

HWA meets queen of Jordan, parliament leaders during trip

By Aaron Dean
PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong returned to Church headquarters here Oct. 28, capping a 20-day trip to England, Belgium, Denmark, Israel and Jordan.

Aaron Dean serves as Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's personal aide.

Sunday, Oct. 9, Mr. Armstrong boarded the Church's G-II jet at the Burbank, Calif., airport. With him were Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor, and his wife Barbara; Robert Smith, the Church's interior decorator; Aaron Dean, Mr. Armstrong's personal aide; and his wife, Michelle.

With the European Continent in upheaval over scheduled deployment of the Pershing nuclear-tipped missiles, Lebanon torn by civil war and other possibly prophetically significant world events in the making, Mr. Armstrong felt that Mr. Hogberg should be closer to the scene of these momentous events. You can read of Mr. Hogberg's account of this and other events in his "World-watch" column beginning on page 2.

The first stop en route to Europe was Savannah, Ga., home of the Gulfstream Aerospace Corp.

The Church arranged to purchase a new Gulfstream III jet, to replace the G-II. The G-III, which has set several speed and efficiency records, can fly more than 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) farther between fuel stops than the G-II.

It is also 25 percent more fuel efficient than the G-II and maintains a cabin pressure of 6,000 feet, instead of the present jet's cabin pressure of 8,000 feet. This provides its passengers with more natural oxygen in flight and provides greater atmospheric comfort during takeoffs and landings.

Monday, Oct. 10, Mr. Armstrong and his group toured the Gulfstream plant. They obtained the production number of the Church's G-III, and viewed parts of the new jet as they toured the facility.

After being told it takes more than 3,000 employees about nine months to construct a G-III, Mr. Armstrong replied that "it takes nine months to make one of us [humans] without hands."

After the tour, Mr. Armstrong joined Gulfstream executives including Allan Paulson, president and chairman of the corporation, for lunch.

After lunch, the pastor general conferred for an hour with Gulfstream engineers discussing the G-III's cabin design. After the meeting, Mr. Smith stayed behind to arrange details, and Mr. Armstrong returned to the airport for the flight to Europe.

Flight to Europe

Mr. Armstrong and his group left Savannah at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and touched down at the Copenhagen, Denmark, international airport at 4:30 a.m., local time Tuesday, Oct. 11.

As Mr. Armstrong mentioned in the Sept. 29 Last Great Day satellite transmission, several meetings with heads of state were scheduled. However, because of various circumstances, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Hogberg met only with the speaker of the Danish Parliament before flying to London, England, Oct. 14. The speaker was impressed with Mr. Armstrong and said he would like to personally take the pastor general to see Queen Margrethe II of Denmark when Mr. Armstrong returns to that country.

During his stay in Denmark, the pastor general wrote the first draft of the Oct. 18 co-worker and member letter (which was transmitted from London to Editorial Services in Pasadena) and began work on his "Personal" for the 50th anniversary edition of *The Plain Truth* in February.

After his meeting with the speaker, Mr. Armstrong and his party left for London. During the 2-hour flight he continued working on his "Personal."

Touching down at noon London time at the Luton, England, airport, Mr. Armstrong was met by evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of the British Regional Office and Francis Bergin, business manager. After lunch at the Dorchester Hotel in London, Mr. Armstrong continued work on his February "Personal."

Sabbath was a special day as brethren in London gathered to hear the pastor general. In his afternoon sermon, Mr. Armstrong went into detail about God and the Word (Jesus Christ) throughout recorded history and prehistory, and emphasized the 1,000 years to come.

After the service London ministers joined the pastor general for dinner in the penthouse at the Dorchester Hotel. Mr. Armstrong discussed the trip and outlined the contents of the *World Tomorrow* videotape he submitted for broadcast on Jordanian television. Several remarked that it was inspiring to hear firsthand the reports from Mr. Armstrong.

Technological advances

Monday, Oct. 17, Mr. Armstrong had lunch with Patrick Spooner of the Royal Opera House in London. Mr. Spooner discussed a new production he felt would interest the pastor general.

Columbia Artist Management Inc., plans to link the opera stages of London; Paris, France; Milan, Italy; and Chicago, Ill., in an intercontinental performance Dec. 11. Opera stars would perform a half-hour in each

opera house, while the other three houses would watch by satellite. This has not been done before.

Through Mr. Spooner, Mr. Armstrong secured the exclusive live transmission rights of this event for the Ambassador Auditorium, providing Columbia management is able to finalize the production details.

Meeting Dr. Habsburg

After lunch with Mr. Spooner, the pastor general flew to Brussels, Belgium, for a meeting with Otto von Habsburg at his European Parliament office.

At 7:15 p.m., Brussels time, Mr. Habsburg met Mr. Armstrong in the lobby of the Parliament building and invited him, Mr. Hogberg and

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KNESSET MEETING — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and Menahem Savidor (right), speaker of the Israeli Knesset (parliament), discuss international issues in Mr. Savidor's Jerusalem office Oct. 26. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Nine-day conference in Pasadena

Regional directors hear HWA

By Michael A. Snyder
PASADENA — "There's going to be a keynote for these meetings, and that is harmony, unity and that we are all going to speak the same things," declared Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong to 12 regional directors and Pasadena-based evangelists, department heads and wives Oct. 31.

"But that same thing is not what Herbert Armstrong says," he continued. "That same thing we've all got to speak is what Jesus Christ speaks. Now he is the Word of God. He speaks only what God the Father told him to speak."

Mr. Armstrong's address was part of a nine-day regional coordina-

tors conference conducted in Pasadena Oct. 30 to Nov. 7.

"The purpose of these meetings," evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr. told the assembled group Nov. 1, "is to conform all international offices under Mr. Armstrong's personal and direct supervision through Ministerial Services." Mr. Tkach serves as director of Ministerial Services under the pastor general.

The six-day meetings focused on coordinating publishing, legal, financial and other Church-related data worldwide, the evangelist said.

Besides Mr. Armstrong's and Mr. Tkach's addresses, Leroy Neff, evangelist and Church treasurer, outlined Church finances world-

wide, and each regional coordinator made a presentation on the area he administers.

Others making presentations included evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor; Dexter H. Faulkner, managing editor of the Church's publications; Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services; Larry Omasta, director of Media Services; David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing; Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center; evangelist Raymond F. McNair, Pasadena Ambassador College deputy chancellor; Church legal counsel Ralph Helge; and David Simpson, manager of the Shipping & Receiving Department.

Regional directors of God's Work attending the conference were: Colin Adair, English-speaking areas of Canada; Guy Ames, Philippines; evangelist Dibar Aparitan, French-speaking areas; Stan Bass, English-speaking areas in the Caribbean; Bram de Bree, Dutch-speaking areas; evangelist Frank Brown, Great Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East; Carn Catherwood, Italian-speaking areas; Roy McCarthy, southern Africa; Robert Morton, Australia and Asia; Peter Nathan, New Zealand and the South Pacific; Frank Schnee, German-speaking areas; and evangelist Leon Walker, Spanish-speaking areas.

A summary of each regional director's presentation will be published in the Nov. 21 *Worldwide News*.

In his address, Mr. Armstrong outlined events in Grenada, Lebanon, Europe and elsewhere.

"I realize as I never did before how much we're dependent on our God, and how we have to rely on Him, and how we're living in a world that does not," the pastor general said. "We're living in very, very serious times."

Mr. Armstrong spoke of a new book he is writing, and reviewed in detail the major doctrines God revealed to the Church. He explained how the world's religions don't understand who or what God is, that God is a family, how God is

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INTERNATIONAL GATHERING — Speaking in the Science Hall of the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong outlines major Church doctrines for regional directors, department heads and wives Oct. 31. The address was part of a nine-day regional directors' conference. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

PASTOR GENERAL'S ITINERARY

- Oct. 9: Savannah, Ga.
- Oct. 10: Flies to Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Oct. 11 to 14: Copenhagen.
- Oct. 15 to 19: London, England
- (Oct. 17: day trip to Brussels, Belgium)
- Oct. 19 to 24: Amman, Jordan.
- Oct. 24 to 27: Jerusalem, Israel.
- Oct. 27 to 28: London.
- Oct. 28: return to Pasadena.

Violence wrecks dim prospects for peace

Gene H. Hogberg traveled with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on his latest trip to Europe and the Middle East.

JERUSALEM — It could not be a more opportune moment to be in the Middle East than right now (Oct. 27) traveling as I have been with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and his staff.

The day before we left Amman, Jordan, for Jerusalem the latest eruption of violence rocked the Middle East. Early Sunday morning, Oct. 23, two terrific explosions flattened the American and French command posts in Lebanon. (As of the latest count 230 U.S. Marines and sailors and 58 French paratroopers perished, with more still unaccounted for.)

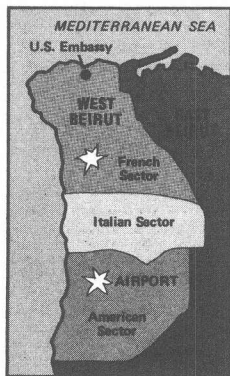
Evidence indicates that the perpetrators of the barbaric acts — carried out by suicide terrorists driving TNT-laden trucks into the compounds — were members of a Shiite Muslim politico-military group.

Shiite radicals are implacably opposed to the Western multinational forces, which they see not as neutral "peace-keepers" but as military props behind President Amin Gemayel. In turn, the Gemayel government, the Shiites believe, is strongly biased toward Maronite (Christian) Arabs, the traditional moneyed class in sectarian Lebanon.

Because of their abiding hatreds, the Lebanese Shiites (who make up

one third of Lebanon's population) are easily manipulated by nearby and outside powers — namely, Syria, Iran and the Soviet Union — who all have their own aggressive ambitions in the region.

Syria, reinforced by 7,000 Soviet military personnel coupled with new Russian armaments, including SS-21 missiles, has rebounded from its near demise at the hands of Israeli forces in the early part of last



BEIRUT BLASTS — Map shows where bombs killed American and French members of the peace-keeping force in Lebanon. [Artwork by Ron Grove]

year's Lebanese war.

Oct. 26 in the Knesset (parliament), Speaker Menachem Savidor told Mr. Armstrong, Aaron Dean (Mr. Armstrong's aide) and me (with our television crew filming the proceedings) that by the 17th or 18th day of the war Syria was effectively knocked out of action. The

next to no political clout among their neighbors.

Precious time was lost. The war dragged on. Jordan became disheartened. Let off the hook, Syria once again turned to Moscow.

Eventually Israel got bogged down in Lebanon too, pulling back to a southern defensive perimeter,

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



Palestine Liberation Organization military structure was shattered. Soviet prestige in the region had sunk to a low ebb.

Recognizing the new reality Jordan, we were informed, approached Israel about the possibility of a settlement a la the Israeli-Egyptian accord. Even Syrian officials traveled to Washington to see what they could salvage from the debacle.

However, U.S. diplomacy dilly-dallied, failing to seize the opportunity. For one thing, Washington, always wanting to appear even-handed and trying as ever to get all interested parties together, attempted to bring Saudi Arabia into the overall picture. The Saudis, however, even though they are the paymaster of the Arab world, have

leaving the Americans and Europeans, who encouraged such a pull-back, exposed to the full fury of fratricidal Lebanese infighting. A fleeting moment that might have been was lost.

Iranian connection

The fact that the French com-

mand post was also destroyed was another clear indication of who directly carried out the double Beirut debacle. Lebanese Shiites are greatly influenced by the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's revolution in largely Shiite Iraq, including its ideal of martyrdom.

The pro-Iranian groups have a logical reason for attacking the French. Paris is Iraq's main Western ally in its war with Iran. The government of Iran of course wants to propel its holy war revolution throughout the largely Sunni Muslim Arab world.

Now, in the latest disturbing development, Iraq is receiving from France five Super Etendard fighter bombers. Iraq already has 30 long-distance-firing Exocet missiles of the variety that wrought havoc on the British Royal Navy in the Falklands war. Iraq's aim is to destroy, or at least threaten to destroy, Iran's Kharg Island oil complex or to ward off ships loading oil there.

Iran, in turn, has threatened to block the Gulf of Hormuz entrance to the Persian Gulf should its oil facilities be wiped out. If a blockade is successful (the state of Iran's navy is not known) 40 percent of Western

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European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Grenada in perspective

BOREHAMWOOD, England — A shopkeeper in London realized I was American. The verbal invective that followed (in the wake of the U.S. invasion of Grenada) persuaded me to find the front door sooner than I planned.

This unalarming incident illustrates the disquiet created in the United Kingdom over the American invasion of Grenada. From the British point of view, this military adventure was short both on legality and diplomatic tact.

One of the titles of Queen Eliza-

beth II is Queen of Grenada. In spite of the Marxist takeover the invasion was still viewed as an incursion on British territory against the advice of Britain's prime minister.

Margaret Thatcher went so far as to imply that free capitalist states of the West should not invade foreign territories even if under Communist control. And there can be no doubt that the invasion put the Tory [Conservative party] government in a position of undignified helplessness, while presenting the opposition party with a field day in the House of Commons.

Americans are not known for their understanding of the niceties of British protocol. Such lack of understanding too often places the special Anglo-American relationship under needless strain. Be that as it may, it is not the purpose of this column to judge the rightness or wrongness of the invasion one way or the other.

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Readers respond

I am a preacher and am running short of sermon material. I find subjects for preaching in Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong's material. Keep up the good work!

G. Haynes
Mount Vernon, Ill.

I teach Sunday school and love your booklets. I get approval from the pastor first, then teach the kids. I xerox some of the material and give it as required reading. The pastor also teaches the church some of what he learns from the booklets.

Ursula P. Finnie
Suitland, Md.

I heard about *The Plain Truth* from my priest. He is asking his whole congregation to subscribe to your magazine.

Horace Gresham
West Point, Va.

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Young Ambassadors TV appearance

Two of my fellow co-workers this past Sunday watched your program with me which featured segments from last year's Feast show. They were interested and enjoyed the show as far as I could see.

Thomas Courtney
Highland Heights, Ky.

Seeing the Young Ambassadors Sunday on TV (and having the blessing of my unconverted husband watching with me) was so exciting. My heart felt like it would soon take off just like the hot air balloon. What an uplifting show.

Seeing you [Mr. Armstrong] working as the song *You'll Never Walk Alone* (See LETTERS, page 14)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Most-common question

A while back I asked the Work's Personal Correspondence Department if they could tell me what was the most-asked question they receive. I was surprised at their answer.

The most-asked question from members, co-workers and nonmembers was: "Would you please pray for me?" — a call for help.

In our modern end-time society many are realizing the need for God's help. Yet many more of us are afraid to admit our need and to ask for help. Why is that? Why is it such a struggle for us to cry out for assistance when we so desperately need it?

Asking for help when needed is smart. It's also the answer to fatigue and the "I'm indispensable" image. So what keeps us from this wise course of action? Plain, stubborn unwillingness to admit need.

The greatest battle many in God's Church today fight is not with inefficiency, but with superefficiency. It's been bred into us by high-achieving parents, through years of high-pressure competition in school, and by that unyielding inner voice that keeps urging us to "Prove it to 'em boy!" or "Show 'em you do it without anyone's help, girl!"

The result, painful though it is to admit, is a life style of frustrating impatience. We become easily irritated — often angry. We work longer hours. Spend less time with our family or friends. Forget how to laugh. Allow longer and longer gaps between meaningful times with God's Word. Enjoy fewer and fewer moments in prayer and meditation.

And all the while the specter of discouragement looms across our horizon like a dark storm front — threatening to choke out any remaining ray of light.

Maybe it's time we stop dead in our tracks and realize our true calling.

There is no way we can keep pushing our life at that pace and expect to stay effective.

Analyze it any way you please, we are still qualifying for God's Kingdom. Step by step. Slowly but surely. All this qualifying takes time and patience.

So slow down — let God do His work His way by developing quality in us, not quantity. We need to stop trying to cover all the bases and sell popcorn and peanuts in the stands at the same time.

Some of us need to reread Solomon's book of Ecclesiastes. It's a revealing Bible study. So pause for a change! Remember God wants us all to make it into His Kingdom and not burn or spin out in the last lap of the race.

Now once we've put it into neutral, so to speak, crack open the Bible to Exodus 18 and read aloud verses 18 to 27. It's the account of a visit Jethro made to the work place of his son-in-law — a gentleman by the name of Moses.

Old Jethro frowned as he watched Moses flash from one problem to another, from one person to another. From early morning until late at night, the harried leader of the Israelites was up to his neck in decisions and activities.

He must have looked impressive — eating on the run, ripping from one end of the camp to the other, planning appointments, meeting deadlines. But Jethro wasn't impressed.

"What is this thing that you are doing for the people?" he asked (verse 14, New American Standard Bible throughout). Moses was somewhat defensive (most too-busy people or parents are) as he attempted to justify his ridiculous schedule.

Jethro didn't buy the story.

Instead, he advised his son-in-law against trying to do everything alone. He responded to him with strong words: "The thing that you are doing is not good. You will surely wear out" (verses 17 and 18).

