

Mr. Armstrong Speaks at Tulsa — DOES FIVE TV PROGRAMS

TULSA, Okla. — Sabbath, July 14, Herbert W. Armstrong flew to Tulsa to deliver the Sabbath sermon. He cleared up a few points in regard to the Jan. 3 assault of the State of California against the Worldwide Church of God.

He said it is time we in God's Church get straight in our minds WHO IS LORD — CAESAR OR CHRIST?

The GOVERNMENT OF GOD once ruled this entire earth, he said. God had set a super archangel on the throne over the entire earth. This was the cherub, LUCIFER, one of two or three of the most powerful and mighty superangels God could, or ever did create.

Isaiah 14:12-14 was quoted, showing Lucifer's throne was beneath the clouds on the earth, and that he rebelled and attempted to ascend and swoop down on God's throne in heaven, to take over, even as the State of California swooped down Jan. 3 on God's present earthly headquarters to try to take over.

Lucifer's rebellion

This superangel Lucifer had been PERFECT in all his ways from the day God created Him (Ezekiel 28:14-15) until rebellion and iniquity was found in him. He became Satan, the archangel of God!

Lucifer's name was changed to Satan.

After this angelic rebellion, God created the first HUMANS — in God's own likeness — form and shape. God now purposed to REPRODUCE HIMSELF through humans, formed from the physical matter of the earth.

God instructed Adam and Eve before He allowed Satan to contact them. Adam could have made the CHOICE to OBEY the GOVERNMENT OF GOD and replace the dethroned Lucifer on the throne of the entire earth. But Satan, enemy of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, then got to Adam through his wife Eve, and Adam turned to rebellion against GOD'S GOVERNMENT.

Barred from access to God

God thereupon drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden and barred humanity from entrance or access to God or His Holy Spirit.

In effect, God said: "You have made the choice — for all humanity, which shall be born from you. You have rejected knowledge from me. You have taken to yourself the KNOWLEDGE of good and evil. You have rejected my government.



TELEVISION INTERVIEW — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong is interviewed in his Tucson, Ariz., home by veteran announcer Art Gilmore July 15. The videotaped interview will be made into five *World Tomorrow* programs. [Photo by Aaron Dean]

You have rejected me as your GOD.

"Therefore GO, devise your own KNOWLEDGE, form your own religions, your own GOVERNMENTS — in all of which SATAN will have access to sway and lead you into HIS WAYS! I sentence you and your posterity — all humanity — to be CUT OFF from all access to me for 6,000 years; all except the very FEW I shall specially call to prepare for MY OWN KINGDOM, which shall be set up after 6,000 years."

God had explained and laid out His 7,000-year MASTER PLAN for REPRODUCING HIMSELF through humanity.

This 7,000-year MASTER PLAN is to develop the KINGDOM OF GOD — GOD'S GOVERNMENT OVER ALL THE EARTH! It will accomplish what the angels failed to do.

Governments of man

So — we have on earth still today — as we approach VERY NEAR to the end of the 6,000 years, many various conflicting and warring GOVERNMENTS OF MAN, all swayed by Satan!

These GOVERNMENTS OF MAN have always fought against the GOVERNMENT OF GOD — even as the State of California did on Jan. 3.

God's physical creation of MAN began with Adam. His SPIRITUAL creation of MAN began with JESUS CHRIST, the SECOND ADAM! Jesus came ANNOUNCING His worldwide KINGDOM OF GOD. When Jesus was on earth,

Jerusalem and the whole land of Judea was part of the ROMAN EMPIRE.

Although the Romans kept one or more garrisons of soldiers, under a governor or local Judean king, virtually all details of the ROMAN GOVERNMENT over Judea was delegated to the Pharisees and Sadducees. The Romans made the Jews GOVERN THEMSELVES, and thus bear the major COST of government over that area. The Sadducees and Pharisees, therefore, were in fact agents of the Roman civil GOVERNMENT.

They PERSECUTED JESUS continually. He came announcing the future establishment of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD once again on earth, under the future KINGDOM OF GOD. But the Pharisees and Sadducees were HOSTILE to that.

They constantly sought to KILL Jesus.

Jesus had planned with GOD the Father before the world existed to give His life — shed His lifeblood — for the sins of the world. But, before His pre-planned time had come, did Jesus give in meekly to those hostile to the GOVERNMENT OF GOD?

