the Columbia A team was runner-up. This event followed a fun-filled Saturday evening of a potluck, a Bible bowl for the teens, which the Columbia team won, and a movie. *Paul Nowlen.*

Seven churches participated in a

YOU basketball and cheerleading rally in **ROCKVILLE**, Md., Nov. 22. Each boys' team scrimmaged three one-half hour games, while the girls' basketball teams played twice. Professional church referees refereed the games. The churches that participated were Harrisburg, Pa., Wilmington Del., Hagerstown and Baltimore, Md., Roanoke and Richmond, Va., and Washington, D.C., promoter of the rally. A district volleyball championship game was played between Hagerstown and Washington, which Washington won. *Alan Weaner.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

About 32 YOU members and parents from **ALBURY** and **WODONGA**, Australia, visited the transmission factory of Borg Warner Nov. 11. The factory produces gear-boxes for many varieties of cars, and because their product is in high demand, it is necessary for the plant to work around the clock. The YOU group toured during the night shift. They wore special glasses to protect their eyes, and they saw the latest machinery, which was complex and interesting to watch but which also produced a deafening noise. The two-hour tour proved to be an educational excursion. *Sharon Reid.*

After services Nov. 14, the **CHICO**, Calif., YOU invited members of the Sacramento, Calif., YOU and their parents to a potluck dinner and dance. The Chico brethren opened their homes to their Sacramento guests for an overnight

stay. The next day the YOU groups had a skating party, which pastor Marc Segall arranged at the roller rink. Afterward, the youths enjoyed pizza at a nearby restaurant. *Tom Alexander.*

The Real Life Day Camp and Farm was the location for the Dec. 5 **DETROIT WEST** and **ANN ARBOR**, Mich., YOU hayride, an annual event which the entirety of both churches was invited. In addition to the hayride, there was a hot dog roasting, as well as horseback riding. *Steve Holsey.*

HARRISBURG, Pa., **HAGERS-TOWN** and **BALTIMORE**, Md., YOU members and families toured the Inner Harbor in Baltimore Nov. 8. Among the many sights were a World War II submarine, specialty shops and the National Aquarium, at the top of which was a built-in greenhouse that enclosed a rain forest, exotic birds and lizards. *Alan Weaner.*

The **PALMER**, Alaska, Candles and Lace Homemaking Club welcomed new member Jane Registe at the meeting Nov. 11. Linda Orchard handed out calendars and little notebooks and instructed the girls on how to organize their time. She also showed them how to organize dresser drawers. Tara Orchard served the refreshments. *Mandy Eckman.*

The Busy Betsys Girls' Club of **PALMER**, Alaska, is meeting once again with all new members: Cynthia and Hiedi Bruss, Heather and Heidi Hunicke and Brenda Registe. For the first meeting, Nov. 28, the girls each made a pizza, learned how to set the table and practiced table manners. The girls' mothers are included in all the activities. *Linda Orchard.*

Answers to 'Place That Photo'

