

1982 FEAST OF TABERNACLES TO BE LARGEST ASSEMBLY ON EARTH

By Herbert W. Armstrong
Begin now to focus your mind on the most joyous eight days of this year — to be anticipated and enjoyed by the LARGEST number of people to be gathered at any convention, assembly or festival on earth.

More than 100,000 happy brethren will share this time of rejoicing.

Stop and THINK of the real PURPOSE and MEANING of the Church in which you are a member! We live in a world of discontent, gloom, sorrow, frustration, despair. In boundless LOVE and mercy the Supreme GOD has chosen and called you and me and all our brethren in Christ OUT of this unhappy and futile world. WHY?

Not only to give into our lives His happiness and joy and blessed hope, but to PREPARE us through His Spirit and His spiritual knowledge to rule over and TEACH all humanity during the coming thousand years and the following great judgment to have their lives transformed into vigorous happiness, joy and accomplishment with the GIFT of eternal life — when we ALL shall live happily, gloriously, vigorously, productively FOR EVER AND EVER!

We now look forward to the coming FEAST OF TABERNACLES. At the Feast we shall rejoice eight days looking forward to the time when we may be used in bringing other millions and billions of precious human lives into immortal glorious GOD-LIVES! Yes, then born into the GOD FAMILY — being VERY God ourselves!

All whose hearts and minds are right with God will be spiritually refreshed, uplifted, filled with joyous anticipation, enjoying a real FEAST on the SPIRITUAL WORD OF GOD!

Think how important this Festival is! After the return of King of kings Jesus Christ, "it shall come to pass that every one... shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles" (Zechariah 14:16).

And there shall be plagues and severe punishment on nations that neglect or refuse to attend! People will be compelled to be happy! Of course, that is speaking of mortal people then left alive — not of Christ's saints who then will be immortal and in the very Family of God!

But you and I are, now, still mortal — and the above scripture shows us how very serious in God's eyes it is that we attend this wonderful Feast this year. For we may be attending it as

immortal-born children of God before this present decade is out! That certainly is a likely possibility.

We have undoubtedly entered the most explosive decade in the history of man. But it is possible that God will cut short the days of great tribulation ahead and bring us into the wonderful and glorious Kingdom of God before this decade is out. Again, remember, Jesus said no man will know the day or the hour. But He did say we may know by world events when it is near — even at the door!

This will be my 56th year of keeping the annual Fall Holy Days. We did not come to realize the meaning and need to keep the entire Feast of Tabernacles until 1945, though my wife and I began keeping the annual Sabbaths in 1927.

The Feast of Tabernacles pictures to us year after year the glorious thousand years just shortly ahead now of world peace, happiness and opportunity for eternal salvation for all not previously called! It will be a world without Satan! It will be a

world with Jesus Christ ruling with love!

It is a time for us to get away from the dreary routine of daily life in Satan's world and enjoy eight wonderful days with brethren in Christ and their families! It is the only time in the year that God provides a time when we may get away and rest from our daily regular duties —

to be with brethren in Christ to worship Him and look forward to His utopia!

This year we shall have 23 Festival sites in the United States and Canada. Worldwide there is a total of 76 Feast sites in 44 countries.

Brethren, as God shows us the importance of attending the Feast, it is equally important

that all shall have been saving the second tithing to pay your own expenses and enjoyment at the Festival.

Of course, part of that expense is rental of auditoriums or halls or convention centers and other expenses the Church must pay. So, as always, be sure to send in a tithing of your entire year's second tithing by return mail. Mark or list it separately from your regular first tithing or offering.

What a blessing from God that we have not had to borrow regularly at the banks during all the last three years and so far this year. Formerly we had to borrow a million dollars in January and pay back out of Passover special offerings.

Then we had to borrow another million in July to be paid back from the Fall Festival offerings. Loan rates to largest bank customers have gone over 20 percent! What a blessing not to have to pay these excessive interest rates!

Instructions for making your housing arrangements are included in this issue of *The Worldwide News*.



FESTIVAL SITES — Pictured above are the 1982 United States and Canadian Feast of Tabernacles sites approved by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. A list of sites worldwide appears on pages 7 and 8. (Artwork by Ron Grove)

HWA meets officials in Europe, Middle East

By Aaron Dean
JERUSALEM — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong arrived here in the Work's G-II jet April 2 following meetings in London; Brussels, Belgium; Amman, Jordan; and the island of Cyprus in the Mediterranean.

The pastor general left the Burbank, Calif., airport March 24 in the G-II with David Hulme, the Work's media liaison, Kevin Dean, director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU), myself and my wife Michelle.

Aaron Dean is a local elder serving as Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's personal aide.

The aircraft touched down at 5 a.m. London time at Luton airport in the United Kingdom, about 15 to 20 minutes from the former Ambassador College campus in Brickley Wood.

Later that day, Mr. Armstrong met with evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for God's Work in the United Kingdom, Scandinavia, the Middle East and East and West Africa, and ministers Paul Suckling, Robin Jones and Francis Bergin in his Dorchester Hotel suite in London.

Mr. Armstrong answered questions from the men and discussed the Work in Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries.

The pastor general flew to Brussels March 27, where he met officials of the King Leopold III Foundation and had lunch with the king.

Mr. Armstrong took advantage of the one-hour time difference

between London and Brussels to fly back and conduct Sabbath services in St. Albans, England. Before his sermon, the pastor general raised Mr. Suckling and Mr. Jones to pastor rank. He followed with a powerful sermon exhorting members to properly prepare for the Passover.

On to Amman

Sunday, March 28, Mr. Armstrong and his group left in the G-II for Amman, where he was met by government officials and cameramen from Jordanian television.