Notice, "Therefore they [civil government officers] sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand" (John 10:39). This had happened more than once.

Jesus came representing the KINGDOM OF GOD, not merely as a single private person.

Did He just "cave in," as

some misguided former ministers have said we should, and meekly turn the other cheek to these Roman government authorities?

Let's get this STRAIGHT. Even though MAN'S GOVERNMENT has its laws, God does NOT teach us that under all circumstances we must obey. I am very well aware of the teaching in Romans 13:1: "Let every soul be SUBJECT UNTO the higher powers." But "be subject to" does not necessarily mean "OBEY." A conscientious objector in time of war may refuse to OBEY the government's draft into military service, and still "BE SUBJECT UNTO" the GOVERNMENT OF MAN over him, by submitting to whatever PENALTY the government imposes.

God must be obeyed

When Peter and John had been thrown into prison overnight, and were sternly COMMANDED by government officials NOT to preach in Jesus' name any further, Peter said we shall OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MAN!

Again, who is LORD, Caesar or CHRIST?

Notice how Jesus replied to the Pharisees and scribes — acting as Roman GOVERNMENT authorities: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites . . . woe unto you, ye blind guides . . . ye fools and blind . . . Ye blind guides . . . for ye are like unto whited sepulchres . . . Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" (Matthew

23:15-33). That is stronger language than I have used against California state officials!

As an INDIVIDUAL, each of us must be subject to the higher powers, even though a law of government may be wrong in OUR OWN sight. But remember, MAN'S GOVERNMENT has been altogether swayed by SATAN.

In the struggle with the government of MAN, in the assault of the State of California, remember, "we wrestle NOT against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12).

REMEMBER THIS: The massive attack of the State of California against us was not an action ENFORCING ANY LAW! We had BROKEN NO LAW. They did not come with a charge of breaking any specific law! They came with a COURT ORDER, ILLEGALLY MADE, FOR A RECEIVER TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE CHURCH, THE COLLEGE AND THE FOUNDATION, AND RUN THEM. The first thing the receiver did was to "FIRE ME and Mr. Rader." Only we simply refused to be "fired."

They did not come to charge us with breaking any law or to punish us for lawbreaking — they came to TAKE POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD — supposedly to sell it and pocket the proceeds! We had broken no law! THEY HAD!

WHO is LORD?

It all finally devolves into the question, WHO is LORD — CAESAR OR CHRIST?

The Pharisees tried to trick Jesus with a question, "Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?" Jesus answered, "RENDER THEREFORE UNTO CAESAR THE THINGS WHICH ARE CAESARS; and UNTO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S!" (Matthew 22:17, 21).

The Pasadena campus property BELONGS TO GOD. It is all DEEDED in His name. His name is on the front foyer wall of the Auditorium. We refused absolutely to render it all over to CAESAR!

The time has come for us to stand up and be counted — whether we are on GOD'S SIDE OR CAESAR'S!

Today there is only one place where the GOVERNMENT OF GOD is being administered on earth — and that is in the Worldwide Church of GOD! Soon Christ will return and the WHOLE EARTH will again be under the GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

Strauss becomes 'der Kandidat'

PASADENA — A political miracle of sorts has taken place in West Germany.

In a series of lightning-quick developments over a period of only five weeks, Franz Josef Strauss emerged as the conservative coalition's candidate in the Federal Republic's national elections scheduled for October, 1980. Dr. Strauss will be up against tough opposition — the popular Social Democratic Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Wins out over younger rival

After a tense seven-hour interparty caucus July 3, the Christian Democratic Union/Christian Socialist Union parliamentary candidates voted 135 to 102 in favor of Dr. Strauss as their chancellor candidate. Dr. Strauss, who will be 64 in September, won out over his rival CDU favorite, Ernst Albrecht, the fast-rising 49-year-old premier of Lower Saxony.

The outcome was a slap in the face for Helmut Kohl, national chairman of the CDU (and unsuccessful challenger to Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in 1976), who had championed Mr. Albrecht's cause.

The Strauss victory was attributed in no small degree to widespread dissatisfaction within the conservative coalition ranks. Mr. Kohl was often considered faceless, though his loss in 1976 was a close one. One British newspaper said the Strauss nomination was a clear case of the tail wagging the dog, since the Bavarian CSU wing of the coalition, run by Dr. Strauss, has only 53 deputies in the Bundestag (federal parliament), compared with 200 for the CDU, which covers the rest of the country.