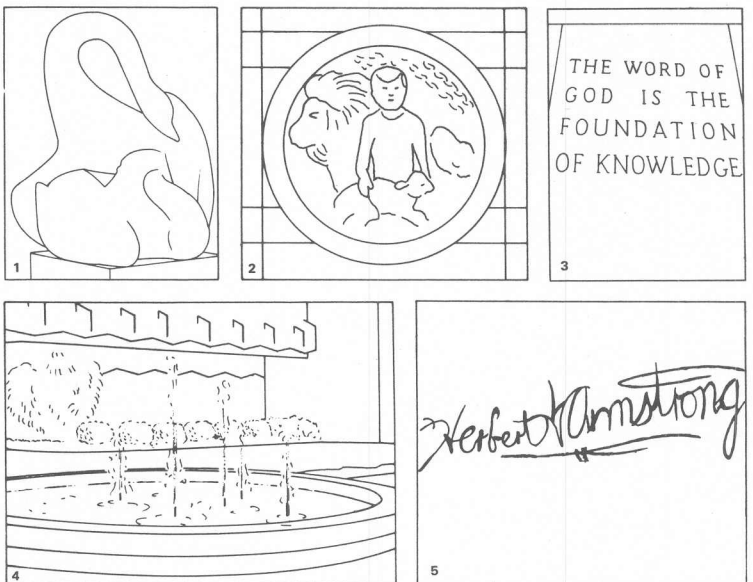


PHOTO ANSWERS — Photo No. 1: Swan sculpture by David Wynne west of the Ambassador Auditorium mall. The white structure was originally on the Bricket Wood, England, Ambassador College campus. No. 2: Door handle at the Ambassador Auditorium. No. 3: Inscription on Ambassador Hall. No. 4: Fountain in the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center. The Academic Center was named college building of the month by *College and University Business* magazine in March, 1969. No. 5: Herbert W. Armstrong's signature and footprints, set the year after the college's first graduation, with three of the college's original four students' signatures and footprints. The signatures and footprints are west of the student center, at the east entrance to the college.

Dec. 9 opinion of California state court

The Worldwide News received the following court opinion from Ralph K. Helge, counsel for the Worldwide Church of God.

PASADENA — We are pleased to print for your own reading the full text (minus court cases cited and a lengthy citation of Corporations Code section 9230) of the Dec. 9 decision of the California State Court of Appeals exonerating the Church from fault in the State vs. Church case. This was a case in which the State had a receiver appointed, without notice, prior even to the filing of any case, in which the receiver took possession of all Church accounts, assets, operations and property. [See "California Court Denies Legal Fees For Ret. Attorney in Lawsuit," *WN*, Dec. 14.]

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT DIVISION TWO.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ex rel. et al., Plaintiffs, vs. WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD, INC., et al., Defendants and Respondents. HILLEL CHODOS, et al., Real Party in Interest and Appellant. 2 CIVIL NO. 57321 (Super. Ct. No. C 267607).

APPEAL from an order of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Julius M. Title, Judge, Jerry Pacht, Judge. Affirmed.

George Deukmejian, Attorney General, Lawrence R. Tapper, Lauren R. Brainard, Deputy Attorneys General, for Plaintiffs.

Ervin, Cohen & Jessup, Allan Browne, Esq., Lawrence H. Tribe, Esq., Horvitz, Greines & Poster, Ellis J. Horvitz, Esq., Alan G. Martin, Esq., for Defendants and Respondents.

Hillel Chodos, Esq., Real Party in Interest and Appellant.

California attorneys, Hillel Chodos, Rafael Chodos, Hugh John Gibson, and the New Jersey law firm of Cohn & Lifland, appeal from an order of the superior court denying their application for \$100,000 in attorneys' fees for services rendered in procuring and defending the appointment of a receiver in an action against respondents, the Worldwide Church of God (Church).¹ We affirm.

As we will discuss, *infra*, the receivership has since been dissolved and the underlying action has been dismissed without any determination that respondents were guilty of any wrong doing.

In the summer of 1978, certain members of the Church contacted the New Jersey law firm of Cohn & Lifland expressing their concern that officials of their Church might be guilty of malfeasance and misfeasance with respect to Church affairs. Hillel Chodos was contacted by the New Jersey firm for assistance.

Chodos, determining that the complaining Church members had no standing to sue, brought the matter to the attention of Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Tapper, whose duties included surveillance of charitable trusts. Chodos recommended that orders be obtained compelling the Church to account for its assets and to select new and independent trustees or directors. He also suggested that a receiver pendente lite be appointed to conserve the assets.

Deputy Attorney General Tapper apparently believing that his authority in supervising the administration of charitable trusts in California included the authority to take the rather drastic action suggested even in a case of an admittedly hierarchical church organization, undertook to deputize Chodos as a Special Deputy Attorney General.

From that point forward, Chodos and Deputy Attorney General Tapper consistently asserted that Chodos represented the People of the State of California and no other client. In fact, it seems unlikely that the broad and pervasive authority which was later to be granted to the receiver would have been so granted had Chodos not enjoyed that status. The arrangement between Tapper and Chodos, however, was that Chodos' compensation, if any, would come from Church funds.

In fairness to Mr. Chodos and Mr.