The pastor general met March 29 with Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan for an hour and 15 minutes. They discussed the origin of the three major Middle East religions and their common ancestry in the patriarch Abraham.

At the prince's request, Mr. Armstrong autographed and presented a copy of his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* to the crown prince. The prince gave Mr. Armstrong his book, *Palestinian Self-determination*, and invited him to lunch the next day at the government state house.

Tuesday, March 30, before his lunch with the crown prince, Mr. Armstrong was given a guided tour of a school for the mentally retarded by Princess Sarvath. The crown prince had suggested that the Ambassador Foundation could help fund the school, which was started by the princess in 1972.

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Dean were impressed with the school, and the YOU director explained some similar projects in the United States.

The pastor general and Mr. Dean noted that the princess's project was educating both children and parents. In many countries, parents try to hide their retarded children, instead of helping them.

The princess's project begins working with the children at age 2½, continuing through age 16 when they go into vocational training. This helps with the severe labor shortage in Jordan.

After his luncheon with the crown prince, Mr. Armstrong presented a check from the Ambassador Foundation to help fund this worthwhile project.

Meeting canceled

The pastor general's scheduled meeting with King Hussein was unavoidably canceled when the king had to fly to Iraq because of an escalation in the Iran-Iraq conflict. [Jordan is supporting Iraq in the war, and has sent volunteers to serve in Iraq's army.]

Wednesday, March 31, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Hulme met with Dr. Kamal to discuss airing the *World Tomorrow* program on Jordan's television network. The talks went well, and the pastor general expects to return with a special audio videotape this summer. [Amman's television station can also be seen in Jerusalem.] After the meeting, Mr. Armstrong and his party left for Cyprus.

The pastor general met George Ladaf, acting president of Cyprus and president of Cyprus' House of Representatives, April 2. In the meeting, Mr. Ladaf gave a brief but candid explanation of the problems facing Cyprus. Mr. Armstrong then

explained to him the cause of both Cyprus' and the world's problems, and their solution, the Kingdom of God.

After the meeting in the presidential palace, Mr. Armstrong flew to the Jerusalem airport, where he was met by Michael Ravid, former Israeli consul in Los Angeles, Calif.

Sabbath morning, April 3, Mr. Armstrong was visited by His Beatitude Deodoros, the Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church in Jerusalem. The patriarch conferred one of the oldest orders in the world on the pastor general, who was the 131st recipient in the 1,546 years of the order. It was founded by the Roman emperor Constantine I in A.D. 336.

The pastor general and his group spent most of the Sabbath in their hotel, briefly visiting the Garden Tomb and Golgotha.

Sunday, Mr. Armstrong toured the Liberty Bell park with Teddy Kolek, mayor of Jerusalem. That evening, the mayor was host to a dinner in Mr. Armstrong's honor, and presented an ancient coin from his private collection to the pastor general.

The coin, called the platur and minted in A.D. 29 during Christ's ministry, was formed into a pendant for Mr. Armstrong. It was recovered in one of the Jerusalem excavations.

The next day, Mr. Armstrong had lunch with Joseph Aviram, director of the archaeological faculty at Hebrew University, and Benjamin Mazar, past president of the university, at the Chez Simon restaurant. They arranged the shipment of artifacts from the Jerusalem excavations for display in Prince Mikavatis (See MIDDLE EAST, page 2)

Vicious attack against God's Church

The following appeared in the March 19 Pastor General's Report.

By Herbert W. Armstrong
Thursday, March 11, the Los Angeles, Calif., *Times* came out with a blast against the Worldwide Church of God from a letter written by former Church member and auditor Jack Kessler, Dec. 30, addressed to the board and council of elders of the Church, making accusations against God's Church and its apostle personally.

On Friday and Sunday the Pasadena *Star-News* blazed forth the same attack with the same accusations.

God's Church has suffered much and long at the attacks of dissident former members "going to the public media against the Church." I have heretofore remained silent, never dignifying the allegations with a reply.

Some facts, however, have been written by the Church's attorney, Ralph Helge, which I feel you should know. His report follows.

But first let me give you a brief background, that you may see the situation in its true perspective.

Back in 1946 I realized the need of a college for the training of our own ministry and other personnel for the Work of the living God. I consulted with the chancellor of higher education over the state universities in Oregon. He agreed emphatically that education had become materialistic, having lost the true values.

Though he himself was in a position over the presidents of the universities of the state, he said he was powerless to change the existing system. He envied me, because in starting even a small private and independent college, I was free to "recapture the true values."

His expression "RECAPTURE THE TRUE VALUES" became the Ambassador College slogan.

I consulted a former boyhood Sunday school mate, with whom I grew up, who at that time was a dean at the University of San Francisco [Calif.]. He likewise said modern education was materialistic — off the track.

Jesus Christ, through me, started Ambassador College "ON TRACK." He had started God's Church of the Philadelphia era, small as a grain of mustard seed at first, but "ON TRACK!"

The Church, college and Work grew, and GREW and GREW! — at the rate of 30 percent increase per year for 35 years, up to 1968. In that year King Leopold of Belgium had invited me to see him. Also in the fall of that year Prince Mikasa, brother of the emperor of Japan, had invited me to a luncheon with him.

These meetings led to a continuous series of invitations to meet other heads of state in nations around the world. And these in turn opened the doors to carrying the true Gospel as

Christ's messenger — one "sent forth" as an apostle — to leaders in those nations.

For the next seven years I was away from Pasadena headquarters on this great commission up to 300 out of the 365 days of the year.

Meanwhile, leaving the day-to-day administration of the Church and college to others at Pasadena, both Church and college were getting sadly OFF TRACK. The Church was going "liberal," watering down doctrines and God's TRUTH.