The Hebrew term here means "to become old, exhausted." In three simple words, he told Moses to call for help.

The benefits of shifting and sharing the load? Read verses 22 and 23. "It will be easier for you . . . you will be able to endure."

That's interesting. I think God wants our life style to be easier than most of us realize. We seem to think it's more commendable and spiritual to have that tired-blood, overworked-underepaid, I've-really-got-it-tough look. You know, the old martyr complex. That strained expression usually means, "I'm too stubborn to ease up" or "I'm too insecure to say 'no'" or "I'm too proud to ask for help."

We might fool some people, but we are not kidding God. The truth of the matter is quite the contrary. That hurried, harried appearance usually means, "I'm too stubborn to ease up" or "I'm too insecure to say 'no'" or "I'm too proud to ask for help."

Since when is a bleeding ulcer a sign of spirituality? Or a 70-hour week a mark of efficiency? When will we learn that efficiency is enhanced not by what we accomplish but more often by what we relinquish?

Analyze your life. Set priorities and drop some of the nonessentials. Share some of those responsibilities with others. Simplify your life so you can give more attention to what's really important.

In this way we all develop true character.

Are problems beginning to get you down? Feeling rotten? Too tired to pray or study the Bible — in too big of a hurry? Angered at a lot of things and people?

Let me suggest some words God loves to hear us call out when we're angry or discouraged: "Help me, O Lord my God; Save me according to Thy loving kindness" (Psalm 109:26).

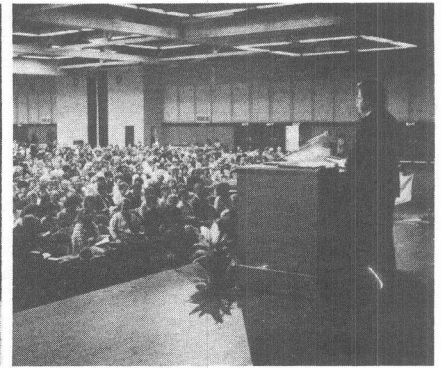
We must not forget that God cares for us. He hears our cry for help no matter what the circumstances. And we must remember that God has given us His servants, our ministers whom we can and should go to for the encouragement and advice we need.



PERTH, AUSTRALIA



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SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

Unity marks 50th Festival

With this issue The Worldwide News completes its Festival coverage with reports from 46 Feast sites. The 1983 Feast was celebrated at 83 sites.

AFRICA

ACCRA, Ghana — About 250 brethren kept the Feast of Tabernacles in this African country.

Meeting at the University of Ghana, Feastgoers heard speakers develop a theme of unity and becoming self-sufficient in the midst of the nation's economic problems.

Members feasted on spiritual messages by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on 16-mm. film and videotape; Melvin Rhodes on how the world's problems will be solved, God's governmental system, what love means in marriage, and the meaning of the Last Great Day; Josef Forson spoke on becoming kings with real power and authority, and how overcomers need a "candor" attitude; Solomon Ayitey discussed being single and the Kingdom of God; and Charles Akowuah explained how farming can help lift brethren from poverty.

A social and banquet were the physical high points of the Festival. After Sept. 25 services, toys donated from brethren outside Ghana, were distributed to children.

Youths took part in a game afternoon and ice cream party during the Feast. Single members baby-sat children while Mr. Rhodes conducted a Bible study for married couples.

Members were grateful to God when an unexpected paramilitary meeting at the University of Ghana was canceled on the Last Great Day, allowing services to continue unhindered. *Melvin Rhodes and Josef A. Forson.*

BLACK RIVER BAY, Mauritius — Preparation for the world tomorrow through personal responsibilities in the Body of Christ was the main theme in the Hotel Club where 139 brethren attended the Feast of Tabernacles.

Sermon topics on this Indian Ocean island included the meaning of the Feast shown by the Sabbath, our temporary sojourn as a time of testing, preparing tomorrow's leaders by our child training, mercy: a godly trait we must develop, how God will prepare physical Israel for the world tomorrow, losing our lives for Christ's sake, and the meaning of the Last Great Day by Peter Hawkins. David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing for the Work, spoke on the role of a father, and Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's twofold commission.

Brethren viewed Mr. Armstrong's opening night film and heard taped messages from the first day of the 1982 Feast of Taber-

nacles by Mr. Armstrong, and on education in the world tomorrow by John White.

Activities included a senior citizens' luncheon, a family dance and a family day. A youth activities afternoon included a ride in a glass-bottom boat, volleyball, wind surfing and other water sports. A deep sea fishing trip was enjoyed by many and endured by some, since the sea became rough.

Services in English were translated into French for the older Mauritian members who speak Creole, a French-based language. Two baptisms increased membership to 49. *Peter D. Hawkins.*

CAPE MACLEAR, Malawi — Sunny Cape Maclear, on crystal clear Lake Malawi, was the ideal setting for 123 brethren to be fed spiritual food focusing on preparing for the world tomorrow.

All sermons were given by Owen Willis, pastor of the churches in Kenya and Malawi. He spoke on today's world, tomorrow's world, prayer, the Sabbath, the ministry, good and bad friendships, Psalm 1, the use and abuse of alcohol, the life of Jacob, the elect and the great commission and the Last Great Day. Sermonettes were given by deacon Gilton Chakhaza.

A talent show, Bible quiz, slide show, health lecture and films were available for the Feastgoers here. Activities centered on Lake Malawi and included an early morning mountain climb affording a spectacular view of the lake, islands and the mainland. Brethren also swam in the lake and viewed tropical fish from above and below the surface.

The young people were a great help in setting up for services and serving the meals, which brethren ate together. *Owen Willis.*

DURBAN, South Africa — Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse, who conducted the first Feast in South Africa in 1963 with an attendance of 93, spoke to more than 1,500 brethren in the Durban City Hall, one of three South African Feast sites. Sunny days prevailed for activities, but the skies were overcast when brethren were in the meeting hall. The province of Natal is in its worst drought in memory.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's message on film opened the Festival, and last year's Last Great Day message closed the Festival. Roy McCarthy, regional director of the Work in southern Africa, spoke on doing God's Work of faith and ensuring salvation, and God's law of liberty being true freedom; Mr. Waterhouse talked about believing God and following His servant, faith in and submission toward God's government, and being a pillar in God's temple; David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing for the Work, spoke on the role of the father; Daniel Botha told brethren to be like the Bereans, and explained the history of man showing God's plan coming to fruition as seen

by an angel; Andre van Belkum reminded Feastgoers that we will educate the remnant of Israel; and John Bartholomew said that God is training our youths to be leaders in tomorrow's world.

Nineteen attended a dinner for ministers, wives and guest, Mr. Waterhouse. Mr. Waterhouse was also guest of honor at a senior citizens' luncheon. Both dances had brass bands. Family day outings were well-attended.

Youths were kept busy with service on youth day, service to senior citizens, tennis, ice skating, beach outings and regular early morning jogging on Durban beach. Young Ambassador Big Beak's little brother entertained youngsters at the family dance and family day.

Black brethren who formerly attended the Umgababa, South Africa, site joined their brethren in Durban and shared the blessings of Israel. God poured out His Spirit in abundance, and a tremendous atmosphere of unity and cooperation prevailed. *John F. Bartholomew.*

HAWSTON, South Africa — Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse spoke to brethren attending the Feast at the Sonesta Holiday Resort about God's government, the end-time Elijah, and the Last Great Day. Highest attendance was 263.

Other sermons were on the pillars of marriage, by Owen Visagie; an explanation of the Feast, and youths in the world tomorrow by Bill Whitaker; how the earth will be prepared for multiple births, by Pieter Van Der Byl; loyalty to God's government, and the remnant left on earth, by Andre van Belkum; and watching end-time events, and God's law is freedom by Roy McCarthy,

regional director for the Work in southern Africa.

The theme was that loyalty to the government of God now shows our attitudes toward the Kingdom of God in the world tomorrow.

Activities were a ministerial dinner, a senior citizens' luncheon, a family dance, a family day that included sports and a barbecue, a concert given by the South African Police Brass Band and the Young Ambassadors film.

In addition to assisting in hall preparation for services, the YOU attended a barbecue and games afternoon and a dinner with the singles. *Bill Whitaker.*

KANO, Nigeria — Teamwork was the theme of the Feast for 274 brethren who attended services at the Bagauda Lake Hotel here.

Sermon topics included a gentle attitude, and what comes after baptism by Elijah Chukwudi; peace, offering, and child rearing by Lateef Edalere; and your place in God's Kingdom by Josef Forson.

Activities included a softball afternoon, an essay contest, a YES concert and a children's afternoon after which each child received a gift. Kayode and Gboyege Oladele, winners in the two categories of the essay contest, will visit Ghana to meet other YOU members as part of their prize.

Nigerian members contributed toward meals for the brethren in Ghana during the Feast. *Lateef Edalere.*

LIVINGSTONE, Zambia — Sixty-seven brethren attended Feast of Tabernacles services in the

Museum Education Hall here.

A sense of common calling and purpose was the theme of the Festival. Terence Browning spoke on fearing God and not man, the reality of being born again, principles of marriage, how God prepares us for His Kingdom, and how God's government will be established. Robert Klynsmith spoke on our special calling, without vision the people perish, he that is faithful in little, and the meaning of the Last Great Day.

A barbecue took place on the banks of the Zambezi River, and brethren enjoyed a family games afternoon. Films shown during the Feast included the Young Ambassadors 1983, the Young Ambassadors 1981, *Behind the Work — 1981* and Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's Last Great Day message of 1981. Most of those attending had not seen these films before.

God intervened speedily when the group was informed on the morning of the sixth day that special police permission was needed to have religious meetings. Clearance was obtained within a few hours, and only one service was postponed. *Terence D. Browning.*

MUTARE, Zimbabwe — Church youths were responsible for maintaining the neatness of the Queens Hall here, where 404 brethren attended Festival services.

In developing a theme of completing the Work through unity in the family and the Church, David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing for the Work, spoke on the commission, fatherhood, and not by might nor by power (Zechariah 4:6). William Bentley spoke on God's Work in the jubilee year, womanhood, and unity; Ronald Stoddart spoke on wine as an analogy of eternal life, how the Feast of Tabernacles must be family centered, Mark's gospel and its relevance for us today, and Gog and Magog and the Last Great Day.

Brethren here enjoyed their first formal dance, a culmination of a year of dance practice. Other activities included family day, visits to a game park and to botanical gardens in the mountains, a hike and barbecue for the youths and a contest in which preteens drew the Church seal.

Although a fire destroyed four tents, no one was hurt and brethren responded by providing for the needs of those who suffered losses. *Ron Stoddart.*

NARO MORU, Kenya — Unity, love and cooperation were shown by the 112 brethren gathered where God placed His name in Kenya. The only rainfall came on the first evening and settled the dust. Bright sunshine followed for the remainder of the Feast.

Sermons centering on God's master plan for mankind were delivered by the visiting pastor of the Los (See FESTIVAL, page 4)



FEAST GREETING — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong greets a member at the Eugene, Ore., Festival site. [Photo by Larry Omasta]



COFFS HARBOUR, AUSTRALIA



RAPID CITY, S.D.



BLACK RIVER BAY, MAURITIUS

Festival

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Angeles, Calif., church, Abner Washington, on prayer, using your talents, seeking first the Kingdom, comprehending what the future holds, and an illustration of God's master plan through an explanation of God's Holy Days. Sermonettes were delivered by John Lamb from London, England.

Brethren viewed films by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong at the opening and closing of the Feast, as well as the 1981 and 1982 Young Ambassadors films.

Feastgoers were treated to a talent show, youth and singles' barbecue, arts and crafts display, sports and traditional African meals including Kikuyu, Kimeru and Ugandan food. *Owen Willis.*

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa — Three hundred forty brethren met in Technicon hall for eight days of family unity and preparing for God's Kingdom. After prayers, rain cleared and the weather turned warmer for outdoor activities such as a youth hike, a family train ride on the Apple Express and family day.

Sermons on growing and bearing fruit, and not conforming to this world were given by Frank Nelte. John White spoke on marriage of the Church to Christ, opportunities for youths in the world tomorrow, and the meaning of the Last Great Day.

Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse addressed brethren about God's plan and government in the Church. Terence Browning spoke on how God views and prepares stones for His temple. Regional director Roy McCarthy gave sermons about how to be found worthy to escape, and true freedom and how to obtain it.

Brethren viewed a film by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on the Last Great Day.

Forty older members attended a senior citizens' luncheon. A ministerial dinner was conducted in the Elizabeth Donkin rooms, an 1820 settler's house. Brethren at this African site felt particularly uplifted spiritually. *John White.*

ASIA

BAGUIO CITY, Philippines — A spirit of love and sharing prevailed at the Feast in the Baguio Convention Center where 1,590 attended services. International visitors were impressed with the warmth and hospitality of the Filipino brethren.

Sermon topics included the world today in contrast with the world tomorrow, and qualities to develop, by James Friddle Jr.; keys to entering God's Kingdom, and the three periods of judgment by Guy Ames, regional director for the Work in the Philippines; qualities of a good teacher by Jeremiah Ortiguero; love the brethren by Pedro Ortiguero; what God offers today's youths by Reynaldo Taniajura; and spiritual harvest in the Millennium

by Jose Raduban.

Holy Day offerings were up 29.9 percent on the first day and 39 percent on the Last Great Day.

Brethren enjoyed showings of the *Behind the Work — 1983* and Young Ambassadors films. Other activities included a family dance and social night, a widows' get-together, a children's party, seniors' day and YOU day.

On seniors' day, awards were given to those with the largest number of grandchildren, and Bible hymns, donated anonymously, were distributed to more than 40 seniors. On YOU day, the youths directed traffic and were ushers. In the afternoon they played parlor games, and attended a formal dinner in the evening.

Rain was a blessing for the drought-stricken area. *Jeremiah D. Ortiguero.*

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, Philippines — Picturing the joys of the soon-coming world tomorrow was the theme of the Feast of Tabernacles for 1,175 brethren here.

Speakers and topics included Edmond Macaraeg, who gave a glimpse of the world tomorrow; Pedro Melendez Jr., who spoke on a time of refreshing, and reaching for our goals. Pacifico Mirto talked about Church government; Guy Ames, regional director of the Work in the Philippines, gave a sermon on bridging the gap between the Feast and the Kingdom; Bienvenido Macaraeg focused on youths in the Bible; and James Friddle Jr., spoke on how to make sure you will be in the Kingdom, and the Last Great Day in God's plan.

Special features of the Feast were the film *Behind the Work — 1983* and Mr. Friddle's visit to the site for the last three days of the Feast.

About 120 people more than 50 years of age attended a seniors' social. Other activities included a church dance, three ministerial dinners, tours to the Philippine Packing Corp. (Del Monte) Cannery, a singles' social and cookout, a slide presentation on Jerusalem and a Filipino show. The youths were treated

to an ice cream party and T-shirts printed for them.

God intervened to make this Feast possible despite many would-be problems. Three weeks before the Feast, lightning destroyed two of the three electrical transformers of the college where the meetings were to take place, but government officials quickly took action. *Edmond D. Macaraeg.*

KOGGALA, Sri Lanka — President Junius Richard Jayawardene of Sri Lanka gave personal approval for visas to Indian brethren, allowing them to attend God's Festival here (see "Updates," page 16).

The Feast of Tabernacles was the first international convention allowed by the Sri Lanka government since summer violence between the two major ethnic groups here. The president also provided heavily armed escorts for brethren making the four-hour drive from the international airport to the Feast site and armed guards at the Festival site.

The Festival theme here was preparing for responsibility in the Kingdom of God, with emphasis on family life and child rearing.

One hundred eighty-seven brethren from Australia, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Jamaica, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, India, the United States and Sri Lanka attended services in the Koggala Beach Hotel.

The high point of the Festival was Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's first Holy Day message.

Colin Kelly spoke on God's plan and purpose for Church youths, the purpose of God's government in the Church, the future as priests and kings in the Kingdom of God, and loyalty to God's Church and Work.

Spaulding Kulsingam explained what it will be like as spirit beings in the world tomorrow, and how the Holy Spirit is God's greatest gift.

Mohan Jayasekera spoke on what the world tomorrow will be like, the responsibility of the father in the family, overcoming and conversion, and judgment today on God's Church.

Brethren took part in a family

games evening, a barbecue and sing-along, and a sports afternoon. The Young Ambassadors Festival film and *Behind the Work — 1983* were also shown.

A ministerial dinner was also conducted during the Festival. *Mohan Jayasekera.*

KYA IN VILLAGE, Burma — Being a light to the world was the theme for 64 brethren gathering to observe God's Festival in this Southeast Asian country.

Fair weather with intermittent rain was the physical fare for Feastgoers.

Saw Lay Beh, local elder, delivered all of the sermons and Bible studies at this Feast site. Subjects were God's weekly and annual Sabbaths, what the Millennium will be like, the everlasting joy God has given us, prepare and qualify to be teachers in the world tomorrow, how to walk by faith, God's calling, striving to be a real Christian, the purpose of the Feast of Tabernacles, what reward brethren desire in the Kingdom of God, God's everlasting mercy, and how the Worldwide Church of God is not part of this world.