Tapper, they at all times eschewed any desire to interfere with the ecclesiastical phase of the Church's operation and sought only, in their words, to examine the financial aspects of the Church in order to insure that money contributed to the Church was in fact used for "God's work". They asserted that the Church's property, assets and records were "public" and that they were always and ultimately in the custody of and subject to the supervision of the courts upon application of the Attorney General.

To state the proposition is to expose its conflict with the constitutional prohibition against the governmental establishment or interference with the free exercise of religion. How the State, whether acting through the Attorney General or the courts, can control church property and the receipt and expenditure of church funds without necessarily becoming involved in the ecclesiastical functions of the church is difficult to conceive.²

On January 2, 1979, Chodos, along with retired Superior Court Judge Steven Weisman, and Deputy Attorney General Tapper appeared *ex parte* before Superior Court Judge Jerry Pacht and urged Judge Pacht to appoint a receiver on the grounds that Church property was being misappropriated and that some Church-owned property in the State of Texas was being sold for approximately twenty million dollars below its true market value. It was further alleged that Church records were being destroyed.

Judge Pacht then appointed Judge Weisman receiver of the Church and issued various injunctive orders. Those *ex parte* orders empowered the receiver "to take possession forthwith of all the funds, assets and property, and all of the books and records" of the Church, College and Foundation, and enjoined the defendants and others from interfering with or obstructing the receiver or withholding from him "any of the funds, assets, properties, books or records of the Church." All of this occurred before any complaint had actually been filed.

Law, Chodos, with the acquiescence of Attorney General Tapper, filed a complaint against the Church. The complaint sought to remove the Church directors, appoint new ones, appoint a receiver and other injunctive relief.

Acting upon these orders, Judge Weisman as receiver, Chodos as a deputy receiver and various Attorneys General personally appeared at the Church unannounced and proceeded to take possession and control of the premises, seizing Church records and even discharging some employees.

On January 4, 1979, the Church moved to vacate the appointment of the receiver. At a hearing before the Honorable Vernon Foster, Judge of the Superior Court, Chodos resigned as a deputy receiver and continued to act in his role as Special Deputy Attorney General. Judge Foster denied the motion to vacate the appointment but temporarily restrained the receiver from interfering in the day-to-day business activities of the Church.

A hearing on confirmation of the receivership pendente lite commenced on January 10, 1979, before the Honorable Julius Title, Judge of the Superior Court. At the close of that hearing, Judge Title found that neither of the original allegations, i.e., sale of Church property at less than market value nor destruction of records was true.

Nevertheless the receivership was continued because of Judge Title's belief that he should do so if there was "some possibility" that a trier of fact might later find misconduct on the part of the directors or trustees of the Church. He issued an order pendente lite directing the receiver to:

"(1) take possession and control of the Church, College and Foundation, 'including all of its assets, both real and personal, tangible and intangible, of every kind and description, except as is otherwise provided . . ."

"(2) supervise and control all the business and financial operations of the Church, and at 'his sole discretion' assume management and control as he deemed necessary;

"(3) employ anyone he deemed necessary to carry out his duties and pay them out of Church funds;

"(4) suspend or terminate any Church employee, officer or agent 'in his sole discretion', except for Armstrong and Rader, whom the receiver was authorized to discharge only with prior court approval;

"(5) bar any such officer, employee or

agent from Church grounds and facilities after his suspension or termination;

"(6) 'take immediate possession of all books and records of the Church, no matter where or in whose possession said records may be found. These records are to include without limitation journals, ledgers, bank statements, vouchers, invoices, logs, memoranda, computer-readable data, and membership lists. These books and records shall be made available for the use of the employees of the Church in the carrying out of all their duties. They shall also be made available to the representatives of the plaintiffs in this action, for use in preparing for the trial in this action.'

"(7) determine in his discretion what compensation would be paid to Armstrong and Rader;

"(8) conduct a thorough audit of the Church, commencing forthwith;

"(9) review all allegations of malfeasance and neglect concerning the Church's business and financial affairs and apply to the court for relief." (Emphasis added.)