The college was becoming just another "rubber stamp" of this world's colleges. The faculty was being loaded with professors from outside the Church, educated in universities of this

world. The evil of "tenure" was introduced in an effort to become "accredited" as one of this world's type institutions. The student body was growing beyond the numbers I had set. Illicit sex, drugs and abuses were fast entering the campus.

In August, 1977, my travels came to a sudden end with TOTAL HEART FAILURE! For many months I was bedridden. I had to learn to walk all over again. I was then living in Tucson, recuperating. I was becoming aware of what had been kept from me — the satanic state that was fast infiltrating the Church and college. I began removing some officials who were, perhaps without realizing it, being deceived by Satan, at the helm of

the Work at Pasadena.

With my typewriter, from Tucson, I began PUTTING THE CHURCH AND WORK BACK "ON TRACK!"

I closed down Ambassador College as then organized and operated. I put Raymond McNair in charge as deputy chancellor, and we started the college all over again with a freshman class only. The "outside" faculty members were terminated — a costly procedure, for they were on "tenure."

I began vigorously to put the Church back "ON TRACK" spiritually from Tucson.

By January, 1981, I began to find abuses I had surmised in supporting services to be true. I

prayed seriously, fervently, earnestly and continuously for days, that God would not let me misjudge some in leading positions of wrongdoing or wrong motives, IF what began to seem apparent was not in fact true. I had placed great confidence in certain high subordinates.

But as the living Christ led me, it became apparent that in putting God's Work back on track, certain personnel changes must be made in the supporting services, as well as spiritual.

I found it necessary to return to the home in Pasadena and take personal charge at headquarters.

I will let Mr. Helge's report relate the facts from there.

Church counsel refutes fiscal allegations

By Ralph K. Helge

PASADENA — As the apostle Paul had to refute and defend against rumor and accusation, so must the Church today.

Jack Kessler is a former auditor and attorney for the Church. He wrote a letter, which he addressed to the Church's board of directors and the Advisory Council of Elders, accusing ministers and executives alike of a wide spectrum of wrongdoing. The letter was then "leaked" to the press and many other sources.

Ralph K. Helge is counsel for the Worldwide Church of God.

The history of the Church shows that it does not attack people, nor attempt to destroy their reputation. The Church only defends when it is accused in order to preserve its name and those of its duly appointed leaders. Such a preservation of its reputation is essential in order not to hinder or impair the accomplishment of its great commission.

The accusations in Mr. Kessler's letter demand such a response. The following is a response that was published in the March 19 *Pastor General's Report* that will aid in evaluating the letter as well as placing it in the proper perspective.

The "leaked" letter of Mr. Kessler now requires we also respond to the media. We had hoped this would not be necessary. We had hoped to restrict our explanation of Mr. Kessler's accusations to the Church's ministry and membership. The following will at least furnish some background facts, which will aid in putting the "leaked" letter into perspective.

Mr. Kessler, while employed by the Church, found time to acquire his certified public accountant (CPA) credentials. He also achieved the highest exam grade in California on the CPA exam.

Later he was added to the accounting firm that became Rader, Cornwall & Kessler. He later became an attorney. Then there was the law firm of Palazzo & Kessler. Then there was the accounting firm of Rader, Cornwall, Kessler & Palazzo. Then there was the accounting firm of Rader & Kessler. Then there was the accounting firm of Kessler & Kessler. The names of the other parties are only mentioned as a matter of fact in order to identify them.

You must wind your way through this twisted path in order to determine if Mr. Kessler in certain letters is defending himself, other former Church officials, clients or others.

Mr. Kessler, under one firm name or another, served as auditor for the Church since 1972. From

time to time a wish was expressed by others, most of the time privately, but sometimes publicly, for an "independent" auditor.

The expression of such a wish not only provoked a denial of a lack of "independence" but was accompanied by wrathful threats of a lawsuit. Two such examples are the lawsuits filed by Mr. Kessler during 1979 demanding in excess of \$563 million in damages.

By mentioning this matter the author does not accuse or even suggest by doing so that Mr. Kessler was acting as anything less than an "independent" auditor. It is mentioned only to emphasize a point.

As one can appreciate, such an attitude would have somewhat of a stifling effect upon any attempt to even suggest that financial conduct of certain ones in the Church, and the manner in which Mr. Kessler was handling the same, should be reviewed by anyone else.

Mr. Armstrong acts

During February, 1981, after the conclusion of the State vs. Church case, Mr. Armstrong determined definitely to make higher echelon personnel changes. As a consequence, certain persons were discharged and the resignation of others was demanded and received. Other personnel changes were also made.

At this time Mr. Armstrong emphatically and unequivocally stated that he was going to "put the Church back on the track." One of the very first steps Mr. Armstrong took was to appoint a group of men as the Advisory Council of Elders. Responsible men and ministers in the Church who have proven loyal and faithful to the Church over the years. Men whom the ministry and the congregations respected. Men whose word would be above reproach. Men who Mr. Armstrong felt could act independently.

One of their primary responsibilities was to commence an investigation of past conduct in the Church. This commission read:

"Take whatever steps are necessary in order to become fully knowledgeable of all the phases and facets of the legal, financial and other secular aspects of the Church, and all its affiliated organizations, so that they may be better able to advise and recommend regarding the same."

It is interesting to note that in other letters sent by Mr. Kessler, he is threatening to sue some of the very men that Mr. Armstrong commissioned to conduct the investigation.

First investigatory steps

One of the first steps of the investigation was the retention of the outside law firm of Gibson, Dunn &

Crutcher, one of the largest and most respected law firms in the nation. Their reputation is above reproach, therefore, no one would successfully be able to claim that they collaborated in a cover-up of any illegal matters that came to their attention.