Saw Lay Beh also conducted three Bible studies, covering the truth about being born again, the Kingdom of God and the Worldwide Church of God.

Brethren enjoyed a games afternoon including tug of war.

Members and children were healed of fever, headaches and other diseases during the Feast. *Saw Lay Beh.*

MAMBUCAL, Philippines — Preparing for the world tomorrow was the theme of messages delivered to 309 Feastgoers here.

Pacifico Mirto spoke on the government of God, restoration of all things in the world tomorrow, and the meaning of the Last Great Day; Pedro Ortiguero talked about true Christian brotherhood; James Friddle told brethren how to make it to the end; Severo Caligan Jr. spoke on what God has in store for the Church youths in the world tomorrow; and Pedro R. Melendez Jr. talked about rededicating ourselves to our calling.

On YOU day the youths ushered and brethren enjoyed a roasted calf. A party was given for the children. Brethren had further opportunities for fellowship at the Feast show and social dance, and at singles' activities.

Exceptional love and concern were shown toward international brethren. *Pacifico Z. Mirto.*

NAGA CITY, Philippines — Qualifying for God's Kingdom was the theme for the Feast here for 318 brethren.

Medardo Maninang spoke on the Feast of Tabernacles, the family, and youths; Dionisio Catchillar showed how to qualify as teachers in the world tomorrow; Maxzix Fabricante gave points on understanding the Work of God; Aurelio Mandap told brethren we are heirs in God's Kingdom; and Reynaldo Taniajura spoke on overcoming problems in

human relationships.

A dance night included parlor games. Other activities included a senior citizens' social, a talent show and a YOU day with games and sports.

Brethren sent words of encouragement to those who were unable to attend the Feast, and aided those at the Feast by translating, assisting with activities and helping the handicapped. *Medardo M. Maninang.*

PORT DICKSON, Malaysia — At this port on the Strait of Malacca, 309 brethren focused on looking forward to and preparing for the world tomorrow. Brethren stayed in the Ming Court Beach Hotel.

Sermons on reconciling parents to children, world peace, and Ecclesiastes were given by Yong Chin Gee. Messages about the worldwide Body of Christ, why the first resurrection is a better one, reconciling children to parents, and preparing for the Great White Throne Judgment, were given by Rod Matthews, manager of the international office of Ministerial Services in Pasadena; and why the Kingdom of God dominates God's thinking, the Kingdom of God, our priority in doing the Work, and the meaning of the Last Great Day, by Ken Lewis.

Family night entertainment by area brethren featured songs and dances from Malaysian and Singaporean cultures. A get-acquainted family evening included a Durian welcoming ceremony. Youths sang at a senior citizens' afternoon activity and on another day they enjoyed beach games and sports.

Hotel personnel were impressed with the brethren and requested that they come back next year. One hotel staff member requested a *Plain Truth* subscription after seeing the example set by Church members. *Yong Chin Gee.*

AUSTRALIA, PACIFIC ISLES

ADELAIDE, Australia — Seven hundred five brethren gathered in the Oberdan Convention Centre here to learn from sermons centering on the theme of God's government and its applications in our lives.

Speakers and topics included evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, on what the Millennium is; William Bradford explaining God's government; Rodney Dean talking about fatherhood as the basis of God's government, judgment and the Last Great Day message. Gavin Cullen told brethren that God is training a team, and showed the meaning of the Last Great Day; Karl Karlov talked about believing God; and Kerry Gubb gave the youth sermon on lessons from the life of John Mark.

Unity was strengthened by social activities including a senior citizens' luncheon, ministerial dinner, family picnic and dance and the *Behind the Work — 1983* and Young Ambassadors films. The teens enjoyed a hike and beach barbecue, and con-

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DAYTON, OHIO



MELGAR, COLOMBIA



ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

Festival

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 tributed by serving at the senior luncheon and at services on youth day by parking, ushering, performing special music and helping with hymns.

There was a noticeable resolve on the part of individual members and brethren as a whole not to allow adverse physical circumstances to spoil the spirit of the Feast. *Kerry W. Gubb.*

CALOUNDRA, Australia — Sunny weather and sea breezes completed a theme of practical preparation for ruling and teaching in the world tomorrow for 988 brethren attending the Feast of Tabernacles here.

Brethren received Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's opening night message and the sermon he gave on the first Holy Day.

Evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, spoke on faith in God's Church in times of trouble, and the meaning of the Last Great Day. Robert Morton, regional director of the Work in Australia and Asia, spoke on getting our lives in harmony with God's purpose, and repentance and becoming converted.

Other speakers were Brian Orchard, who explained that our attitude toward the Feast equals our attitude toward God's Kingdom, and spoke on considering the Work of God; Graemne Marshall, who spoke on being balanced teachers for the world tomorrow, and the opportunity of youths in the Church; Terrence Villiers, who spoke on God's teacher training program, and the growth of God's Kingdom.

Activities at this site included a singles' beach picnic, family dance, family day, an over-50s' afternoon tea (served by YOU members), a YOU beach afternoon and a ministerial dinner.

During a sports afternoon, the owner of a roller-skating rink wanted the Church's address so he could make a donation because of exemplary conduct of the brethren. The cooperative and responsive attitude throughout the Feast made it exceptionally harmonious. *Terrence Villiers.*

COFFS HARBOUR, Australia — Looking beyond the physical world into the Kingdom of God and the need to become converted to be there was the theme of the Feast of Tabernacles for 931 brethren who attended services in the Civic Centre here.

Sermon topics included seeking the Kingdom of God rather than physical things, and conversion as a necessary factor for being in God's Kingdom by John McLean; the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles, and why man's empires have failed by John Larkin; the purpose of God, and the attitudes in Matthew 5 by Robert Morton, regional director for the Work in Australia and Asia; our attitude toward God, and what the Last Great Day teaches us about God by William Dixon;

and a youth day sermon, and the meaning of the Last Great Day by Peter McLean.

A videotape of pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's first Holy Day transmission was shown. Brethren also enjoyed the *Behind the Work—1983* and *Young Ambassadors* films.

Other activities included family day, a family dance, an over-50s' luncheon, a sports afternoon, a fishing contest and river cruises.

The YOU served free refreshments at the Civic Centre one hour before services each day, served and entertained at the over-50s' luncheon and helped with the food service at the family dance.

A joyful, cooperative spirit made the Feast a real family affair. Many adults expressed appreciation for the teenagers attending the Feast here. A number of restaurateurs said they had not seen so many lovable, well-behaved children before. *Peter D. McLean.*

GOSFORD, Australia — Festival services here at the Central Coast Leagues Club were attended by 922 brethren.

Sermons followed a theme of diligently preparing now for our jobs of teaching and helping others in the world tomorrow.

Evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, spoke on what the Millennium is and explained that God will not forsake us. Robert Morton, regional director of the Work in Australia and Asia, spoke about God's dedication to His plan, and God's purpose of building godly character in us.

Other sermon topics were our marriage to Christ, and the meaning of the Last Great Day by Mark Ellis; how marriage prepares us for God's Kingdom, and Jerusalem as God's world capital by John Comino; what eternal life is, by Russell Couston; and what God is offering the youths in the Church by Mark Gully.

Brethren enjoyed the *Behind the Work—1983* film and other activities including a family beach picnic with sand modeling and a sand-ski race; an over-50s' afternoon where the teens served the older brethren refreshments and fellowshiped with them; and a YOU and singles' hike and barbecue to Little Beach in the Bouddi National Park, where some enjoyed spearfishing.

An elderly woman who collapsed during services was anointed. She instantly regained color and came out of her faint.

This was the first Feast in the Gosford area. One motel owner said that the "fathers of the tabernacles" were in town. *John Comino.*

HOBART, Australia — Living the values of tomorrow today and looking to that time when they will be universal was the theme of the Feast of Tabernacles for 476 brethren who attended services at Laetare Gardens.

A videotape of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's first Holy Day message was viewed for the first time.

Sermon topics included special training for an elite force, and life

and death by Alan Dean; the responsibility of God's people to preserve God's Holy Days, the importance of love and how to have love, and how to live in harmony with God's Church by William Winner; contrasting today's problems with millennial solutions, and how to love your children by Chris Hunting; Jerusalem in the Millennium, the prodigal son, and the Last Great Day by D'Arcy Watson.

Services were signed for the deaf.

Activities consisted of a family dance, a guided tour of botanical gardens and a Devonshire cream tea for the senior citizens, catered lunches on the Sabbath days, family roller-skating, YOU horseback riding and barbecue, and a family day. *Alan Dean.*

HONIARA, Solomon Islands — Preparing for rulership in the Kingdom of God was the theme of the Feast of Tabernacles here where 54 brethren attended services at the Kalala House.

For the first time, brethren heard Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's first Holy Day message.

Speakers were Gary Harvey, who spoke on marriage, the government of God, the future of the youths, the last great development, and what it will be like to be a spirit being; and Bill Sidney, who spoke on the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles, the end-time Elijah, the need to develop character, and walking by faith.

Brethren enjoyed an island night where they ate food cooked island

style, which was followed by native dancing and fellowship. Other activities were a games night, afternoon swimming, volleyball and boomerang throwing. *Bill Sidney.*

MERIMBULA, Australia — Five hundred seventy brethren attended the Feast of Tabernacles here in the RSL Hall.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's opening message was received by satellite. Sermon topics included youths, government, and the Last Great Day by William Bradford; at-one-ment with God, and submission by Peter Whiting; the reality of the world tomorrow, and the last generation of the Millennium by Rodney King; contrast of the beginning of the Millennium to the end, and the divine family by Bruce Dean; and peace by David Austin.

Activities included a sports day with sand-castle modeling, a senior citizens' luncheon and river cruise, a YOU barbecue and a rowboat race called the Merimbula Cup, a ministers' dinner and a church dance.

Young people helped with song book distribution, ushering and serving tea and coffee on youth day and throughout the Feast.

George Manwaring, who attended the services in Temora, Australia, died during the Feast.

The cooperative spirit and harmony of the brethren were much appreciated by the organizers. *Rodney King.*

MU'A, Tonga — God's plan for

mankind was the theme of the Feast of Tabernacles for 53 brethren who attended services in the Church-owned building here.

Brethren viewed Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's first Holy Day message that was videotaped in New Zealand and rushed here.

Speakers during the Feast were Rex Morgan, who spoke on conditions during the Millennium, our job as priests in the world tomorrow, the Church as God's spiritual temple, the importance of the human mind, the way we should grow as spiritual trees, the spiritual meaning of Moses' tabernacle, and the second resurrection; and Tolu Ha'angana, who spoke on being rewarded according to works, and the three harvest periods of God's plan.

Sermons in English were translated into Tongan by Mr. Ha'angana. Sermonettes were given in Tongan by Heamasi Ta'ufo'ou and Tevita Fungalei and were translated into English.

The *Behind the Work—1983* and *Young Ambassadors* films were shown. Other activities included a family social night, a YOU Bible study by Mr. Morgan on God's interest in young people, and a YOU dance, talent show and sports afternoon.

Brethren performed traditional Tongan songs and dances on two evenings and practiced traditional Tongan courtship and wedding customs.

Feaststagers, ages 3 to 19, swept and tidied the building and (See FESTIVAL, page 7)

Germans hear faculty members

By John Halford

BONNDORF, West Germany — Sept. 25, during the Feast of Tabernacles, Roger Bryant, chairman of the Music Department at Big Sandy Ambassador College, and Ruth Walter, faculty member and dean of women in Big Sandy, presented a concert for 1,000 people in the town hall here. Several hundred church members and areas dignitaries attended.

John Halford is a pastor rank minister who works in Media Services in Pasadena. Mr. Halford visited Feast sites in Hoo-geveen, Netherlands, Bonndorf, West Germany, and San Anton, Malta.

Frank Schnee, regional director for the Work in German-speaking areas, heard Mr. Bryant and Mrs. Walter perform at the Ambassador Auditorium and invited them to attend the Festival here. "I wanted to share our talent with the local people," he said. Tickets were made available to members attending the Bonndorf Feast site, and to the community.

During the first half of the concert Mr. Bryant sang several arias from operas by Bizet and Mozart. After intermission Mrs. Walter performed Beethoven's Third Piano

Concerto.

The soloists were accompanied by one of West Germany's leading symphony orchestras, the Bodensee Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Tamas Sulyok. Mr. Bryant and Mrs. Walter were asked to

return several times for encores.

At a reception after the concert, Peter Folkerts, mayor of Bonndorf, expressed his appreciation to Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God for the performance.



BIG SANDY SOLOISTS — Big Sandy faculty members Roger Bryant (right) and Ruth Walter pause at a reception after their performance in a public concert in Bonndorf, West Germany, during the Feast with Bonndorf mayor Peter Folkerts (left) and Tamas Sulyok, conductor of the Bodensee Symphony Orchestra. [Photo by Richard Walther].

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Mr. Dean to his office. With Dr. Habsburg was his younger brother Charles.

Dr. Habsburg was pleased to receive from Mr. Armstrong a photo album recounting his trip to the Pasadena Ambassador College campus in July.

During their meeting, Dr. Habsburg and Mr. Armstrong discussed world issues, including European unification, the antinuclear peace rallies in Europe and the Korean Air Lines incident with the Soviet Union.

Charles Habsburg mentioned how much his brother had appreciated his stay on the Pasadena campus, and accepted an invitation to visit the campus as well.

The Habsburgs thanked Mr. Armstrong for the talk, and after saying farewell, the Armstrong party went to the airport for the return trip to London.

On to Jordan

Wednesday, Oct. 19, Mr. Armstrong and his party left for Amman, Jordan. At the Amman airport, Mr. Armstrong was met by Richard Weber, who supervises the Ambassador College project at the Bunyat Center for Special Education.

After driving to the Marriott Hotel, Mr. Armstrong was welcomed by the other eight Ambassador College students involved in the project. The pastor general conversed for more than an hour before leaving.

Thursday, Oct. 20, Mr. Armstrong traveled to the Al Hussein Center for the physically handicapped, where he was met by Princess Majda, wife of Prince Ra'd. The prince is cousin to King Hussein of Jordan and Crown Prince Hassan.

The princess escorted Mr. Armstrong through the center housing more than 100 physically handicapped people, mostly children. Everyone in Mr. Armstrong's party was moved by the work done in the cramped, old building.

At the tour's end, the princess asked Mr. Armstrong if he would like to tour the new facility being completed about a mile away. He agreed, and while touring the facility, learned that escalating costs and poor planning were financially troubling the new facility. After the tour the princess invited Mr. Armstrong to a benefit reception featuring laser productions of Arab art.

That evening, Mr. Armstrong



ROYAL RECEPTION — Queen Noor (left), wife of Jordan's King Hussein, converses with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong Oct. 20 at an Arab art exhibition in Amman, Jordan. [Photo by Warren Watson]

had a dinner engagement with Adnan Abu Odeh, the Jordanian minister of information. The dinner was scheduled for 8 p.m., so the pastor general stopped by the art reception at 7 p.m.

Meeting the queen

After arriving, Mr. Armstrong and his group saw Queen Noor, wife of King Hussein, being escorted through the exhibition. After viewing the exhibit, she left for a private room.

Princess Majda told Mr. Armstrong that the queen wished to meet him and directed the group to the reception area.

There Mr. Armstrong was formally introduced to the queen, who asked several questions about him and the activities of the Ambassador Foundation worldwide.

Mr. Armstrong was among several guests meeting the queen, but they were able to converse about 10 minutes. The queen said she would like to meet with the pastor general again, but time was not available on this trip.

After excusing himself from the

reception, the pastor general and his group traveled to the home of the minister of information. There the group was introduced to the minister of occupied territories and his family and the minister of youth and culture.

Also in attendance was Abdul Kamal, head of Jordanian television. Dr. Kamal was ill and only spoke briefly to avoid spreading his illness.

After being seated, Prince Ra'd and Princess Majda entered. During the dinner one of Minister Abu Odeh's daughters asked one of the Ambassador students why everyone treated Mr. Armstrong with such respect. It's evident that Mr. Armstrong is shown unusual favor and respect there. The dinner ended about 11 p.m.

Mr. Armstrong's schedule was free Friday, Oct. 21. Friday is the Moslem day of rest. He returned to his typewriter where he continued work on a book he plans to run serially in *The Plain Truth*. He has entitled it *A World Held Captive*. The first segment will appear in the 50th anniversary edition of *The Plain Truth* in February.

The Ambassador College students and graduates in Jordan counted the Sabbath, Oct. 22, as a special Sabbath — Mr. Armstrong conducted Church services for them, members of a television crew from Media Services in Pasadena and Mr. Armstrong's party. The students and graduates normally listen to sermon tapes from Pasadena on the Sabbath — this time they had Christ's apostle as the speaker.

After his sermon, Mr. Armstrong discussed the *Plain Truth* "Personal" he wrote in Denmark for the anniversary edition. He titled it "The Only Real Value of Human Life." After sunset, Mr. Armstrong invited the students and crew to remain for dinner. Knowing room service would be slow for a group of this size, Mr. Armstrong organized a game of Hearts (a card game).