On February 21, 1979, the Church again moved to vacate the receivership. Judge Title at that point concluded that the only purpose of the receivership was to accomplish an audit or accounting of Church funds. He ordered the receivership suspended and directed that the Attorney General conduct an audit of the Church's financial record at State expense.

This accounting was to be facilitated by an injunction directing that the Church provide the Attorney General with, *inter alia*, office space, copying machines and "full on line access to all portions of the Church's computerized data base and information on retrieval systems."

In conjunction with the dissolution of the receivership, Judge Title awarded the receiver and his attorney fees in the amount of \$250,000 out of Church funds. He denied Chodos an award for his fees.

When the Church noticed an appeal from this injunctive order, as well as the prior receivership orders, Judge Title reimposed the receivership on the grounds that the appeal itself "raised a question as to why they are resisting."

The reimposition of the receivership, however, was stayed pending the appeal when 900 Church members pledged in excess of \$3,400,000 in security as an undertaking.

On July 7, 1980, the Legislature enacted and the Governor signed Senate Bill 1493 repealing Corporations Code section 9230 and replacing it with an entirely new but similarly numbered statute.

The preamble to the legislation, after reciting the provisions of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, section 4 of the California Constitution concerning freedom of religion, reads in part: "The Legislature hereby declares that the power of the State of California with respect to the formation, existence, and operation of religious corporations shall be limited to those expressly provided in statutes duly enacted by the Legislature, and that mere incorporation under the laws of California constitutes no waiver of the fundamental protections afforded religious bodies and individual freedom of worship."

Even though the legislation was not to become effective until June 1, 1981, the Attorney General very wisely viewed that legislation as a declaration of public policy and a legislative objective to prevent the State from engaging in the very type of litigation represented by this case. He thus directed the dismissal of the underlying action.

The Church offered proof, which was substantially uncontroverted, that the receivership had caused the credit position of the Church to be placed in jeopardy for favorable grant of bank loans and the donations and receipts of the Church from the faithful had plummeted from an average of 17 million dollars per month to a mere trickle of revenue. It was stated that this had resulted in the cancellation of various educational and cultural programs, youth activities and public service efforts, all of which impacted unfavorably upon the Church's religious work. Additionally, the seizure of Church records and lists and invasion of the Church's data retrieval system was said to have crippled Church administration and caused a major layoff of Church employees. In

summary the Church was severely damaged by the receivership.

It is at once apparent that the termination of the litigation by way of dismissal was favorable to the Church and that the abortive proceedings conferred detriment rather than benefit on the Church.

On appeal, Chodos relies upon certain well recognized exceptions to the general rule that an attorney must look to his client for payment of services. We hasten, however, to point out that Chodos, as a special deputy Attorney General, had as a client the People of the State of California. That client pays the Attorney General and his deputies salaries to perform the legal work of the State.

While the Attorney General is authorized under certain circumstances to employ special counsel (Gov. Code, section 12520) at state expense, we know of no authority which permits him to recover his compensation from litigants against whom he has elected to proceed. The law is to the contrary. [Cases cited.]

Chodos, of course, cites us to the equitable doctrine of the "common fund" and "substantial benefit" as well as the "private Attorney General" theory.

Winslow v. Harold G. Ferguson Corp., (1944) 25 Cal. 2d 274, at 277, relied on by Chodos, states that "It is well established doctrine of equity jurisprudence that where a common fund exists to which a number of persons are entitled and in their interest successful litigation is maintained for its preservation and protection, an allowance of counsel fees may properly be made from such fund. By this means all of the beneficiaries of the fund pay their share of the expense necessary to make it available to them."

The common fund principle was more recently described in identical language in both *D'Amico v. Board of Medical Examiners*, 11 Cal. 3d 1, and *Serrano v. Priest*, 20 Cal. 3d 25, at 34 (*Serrano III*) as "when a number of persons are entitled in common to a specific fund, and an action brought by a plaintiff or plaintiffs for the benefit of all results in the creation or preservation of that fund, such plaintiff or plaintiffs may be awarded attorney's fees out of the fund." (See also *Alyeska Pipeline Co. v. Wilderness Society* (1975) 421 U.S. 240.)