A commensurate step was to initiate discussions between the new executive and financial personnel of the Church and Arthur Andersen, the outside auditors who had already been retained. They are one of the largest and most respected accounting firms in the nation, whose findings would also be above reproach.

Firstfruits of investigation

The very day that another person's resignation was demanded, that other person unilaterally signed a contract with the accounting firm of Kessler & Kessler, one Kessler of which was the author of the "leaked" letter. The other Kessler is his wife.

The contract provided that Mr. Kessler was to serve as a consultant in the furnishing of advice in the area of accounting with the Church, for a period of five years, at the tune of \$12,500 per month. An additional sum was to be paid should the demands of the Church upon his unique expertise become too taxing.

Apparently it was felt that the auditing and accounting services of Arthur Andersen, one of the world's largest accounting firms, was either not capable of handling the task, or it was necessary to have Mr. Kessler's continued involvement for other reasons.

The contract was immediately delivered to the Accounting Department with instructions to commence issuing checks to the Kessler firm. Two such checks were issued. Once the Church investigation uncovered the Kessler contract, the checks were ordered stopped. Mr. Kessler was advised that the Church did not consider the contract binding upon it and refused to honor the same.

The newspaper reports that Mr. Kessler does not know why he was excommunicated and suggested it might be because of his "friendship with Mr. [Stanley R.] Rader" or because of his "unwillingness to lie about Stanley Rader." Mr. Kessler omits his accusing the Church of "treachery" because it refused to honor the five-year contract.

It appears now that the decision not to honor his contract was not only legally and financially sound but providential. For now we must ask the question, if the Church had honored it, would some other person be accusing the Church today of "bribery" to prevent the leaking of

accusations in the "leaked" letter?

Further, it seems appropriate to comment here that the Church did not and does not have to request lies from anyone. The Church does not need to deal in lies. The Church is only interested in attempting to document the actual facts so as to defend itself from the false accusations of its accusers.

One of the first areas of inquiry with Arthur Andersen was to seek their advice as to the appropriateness of financial expenditures between the Church and the Ambassador Foundation. The commencement of the inquiry must have touched a nerve because promptly a fiery letter was received from Mr. Kessler.

As of March 1, 1981, he certainly felt there was no basis for the "leaked" letter accusations because he stated:

"The question was asked whether they thought there was any impropriety in the Church's giving funding to the foundation in order for the foundation to carry on its activities... to me it's embarrassing for Church officials to wonder aloud whether we're committing some major fraud of this nature. There was no need to ask Arthur Andersen what they thought since they have just given us completely unqualified opinions two years in a row."

It is surprising he now chooses to ignore the exonerating effect of Arthur Andersen's two years of "unqualified opinions."

The Church's investigation also uncovered a matter that caused it grave concern. It uncovered the existence of two corporations in Nevada that had ostensible legal authority to appoint a successor to Mr. Armstrong in the event of his inability to govern the Church.

Neither Mr. Armstrong, nor the ministers whom he looked to for aid in spiritually guiding the Church, nor I, who served as house counsel for the Church for years, had any knowledge of these two corporations. There has been absolutely no satisfactory documented legal evidence that any of such persons would have had any legal control whatsoever of these corporations.

Mr. Kessler was one of the attorneys who created these corporations and who was named as a director of one of them. The other directors were people in his office who were not members of the Church. Only after the many demand letters by the Church upon Mr. Kessler or his associates, attempting to effectuate the immediate dissolution of these corporations, and only after many dilatory responses, and only after the preparation of the pleadings by the Church of a lawsuit to force their dissolution, were documents (See ALLEGATIONS, page 7)

CHURCH NEWS

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Combined services for the PEORIA and MACOMB, Ill., and IOWA CITY and DAVENPORT, Iowa, churches took place in Galesburg, Ill., March 6. A potluck was served and after the Sabbath, the brethren enjoyed swimming, racquetball, jogging, volleyball, basketball and table games. *Janice Keeler.*

The POPLAR BLUFF, Mo., brethren enjoyed a potluck social March 6. The evening's entertainment was the movie *Animals Are Beautiful People*. *Linda Boyce.*

Combined services for the ST. CATHARINES and HAMILTON, Ont., members took place in St. Catharines Feb. 13, followed by a potluck. After the Sabbath, the brethren enjoyed a square dance. While YOU members decorated the school gymnasium and YES members prepared a wall mural for all to enjoy, the 3- to 6-year-olds attempted to break a piñata filled with boxes of raisins, which eventually burst open thanks to Henry Hol. Juices and snacks were served at the end of the evening. *Betty Kish.*

The 19th annual banquet of the ST. LOUIS, Mo., church chorale was March 14. Director Wil Malone was a charter member of the chorale. Pastor Robert Spence and his wife Edna were special guests. The evening's festivities were presided over by Mr. Malone, who read letters of appreciation from the nursing homes where the chorale presented its winter show. Gifts of appreciation were presented to pianists Richard Stanley and Patricia Goodwin and to Jan Maddox, who designed and made many of the costumes for the show. Special thanks were expressed to Elizabeth Yochum and Ethyl Hall for providing care for the children of the chorale members while they practiced. The climax of the evening was a slide show presented by Mr. Malone of some of the activities of the chorale for the past year. *Bob Nevin.*

The ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., church enjoyed a potluck luncheon at the Ridgewood Activity Center in Seminole, Fla., Feb. 21. Music was provided by George Day on the organ. After lunch, the group was entertained by a talent show composed of vocals and instrumentals, with Bobby Sommerkamp as master of ceremonies. Talent show participants were Lynn Stanford, Tonia Rust, the Rust family, Leonard Johnston, Kathy Terry, Karen Liebold and Mr. Day. Afterward, the members enjoyed playing various games. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