Soon dinner arrived and the students had a "senior dinner" with Mr. Armstrong, who spoke with them and answered questions until 10 p.m. (Pasadena Ambassador College seniors gather in groups of about 11 throughout the year at the campus social center for a formal dinner with the pastor general.)

Ambassador project

Sunday morning, Oct. 23 the group traveled to the Bunyat Center in Amman. The school, a project of Princess Sarvath (wife

of Crown Prince Hassan), is financially assisted by the Ambassador Foundation. It is here that Ambassador College students and graduates also assist.

The television crew from Pasadena videotaped the visit, as the principal of the school and Mr. Weber, the Ambassador project leader, led a tour of the facilities.

The pastor general said he was impressed with the gains made by the children, and it was moving to see Ambassador College students unselfishly serving thousands of miles from home. Mr. Armstrong's group heard many positive comments about the impressions Ambassador College students have made in this Arab country.

That evening Princess Majda, her personal assistant and a friend from Denmark visited the pastor general in his suite at the Marriott.

Mr. Armstrong discussed the physically handicapped center and spoke briefly of the incredible human potential of the crippled children.

About 10 minutes into the conversation, the Danish friend of the princess asked Mr. Hogberg if Mr. Armstrong had something to do with "a magazine about truth." She explained that she has subscribed to *The Plain Truth* for more than four years and had just realized that Mr. Armstrong was the editor in chief.

Monday, Oct. 24, the special *World Tomorrow* telecast was delivered to Dr. Kamal's residence. It includes extensive quotes from the *Koran's* account of Adam and Eve and a strong report from the Isaiah 40:9-10 message to the cities of Judah.

Dr. Kamal was unable to view the submitted broadcast because of his illness, but promised to do so as soon as possible.

With the Jordan itinerary complete, Mr. Armstrong and his party left for Jerusalem, Israel, at 4:30 p.m.

The pastor general and his party arrived in Jerusalem at 5:45 p.m., and were met by Michael Ravid, former Israeli consul general in Los Angeles, Calif., and his wife, Hana.

Tuesday, Oct. 25, Mr. Armstrong joined his friends, Teddy Kollek, mayor of Jerusalem; archaeologists Benjamin Mazar, former head of the department of archaeology at Hebrew University; and Nachmann Avigad for lunch at the Chez Simon restaurant.

Even though it was election day, Mr. Kollek joined the group for lunch. He thanked the pastor general for his contribution to the city and country and remarked that he was glad that Mr. Armstrong could once again visit Jerusalem. Mr. Armstrong responded with a toast to the mayor's reelection (at the time, election results had not been announced).

The mayor, from his chair, said: "Jerusalem at this time does not

have a prophet — you will have to be our prophet."

Mr. Armstrong said that he "planned to spend the next 1,000 years in Jerusalem," to which Mr. Kollek quipped, "And I'll be happy to be mayor."

Wednesday, Oct. 16, Mr. Armstrong met with Menahem Savidor, speaker of the Knesset, Israel's parliament. The speaker, whom many feel may one day be a candidate for Israel's prime minister's post, spoke of the problems facing Israel, and of the mistakes he felt were made in the past. The television crew videotaped the meeting.

The meeting ended with the speaker presenting Mr. Armstrong with the medal of the Knesset. An enclosed card stated: "To the Hon. Mr. Herbert Armstrong. In appreciation of his true friendship for the Land and People of Israel and his magnanimous gestures which aid and strengthen the spiritual and moral tenets of our common culture. [Signed] Menahem Savidor, Speaker of the Knesset."

After lunch Mr. Armstrong joined Dr. Avigad and Professor Mazar, leaders of Jerusalem excavations, for a tour of a newly discovered Roman corridor. They explained that during excavations of the city, a wall dating to the kings of ancient Israel was discovered.

The remarkable find proves that the ancient city of David was larger and grander than historical theory suggests. Mr. Armstrong and his party found the tour fascinating.

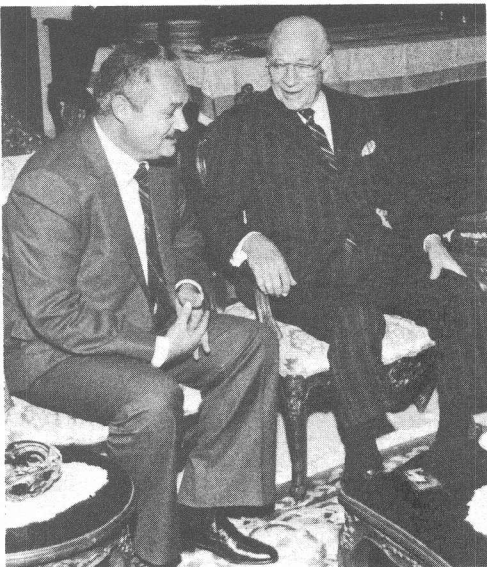
From there the group traveled to the site of former excavations Ambassador College was involved with. Most of the original areas of excavation are marked for self-guided tours. The next stop was the Mount of Olives, which provides a spectacular view of the Old City of Jerusalem.

That evening, Mr. Armstrong was driven to the International Cultural Center for Youth (ICCY), where he was met by Moshe Kol, former minister of tourism. There the pastor general and his group viewed performances of native song and dance.

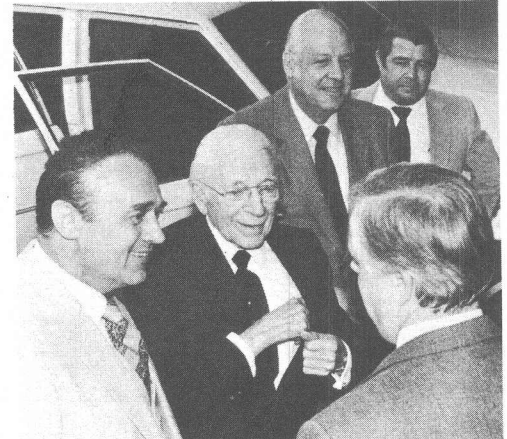
After a night's rest the group packed and left for London, a stopover en route to Pasadena. Joining the group was Mr. and Mrs. Ravid. Mr. Armstrong asked Mr. Ravid to address the Nov. 1 Ambassador College forum.

Friday, Oct. 28, the pastor general and his group were joined by Mr. Brown for the flight back to California. Mr. Brown was scheduled to attend the regional directors' conference (see article, page 1).

After fuel stops and customs clearance, Mr. Armstrong and his party were met by evangelists and Pasadena department heads after touching down at the Burbank airport at 5:14 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time. Christ's apostle had concluded another successful trip.



PRIVATE DINNER — Adnan Abu Odeh (left), Jordanian minister of information, and Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong share a light moment after dinner in the minister's Amman, Jordan, home Oct. 20. [Photo by Warren Watson]



WELCOME HOME — Evangelists and department heads greet Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (second from left) after his arrival at the Burbank, Calif., airport Oct. 28. [Photo by Michael Snyder]



GALWAY, IRISH REPUBLIC



JOHNSON CITY, TENN.



SAN ANTON, MALTA



EASTBOURNE, ENGLAND

Festival

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grounds.

Only three anointings were required during the Feast. All three people recovered quickly. Near the end of the Feast, the van of one of the member families was hit by a bus and overturned. Two adults and two children were inside. Miraculously no one was hurt, although onlookers expected someone would have died in such an accident. *Tolu Ha'angana and Rex Morgan.*

PACIFIC HARBOUR, Fiji — Sun-drenched beaches, balmy South Pacific breezes and hundreds of friendly smiles greeted 177 brethren from Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, the United States and Vanuatu.

According to Epli Kanaimawi, Festival coordinator, the Feast at Pacific Harbour was somewhat of a miracle. In March Cyclone Oscar smashed into the western side of this island group nation. "The cyclone," noted Mr. Kanaimawi, "was headed on a course directly for Pacific Harbour when it made an abrupt turn some 90 degrees away from the Feast site area."

During the Feast, Mr. Kanaimawi spoke on the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles, how we can be sure that God's Holy Spirit is working in us, and parallels between the marriage roles of God and man.

Jack Croucher described Daniel's prophecies of world governments, how to understand the plan of God, Christ's mission to lead us into the new promised land, the commission of the end-time Elijah, and how change and growth are fruits of God's Spirit. Peter Nathan, regional director for the Work in New Zealand and the South Pacific, spoke on how we can rejoice at the Feast, and how changing our spiritual lives changes our physical lives.

Activities included a family picnic with games, buffet group lunches, an international Spokesman Club meeting, a family dance and a magnificent *Lovo* night — a feast of traditional Fijian food and entertainment.

Brethren here especially enjoyed the *Behind the Work* film.

The Festival wrapped up with a farewell dance, which concluded with a tearful goodbye as the Fijian brethren bid farewell to overseas brethren by singing, "Isa Lei" the traditional Fijian song of farewell. *Epli Kanaimawi and Dan Taylor.*

PERTH, Australia — The love of God was the theme of the Feast of Tabernacles at this site where 583 were in attendance.

Sermons were given by William Winner on the love of God, how to avoid conflict with the Church, and the meaning of the Last Great Day. David Noller spoke about time theft, and the youths in the Church. Robert Regazzoli told of the meaning of the Feast, and the fear of God. Ross Beath explained how God views the family, and how God's way is quality. Lloyd Longley spoke

on ruling, teaching and judging in the Millennium.

A videotape of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's Holy Day message and the *Behind the Work*—1983 film were received by the brethren.

Activities at this site included a catered luncheon for the senior citizens, which was served by the singles, a family dance with a "four corners of the world" theme with waiters and waitresses in national dress, an afternoon at Adventureworld, and a YOU games afternoon, which featured a touch football game between the YOU and the ministers. *Robert Regazzoli.*

ROTORUA, New Zealand — Feastgoers saw Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's live satellite transmission here for the second year in a row. It came in loud and clear.

Evangelist Dean Blackwell and Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services in Pasadena, visited the Feast site.

Peter Nathan, regional director for the Work in New Zealand and the South Pacific, spoke on how to make this the best Feast ever, and preparation for marriage; Colin Sutcliffe gave keys to spiritual survival; Lyall Johnston spoke on the family, and witnessing to this generation; Donald Engle spoke on a time of healing; Mr. Blackwell talked about God's plan, what God is like, and the meaning of the Last Great Day; and Mr. Wright told brethren about the publishing and distribution of the Gospel.

Activities included the *Behind the Work* — 1983 and Young Ambassadors films, a family afternoon, a family dance, a formal dinner dance, a YOU hike and barbecue and YOU talent, photography and essay contest finals.

Mr. Blackwell spoke at a senior citizens' afternoon tea, and Mr. Wright spoke to the ministry and newsstand coordinators at a luncheon.

Members displayed unity and cooperation by volunteering in a variety of areas including providing transportation for those in need.

A favorable front-page article and picture of the Festival transmission appeared in the *Rotorua Daily Post*. *Donald J. Engle.*

THE CARIBBEAN

CHRIST CHURCH, Barbados — Preparing to educate the world was the theme for 581 Feastgoers gathered in the Dover Convention Centre here.

Rain and overcast weather was the fare for the first half of the Feast, but the weather cleared and sunny skies prevailed during the remaining time.

Evangelist Harold Jackson encouraged brethren to stand firm in the faith, and compared Solomon with Christians today; John Bald explained how brethren are God's temple in preparation, what Christian character is, and contrasted the

government of Israel and God's government in the Kingdom of God; Arnold Hampton traced the world tomorrow in the book of Isaiah, showed how the lesson of Jacob was to put God first, and asked brethren if the Kingdom of God was worth the sacrifice; and Lincoln Jailal spoke on war and peace.

A getting-to-know-you evening was considered the physical high point of the Feast. Activities during the Festival included a senior citizens' luncheon, an island tour, indoor games and a family dance. The YOU and YES sang special music.

Cooperation and love shown by brethren here was outstanding. *Arnold Hampton.*

CROWN POINT, Tobago — This year marked the first visit of an evangelist to the island during the Feast of Tabernacles.

The 480 brethren who attended the Feast here heard evangelist Harold Jackson give sermons on preparing to be tested, our special calling, and that the world is waiting for us. Roy Demarest expounded on lessons from the book of Ecclesiastes, spoke about members being strangers and pilgrims in the world, and explained the three resurrections.

Mr. Jackson also addressed a senior citizens' luncheon, which the singles helped plan and serve.

A YOU activity and the *Behind the Work* — 1983 and Young Ambassadors films rounded out the

activities at the site here. Visitors were impressed with the exceptional warmth of the area brethren. *Victor Simpson.*

GEORGETOWN, Guyana — Focusing on the world tomorrow, the family and God's government, 132 brethren met in the Pegasus Hotel to observe God's Feast of Tabernacles here.

Sea breezes and clear blue skies were the physical fare for Feastgoers, who viewed Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's opening night message on 16-mm. film and Mr. Armstrong's 1982 Last Great Day message. Also shown were the Young Ambassadors Feast film and *Behind the Work* — 1983.

Curtis May spoke on today's news and the world tomorrow, lessons from trees — how to grow and qualify for the world tomorrow, claiming God's promises, the members' foundation, and authority.

Paul Krautmann encouraged brethren to catch the vision of the world tomorrow, how brethren are pioneers, how to rule with a rod of iron, and why members need the Church.

Shannon Lucas explained how to be fishers of men.

Festival activities included a senior citizens' lunch, a singles' picnic, a dance, a children's party, a boat trip to an Amerindian village, a barbecue, a family day with games and a ministerial luncheon.

Service opportunities were plentiful. *Paul Krautmann.*

LES CAYES, Haiti — Thirty-nine people came together to observe the Feast of Tabernacles here in the Hotel Concorde.

Studying now to teach in the world tomorrow was the theme of the Festival. Sermons by Lambert Martial were on conquering Satan, keys to inheriting eternal life, love, enduring to the end, and working toward the Kingdom. Ray Clore spoke on studying to be a teacher, staying close to God, the laying on of hands, and the significance of the Last Great Day.

Brethren also heard a taped message from evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for the Work in French-speaking areas, on the proper Feast attitude.

Four Pasadena Ambassador College students visited this French-speaking site.

This Feast of plenty, both physically and spiritually, included a picnic at the source of a canal that waters the southern plains of Haiti; two trips to the beach, one with organized races and games for children; and a *soiree plaisir* (an evening of entertainment put together by the young adults).

A truck carrying Church members hit an overhang causing it to lean toward the river. The truck became stuck and did not roll off the concrete into the water. No one was hurt. Brethren were thankful for God's protection.

Pleasant night rains kept the sunny days from becoming too hot. *Ray (See FESTIVAL, page 11)*

Feast serves as a springboard

By Steven Botha

Another Feast of Tabernacles is history — and what a terrific Festival it was.

It was a time of many and varied activities but above all, it was a time of intense instruction. Twelve services filled with messages from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and the ministry, messages about our future as children of the living God.

Steven Botha pastors the Parkersburg, Charleston, Huntington and Logan, W.Va., churches.

It is important for us to use the knowledge gained at the Feast as a springboard to propel us forward spiritually, just as a springboard propels a diver forward physically.

It would be so easy for the cares of this world — school, jobs, family responsibilities — to cause us to set aside the knowledge we received and to forget it in the rush of daily living. We must not.

Consider these points and put to use the wealth of information you received at the Feast.

(1) *The Feast signals a time of new beginnings.* Another year is past. For you the past year might have been one of success or failure,

happiness, sorrow, sickness or health. If the past year was a good one, build on that impetus. If it was not, set it behind you. Make this a fresh start.

Realize that God wants you to succeed, to have life more abundantly. He has not called any of us to failure, but to success.

(2) *Identify and resolve personal problems.* Right now, you should be inspired and full of zeal and enthusiasm. Tackle any problems you have been wrestling with now. You have a reservoir full of knowledge and inspiration. Use it to deal with personal bad habits and to conquer them with the help of God and Jesus Christ.

(3) *Build a deep love for the brethren.* God's people were gathered around the world celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles. We were all in one accord in our obedience to God. We stood together, we sang together, we worshiped together.

We can now build on this unity, this oneness. Be reminded of the words of Jesus Christ who said, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35, Revised Authorized Version, unless noted).

Many of us served at the Feast, whether it was parking cars or helping in the mothers' room. Now that we are back home, let's continue to serve the brethren. Pray for one

another and ask God to really fill you with that deep and undying love for those who are your fellow laborers in Christ.

(4) *Reevaluate your part in the Work of God.* We are excited with the continued news of leaps forward in the Work of God. We have been called to support God's apostle in doing this great Work. As Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses, we are privileged to be backing Mr. Armstrong as he proclaims the good news of the Kingdom of God.

We can all use this Feast of Tabernacles as a push forward in our total support of God's Work. With the apostle Paul let us unitedly say, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:16, King James Version).

(5) *Refocus on the meaning of the Feast.* Jesus Christ said, "Seek first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33).