But it is doubtful whether the tail had to do too much wagging. Disenchanted Christian Democrats began rallying to Dr. Strauss as soon as he threw his hat into the ring, some five weeks previous to the party vote. It is obvious that they wanted a strongman image to present to the country instead of the weakness and disunity that has pervaded CDU national headquarters in Bonn in recent years.

But can he win?

The big question now, of course, is how the burly Bavarian will fare in the big contest next year against the urbane Mr. Schmidt.

There is no doubt that if the election was in the near future, Dr. Strauss' chances would be two — slim and none. One recent public opinion poll indicated that he would get only 31 percent of the vote with 58 percent going to the chancellor.

But midsummer, 1979, is not October, 1980. Much can happen between now and then — and, looking at world conditions, especially with regard to skyrocketing oil prices and a declining world (and probably by then West German) economy, a marked shift in Dr. Strauss' favor is more certain than not.

The critical importance of world events over the next year was examined by Theo Sommer, writing in the German weekly newspaper, *Die Zeit*, July 6: "Who says that Strauss is really going to lose the congressional elections? Yes, the polls speak against his victory. . . . But what would happen if economic development would escape the grip of the chancellor? In case inflation and unemployment would rise next year, economic growth would diminish, with every gas pump becoming an advertising sign against the coalition government. What if his party would continue to move away from Helmut Schmidt more toward the left? [Then] the Free Democrats would swim toward the right. . . . Then we would have Chancellor Strauss."

It is felt that Chancellor Schmidt's Social Democrats would like to move the election forward, believing that Bonn's economy will decline through the year, working to Dr. Strauss' advantage. But it is unlikely they can pull off any such move. The federal president has the power to set the election date. And, as of May 23, West Germany has a new president, Karl Carstens, a Christian Democrat.

President Carstens happens to be a good friend of Dr. Strauss and will undoubtedly give him every benefit. Significantly, Dr. Strauss announced his candidacy the next day after Mr. Carstens was elected president.

From disgrace to kingmaker

There are some West Germans who describe the Bavarian strong man as a *Stehaufmaennchen*, one of

disenchanted view of detente; a strengthening of NATO's defenses and a much stronger European profile within that alliance, including a new European nuclear profile."

Dramatic campaign

The West German national campaign, now underway, promises to be one of the most exciting political battles in the postwar history of any country of the free world: The popular, witty, confident Chancellor Schmidt against his Bavarian challenger, considered to be one of the most dynamic extemporaneous public speakers of modern times.

London's *Financial Times*, commenting about Dr. Strauss' notorious "lack of oratorical self-control," said this: "Herr Strauss in full oratorical flight is a wonder — scattering ironic abuse like shrapnel

WORLDWATCH BY GENE H. HOGBERG

those tumbler toys, rounded and weighted at the bottom, which, no matter how often knocked over, bounces right back again. He certainly has had his share of ups and downs.

It was in 1962 that Dr. Strauss suffered the most severe personal setback. He was held responsible for police raids on the offices of the Hamburg news magazine, *Der Spiegel*, which had published an article on NATO, allegedly betraying state secrets. In the ensuing uproar, Dr. Strauss was accused of lying to the Bundestag and had to resign from office in disgrace.

The incident would have destroyed lesser men. Dr. Strauss tumbled so low that hardly any public figure took his side. He went into retreat in Bavaria, seeking the advice of Catholic priests and of his wife as to how he could put his faith and hope together again. Dr. Strauss has always been a devout Catholic. Thus, under the guidance of his wife and on the advice of the Roman Catholic clergy — whose opinion Dr. Strauss still regularly seeks — he analyzed his past mistakes, deciding how to achieve power without repeating them.

In 1966, the new Strauss, still leader of the CSU, was instrumental in toppling Dr. Ludwig Erhard's CDU/FDP government (1963-1966). Dr. Strauss' Bavarian CSU engineered the victory of Kurt Kiesinger over Dr. Erhard, and guaranteed Dr. Strauss a place in the new government, the Grand Coalition of Christian and Social Democrats (CDU/SPD). The daily newspaper *Die Welt* said: "Strauss was in reality the kingmaker."