About 40 SAN JOSE, Calif., brethren attended the annual family snow trip to Mt. Reba in Bear Valley Feb. 21. The first part of the day was spent skiing, and then a few of the parents took the younger children tobogganing. *Kim Hendren.*

The March 6 social of the SARNIA, Ont., church featured a potluck dinner and a square dance. The caller taught the members the various square dancing steps. *Iva Mae Grimes.*

A combined service and social for the SHEFFIELD, England, church and surrounding areas took place Feb. 27. Guest speaker for the service was George Delap, minister in the St. Albans, England, church. The evening's entertainment centered around a carnival theme. With a background of music from the old organ grinders' melodies, 14 decorated stalls offered such fun as darts and wacky road races. There were prizes for the winners and drinks for those who tried. A farewell was bid to Peter and Heather Bacon, who are moving to Canada. *David Hacker.*

The SHREVEPORT, La., church had an informal family night Feb. 27. Members brought spaghetti dishes for supper, and then they enjoyed card games, dominoes, pool and group singing. *Bill Gay.*

SUVA, Fiji, brethren spent Feb. 28 picnicking at the beach fronting the Beachcomber Hotel, Pacific Harbour, Deuba. The occasion celebrated the completion of a YOU fund-raising project by the men of the church. Minister Epele Kanaimawi is already lining up another fund-raising project. Early in the morning the bus picked up families from their front doors, beginning with the Duaebe family in Nepani and ending with the Young brothers in Suva. After the bus ride to the beach, the members set up for the day, under the leadership of Dick Marr. The singles played volleyball under Marika Yalimawai's leadership, and the children played games, including balloon catching and races, which Watsoni Bole organized. Sweets were distributed as prizes. Sand-castle building followed, while some members went swimming. At noon, the women set up tables, and 10 families enjoyed a pot-

luck, including sugarcane, green coconuts, fresh fruit and drinks. After lunch, most went for a swim. A ladies vs. gentlemen game of water polo got underway, which the women won easily, the gentlemen being gentlemen. Brethren cleaned up the area and returned home on the bus. *Apenisa Naiguleva.*

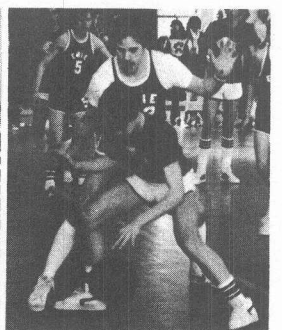
The VICTORIA, B.C., church had its annual formal dinner-dance at the Harbour Towers ballroom March 6. After a smorgasbord, the members danced to the music of a six-piece orchestra. During the intermission, regional director Colin Adair entertained with jokes and Warren Dyck sang and played the piano. *Peter Crompton.*

The WATERTOWN, S.D., church played host to a weekend family social March 6 and 7. Brethren from the Grand Forks, Fargo and Bismarck, N.D., and Sioux Falls and Yankton, S.D., churches attended. Services were at the Guest House Motor Inn, followed by a dinner in the motel's banquet hall. The evening continued with a dance for the teens and swimming and games for the youngsters at Watertown's high school gymnasium and pool. Sunday morning, the Sioux Falls YOU boys' basketball team beat the Bismarck YOU team. The North Dakota men played the South Dakota men, and South Dakota won. In the girls' YOU volleyball game, Bismarck beat Fargo two games to one. Glen Thompson won the free-throw shooting contest. Refreshments were provided by the Watertown women. *Beth L'Amour.*

A monthly Bible study was conducted in WENTZVILLE, Mo., March 16 at



TEAM EFFORT — The Buffalo, N.Y., YOU basketball team celebrates with cheerleaders after winning the Division I title in the YOU district tournament in Buffalo March 13 and 14. Photo at right shows Division II game between Buffalo and Erie, Pa. (See "Youth Activities," this page.) [Photos by Bill Koehn]



CLUB MEETINGS

"Time or Chance" was the theme of the ALBANY, Ore., Women's Club meeting March 14. President Regina Kuipers opened the club with humorous anecdotes. Rhonda Johnson reviewed the book *Getting Organized*. Susan Wheeler read an article about a pioneer housewife's life-style, and Gloria Mason led tabletopics. After a refreshment break, hostess Donna Sills introduced the speakers: Grace Sanner, Imogene Riddle, Linda Silver and Pam Penrod.

The BRUSSELS, Belgium, Spokesman Club combined with the Ladies' Club Feb. 27 for a meeting that Church members attended and participated in. Topics were presented by the Lechiens. To close the first half, director Olivier Carion conducted a Bible quiz for the children and teenagers. Sue Carion, president of the Ladies' Club, and the Spokesman Club toastmaster presented speakers drawn from both clubs. Mr. Verlegh, the Spokesman Club president, encouraged the guests to join the clubs and share their talents. *Bob Harper.*

The New Century Ladies' Club of the COLORADO SPRINGS and PUEBLO, Colo., churches met at the Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs Feb. 28. Sue Vandegriff led the tabletopics, and Cherie Samuels led the business portion of the meeting. During the break, the women enjoyed fruit, cheeses and crackers catered by the hotel. Pastor Clint Zimmerman was guest speaker. Charity Sarvis and Bonnie Rickel financed the refreshments. *Susan Peterson.*

A combined ladies' night for the GREENSBORO, N.C., Spokesman and Graduate clubs took place Feb. 28 at the Thomasville Women's Club. Following the meal and a short break, director Dan Orban and pastor Bob League spoke to the members and guests. *Vicki Hart.*

The Ladies' Club of the HOUSTON, Tex., EAST church met March 9 at the Railroad Museum in Dickinson, Tex. George Meador gave a slide presentation on edible landscape, and a potluck luncheon was served. *Barbara Morris.*