The Feast of Tabernacles pictures that kingdom. Throughout the Festival we were admonished to seek God's Kingdom, to strive for God's Kingdom, to pray for God's Kingdom. Doing this will without question thrust you forward spiritually.

The Feast of Tabernacles is a springboard for spiritual growth. Make the next weeks, months and year the best ever in your spiritual life.



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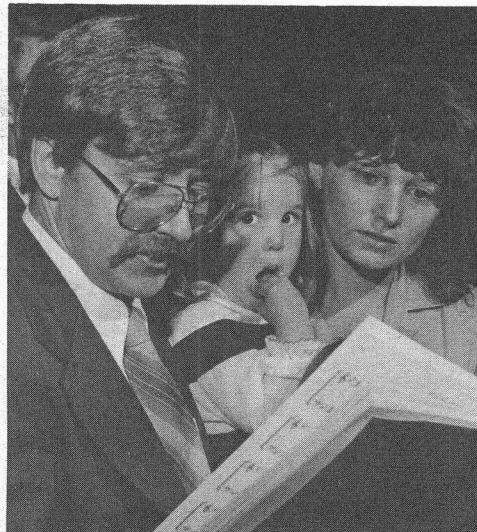
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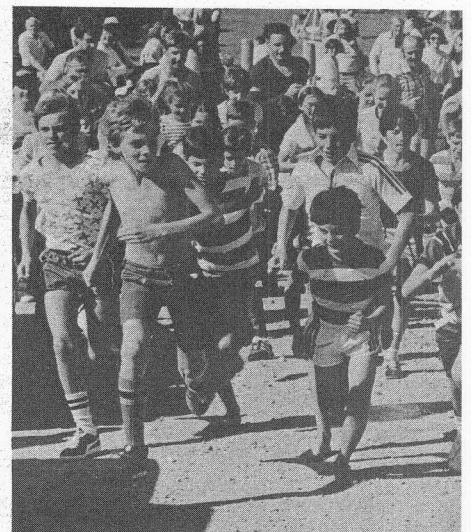
HALF-CENTURY FESTIVAL — Brethren kept the 1983 Feast of Tabernacles at 83 sites on every inhabited continent. The 1983 Festival marked the 50th year that the Philadelphia era of God's Church kept the Fall Festival, beginning at a site in Oregon in 1934 (see September *Good News*). Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and his wife, Loma (now deceased), began observing God's Holy Days, including



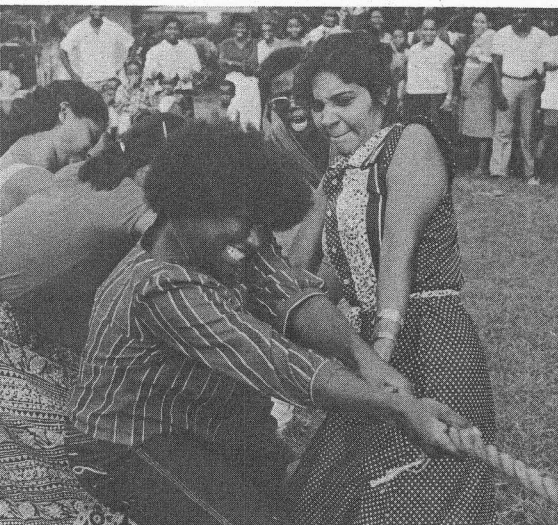
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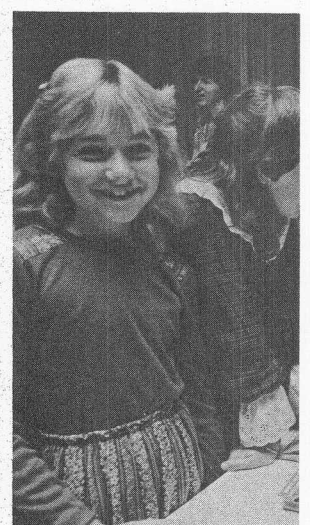
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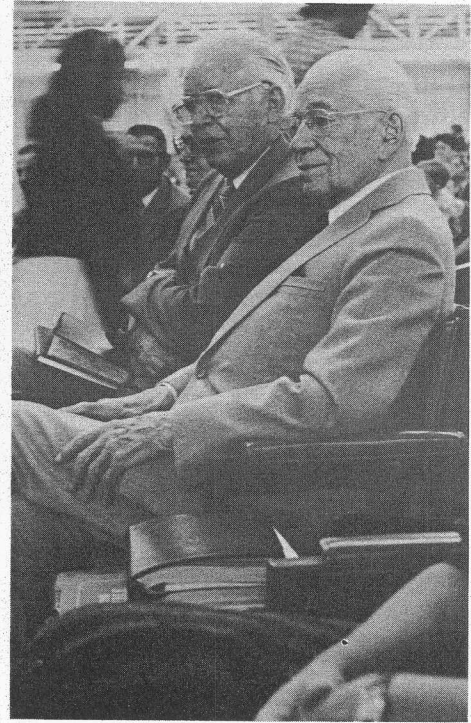
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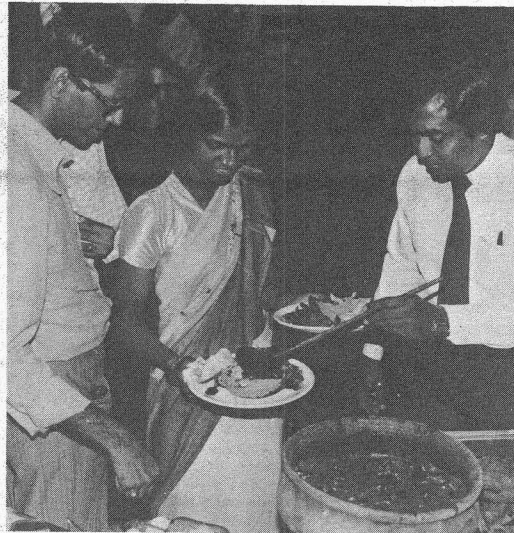
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BARY FESTIVAL

the Feast of Tabernacles, seven years earlier in 1927. During the Feast the pastor general returned to Eugene, Ore., to commemorate the beginning of the Philadelphia era of the Church there. [Photos by Cesar Agostin, Aaron Dean, Richard Dove, Nathan Faulkner, Reginald Killingley, Pat Lee, Lonnie Leonard, Larry Omasta, Georges Pilon, Rolf Varga, Phil Weir and Radd Zedrik]



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ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Feast site is home to 17 Maltese members

By John Halford

SLIEMA, Malta — The Mediterranean island nation of Malta has been a popular Feast site for three years. It is also the home of 17 members of God's Church.

John Halford, a pastor-rank minister working in Media Services in Pasadena, spent the last part of the Feast in Malta, and visited members there afterward.

While visiting the island during and after the Feast, I got to know the brethren there. Raymond and Anna Grech live in the old town of Sliema, not far from the Maltese capital, Valletta. They invited me to visit them the day after the Feast. I found their home in a narrow street of little houses crammed tightly together.

Malta, although a modern nation, has an old-fashioned look. Many towns kept their medieval walls and traditional architecture, and it is sometimes hard to tell if a building is 20 years old or 200.

Mr. and Mrs. Grech were the first to be baptized in Malta. They were also the first couple to be married in the Church there. Mr. Grech

is a stock controller by profession, although he's unemployed at the moment. Malta, like the rest of Western Europe, has a severe unemployment problem.

Mr. and Mrs. Grech showed me their small but comfortable home. Most buildings in Malta are built out of blocks of the area honey-colored limestone, which is soft enough to be cut with a saw.

The thick stone walls keep the homes cool in spite of Malta's hot climate. A wall 3 or 4 feet high surrounds the roofs. In the crowded cities it is sometimes the only place where washing can be hung out to dry.

Next, I visited with Daniel and Jennifer Frenco, who live in St. Julian, a little way inland. Mr. Frenco has been a member since 1978. He is a travel agent by profession. Tourism is one of the island's major industries, so Mr. Frenco is kept busy.

The couple told me that although there is not a resident minister in Malta, the members meet every week in a room of the Hotel Phoenix in Valletta.

A tape is sent from the regional office in Borehamwood, England,

by the pastor of the church in Malta, David Stirk. He or another minister from England visits the island several times a year for counseling and to conduct services. The Maltese have their own language, but most speak some English.

My third visit was with Alfred and Elizabeth Zerafa, who live in the town of Naxxar. Most houses there seemed to have names rather than street numbers, which makes them rather hard to find. However, there is no mistaking the Zerafas' house. It is called Agape (a Greek word meaning divine love).

The Zerafas did much of the work of finishing their house themselves. Apparently it is a custom in Malta to buy an unfinished shell of a house, and then do the plastering and fitting of much of the woodwork oneself. It saves a lot of money and the people also learn useful skills.

As Mrs. Zerafa said, "I learned to mix concrete." Because of this, Maltese homes have individual personality.

Finally, I visited Joe and Therese Fenech, who live in the town of Zurriek. I was told by the other members that the Fenechs lived "a long way away." I suppose by Maltese standards they do.

It must have been at least an 8-mile trip (about 13 kilometers), through picturesque, winding roads bordered by stone fences. The island is only 17 miles long (about 27 kilometers), so I suppose a long journey is measured by minutes rather than hours.

The Fenechs were recently married, and they explained how they met. Apparently they knew each



WORLDWIDE WORK — Raymond and Anna Grech read the Aug. 22 *Worldwide News* in their home. Their son, Shawn Ryan, is 1 year old. [Photo by John Halford]

other at work, but they did not know that each was a subscriber to *The Plain Truth*. One day they were discussing the world oil crisis and each discovered that the other was remarkably well-informed. When they compared sources they realized that they had both been reading the same magazine. Their friendship developed from there.

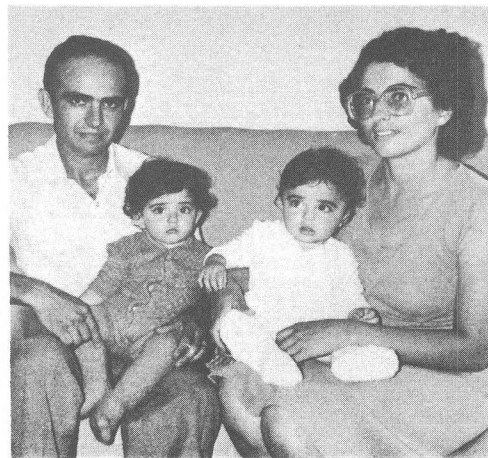
Mr. Fenech lived in Australia from 1963 to 1971. He explained that there are more Maltese who have emigrated from the island than live there now. He and the other

members wondered how many other members of God's Church are of Maltese descent.

In addition to the 17 baptized members, there are "a lot of children" of members on the island of Malta. There is also great interest in *The Plain Truth*. During the Feast, Mr. Stirk had a public campaign, and Francis Bergin, business manager of the Borehamwood Office, followed up with another campaign. An average of more than 100 new people attended these meetings, and interest in the Work was strong.



MALTESE BRETHREN — Raymond and Anna Grech with son Shawn Ryan stand outside their home in Sliema, Malta (above). Below, Alfred and Elizabeth Zerafa are shown with their twins, Gloria and Michael. [Photos by John Halford]



Members walk on ocean bed at low tide

Sixty-one Dutch-speaking brethren from **UTRECHT**, Netherlands, and **BELGIUM** met in Pieterburen, a town in the province of Groningen, Netherlands, Aug. 26 to 28. Among other activities, they participated in a *Wadlopen*, or walking on the dry ocean bed during low tide.

Bram de Bree, regional director of the Work in Dutch-speaking areas, conducted Sabbath services Aug. 27. A variety show took place in the evening. Sunday morning, Aug. 28, the group met at a dike to begin crossing the Waddenzee (the sea that separates the mainland from the islands). Participants wore high-top shoes to prevent them from losing footwear in the bog. There are five different treks. Brethren went on a *Zwerfsocht* (ramble) this year.

Island brethren attend first outing

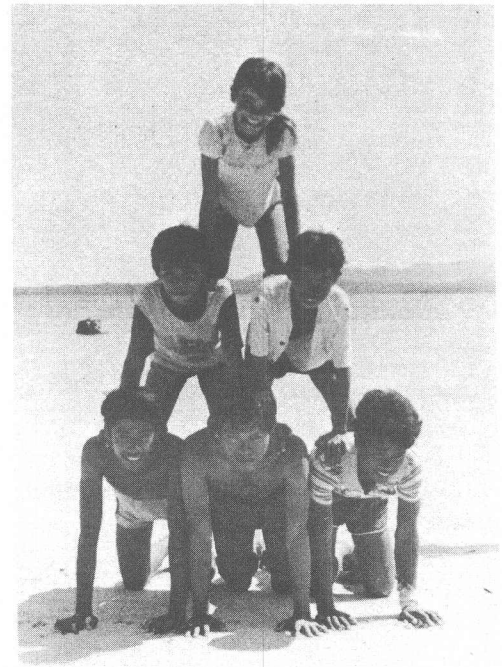
Brethren of **PALAWAN ISLAND**, Philippines, met Sept. 9 at White Beach for their first church outing. Normally, the 15 members and their families are only able to meet during the Holy Days in Puer to Princesa, the capital of the province. Pedro Melendez Jr., and Ruel Guerrero, a ministerial trainee, both from the Manila, Philippines, Regional Office, organized the picnic.

In the morning brethren swam, snorkeled, tossed Frisbees and harpooned fish. Activities after lunch included relay sack races and foot races for the children, a pull for peace (tug of war) and a human pyramid.

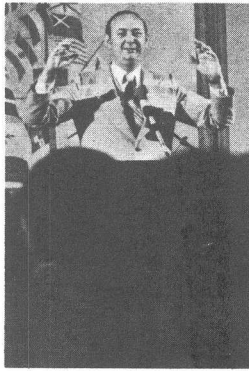
The trip took about two hours to complete and included crossing a deep bog and swimming, but for the most part, walking on packed sand. The youngest participant was

Luban van Dijk, 16, and the oldest was Bob Visser, 42.

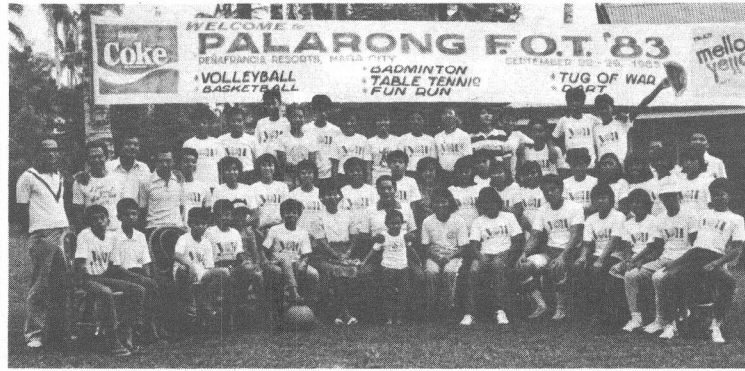
Afterward the group had lunch prepared by Geertruida de Bree and her helpers. *Pierann Greive*.



BALANCED APPROACH — Youths from the Palawan Island, Philippines, church form a pyramid Sept. 9 at the church's first picnic. (See article, this page.) [Photo by Ruel H. Guerrero]



ANCHORAGE, ALASKA



NAGA CITY, PHILIPPINES



BONNDORF, WEST GERMANY

Festival

(Continued from page 7)
Clare and Joel Meeker.

NASSAU, Bahamas — A theme of rejoicing was complemented by a feeling of spiritual and family unity and teamwork at the Feast of Tabernacles here. Four hundred ninety-five brethren attended services at the Balmoral Beach Hotel.

Evangelist Harold Jackson spoke about the mystery of God, and explained how Herbert Armstrong, God's apostle, is an example for us.

Jeffrey Barnes spoke on the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles, fearing God and obeying Him, the temple and the tabernacle, Christian marriages, and the meaning of the Last Great Day. Kingsley O. Mather spoke on the world tomorrow and what it will be like, seven ways to overcome the problems of meditating, and principles of training and dealing with children.

Mr. Jackson encouraged about 60 senior citizens who attended a luncheon to use their latter years for good causes. Other activities included a family dance, an afternoon of films for the youths and a family fun show.

En route here from New York \$2,000 was stolen from a member. Brethren donated funds to help him. *Kingsley O. Mather.*

OCHO RIOS, Jamaica — Preparing for the world tomorrow was the Festival theme at this site where 451 attended services at the Ocho Rios Sheraton.

Sermon topics were God's system vs. man's system, developing God's attitudes, preparing effectively for spiritual marriage, overcoming besetting sins, and the Last Great Day and God's purpose for creation by Briscoe Ellett II; how to ensure a spiritual Feast, controlling the tongue, and the role of trials, suffering and persecution by Charles Fleming. Randi Bloom gave a review of the book of Ecclesiastes, and Stan Bass, regional director for the Work in the English-speaking Caribbean, gave a study of Elijah.

Unity and an attitude of service were apparent throughout the Feast. Activities were a get-know-you picnic, a senior citizens' tea party organized by the singles, a sports day, a family dance, a YOU picnic and a ministerial luncheon.