An outgrowth of the common fund doctrine, the substantial benefit theory "permits the award of fees when the litigant, proceeding in a representative capacity, obtains a decision resulting in the conferral of a 'substantial benefit' of a pecuniary or nonpecuniary nature. In such circumstance, the court, in the exercise of its equitable discretion, thereupon may decree that under dictates of justice those receiving the benefit should contribute to the costs of its production." [Cases cited.] The benefit must result "in the conferral of a substantial, actual and concrete, pecuniary or nonpecuniary benefit on the members of an ascertainable class. . . ." [Cases cited.]

In the case at bench there was no common fund established and far from showing the conferral of a substantial benefit upon the Church, the record tends only to establish that the receivership resulted in substantial loss to the Church.

Reliance upon the private Attorney General exception is also misplaced. Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5³ is dispositive of the claim. The statute in setting forth the requirements for a "private attorney general" award codifies the trial court's traditional equitable discretion. [Cases cited.]

In *Serrano III, supra*, 20 Cal. 3d 25, at 45, our Supreme Court articulated three basic factors to be considered in awarding fees under this theory: (1) the strength or societal importance of the public policy vindicated by the litigation; (2) the necessity for private enforcement and the magnitude of the resultant burden upon the plaintiff, and (3) the number of people standing to benefit from the decision.

In *Serrano IV, (Serrano v. Unruh*, 123 Cal. App. 3d 573, at 579, it was observed that our Supreme Court, citing *Woodland Hills Residents Assn., Inc. supra*, instructed that "the trial court, utilizing its traditional equitable discretion (now codified in § 1021.5), must realistically assess the litigation and determine, from a practical perspective, whether or not the action served to vindicate an important right so as to justify an

attorney fee award under a private attorney general theory."

In the case at bench, the trial court realistically assessed the litigation and terminated the receivership. It implicitly failed to find that any public right had been vindicated. We agree. When there was no evidence that the Church would benefit from continuation of the receivership, certainly the general public could derive none. And to find benefit to the public in the events taking place under the receivership prior to its termination would be difficult indeed in the face of the Church's uncontroverted evidence of adverse financial and organizational impact brought on by the receivership.

We are of the opinion that the underlying action and its attendant provisional remedy of receivership were from the inception constitutionally infirm and predestined to failure. It follows that the burden of ill-conceived litigation, including the expenses of the receivership and Chodos' fees for procuring that receivership should not be borne by the prevailing party — the Church. [Cases cited.]

The order appealed from is affirmed.

1. Hereafter, reference to Attorney Chodos will include all appellants.

2. The Worldwide Church of God and its various component institutions will be collectively referred to as the Church. The Worldwide Church of God was founded 45 years ago. It is an evangelical Christian church based upon fundamental teachings of both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. It is an hierarchically structured organization incorporated under the California General Nonprofit Corporation Law and is headquartered in Pasadena, California. Its related institutions engage in a number of religious, social and cultural activities including the publication and distribution of a number of periodicals on a worldwide basis.

3. The two officers who were the primary focus of this complaint were Herbert W. Armstrong, Jr. and Stanley R. Rader. Armstrong is the founder of the Church, its Pastor General and according to the doctrine of the Church, Christ's Apostle and Ambassador, the spiritual and temporal leader of the church. Stanley R. Rader, an attorney, and certified public accountant, became associated with the Church in a business capacity in 1957, but later in 1975, embraced the Church, was baptized and became an officer of the Church. He, for many years, has been Mr. Armstrong's personal adviser, and became a minister of the Church in 1979.

4. For example, after the receivership was in place, Herbert Armstrong attempted to mail a letter to approximately 60,000 Church members, in which he described the action against the Church and the appointment of the receiver and strenuously objected thereto on spiritual and legal grounds. He asked the membership to make a special offering directly to him as an endorsement of his stewardship to enable him to defend the Church. The receiver, with court approval, contacted the postoffice, intercepted the letter and prevented the mailing. Subsequently the receiver sent a telegram to all ministers of the Church, decreeing that members were not permitted to make contributions to Mr. Armstrong or his representative for Church purposes or on behalf of the Church.