Members of the JONESBORO, Ark., Ladies' Club met at the Ramada Inn for a mother-daughter night March 6. Ora Pack led the tabletopics, which were followed by the program "Children's Education," with Marta Harrell as hostess. "How to Prepare Your Child for School" was given by Marta Harrell. Betty Petty, a high school teacher, supplied helpful information about "How to be a Successful Student." A panel consisting of Nancy Puckett, Bernice Tackett, Aleeta Dame and Joyce Thompson discussed questions pertaining to the teenage years. The meeting was closed by pastor Clyde Kilough's discussion on "Teach Your Child About God." *Barbara Chase.*

The KNOXVILLE and KINGS-PORT, Tenn., Spokesman Clubs had a combined luncheon meeting Feb. 21 at the Morristown, Tenn., Holiday Inn. Kingsport pastor George Elkins opened the meeting and later evaluated the topics session. Knoxville club President Ed Corbett was chairman for the meeting. Phil Owenby and Danny Roop shared the topics. Dana Behm and Ellis Necessary were toastmasters. Each club had three speakers, who were evaluated by members of the other club. Knoxville pastor David Orban evaluated the second half of the meeting. Link Fox gave the Most Effective Speech, and Enoch Anderson gave the Most Helpful Evaluation.

The Knoxville club had its second ladies' night of the year Feb. 27 at the Alcoa Holiday Inn. Director David Orban asked that each member invite eligible men who had not attended a club meeting. Elders, deacons and former club members were also invited. Vice President Enoch Anderson was chairman for the first half of the meeting, and President Ed Corbett was the topicsmaster. Toastmaster for the night was Andy Thomas. Pete Austin gave the Most Helpful Evaluation, Dexter Marlow was the Most Improved Speaker and Charlie Green gave the Most Effective Speech. After the meeting, music was provided for dancing.

The Knoxville club had a special volleyball night Feb. 23 at the Armstein Jewish Community Center. *Andy Thomas.*

The LOS ANGELES, Calif., Spokes-

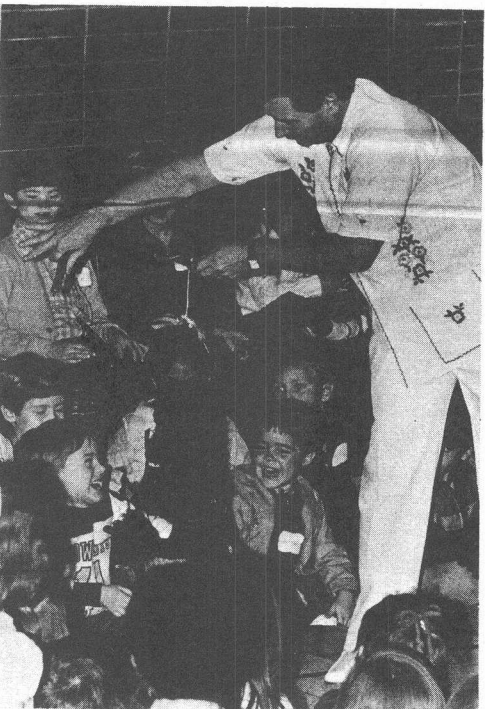
man Club members and their wives or dates enjoyed a brunch meeting Feb. 21. Widows of the church also attended. President Ward Johnson conducted the business session. Secretary Ron Greene read the minutes, and treasurer Bob Anderson gave a treasury report. Tabletopics were conducted by Joe Clarke. Toastmaster Jeff Patten introduced speakers John Logan, Leno Burk (Most Improved Speaker), Geoff Berg (Most Effective Speech) and Vice President Ron Green. Pastor Abner Washington was overall evaluator. *Geoffrey S. Berg.*

The Feb. 28 meeting of the MONROE, La., Women's Club honored the widows of the church. The theme of the meeting was "Etiquette." Director for the night was ministerial trainee John Knaack. Shirley Fulford presented tabletopics, and Janice Massey was hostess. Speeches were given by Irene O'Neal, Barbara Roberts and Jamie Rouse. After the meeting, the club honored the widows with a tea. *Wanda Martin.*

The MONTREAL, Que., English Spokesman Club members and wives or guests enjoyed a wine and cheese afternoon March 7. Following Steve Postak's tabletopics, a variety of 23 wines and 26 cheeses, all garnished with pickles, olives, celery, crackers and bread, was available for sampling. In the second half, five speeches were given, reflecting the theme "Teaching Your Children About God." The Most Effective Speech was given by President Claudius Brown, the Most Improved Speaker was Fawzi Behman and the Most Helpful Evaluation was given by Gaston Santaner. Pastor Cecil E. Maranville evaluated the club, and his assistant, Malcolm Tofts, spoke about this world's psychoanalysis. *Melvin R. Rahel.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

A YOU district family weekend took place in BUFFALO, N.Y., March 13 and 14. More than 210 brethren from (See CHURCH NEWS, page 7)



MARIONETTE SHOW — Children from the four Pasadena church congregations enjoy a marionette show March 28 at a party played host to by the Pasadena Senior Girls' Club. (See "Youth Activities," page 7.) [Photo by Sylvia Owen]

the Cuivre River Electric Hall by Ron Washington, associate pastor of the St. Louis, Mo., churches. *Bill Stough Sr.*

The WINCHESTER, Va., and HAGERSTOWN and CUMBERLAND, Md., churches met at the Winchester church hall Feb. 27 for combined services, followed by a potluck and variety program. Master of ceremonies was Brian Drawbaugh. The deacons and elders participated in a Bible bowl, which was presided over by pastor William Pack. *Bill Howe.*

Fifty members and their children of the ZURICH and BASEL, Switzerland, churches took a 30-kilometer bicycle trip around Lake Baldegg March 14. For the noon meal, the group gathered in and around a rented log house, where a barbecue was prepared on an open fire. Before the ride back to the train station where the bicycles were rented, there was time for fun and fellowship. *Eric C. Ronchetti.*

Director Randy Stiver closed the meeting with an overall evaluation.