Sign language translation was available for the deaf brethren. *Charles Fleming.*

RINCON, Puerto Rico — Eating of the fruit of the tree of life was the theme of the Feast of Tabernacles for 206 brethren who met at the Hotel Cofresi here.

The theme was set by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in his opening night film message.

Leon Walker, regional director for the Work in Spanish-speaking areas, visited the site. He spoke on the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles, having faith when in stress, and the responsibility we have in setting the right example.

Other sermon topics were how to have a Feast not to be forgotten, what it takes to be great in God's Kingdom, how to ensure that we will keep the Feast next year, the meaning of the Last Great Day, how to study the Bible, and prophecy by Pablo Gonzalez; signs along the road to God's Kingdom, and the world is waiting for something it does not know — the Last Great Day by Raul Ramos.

A family social including a party for children was well-attended. Other activities included a family dance and combined games and sports for the youths and adults. Cooperation and service prevailed during the Feast. *Pablo Gonzalez.*

ST. FRANCOIS, Guadeloupe — Unity, harmony and Christian living were the themes here as 162 brethren gathered to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Erick Dubois spoke on the world tomorrow, faith, healing, our financial responsibility, and marriage. Jacques Le Houedec spoke on our calling, endurance, and our future glory. Brethren also viewed Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's opening night 16-mm. film.

Activities during the Feast included a youth evening with a bonfire and fireworks and a Feast show featuring area and international folklore dances. *Erick Dubois.*

SOUTHAMPTON, Bermuda — Family unity and waiting patiently for the Kingdom of God were the themes of the Feast of Tabernacles here where 350 attended services at the Southampton Princess Hotel.

Speakers were Stan Bass, regional director for the Work in the English-speaking Caribbean, who spoke on Elijah, and the meaning of the Last Great Day; Dan Creed, who spoke on why we are here, the work of Satan, and the fantastic future for our youths; Jim Jenkins, who spoke on the New Jerusalem, the power of God, and patient endurance; and Cecil Pulley, who spoke on what eternal life will be like, and leadership.

An islandwide power failure Sept. 28 lasted five hours. The morning service was by candlelight.

Activities at this site included a senior citizens' brunch, a ministerial luncheon and a YOU cruise in a glass-bottom boat. *Cecil J. Pulley.*

TARTANE, Martinique — Three hundred twenty-four brethren attended Festival services here.

Getting ready for the Kingdom was the theme of sermons given by Jacques Le Houedec on brotherly love, our part in building character, and how God strengthens us; Gilbert Carbone on the meaning of the Feast, rejecting the works of the flesh and developing the fruits of the spirit, and being lights to the world; Charles Voyer on our attitude toward material possessions; and Mr. Fontaine on the parable of the talents.

A performance by the youths, a family dance and a football match were among the activities enjoyed by the brethren.

Six baptisms took place at the Festival here. *Gilbert Carbone.*

VIEUX FORT, St. Lucia — Four hundred seven brethren attended services in Halcyon Days Hotel here.

Stan Bass, regional director for the Work in the English-speaking Caribbean, gave sermons on the meaning of the Feast, why we keep the Feast, and the modern-day Elijah. Randal Dick spoke on Ecclesiastes and the Feast, the challenge of Christianity through the ages, how big is your goal?, what failure is, and the meaning of the Last Great Day. Lincoln Jaijal gave sermons on today's age, and meaning of the Last Great Day.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's first-day address was recorded and played Sept. 26.

Caribbean Night featured Caribbean food. About 25 senior citizens enjoyed a luncheon. On sports day, youths took part in relays and games. Other activities included a family day picnic, family dance, talent show, scuba diving, island tours and boat trips to the Piton monoliths. *Stan Bass and Randal Dick.*

LATIN AMERICA

ACAPULCO, Mexico — A tropical climate awaited 1,147 brethren who attended Festival services in the Juan Ruiz de Alarcon to help prepare for the Kingdom of God.

Sermons by Tom Turk discussed the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day. Salvador Barragan spoke on entering God's Kingdom, and what to do after the Feast. Daniel Vazquez exhorted brethren about the characteristics of a true Christian, and how to reach

spiritual maturity. Gilberto Marin spoke on the conditions during the Millennium, and how to be a pleasing teenager. Francisco Hui gave four aspects of marriage, and Pablo Dimakis explained how to persevere to the end, and the family relationship.

Brethren viewed Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's opening night message, and the *Behind the Work — 1983* and Young Ambassadors films. U.S. brethren joined Mexican members in a family night talent show.

A special breakfast was offered to the ministers and their wives. Games and the movie *Superman* were enjoyed at a family night dance. Women from various Mexican congregations set up an arts and crafts display, and a family beach picnic featured a variety of games planned by the youths.

There was much fellowship and companionship. Brethren got together in groups to visit some of the main attractions. A spirit of cooperation and harmony, unity and brotherly love reigned. *Thomas D. Turk.*

ANTIGUA, Guatemala — Two hundred sixty-one brethren met at the Hotel Ramada Antigua for eight days of learning what the Holy Days represent and how they pertain to this era of God's Church.

Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor, spoke to brethren about the causes of the problems affecting this area of the world and what the future holds. Herbert Cisneros spoke about the Holy Days, war, and why God inspired prophecy. Alfredo Mercado explained the mysteries of nature, biblical prophecies, and God's Kingdom. Dr. Hoeh also spoke on the Last Great Day.

1984 Feast in Acapulco, Mexico

Although the Feast of Tabernacles 1983 is still a vivid memory, your assistance is requested to help plan for next year's Feast in Acapulco, Mexico.

The Spanish Department needs an idea of the maximum number of people who would want to transfer to Acapulco. If you think you might like to transfer to Acapulco, please write or call. Send your letter or postcard to:

Spanish Department
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129
Attention: Acapulco Transfer Inquiry

Or, if you live in the United States (outside of California, Alaska and Hawaii), you may call on the Church WATS line (800-423-4444). Those who live in California, Alaska or Hawaii may call 213-304-6111 collect. In either case, tell the operator your name, address and that you might like to transfer to Acapulco in 1984. Whether you write or call, mention how many individuals, including children, would be in your group.

If you live outside the United States, please call, or send your reply by *airmail* to the address above.

Please note the following prices for a nine-day stay: a suite (maximum of four adults, or two adults and three children) will range from \$550 to 600; a double room (maximum of two adults, or two adults and two children) will range from \$450 to \$500. Food will cost about 65 percent of the cost of meals in United States and Canadian resort-area restaurants. Ask a travel agent about air fares.

A yes reply is *no commitment whatsoever* for you to actually transfer to Acapulco. It will give the Spanish Department an indication of how many to expect, to negotiate prices and plan accordingly.

If you attended Acapulco in 1983 and want to transfer there again next year, write or call to let us know. Please reply *before* Dec. 9.

Children and adults enjoyed the annual children's party with a water-balloon toss and other games. Sunny to partly cloudy weather and a fine example by children contributed to the Festival here. *Herbert Cisneros.*

CARAZ, Peru — Snowcapped mountain peaks, clear skies and sunny weather provided a backdrop for 185 Feastgoers observing God's Festival at the Club Union Hall here.

Developing unity and harmony in the Church and family was the theme. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's opening night message on 16-mm. film was viewed by brethren here.

Reginald Killingley explained the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles, the meaning of the Last Great Day, how marriage is a God-plane relationship, learning to rule in the family kingdom now, how to plan for growth in seven vital areas, and asked if brethren were learning to make wise decisions.

Wilfredo Saenz spoke on striving for unity and harmony in love, human nature and the battle for the mind, the qualities of a good and faithful servant, and God's greatness and characteristics.

Activities during the Feast included a day trip to Llanganuco Lakes, which are 12,664 feet (3,860 meters) above sea level, a showing of the *Behind the Work — 1982* and Young Ambassadors Feast films and a nationwide Spokesman Club meeting.

Brethren also took part in a dinner dance, a talent show and a lecture on recognizing and preventing health problems by Juan Cornejo.

YOU members enjoyed two game and sports afternoons. A children's and young people's party also took place.

An inspiring attitude of service and cooperation was prevalent during the Festival, as brethren took turns preparing food, cleaning the hall and serving brethren.

Positive comments were received about the brethren's behavior from the hall manager, hotel managers, bus drivers and others. *Reginald V. Killingley.*

LIBERIA, Costa Rica — A family atmosphere pervaded activities for 60 brethren who kept the Festival at the Hotel Las Espuelas in the state of Guanacaste.

Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, editor of *The Plain Truth*, spoke about the beginning of Satan's government, why we celebrate the Feast, how to rear happy children, and that today is not the only day of salvation. Mauricio Perez explained the restoration of the creation in the Millennium, being one, and understanding in marriage. Dr. Hoeh's visit was especially inspiring to brethren who came from areas of political conflict.

A formal family dance took place one evening, and a Spokesman Club ladies' night featured the selection of new club officers. Athletic events for children featured swimming,

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was Lynn Stanford, sister of the bride. The couple reside in Seminole, Fla., and attend the St. Petersburg church.



MR. AND MRS. GREGORY HILGEN

Randi Kay Hayes and Gregory Mark Hilgen were united in marriage Aug. 14 in the lower gardens of the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. Terry P. Mattson, pastor of the Garden Grove and Riverside, Calif., churches, conducted the ceremony.



MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS VIEL

Judy Marie Tibbits, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Tibbits of Ripley, N.B., and Joseph Roland Francis Viel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Viel of Casapostal, Que., were united in marriage July 10. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Gary Moore, pastor of the Fredericton, Bathurst, Moncton and Saint John, N.B., churches, with Daniel Samson, minister in the New Brunswick churches, assisting. The couple reside in Fredericton.



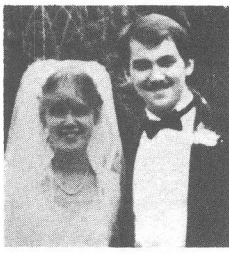
MR. AND MRS. JOEL AMOS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Bull announce the marriage of their daughter Kathryn Rose to Joel Edward Amos, son of John and Helen Amos of London, Ohio. The wedding took place Aug. 29 and was presided over by John Amos, minister in the Columbus, Ohio, churches. Matthew Amos, brother of the groom, was best man, and Christine Bull, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The couple reside in Vandalia, Ohio.



MR. AND MRS. MARIO P. DAYAO

Mario Dayao and Fedolina Chavez were married Sept. 1 in Quezon City, Philippines. The ceremony was performed by Reybaldo Taniaura, pastor of the Quezon City church. Wilfredo Jacinto was best man, and Patricia Romero was maid of honor. The couple plan to reside at First Street, Youngs Town Village, Cainta, Rizal, Philippines.



MR. AND MRS. JIM MARION

Mr. and Mrs. Ross W. Merriman of Big Sandy wish to

announce the marriage of their daughter, Jan to Jim Marion, son of Janice Marion of Gaultier, Miss. The wedding took place Aug. 7 at Pasadena Ambassador College. Jim and Jan are graduates of Ambassador College and reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. GARY ENDRES

Susan Blackwell and Gary Endres were united in marriage July 31 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. Evangelist Dean Blackwell performed the wedding. The matron of honor was Mercy DeShong, and the best man was Fred Whittaker. The couple reside in Pasadena.

ANNIVERSARIES

A most joyous 25th wedding anniversary, continuing through the 1983 Festival in Pentecost, B.C., we bequeath to Gene and Connie Zhorna of Toledo, Iowa. They were married Sept. 1, 1958, in Tama, Iowa. Jeffrey, Scottie and Matthew.

A terrific 30th wedding anniversary to Jim and Denie Mittenberger. Oct. 24. We all love you a bunch. Dan, Roxie, Dennis, Bill and all the kids.

Happy first anniversary to Luther and Mary Ritchie Oct. 17. We love you both as brethren and dear friends. With Christian love, Ralph and Clara Hall.

Happy 21st anniversary Oct. 20 to George and Rita Burnette Jr. We hope you enjoy many more happy years together. We love you both. From your children George III, Michelle, Kimberly, Sheila and Mark.

To my miater, Roma: It's been a most enjoyable two years, Oct. 11. We know work and effort among many other things produce a happy marriage. I'm truly happy to be your wife. Thank you for all of your love. Your Sweet Paa, Susan.

Happy 37th Jim. Sio.

Mark, Thank you for all your thoughtfulness and love. May God always bless you and be with you. Happy fourth anniversary! I love you, Debbie.

Janet Darling: Thank you for nine most wonderful years of marriage Nov. 27. Love, Harry.

To two wonderful parents, happy silver (25th) anniversary Nov. 22. All our love, Adrian, Cheryl, Kim, Debbie and Joe.

Weddings Made of Gold

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Thomas J. and Mary Jane Hughes were honored on their 66th wedding anniversary with a luncheon given by their children: Wesley, Lewis, Charles, James, Christine Hayes, Frances Colburn and Pearl Barnett of Tuscaloosa; Thomas of Lewiston, Idaho; Paul of Okalona, Miss.; Carl of Brookhaven, Miss.; and Annie Lee Munn of Holtville, Calif.

The couple were married July 17, 1917, and have 11 children, 38 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were baptized July 29, 1960, and began attending Sabbath services in Birmingham, Ala., when a church was started there.



MR. AND MRS. FLOYD McPHERSON

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Floyd and Velma McPherson, members of the church here, were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary at Sabbath services Sept. 3.

BIG SANDY — Willie and Mae Dunn celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary while attending the Feast of Tabernacles here. Brethren from Dallas, Tex., surprised them with an anniversary cake between services on the First Holy Day. The Dunns were married Sept. 21,

Happy wedding anniversary Dec. 22 to Dawn and Jimmy Averett of Greenville, S.C. We miss you since you moved away. Lots of love, Mom and Dad Cook and all the little "Cookies."

Obituaries

DAYTON, Ohio — Lester D. Sell, 51, of Tipp City, Ohio, died of cancer Sept. 18. He was a member of God's Church, and attended the Dayton A.M. congregation.

Mr. Sell is survived by his wife, Darlene; daughters Sheryl Carey and Carol Woolfer; parents Mr. and Mrs. Croyle Sell; and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Sept. 21 in Tipp City by Ray Meyer, pastor of the Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Agnes Stewart, 84, died in Birmingham Sept. 13. She was baptized in July, 1967. Mrs. Stewart was buried in Clanton, Ala., at Martin Memorial Gardens. Robert Collins, a minister in the Birmingham churches, conducted the services Sept. 16.

Surviving family members are son John B. McNair of Osteen, Fla., and daughters Margaret M. Bader of Kailua, Hawaii; Mary A. Lott of Birmingham and Hazel Robinson of Orlando, Fla.

QUEENS, N.Y. — Sandra Gour-dine, 32, a member of the Queens church, died of cancer Sept. 11.

Mrs. Gour-dine is survived by her daughter Shiresse and husband, Nathaniel.

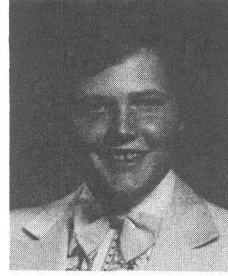
TULSA, Okla. — Beulah E. Har-rald, 83, of Ramona, Okla., a member of the Church since 1969, died Aug. 22. Funeral services were conducted by Don Mason, pastor of the Tulsa church.

Mrs. Har-rald is survived by sons Tom of Bartlesville, Okla., and Don of Talala, Okla.; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three sisters.

GADSDEN, Ala. — Neil Warren, 22, a member of God's Church since 1982, was killed in a car accident Aug. 24.

Neil is survived by his parents, James and Elizabeth Warren, and brothers Fred and James Paul. Mrs. Warren is a

member of the Gadsden church, and James Paul is a YOU member.



NEIL WARREN

Funeral services were conducted by Steve Smith, pastor of the Gadsden church.

HONESDALE, Pa. — Geraldine M. Dennis, 63, a member of God's Church since April, 1971, died Aug. 17.

Funeral services were conducted by James Rosenthal, pastor of the Harrisburg, Pa., church.

Mrs. Dennis is survived by her daughter Shirley Krol who attends the Mount Pocono, Pa., church with her husband, Michael, and children.

GODALMING, England — Peter Gauntlett-Gilbert, 37, died July 6 after a long illness. He was baptized in April, 1978, and is survived by his wife and 10-year-old son.

WENATCHEE, Wash. — Walsh "Wally" H. Blum, 73, died at his home here July 6.

Survivors include his wife, Edith June, a member of God's Church; sons Arlen, at home, Walter of Anchorage, Alaska, Aaron of Everett, Wash., and Lee of Portland, Ore.; daughters Ceona Williamson of Auburn, Wash.; and Iris Vickery of Benton City, Wash.; brothers Howard of California and Leland of Kennewick, Wash.; sister Thelma of California; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Services were conducted in Wenatchee by Gene Watkins, a minister in central Washington.

UNION, N.J. — Selma Lyons, 64, a pioneer member of the Union church, died Aug. 4. She was baptized July 3, 1964, one month after the Newark, N.J., church, as it was then known, began as the first congregation in New Jersey.