Thus in 1966, Dr. Strauss returned to the government as Finance Minister for the next three years until Social Democrat Willy Brandt formed a new coalition government with Walter Scheel and his Free Democrats in October, 1969.

United Europe advocate

To one theme Franz Josef Strauss has held especially true: the need for a strong United Europe, and a Europe, moreover, that one day would eventually be in control of its own nuclear defense.

Dr. Strauss, reported the *Sunday Telegraph* July 9, "has a nightmare vision — which his frequent visits to Peking will not have dispelled — of the Western world enfeebling itself by its sheer apathy, disunity and materialism, and eventually falling, like some rotten-ripe plum, into the Kremlin's hands."

As West Germany's chancellor, continued the *Sunday Telegraph*, "he will go for a tougher and more

amid opponents too shocked for a fast response."

Despite Dr. Strauss' spellbinding oratory (which many Germans are fearful of), it looks as though *der Kandidat* will need some help from the declining state of world affairs to help his cause. Britain's news magazine *The Economist* said in its July 7 edition that, "Mr. Strauss has always seen himself as a savior to whom the German nation would turn in extremities."

Dr. Strauss said as much himself in his quote to *Der Spiegel* magazine in May, 1971, "I hope the German people will never be in such bad shape that they think they have to elect me federal chancellor."

Letters express support

PASADENA — Multiple thousands of letters have flooded into Pasadena since January expressing support for Herbert W. Armstrong and the Work, said Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center. Describing the influx of mail as "historic," Mr. Rice said, "The mail-analysis section of MPC reports that in all its years . . . it has never seen such a tremendous outpouring of support as has come in since January, 1979."

The following are excerpts from some of the letters sent to Mr. Armstrong:

We are encouraged to see the Work of God going ahead again . . . It is good to see you proclaiming the Gospel again to heads of government around the world, and [we] pray for the success of these trips.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Oliver
Nine Mile Falls, Wash.

Mr. Armstrong, recently I have been overwhelmed with feelings of gratitude, first to the Almighty God for having the mercy to call me out of this miserable Babylonish system and for granting me a part in this great Work (however small), and secondly of gratitude to you for yielding to God in such a way and having the tremendous depth of character that God could (and can) use you in humanly leading the great Work of God . . .

Thank you for being God's apostle and yielding to His rule. Thank you for bringing me the message that showed me the way to happiness, soundmindedness, moderation and balance and eternal life to boot! Thank you for revealing to me the

A REMINDER TO ALL OUR READERS

Please continue to send in newspaper clippings that deal with the activities of the Worldwide Church of God, Ambassador College, Ambassador International Cultural Foundation or any of their officers, personnel or members. While the volume of news coverage is not as heavy now as earlier in the year, we know articles do appear from time to time, and we need to have them brought to our attention. Remember to include the date and name of the publication. This is important. Thank you for your helpful cooperation.

The News Bureau

Office details problems of private arrangements

By Ken Tate
PASADENA — The Festival Office here requests that all brethren continue to utilize the services of the office in arranging housing at the Feast of Tabernacles in the United States. In years past a few have made their own accommodations for the Feast, creating a series of problems.

In order to plan and administer the Feast nationwide in an orderly manner, the Feast Office must know how many persons to expect at a particular site. Unrestricted attendance results in overcrowding of the more popular sites and ruins the Feast for all attending there.

Complete attendance figures are also needed because other convention groups are now beginning to seek the same off-season dates for their own meetings. If contractual agreements are not arranged with motels and other housing facilities sufficiently in advance, we have no guarantee the necessary accommodations will be available at Feast time.

Also housing is signed up with an

eye toward preventing establishments from escalating their rates. If "own arrangements" get out of hand, motel owners begin to raise prices exorbitantly. Popular accommodations go to the highest bidder and become financially out of the range of most of God's people.

For the protection of the elderly, disabled or low-income families, who might not otherwise be able to keep the Feast, the housing office tries to ensure equitable usage of the available facilities. Kitchen units are assigned to those who need them the most as are units to properly accommodate handicapped persons. And, of course, the more inexpensive housing is assigned to those with less to spend.