The Albany Spokesman Club had a ladies' night March 14. President Wade Cole presided, and Jack Sanner conducted the tabletopics. Toastmaster David Johnson introduced the speakers: Bill Ruttencutter, Bill Looney, Wesley Miller, Joe Elam and David Henion, who gave a farewell speech, as he and his wife Ada and their daughters, Kathy and Lesa, are moving to Texas. Director Randy Stiver concluded the meeting. *Susan Wheeler.*

BOISE, Idaho, Women's Club members played host to a French dinner for their husbands Feb. 13. Carolyn Vanquex organized the dinner, and she had each member bring a dish. Judy McGowan, wife of pastor Jeffery McGowan, concluded the evening with a talk on the technique of bottling champagne and the kinds of glasses to use. *Irene Zeppenfeld.*



MIGHTY SWING — A youth tries to break open a piñata at a combined social of the St. Catharines and Hamilton, Ont., churches Feb. 13. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Bill Heykoop]

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

PASADENA — *The World Tomorrow* was featured on a television commercial aired in the Lexington, Ky., area, according to Ronald Reedy, pastor of the Lexington and Morehead, Ky., churches.

Mr. Reedy reported that the commercial, which was for an electrical appliance store in Lexington, showed a woman standing in front of the store's selection of television sets. At least one of the sets was tuned to the channel on which *The World Tomorrow* is shown.

"They obviously filmed it between 9:30 and 10 a.m. on a Sunday morning," observed Mr. Reedy, pointing out that this is the time when Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's program can be seen in the Lexington area.

During the commercial Mr.

Armstrong could be clearly seen expounding the Scriptures, said Mr. Reedy, adding that such exposure could subtly remind viewers of the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

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PASADENA — The Ambassador Foundation purchased part of the El Monte, Calif., school district stringed instrument collection and donated them to the Pasadena Unified School District's music program, according to Ellis LaRavia, who assists Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in the foundation.

Mr. LaRavia presented a one-eighth-size violin from the 67-piece El Monte purchase to Pasadena third-grader Jennifer Frautschi April 2 in the office of Ramon C. Cortines, superintendent of the Pasadena school district.

Fiji sets Festival plans

By Rex Morgan

PACIFIC HARBOR, Fiji — The beauty of this South Pacific island lies in its palm-fringed beaches protected by coral reefs and luxuriant countryside of flowering trees and shrubs, sugar plantations and banana groves. This is the sixth year the Festival has been observed in Fiji.

Brethren will meet hospitable and friendly Fijians and learn of their culture. Feastgoers can feast each day on fresh coconut milk, pineapples, bananas, pawpaws and other tropical fruits and vegetables.

Pacific Harbour, a resort area, is a 35-minute drive west of Suva, the capital of Fiji. Services will take place in Sakura House near the

Beachcomber Hotel.

One afternoon during the Festival is set aside for shopping in Suva's duty-free shops. In such stores it is customary to bargain.

Overseas brethren can receive special rates in private villas right on Pacific Harbour. For more information on this special arrangement and other details about the 1982 Festival in Fiji, write as soon as possible to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Box 2709, Auckland 1, New Zealand.

1982 Feast

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United Kingdom again this year — Eastbourne, south of London on the coast; Southport, on the northwest coast; and Tenby in South Wales. (See article, this page.) Information can be obtained from David Gunn, Box 111, Borehamwood, Herts., WD6 1LU, England. (Note: There is no site in Ireland this year, but plans are to return to Galway in 1983.)

Norway

The Scandinavian site will again be at Krokklieva, Norway, west of Oslo. All services will be in English, and those interested should write to David Gunn, Festival Office, Box 111, Borehamwood, Herts., WD6 1LU, England.

Europe

Praz-sur-Arly, the lone Feast site in France, is at the foot of Mt. Blanc, just an hour's drive from Geneva, Switzerland. Accommodation and three meals a day (with wine) are only \$20 a day a person, with children less than 12 half price.

A simultaneous translation into English will be provided. Details and applications can be obtained from Dibar Apartian, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Bonndorf, in the Black Forest of southern West Germany, will again be a Feast site. Services will be in German and English with translations carried by wireless headphone equipment.

To apply, write to the Festival Office, Ambassador College, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, 5300 Bonn 1, West Germany, or Rod Matthews, International Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Brno, Czechoslovakia, was much in demand last year. Those who were turned down, and given priority this year, have already filled the available capacity for international transfers. Sorry — perhaps 1983!

It's Exloo again this year, a beautiful resort in northeastern Holland. Services will be in Dutch, but all will

Mr. LaRavia said the presentation "fits in very nicely with the philosophy of Mr. Herbert Armstrong and the Ambassador Foundation. These instruments will provide the means for students to develop confidence and enrich their lives."

Mr. Cortines, who was present for the presentation with Wayne Shilkret, director of performing arts for the Ambassador Foundation, thanked the foundation for its contributions in Pasadena, noting that development of music appreciation adds depth and stability both to students and adults.

The Pasadena music program serves more than 1,950 students from fourth grade to senior high school. Two hundred fifty students performed March 30 at the Ambassador Auditorium in the All-City Honor Music Festival.

British Feast sites open

BRITISH ISLES — The Feast will be observed at three sites in Britain this year, each offering a different blend of scenery and facilities, but all offering the warmth and hospitality of the brethren from Britain and Ireland.