5. Corporations Code section 9230 formerly read as follows: [Code cited.] The newly enacted section now reads: [Code cited.]

6. Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5 provides: "Upon motion, a court may award attorneys' fees opposing parties against one or more opposing parties in any action which has resulted in the enforcement of an important right affecting the public interest if: (a) a significant benefit, whether pecuniary or nonpecuniary, has been conferred on the general public or a large class of persons, (b) the necessity and financial burden of private enforcement are such as to make the award appropriate, and (c) such fees should not in the interest of justice be paid out of the recovery, if any. With respect to actions involving public entities, this section applies to allowances against, but not in favor of, public entities, and no claim shall be required to be filed therefor."

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — The Ambassador Concert Choir and Orchestra gave their winter concert under the direction of **John D. Schroeder** here Dec. 20.

Performing before a full house in the Ambassador Auditorium, with Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** in attendance, the 182-member chorale and 71-piece orchestra featured the American premiere of composer **Michel Michelet's** "By the Waters of Babylon," with baritone **Gerald Bieritz** as soloist. Mr. Bieritz and Mr. Schroeder conferred privately with the composer during the choir rehearsals to "incorporate the ideals and purpose of the piece," Mr. Schroeder said. Mr. Michelet, who has composed several motion picture scores and classical works, "was very pleased with the performance," according to Mr. Schroeder.

Following the chorale piece, the orchestra performed Felix Mendelssohn's *Concerto in E Minor for Violin and Orchestra, Opus 64*, with violinist **Kathryn Ames** as soloist.

The second half of the performance featured Johannes Brahms' *German Requiem, Opus 45* with Mr. Bieritz and soprano **Barbara Wagner** as soloists. "It's a very serious piece, but filled with hope," Mr. Schroeder said. "It was a wonderful challenge for the chorale," he continued. "It deals with those who die in the Lord, which Church people can relate to very strongly."

Mr. Schroeder praised the chorale, stating, "There is a warm, exuberant spirit in this Church choir that masks the technical errors in performance." The Ambassador Concert Choir is composed of the Ambassador College Pasadena chorale, and brethren from Church congregations in Pasadena, Banning, Garden Grove, Glendale, Long Beach, Los Angeles and Reseda, Calif.

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BIG SANDY — The Ambassador College Chorale here gave its first concert Dec. 5 in the campus dining hall.

Under the direction of **Roger Bryant**, the 48-member group per-

formed five sacred songs in the first half of the program, including Felix Mendelssohn's "How Lovely Are the Messengers." The second half consisted of six secular works, including a children's song, "I Bought Me a Cat."

"I think it was a fun concert for both chorale and audience," commented Mr. Bryant in the Dec. 8 *Ambassador Portfolio*, the campus newspaper.

The chorale director estimated that the group spent about 30 hours rehearsing the music, with extra hours for the individual sections.

The chorale also performed special music for Dec. 5 Sabbath services in Tyler, Tex. Mr. Bryant noted that the chorale will present special music regularly in the Big Sandy church.

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PASADENA — Seven artists will perform at the Ambassador Auditorium in 1982 as part of the New Concert Artist series, announced **Wayne Shilkret**, director of performing arts for the Ambassador Foundation Dec. 11.

The series, now beginning its fourth season, introduces musical artists to the Los Angeles, Calif., area through solo recitals in the Auditorium. Mr. Shilkret noted that the series subscription prices are less than the average cost of a movie. This opens the concerts to a wide audience.