Funeral services were conducted at the Perry Funeral Home in Newark Aug. 29 by Henry Sturck, a minister in the Union congregation.

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — Iliis Mae Dietz, 61, died Sept. 21 of cancer. She was a member since 1960, and a deaconess in the Church.

Mrs. Dietz is survived by her husband, Lyle, also a member; daughters Barbara Novy and Linda Pozivilko, also members; one brother; two sisters; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Norm Strayer, pastor of the Wisconsin Dells and Wausau, Wis., churches.



CARL HAKES

HOUSTON, Tex. — Carl Hakes, 38, died Aug. 29. He was baptized July, 1968. Survivors include his wife, Ellen, and sons Rodney, Steve and Scott.

Mr. Hakes was active with the youths of the Houston North church. Services were conducted by John Ogwyn, pastor of the Houston North congregation.

SWEETWATER, Tex. — Frances Stewart Parsons, 88, died from a stroke Sept. 7. She was a member of God's Church since 1952, but had been unable to attend for the last four years because of her physical condition.

Mrs. Parsons is survived by daughters Mrs. Leon Butler and Doris Bearden; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

WICHITA, Kan. — Juanita Gonia, 61, a member of the Wichita church, died Sept. 24 after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Gonia was born in Cushing, Okla., in 1921 and was a member of the Church since 1961.

Graveside services were conducted in Wichita by the associate pastor, Tom Tullis.

Mrs. Gonia is survived by her husband, Tom; sons Ervin Sollars, of Denver, Colo.; James Sollars of LaGrange, Ga.; and Gary Sollars of Moore, Okla.; and daughters Evelyn Williams of Amarillo, Tex., and Carol Walls of Pasadena, Calif.

GOLD COAST, Australia — William Llewellyn Allen, 66, died of cancer Sept. 24. He was baptized in 1968 and attended the Melbourne, Australia, church with his wife, Gwen, before retiring to the Gold Coast one year ago.

Peter McLean, pastor of the Gold Coast church, conducted the graveside service.

RICHMOND, Va. — Marie Harmon Scott, 93, died Oct. 6. She was the widow of Junius T. Scott.

Mrs. Scott is survived by her sister, Pauline H. Ammons. A graveside service was conducted Oct. 8 by the pastor of the Richmond church, Kenneth Giesse.

WINNIPEG, Man. — George Hiebert, 56, a member of God's Church since June 1965, died of a heart attack Sept. 21 in Hooegeven, Holland, where he, his wife and son Daniel, had gone to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

Funeral services were conducted at Hooegeven by Pieter Michielens, pastor of the Grande Prairie, Alta., church.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude; daughter Juliana Anderson and her husband, Jeff; and daughter Susan Paulus and her husband, Don; sons Bernard, Ron and Daniel, all in God's Church; his parents; seven brothers; four sisters; and one grandchild, Steven Paulus.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — W.T. "Ted" Franklin, 68, died Oct. 3 after a long illness. He and his wife, Marjorie, were baptized Sept. 27, 1982.

Arnold Clauson, pastor of the Oklahoma City church, performed the graveside service Oct. 5.

LAKELAND, Fla. — Henry Elam Wilcox, 87, a member of the Church, died here Oct. 3.

Funeral services were conducted by Frank R. McCrady III, pastor of the Lakeland church, Oct. 7.

BOISE, Idaho — Edith Foust, 87, a member of God's Church here, died Sept. 29. She lived in the Treasure Valley Manor for several years before her death.

She was born Feb. 3, 1896, in Monmouth, Kan., and was preceded in death June 18, 1973, by her husband, Fred. Mrs. Foust is survived by one son, one daughter, five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

ANAHEIM, Calif. — David Matson, 59, died at home July 27.

Mr. Matson is survived by a brother, a sister and five children.

HOUSTON, Tex. — Robin Kennedy, 25, died Sept. 5. He was a resident of Shreveport, La.

Survivors include his father, Ben, and a brother, Harvey, both of Shreveport; half-brother Jerry of Arlington, Tex.; and his mother, Sarah Ledbetter, a Church member in Houston.

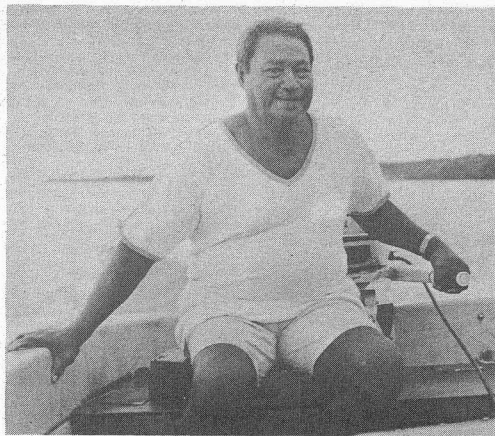
John Ogwyn, pastor of the Houston North church, conducted funeral services in Shreveport.

WHEELING, W. Va. — Mabel Dunum, 74, a resident of Moundsville, W. Va., and member of God's Church since March, 1969, died after a long illness Sept. 23.

Miss Dunum is survived by a sister and a niece.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Daisy White, 86, died here Sept. 24 of a stroke. She was buried in DeQueen, Ark., Sept. 27. Rod McQueen, minister in the Texarkana, Tex., El Dorado, Ark., and Shreveport, La., churches, officiated at the ceremony.

Mrs. White was born Nov. 8, 1895, and was baptized while living in Arkansas. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two sisters.



YAP MEMBER — John Yugumang is the first member baptized in the western Pacific island nation of Yap. He is shown on his boat, which he uses to haul merchandise for his store. [Photo by Pedro R. Melendez Jr.]

Philippine minister visits Yap; baptizes first Church member

By Pedro R. Melendez Jr.
MANILA, Philippines — Yap, the land of stone money in the western Caroline Islands, has its first baptized member of the Worldwide Church of God. He is John Yugum-

The author is a minister serving in the Manila, Philippines, Office.

mang, a native of Rumung, the tiny island at the northern tip of Yap archipelago. I baptized him on Rumung beach Aug. 10.

Mr. Yugumang has read *The Plain Truth* and other Church literature for more than two years. He

asked the Australian Office of God's Work for a ministerial visit, and in June, 1981, Bill Sidney visited him in Colonia, Yap's capital. Mr. Sidney felt Mr. Yugumang was being called into God's Church but needed time to study the Church's literature more thoroughly.

Since the islands are most accessible from Manila, Australian regional director Robert Morton requested the Church's Manila Office to send a minister on their behalf. Philippine regional director Guy Ames asked me to visit Yap.

I talked with Mr. Yugumang Aug. 9 in my hotel room in Colonia. He earnestly asked how he could obey God more — he was keeping God's Sabbath, sending in his tithes and offerings, observing God's food laws and other things he learned from Church literature.

As he wrote the Pasadena Office late in May: "I finally decided to quit my former religion. I already put aside all its activities and practices and have tried ever since to follow the newly found truth clearly explained in those informative books received... truly I'm in debt to God in all things especially... for the help in showing me how to seek Him in spirit and in truth."

Forbidden island

Rumung is known as the forbidden island because it is off-limits to tourists. The island society is traditional and, according to Mr. Yugumang, only religious missionaries are allowed to come to the island village upon special invitation. According to one report, not even Peace Corps volunteers have set foot on its shores.

Mr. Yugumang wanted to be baptized in the privacy of his island, so he got approval from the chief and the inhabitants for me to visit Rumung. Mr. Yugumang is a distant relative of Rumung's chief. He was adopted in childhood by a close relative of the chief, so by custom law he is a brother to the chief. This probably helped in getting permission for me to visit their island.

After breakfast Aug. 10 Mr. Yugumang was ready with his speedboat to ferry me to Rumung. It was high tide and we could pass through the Tagernag canal, which the Germans built across Tomil-Gagil island using Yapese labor at the turn of the century. We reached Rumung in 30 minutes.

Soon after arrival, I baptized the first member of God's Church in this remote corner of the Pacific Ocean. Two of Mr. Yugumang's sons stood by as witnesses. It was a moving experience to realize that God had called one from these far-flung islands.

The Yugumang family

In their early 50s, Mr. Yugumang and his wife have 11 living children — eight girls and three boys. Except for two married daughters in Colonia, all children live with their parents on Rumung. Mrs. Yugumang was in Colonia attending to a sick relative when I visited their island.

In a village of thatched huts, the Yugumangs' almost completed wood-and-galvanized-iron house stands out conspicuously. Evidently God has blessed Mr. Yugumang for his obedience to His Laws. He is one of only three merchants on Rumung, an island with an area of a little under 2.5 square miles. Its permanent inhabitants have dwindled from 205 in 1972 to only 130 as of this year's latest count.

"Only four in my family — four

of my children — are in favor of my new religion," said Mr. Yugumang. After baptizing and laying hands on him, I gave Mr. Yugumang a Bible study on John 15. His three sons are all named John — the eldest his junior, and the two others with different second names — so they were thrilled to know I was going through something the apostle John had written. I encouraged Mr. Yugumang to stay close to God and communicate with the Australian Office about his spiritual needs.

I could not spend more time on Rumung, much as I wanted to. After the study we had to hurry on the speedboat back to Colonia before the tide was out or we would be unable to pass through the canal.

By about noon we reached Colonia and ate lunch in Mr. Yugumang's daughter's house by the sea. Here I spent more time answering his questions about what to do during the Sabbath since there are no Sabbath services in Yap, how to observe the Passover and other questions. I also explained to him about healing in God's Church.

Life in Yap

Despite the successive occupation of the islands since the 1520s by the Spanish, Germans, Japanese and Americans, Yapese society remains basic and traditional — with generally self-sufficient native villages. Several native men still prefer to sport their colorful loincloth (called *thus*), and some women go unadorned in their native topeless attire.

With abundant coconut trees (copra is the islands' main export product), breadfruit, taro, fish from unspoiled and largely unexploited reefs, and other sources of meat, tropical fruits and vegetables, the Yapese have an easygoing, simple life. No manufacturing industries are here, so most of the amenities of modern living are imported.

While some commerce is still carried on by natives using ancient stone money (called *fei* or *rai*) and shell money (*yap*), most of business today is conducted in terms of the American dollar. Yap is part of the Federated States of Micronesia, which became self-governing in 1979. But in order to keep itself afloat economically, Yap still needs aid from the United States, which it received when the United States administered Yap District under a trusteeship agreement with the United Nations.

A 1974 government report states that "Yap District's income comes from export of copra, trochus and handicrafts, but by far the greatest amount of money entering the district comes in the form of Trust Territory Government wages."

The highest level of education obtainable in Yap is high school, with some special education courses conducted by a team of American tutors for high school graduates during summer, such as Mr. Yugumang attended in the past. Those who wish to go to college must study in Guam, Hawaii or on the U.S. mainland.

Because of its long contact with the Spanish, Yap is predominantly Roman Catholic. With the Americans have come various Protestant denominations. In this climate God's truth found its way into the home of at least one Yapese out of some 10,000 on these islands. "As far as I know, I'm the only one who receives *The Plain Truth* around here," Mr. Yugumang told me.

Violence

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Europe's oil needs and 60 percent of Japan's would be cut off, crippling the world economy.

Jordan — commercial center

One of the more impressive and progressive (meaning in this case more Western-styled) Arab countries in the Middle East is Jordan. Mr. Armstrong and his traveling team spent about five days in the bustling capital city, Amman.

Like Israel, its neighbor across the Jordan River, the government of King Hussein also focuses on Syria as its main external threat. This was explained to me by Jordan's energetic minister of information, Adnan Abu Odeh, at a dinner he had in his home for Mr. Armstrong's party.

Jordan is actively supporting Iraq (also an enemy of Syria) in its life-or-death struggle against Iran, which has close ties to Syria. This support was much in evidence on a side trip I took to Petra, which is about three hours driving time south of Amman.

The best road to take to Petra is the Desert Highway. This two-lane blacktop road is the main artery from Amman south to Aqaba, Jordan's only port.

The road is also used to transport a major portion of military supplies to Iraq. It is incredible to see how many trucks use this road, especially at night. The heavy truck traffic is chopping portions of the road surface into a teeth-chattering washboard.

It is worth noting, too, that Jordan, with its political stability and moderate outlook toward the rest of the world, is slowly replacing Lebanon as the Arab commercial center in the Middle East. Reported the weekly *Middle East Times*, in its Oct. 17 edition:

"Jordan has caught the eye of the European Economic Community and will probably be playing a major role in the EEC's future relations with the Middle East..."

"European experts favorably view Jordan's flourishing commerce with her Arab neighbors... and the presence of many Jordanian employees in key positions in the countries of the Gulf. They feel that, despite limited natural resources, Jordan could become the commercial center of the Middle East, similar to the place of Lebanon in the past.

"The interest of the Ten in Jordan has been manifested in recent years by numerous visits, seminars, exhibits and trade fairs. King Hussein visited the European Commission in 1982 and was honored with an invitation to address the European Parliament. Several months later, his visit was followed up by that of his brother, Crown Prince

Hassan."

Perhaps Jordan's deepening ties to Europe help explain why "Moab and the chief of the children of Ammon" (Daniel 11:41) will escape being overthrown by a future European power striking into the Middle East. Jordan will apparently already be closely linked by that time to Europe.

Israel muddling along

Our visit to Israel coincided with nationwide municipal elections. Fortunately for the city of Jerusalem and for the Work's projects there, 72-year-old Teddy Kollek was easily returned to power as mayor.

Both Mayor Kollek and Knesset Speaker Savidor have been instrumental in safeguarding Jerusalem's famed archaeological projects from being blocked by the opposition of ultraorthodox Hassidic Jews.

In Israel itself, the Lebanese situation continues to be a running sore. Two more Israeli soldiers were ambushed and killed in south Lebanon while we were there. As for Israel's economy, the currency, the shekel, is weak, having fallen recently from 68 to 84 to the dollar.

One reason for the weak economy Mayor Kollek told me, is that the national government did not, as in previous wars, require the public to sacrifice to pay for the Lebanese war, which of course was not fully supported by the people, at least as it dragged on.

Directors

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reproducing Himself, the knowledge of the spirit in man, the true meaning of Christ's Gospel, the purpose of humanity and other Church doctrines. "Maybe you didn't realize how many things have been restored into this Church," he said.

Calling for unity, the pastor general said to the assembled regional directors and evangelists: "Now if I am wrong, come to me. Pray before you do. If necessary, we'll pray together. I can't afford to be wrong. I don't want to be. I want to be right and get into God's Kingdom more than I want to vindicate my own personal ideas."

Mr. Armstrong concluded his address with some general comments about Church administration: "I want to say that I am so pleased with all of you, so far as I'm concerned. And I believe that Jesus Christ is. I thank God for those that are around me now in the Work of Christ.

"I have around me, or Christ has, conscientious, yielded, surrendered people that want God's will — not their own — that are loyal and that want to work. We have to be hard workers and diligent workers, and faithful. The ones that are close to me daily are just so completely loyal."

years old and only this year did I truly come to understand what the Feast of Tabernacles really meant.

The sermons had so much of an effect on the way we do things. We are doing most things as a family now and are getting in some study every day.

Mary Hall
Denver, Colo.

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Setting goals

I am writing this in response to your Aug. 8, 1983, "Just One More Thing." Thank you for the constant good advice you provide to us in your column. I have already set a couple of longer range goals and plan on continuing setting goals of short and long duration. Thank you once again.

Thomas Thorne
Lake Station, Ind.

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Examples from nature

Mr. [Dexter] Faulkner's article "Is Your Taproot in Place?" (Sept. 12) reveals a depth of understanding and illustrates how exhilarating nature's spiritual examples can be. I truly enjoyed the biblical botanical lesson and exhortation to continue to grow.

One of my favorite examples of the eternal existence of God is the sky. I've asked atheists to explain its end and beginning to me — their silent awe in the face of such an overwhelming thought is probably the closest they've come to our Creator!

David A. Hoover
Holland, Ohio

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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was sung brought tears. I guess we would all like to tell you again and again that very thing. We love and appreciate your many sacrifices.

Mrs. Virgil Jordan
Endicott, Wash.

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Young Ambassadors tapes

The Young Ambassadors cassettes will probably be the most important physical thing... made available to us at this year's Feast. We have two teenagers and one who soon will be.

Of course, they all love listening to the radio and don't always appreciate it when we admonish them to listen to "something else." It's been frustrating to try to find "something else" for them to listen to that they can truly enjoy.

I hope that more of these cassettes will be made available to us in the future because I think that the present ones will soon be worn out.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wakeman
Conrad, Iowa

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Family Feast

My family and I observed the Feast of Tabernacles in Rapid City, S.D., and we all learned so much this year. I am 15

Festival

(Continued from page 11) and a children's party was replete with clowns, gifts and ice cream. The hotel management asked why Church people are so happy. *Mauricio Perez.*

LOS ANDES, Chile — One hundred twenty-eight brethren attended the Feast of Tabernacles here where the sermons were centered on family life in the world tomorrow.