Certain factors make a Feast in the British Isles appealing. Accommodations are inexpensive. For example, those wishing to attend the Feast in Tenby, South Wales, can rent a modern trailer (caravan) with room for the whole family for no more than \$90 (£50) for 10 days, including electricity and gas.

Trailers are equipped for meal preparation with shops nearby.

Housing is available in hotels at the Southport, Merseyside, site. At the Pontins Self-Catering Holiday

New Zealand site offers geysers, mineral springs

By Rex Morgan

ROTORUA, New Zealand — Boasting some of the finest scenery and natural wonders found anywhere, Rotorua will be the lone Feast site in New Zealand this year.

Rex Morgan is a local elder serving the Auckland, New Zealand, church.

This area is replete with geysers, crystal springs, bathing pools of hot mineral water, richly colored craters and glittering silica terraces in beautiful formations.

Thermal attractions, however, are only some of the activities available for visitors to this city 145 miles (234 kilometers) south of Auckland, the country's capital.

Lakes surrounded by native forests, placid trout pools, scenic walks and bush tracks have attracted God's people to this site for the past 14 years.

Anglers from the world over come to the Rotorua region to fight rainbow and brown trout that abound in lakes and streams.

New Zealand has its own native race, the Maoris, who are renowned for their friendship and for preserving the character, traditions and love of their heritage.

Brethren can experience Maori history by visiting the villages of Whakarewarewa and Ohinemutu. Feastgoers will see culture recreated at a *hangi* (Maori feast) and a traditional Maori concert.

About 1,200 of God's people are expected to attend this year. Services will take place in the Sportsdrome, in the beautiful government grounds.

The Sportsdrome is near the shores of Lake Rotorua and close to the main street and shopping center in the heart of the city. Fine motels are available within walking distance of the hall.

Overseas visitors considering transferring to Rotorua for the 1982 Festival should write for further information as soon as possible to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Box 2709, Auckland 1, New Zealand.

Village, accommodations range from \$105 (£58) for one person to \$215 (£119.60) for seven people.

At the Eastbourne site, on the south coast, a number of hotels and guest houses are available. At Kings Holiday Park and Country Club, costs for a self-catering chalet are \$190 to \$215 (£105 to £120).

An optional four-night, three-day stay in London after the Feast is being planned. The tour offers unparalleled sightseeing activities and events, capped by a good-bye banquet. Price for the optional tour will be about \$165 (£90) a person, sharing a twin room.

For more information, write the Festival Office, Box 111, Borehamwood, Herts., England WD6 1LU, or telephone 01 953 1633.

site is at Bentota, Sri Lanka, with exact location yet to be confirmed. Write to the Australian Office to apply for a transfer. The Feast site in Burma is not open to transfers because of language and visa restrictions.

For information about Jerusalem see article in the March 29 *WN*.

Philippines

The five Philippine sites are Baguio City, Cebu, Davao City, Cagayan de Oro and Naga. Information and applications can be acquired from Guy Ames, Box 7519, M.I.A., Metro Manila 3120, Philippines.

Southern Africa

In South Africa, brethren will meet at Durban, George, Sonesta and Umgababa again this year. The South African Office is also responsible for sites at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, and Black River Bay, Mauritius.

Contact Bryan Mathie, Festival Office, Box 1060, Johannesburg, Transvaal, Republic of South Africa, 2000.

East and West Africa

For information on the Feast in Ghana (location not yet confirmed); Kano, Nigeria; Naro Moru, Kenya; and Cape McLearn, Malawi, contact David Stirk, Box 111, Borehamwood, Herts., WD6 1LU, England.

Mexico

Mexico's site is again at Oaxtepec. Services will be in Spanish. No English translation will be provided. To apply, write to Tom Turk, Ambassador, Instit Cultural Y Educativa, AC, Torcuato Tasso No. 207, Colonia Polanco, Mexico 5, DF, Mexico.

Central and South America

Because of the uncertain situation in Central America the Feast site is yet to be confirmed, but it is likely to be in Honduras or Costa Rica.

In Colombia, the site is at Mel-

Germany accepting transfers

PASADENA — Bonndorf, West Germany, will again accept international transfers to the Feast of Tabernacles this year, according to Tom Lapacka, Basel and Zurich, Switzerland, church pastor and Festival elder for the Bonndorf Feast site.

Mr. Lapacka said that with a projected attendance of 850, Bonndorf can accommodate 150 transfers from overseas. Services will be in German and English with simultaneous translations. Family activities are planned.

The Feast site is in the Black Forest of southern West Germany, offering many tourist attractions. During the Feast, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's Festival address will be shown.

Bungalows, hotels and boarding house accommodations are available ranging in cost from \$15 to \$25 a bed a night. Frankfurt, West Germany, can be reached by air from most major cities and the Zurich airport is only 1½ hours away by car.

Those wishing to attend the West German Feast site should obtain application forms as soon as possible, Mr. Lapacka stated. These are available from Ambassador College, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, 5300 Bonn 1, West Germany, or the International Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, U.S.A. General inquiries can be directed to Rod Matthews in Pasadena (213) 577-5155 or John Karlson in Bonn (089) 219221.

gar; in Peru at Huaraz; and there is a possibility of a new site in Venezuela, but this won't be confirmed for several weeks.

No English translation will be provided for sites in Central and South America, so they are restricted to those who can gain full value listening and fellowshiping in Spanish.

For details contact the Spanish Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

In Argentina, the Feast will be at Monte Hermoso. Details are available from Al Sousa, Casilla Coreo 4 Suc 19 (B), 1419 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In Chile, the Feast will be at Lago Rapel. Details will be provided by Mario Sieglie, Casilla 10384, Santiago, Chile.

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