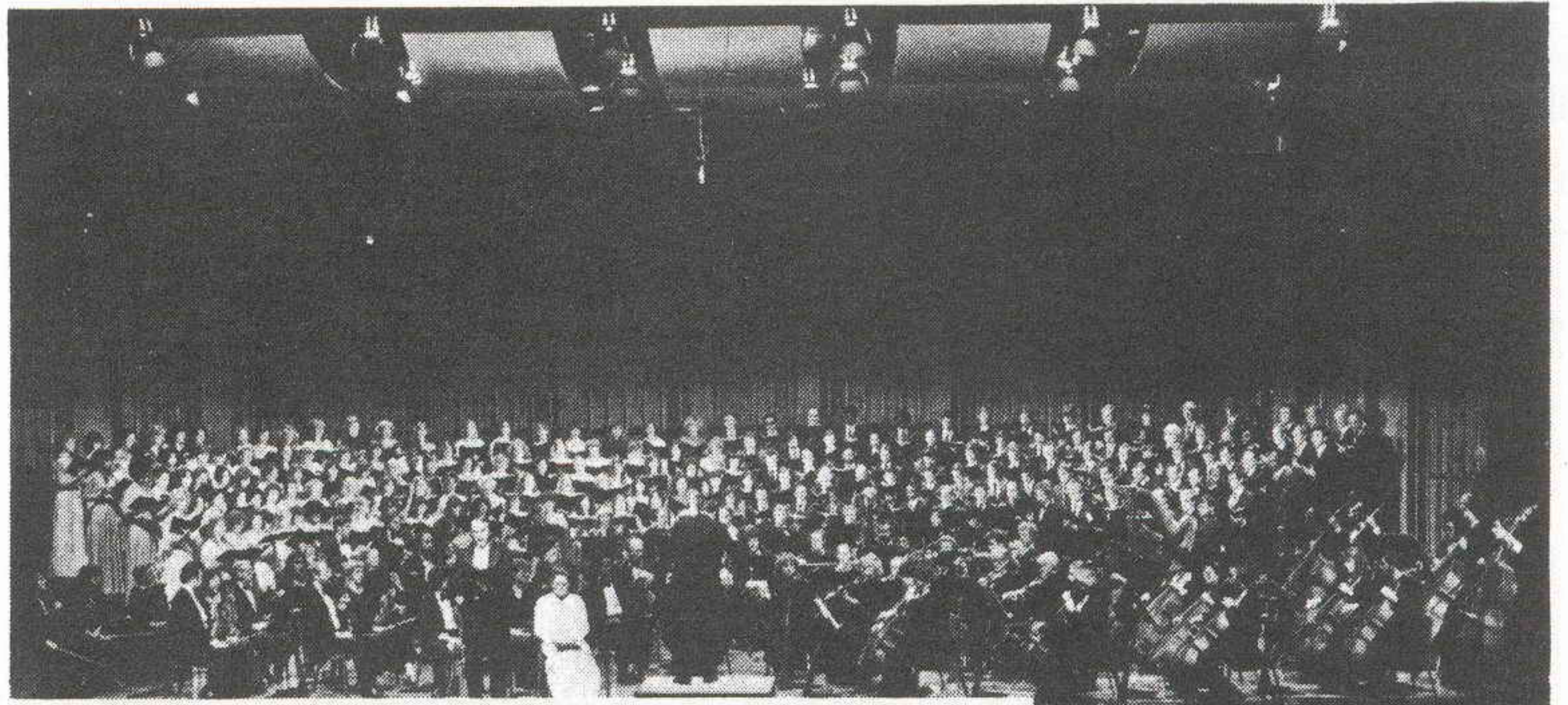
Trumpeter **Stephen Burns** will open the series Jan. 11, followed by cellist **Robert Cohen** Jan. 25. Pianist **Jean-Yves Thibaudet** will perform at the Auditorium Feb. 8. He will be followed by pianist **Silvia Roederer** March 1.

Violinist **Lynn Chang** will perform March 29. Pianist **Santiago Rodriguez**, winner of the 1981 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, will perform April 26. Soprano **Aprile Millo** will close the series May 24.


Several performers have won Young Concert Artist (YCA) auditions in New York City, and have performed in the Lincoln Center there and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and other concert halls in the United States and abroad.

period for the Work's employees here before, after and including the Festival produced a record 25,000 calls.

Going home from the Feast, the



VOICE OF THE MULTITUDE — The 253-member Ambassador Concert Choir and Orchestra perform Johannes Brahms' *German Requiem* Dec. 20, above. Left, John D. Schroeder, director of the group, accepts applause from the full house in the Ambassador Auditorium. (Photos by Nathan Faulkner)



INTERNATIONAL DESK

BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — November was an excellent month for God's Work in Canada. In spite of the prolonged mail strike, which ended Aug. 10, income has increased 23 percent for the year to date. But postal rates will go up 48.5 percent in January for the bulk mailing of *The Plain Truth*, and with 178,000 subscribers in Canada, it will greatly impact the 1982 budget. First class mail goes up 76 percent at the same time.