Mario Seigle spoke about how life will be in the world tomorrow, how marriages will be in the Millennium, how the hearts of the parents and the children will be united in the world tomorrow, how there will be no losers in the Millennium, just winners, by applying the seven laws of success, and preparing ourselves to go back to the desert of this world. Filidor Illesca explained what true conversion is, described the law of God, and spoke about Christ's preexistence.

Brethren viewed Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's opening night film message.

Activities included a formal dance, a children's party with a puppet show and an entertainment fair.

An atmosphere of cooperation and joy was present throughout the Feast. Those who attended to the needs of the brethren said they had not seen a group be so truly happy. One attendant wanted to counsel with a minister and begin attending church services. *Mario Seigle.*

MELGAR, Colombia — Two hundred fifteen brethren met for eight inspirational days of sermons in Cafam Hall here.

Speakers and topics, centered on a theme of God's Kingdom and our responsibility in it, were by Larry Hinkle, who spoke on the biblical explanation for the Millennium, loyalty — a requirement for the Kingdom, God's government, and learning about God's justice. Eduardo Hernandez exhorted brethren about faith, why a Christian must suffer, the purpose of celebrating the Feast, what is religion, and the meaning of the Last Great Day.

A family dance and a formal dance for adults took place. Children and their parents enjoyed an afternoon of games and a talent show based on a millennial theme. Eight baptisms took place. *Eduardo Hernandez.*

MONTE HERMOSO, Argentina — Two hundred sixty-eight brethren from Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina assembled under spring skies at a seaside resort to learn unity in God's government.

Luis Chavez spoke on preparing now to become Gods for eternity, and character traits of a good governor. Alberto Sousa gave sermons on how to become a teacher of God's law in the Kingdom, the key to serving others, why God picked David to rule, and the future of youths in God's Church. Carlos Espinosa delivered a message on how to worship God.

Two baptisms and Festival films

marked high points during the Festival. Other activities included a barbecue, a family dance and a Spokesman Club ladies' night with the Ezeiza and Bahía Blanca, Argentina, churches.

A talent show featured folkloric dances. A choir of 40 children presented several songs, and a group performed a play entitled *The Life*

of *Queen Esther*. Youths took part in soccer, fishing and volleyball. *Alberto Sousa.*

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Mario Dechezeaux; page 5: Dayton, Ohio, Lowell Wagner; Melgar, Colombia, Jesus E. Prieto; Adelaide, Australia, Graeme Henderson; page 7: Galway, Irish Republic, Bob Schimmel; Johnson City, Tenn., Warren Heaton III; San Anton, Malta, Dominick Furlano; Eastbourne, England, Phil Martin; page 11: Anchorage, Alaska, Don Webster; Naga City, Philippines, Ric Perez; Bonndorf, West Germany, Christel Wilson.

Grenada

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On the other hand, the American overview should be made crystal clear to our worldwide readership.

Former U.S. President Richard M. Nixon articulates this American viewpoint as well as anyone. In his book *The Real War*, Mr. Nixon states: "World War III is the first truly global war. No corner of the earth is beyond its reach. The United States and the Soviet Union have both become global powers, and whatever affects the balance between us anywhere affects that balance everywhere. The Soviets understand this. We too [meaning the American leadership] must understand it, and must learn to think in global terms" (page 19).

To many Americans the continuing battle with the Soviet Union is being fought in every nook and cranny of this world — even on small Caribbean island nations of less than 100,000 people.

Mr. Nixon wrote: "With our eyes riveted on the successive crises in

NATO, Europe, the Middle East, Southeast Asia and Africa, we have lost sight of the growing world of power to the south of us in Latin America... The Soviets already have outposts of influence on the offshore islands — in Cuba and some of the smaller Antilles. By the time this book appears [1980], they may be ashore in Central America" (page 33).

This has happened in Nicaragua, with El Salvador under continual threat.

Mr. Nixon further stated: "Latin America is a prime Soviet target for three major reasons: It has enormous natural resources; by the end of the century its population will be substantially greater than that of the United States and Western Europe combined; and it is close to the United States — it is our soft underbelly" (op. cit.).

Continuing his exposition of U.S. thinking regarding Latin American affairs, the former President focuses his attention on the Caribbean. "Central America and the Caribbean are critical regions because of their strategic location, and because economically and militarily they are among the weaker

areas of the hemisphere. Radical governments are now installed in Grenada [1979] and St. Lucia" (page 35).

Of and by itself perhaps tiny Grenada is not a major threat to the security of the United States. But to many Americans it is a part of a clear pattern of events in Central America and the Caribbean orchestrated by both the Soviet Union and Cuba. According to American commentators Rowland Evans and Robert Novak: "The Central American dominoes are falling."

That is why Mr. Nixon proffered the following advice in *The Real War*: "Any such effort at [Marxist] subversion should be firmly and unmistakably checked, and both Soviets and Cubans should be told in advance that any interference here [in Latin America] will bring far more than a diplomatic protest from [the Americans]" (page 36).

The Financial Times was wise enough to urge its readers to see the invasion "in the general context of American foreign policy making" (Oct. 27). Nowhere, however, in the British media was that context so well explained as in Mr. Nixon's book — *The Real War*.

AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

SEMINAR GIVES MEN DRESS, GROOMING TIPS

PASADENA — Ambassador College men attended a two-hour seminar on dress and grooming Oct. 24, in the college gymnasium. The seminar was sponsored by the Ambassador Clubs and featured Roman Borek, house manager for the Ambassador Auditorium.

Mr. Borek advised the men to stick with a basic wardrobe of subtle, complimentary colors like blues and grays, which are appropriate for all occasions. "Basic clothes are always in style," he said, and cautioned the audience to stay away from fads. "Clothes should compliment you, not steal the show."

Mr. Borek presented a slide show that gave examples of what he called appropriate and inappropriate clothing. The program also offered tips on personal hygiene and grooming.

Mr. Borek told the men to buy the best their budgets would allow. "To buy cheaply is costly," he said. "Invest in quality."

He reminded them of the quality and beauty of the Ambassador campus. "You never have a second chance to make a first impression," he said. "Honor God in the matter of your personal appearance and protocol."

SEMINAR ENCOURAGES NEWS AWARENESS

PASADENA — Ambassador College women attended a current events seminar Oct. 18, in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. Speakers were faculty members Mark Kaplan, assistant professor of Hebrew, and Richard Ames, director of admissions.

Mr. Kaplan explained why it is

necessary to be concerned with world events. He warned that it is "not necessary to dig up every disgusting detail" and suggested some ways to keep up with the news without taking up a lot of time.

Mr. Kaplan mentioned schools of thought in the media and recommended several newspapers and magazines. Two tips in keeping up with the news were to relate the news to what is taught in college classes and to discuss the news with people and with God.

After a skit performed by seniors Charmaine Rockey and Julie Muenster, Mr. Ames gave statistics showing the ignorance of some Americans in news-related subjects.

He stressed memory through impression, repetition and association and gave two frameworks for building a knowledge of current events. The first was to understand geography and the second was to understand prophecy.

ANTHROPOLOGIST ADDRESSES ASSEMBLY

PASADENA — Cultural anthropologist and explorer John Goddard spoke to Ambassador College students in an assembly Oct. 13, and showed a film of one of his trips to Japan. The film included excursions through the rapids of a river and up the slopes of Mt. Fuji.

Mr. Goddard, subject of an article in the October *Reader's Digest*, has visited 118 countries and is the author of a book, *Kayaks Down the Nile*. His adventures began at the age of 15 when he made a list of 127 goals. He has completed 106 of those goals to date, according to *Reader's Digest*.

Mr. Goddard has spoken at the Pasadena and Big Sandy



SIX POINTS — Pasadena Ambassador College faculty member Dennis Robertson crosses the goal line for a touchdown in an Oct. 5 intramural flag football game between the faculty and the juniors. The juniors won the game, 32-31, and went on to finish the season in first place with a 4-0 record. [Photo by Tom Delamater]

campuses of Ambassador College in the past.

ISRAELI DANCER VISITS CAMPUS

PASADENA — Ayalah Goren, head of the Ethnic Folklore Department of the International Cultural Center for Youth (ICCY) in Jerusalem visited Ambassador College Oct. 6.

Mrs. Goren showed a film on Yemenite dance tradition and spoke to the student body. She began dance lessons at age 3 under the direction of her mother whose work involves reviving traditional folklore.

That evening Mrs. Goren conducted lessons in modern

Israeli dancing for about 150 students in the college gymnasium. Mrs. Goren has served for four years as dance instructor to Ambassador College students participating in the Jerusalem dig program.

Mrs. Goren came to the United States for a lecture tour, which involved visits to "several universities and major community centers" said Richard Paige, Pasadena faculty member who coordinates the Jerusalem dig program.

JUDGES SELECT SEVEN FOR '83-'84 DANCE TEAM

BIG SANDY — Seven women

were chosen for the 1983-84 dance team called the Songleaders during the first week of classes after the Feast of Tabernacles.

Members of the team are sophomores Mary Pat Girard, Margo Kennedy, Lisa Roe and Tracy Williams and freshmen Stephanie Karnafel, Dawn Snook and Tammy Surratt.

Tryouts took place Sept. 12. The girls were judged by a panel of former Big Sandy Ambassador College cheerleaders including Jolinda Klotz, Donna Neller, Teresa Pemberton and Tat Tomes. The judges submitted a list of names to Larry Salyer, dean of students, and after his approval the names were released.

STUDENTS SEE DORMS DURING OPEN HOUSE

BIG SANDY — Students got to see how the other half lives when student residences were open for touring between 6:30 and 9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9.

"I thought Booth City was a lot more interesting than the dorms," said freshman Deanna Schow. She mentioned that two students had computers set up in their booths. Students could type in their names and receive a personalized message.

After the open house, students attended a sock hop in the college gymnasium, where Larry Salyer, dean of students, presented awards in several categories. The award for the best overall dorm went to Men's Dorm 6 (in Booth City); cleanliness, Women's Dorm 1; most hospitable, Women's Dorm 3; best-stocked refrigerator, Men's Dorm 1.

Individual awards went to sophomore Lowell Vence for the most electronic gadgetry; and freshman Vickie Thomas, most stuffed animals.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — Vital signs of God's Church indicate positive growth and expansion worldwide, according to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

Addressing the regional directors' conference here Oct. 31 (see article, page 1), Mr. Armstrong said: "The Church now is in the best condition it has ever been. We're in the healthiest financial condition. We're in the healthiest spiritual condition."

Evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services, said that ministers in the United States visit an average of 900 new people a month, with a record of 1,059 in one month set before the 1983 Festival.

He added that U.S. ministers drive more than 9.2 million miles (14.7 million kilometers) a year, the equivalent of 38 trips to the moon.

Mr. Tkach, speaking at the regional directors' conference Nov. 1, attributed the growth to the spiritual condition of the Church. "When our ways please God, He blesses us," the evangelist said. He added that "much of this excellent response is because of the coverage of the *Plain Truth* newsstand program and the *World Tomorrow* radio and television programs."

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KOGGALA, Sri Lanka — Indian brethren attending the Feast here received personal approval for entrance visas from President Junius Richard Jayawardene, according to Mohan Jayasekera, Festival elder here.

The 1983 Feast of Tabernacles was the first international convention allowed by the Sri Lanka government since July violence between the Tamils and Sinhalese here (see "International Desk," *W/N*, Sept. 12). Mr. Jayasekera said the president also provided "heavily armed escorts" for brethren making the 4-hour drive from the international airport to the Feast site and armed guards at the Koggala Beach Hotel, site of services.

Speaking of the July violence, regional director Robert Morton said, "This clearly shows how suddenly our members living in certain areas of the world can be plunged unexpectedly into severe trials." Mr. Morton is regional director for God's Work in Australia and Asia.

Mr. Morton said that during the

violence some brethren were sheltered by members of the opposite race. "They were protected because the members of the opposite race knew that they were 'good people' by the way they had acted previously. In other words, their previous acts of 'letting their lights shine' served to inspire their neighbors to protect them in time of need," he said. "I think there's a message there for all of us."

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PASADENA — Most functions of the Geneva, Switzerland, Office are being transferred to Church facilities in Paris, France, according to evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director of God's Work in French-speaking areas.

Mr. Apartian, speaking at the regional directors' conference Nov. 1, said that the Geneva Office will remain open, but with curtailed activities. Bernard Andrist, office manager, will remain there.

In an interview with *The Worldwide News*, Mr. Apartian explained that because of economic difficulties, the government of Francois Mitterrand requires special permission for funds to be transferred out of France. "This makes it very difficult to transfer needed moneys to Switzerland for the Geneva Office's operations," he said.

"He added that the Church had to obtain permission to pay bills for Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's French-subtitled *World Tomorrow* telecast. "The program is aired on Radio-Television Luxembourg, and we had to get permission just to mail a check for payment," he said.

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PASADENA — The problem of accumulating excess funds in the Caribbean is being solved, according to Stan Bass, regional director of English-speaking areas in the Caribbean.

Because of government restrictions in the Caribbean, funds collected in one country cannot, in some instances, be readily used in other countries for use by God's Church (see "Director Deals with Differences Between Nations in Caribbean," *W/N*, Feb. 7).

Mr. Bass, speaking at the regional directors' conference here Nov. 1, said that the Church plans to print

reprint articles in Trinidad for distribution throughout the Caribbean and other parts of the world. Reprint articles are now printed in Pasadena.

"This will absorb some of the excess reserves we had accumulated in Trinidad," Mr. Bass said. He added that the Work printed a few hundred copies as a test. "Mr. [Ray] Wright [director of Publishing Services] was pleased with the results, so we plan now to proceed," he said.

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PASADENA — God's Church in the Canadian province of Quebec received positive governmental and media attention during the 1983 Feast, according to evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director of God's Work in French-speaking areas (see photo, this page).

Mr. Apartian, voice of *Le Monde a Venir* (French *World Tomorrow*), was interviewed by television reporters in Jonquiere, Que., after being presented with a plaque of appreciation by Jonquiere's officials. Mr. Apartian, representing the Church, was also officially welcomed by mayor Francis Dufour.

In the television interview, Mr. Apartian was asked if the Worldwide Church of God followed the instructions of Pope John Paul II. "This was a very sensitive question, as Quebec is heavily Catholic," the evangelist told *The Worldwide News*. "So I turned the question around and replied that we agree with the pope when his instructions are in harmony with the Bible. That



FRENCH SEP — Campers attending the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Normandy, France, take time out for lunch during the July, 1983, program. Evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for French-speaking areas, said that the Church hopes to schedule a third SEP site in southern France in 1984. In addition to the Normandy program, the Church conducted an SEP in Zimmerbach, France, in July.

deflated the question."

He added that the interview, with footage of the Festival, appeared on the evening news. "We had about three minutes of positive exposure," he concluded.

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PASADENA — Ministerial

Services here released the following list of ordinations:

Ordained local church elders: William Crosby, Kansas City, Mo., East, Sept. 8; Russell Kells, Auckland, New Zealand, Sept. 17; and Thomas Pickett and Murray McClung, Pasadena Imperial, Oct. 22.



**INTERNATIONAL
DESK**  **BY ROD
MATTHEWS**

PASADENA — You may have wondered if we have brethren in Grenada and how they have fared with the landing of U.S. Marines on the island.

At press time we have not received any information from them since the landing by U.S. Marines. There are more than 30 baptized members in Grenada who are pastored by Victor Simpson from Trinidad. Regular services are conducted there with more than 60 in attendance.

One member lived near Ft. Rupert, the scene of some intense fighting; another lived near the residence of the governor-general who was confined to his house after the

coup led by former Deputy Prime Minister Bernard Coard. Another member worked on the construction of the new airport with the Cubans.

Mr. Simpson is unable to telephone members although he has tried several times a day. He does not know how long it will be before civilian traffic is again allowed into the airport on Grenada.

The previous government canceled the *World Tomorrow* broadcast from Radio Grenada in 1979 because "it was not in the interests of the revolution." It is hoped that a door for greater expansion of God's Work will be opened there that would not have been as easily possible under the former Marxist government. Please continue to pray for the brethren there.

Southern Africa

David Hulme, director for Media Purchasing, was in southern Africa for the Feast of Tabernacles. While there, he pursued further outlets for the *World Tomorrow* program, and an agreement is about to be concluded with Zimbabwean television to air the program free every Sunday.

The Church continues to seek air time in Mauritius. Roy McCarthy, regional director, reported that there are still no doors open for television in South Africa although it may be possible to have the program shown on internal systems in some hotels.

An advertisement in the July issue of *Reader's Digest* brought in more than 20,000 new subscribers to *The Plain Truth*. The September ad was run without the prepaid response card, and about 3,000 replies were received. An ad appears in the November edition also.

Dr. McCarthy reports that drought conditions are severe. In some areas water supplies have dried up and water is being transported by road. Heavy fines are imposed on water wasters.

In Durban, water is rationed to



FEAST INTERVIEW — Evangelist Dibar Apartian (left), director of God's Work in French-speaking areas, answers questions from a newsmen Sept. 27 at the Jonquiere, Que., city hall (see "Updates," this page). Excerpts from the interview were broadcast that evening. [Photo by Jeff Patton]

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