More than 3,000 replies have been received from ads that appeared in *MacLean's*, *Time*, *Canadian Living*, *Saturday Night*, *Financial Post* and *TV Guide*, and the French-language publications

L'Actualite and Perspectives.

Transfers

Canadian regional director Colin Adair announced the following ministerial moves.

Pieter Michielsen is being transferred from Calgary, Alta., South to pastor the Grande Prairie, Alta., church, and from there Laurie Nyhus is moving to Toronto, Ont., East. Alan Redmond is moving from Wetaskiwin, Alta., to become associate pastor of the Calgary churches under Neil Earle. Wetaskiwin will be pastored by Will Wooster, who also pastors the Red Deer, Alta., congregation. The Didsbury, Alta., church will be canceled. Members formerly attending there will attend at either Red Deer or Calgary North.

Al Nordstrom will move from Toronto East to Winnipeg, Man.

Australia

The World Tomorrow will begin airing on a giant video screen in Melbourne, the second largest city in Australia, Dec. 28 ["Update," *WN*, Sept. 21]. No television or radio stations have opened to the Work there as yet. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's television program will be seen on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:30 p.m., beginning Dec. 28.

In the Blue Mountains area, west of Sydney, a radio station has asked to air *The World Tomorrow* broadcast. The manager of station 2LT, Lithgow, in an unsolicited approach to the Work, offered prime time at a good price seven nights a week, having heard Mr. Armstrong on another station. Radio 2LT has a potential listening audience of 75,000 people.

French media

Several weeks ago I mentioned that *Le Monde A Venir*, the French-language broadcast by Dibar Aparian, would be on Radio Sud in southern France, but because of technical problems at the station this has not happened. [See "International Desk," Nov. 30.]

However, the French broadcast is now on Radio Luxembourg at 5 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday, and 5:15 a.m. on Monday.

The big news for listeners in Belgium is that starting Jan. 1, Mr. Armstrong's television program will be seen for the first time in a French-language area.

Work is progressing in Pasadena on adding French subtitles to the television program, so that as Mr. Armstrong speaks, French-language listeners can read what he is saying at the bottom of the screen. Three programs are now ready, and more are being produced.

The broadcast will be seen each Friday at 11 p.m.

Pacific

Rex Morgan, an elder in the Auckland, New Zealand, Office, spent the last week of November in the new Pacific nation of Vanuatu (formerly the New Hebrides). He conducted a Bible study in the capital, Vila, attended by 18 Malanesians. He baptized one person, increasing membership to five.

It is also hoped *The World Tomorrow* broadcast can be aired on Radio Vanuatu. The director of the station has been a *Plain Truth* subscriber for 17 years and is eager to audition broadcasts. If accepted, this government-owned station would air them free of charge.

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WATS

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Church literature and other information.

Working as a WATS volunteer during the Feast of Tabernacles added a special dimension to the Festival. Hearing callers enthusiastically request literature to learn the truth made us think of Isaiah 2:3: "And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord... and he will teach us of his ways... for out of Zion shall go forth the law..."

Out of the record 6,000 calls received that day, several were humorous. Some, in their excitement, would confuse Mr. Armstrong's name and the offered literature. Some said they were watching either Albert Armstrong, Herman Armstrong or Harold Armstrong. One requested the book, *The U.S. and Canada in Prophecy*.

It was rewarding to receive calls from my local area requesting literature. One man from Wisconsin listening to the broadcast on the way to work decided to be late so he could hear the entire program.

While Oct. 18 produced a record 6,000 calls, the entire Festival saw more than 17,000 calls pour in. Bill Butler, supervisor of the WATS area, said that the entire vacation



WINTER CONCERT — The Ambassador Concert Choir and Orchestra perform the American premiere of Michel Michelet's "By the Waters of Babylon" Dec. 20. (Photo by Michael Snyder)

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