The only exceptions to the "own arrangement" policy are:

- Staying in your own home or a second home at a Feast site.
- Staying with friends or relatives where no payment for lodging is required.
- Camping in state parks.
- Camping in Fresno, Calif., Norfolk, Va., Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Savannah, Ga., and Seattle, Wash. (for this year only).
- Package plans and/or company discount plans that qualify and are approved on an individual basis by the Festival Office. (See your Festival adviser for specific details.)

• Alaskan accommodations that are arranged by the area minister after transfer approval has been given by the Festival Office.

So remember that there has been no policy change! The Festival Office is to book all housing accommodations for all U.S. Feast sites. "Own arrangements" cause only confusion and a breakdown in communications. Don't spoil the spirit and the meaning of the Feast for yourself and others.

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true God. And with all my heart may God bless you mightily, lead, guide and direct you and give you the strength and patience to lead us into the glorious Kingdom of God!

Susan Bordon
Santa Ynez, Calif.

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We of this house are behind you 100 percent . . . We pray daily for our God to continue fighting this battle for us. We pray daily for you also, for we know you are God's apostle in this age.

Olan M. Ray
Birmingham, Ala.

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It is so wonderful to see the great strength that you have in putting this Work back on the track.

James E. Isdell
Pittsville, Md.

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I just want you to know that I am wholeheartedly behind you and this Work. I believe I can safely say that the whole Houston YOU feels this way too. If there is anything, however small, that any of us can do to help you or this Work, please let us know.

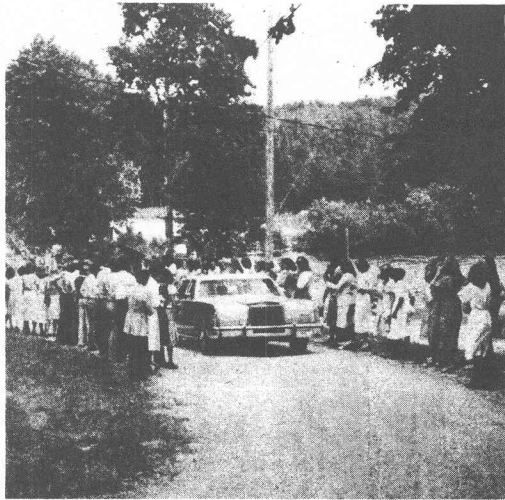
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Thank you for all the "spiritual food" I have received through the years. Mr. Armstrong, you (and your message) are the one small lighted candle penetrating the ugly darkness slowly engulfing our world today, and I pray God's will, will soon be done.

Mrs. Sam Dickerson
New Castle, Ind.

Mr. Armstrong visits SEP



WARM WELCOME — Herbert W. Armstrong flew to Orr, Minn., July 7 to speak to the teenagers attending the Summer Educational Program there. Top left: Applauding campers and workers line both sides of the road to greet Mr. Armstrong as his car enters the camp. Left: In the gymnasium Mr. Armstrong gives a sermon that was taped and sent to all U.S. and Canadian congregations. Above: Mr. Armstrong meets some of the campers. Center: Mr. Armstrong shows his enthusiasm as he steps off the plane at Orr. He returned to the camp for a second visit July 27 and 28. [Photos by Nathan Faulkner]

Campus tours

Ambassador lets light shine

PASADENA — Take a group tour of the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena and you are likely to hear "beautiful!" or "fantastic!" frequently repeated.

"People never fail to be impressed," said tour guide Ken Howah, an Ambassador College student. John Siston, who is in charge of the tours, concurs. "They're pretty impressed with the quality of the campus," he said, "and the quality of the students, the friendliness."

Tours are offered three times a day, six days a week, lasting about an hour and a half. A circuit of the campus shows visitors most of the buildings, while the guide describes details about architecture, previous owners, how they were acquired by the college and how the buildings are used now. Visitors also see the fountains, gardens and landscaped lawns that have contributed to Ambassador's twice being named the best maintained school or university grounds in the United States.

"People are amazed that the campus is so well kept, that it is so beautiful," said Mr. Siston.

After taking a morning tour, Sue Sharp and Toni Sharp commented on their impressions of the campus. "The quality, the warmth, the atmosphere here is not like any other campus I've ever been on," said Sue. "God is there and you know it. It's just quality."

"I'm so glad we came," Toni added. "I think this school should really be heard about more and talked about. Really, it should be brought to the attention of the public. It's fantastic."

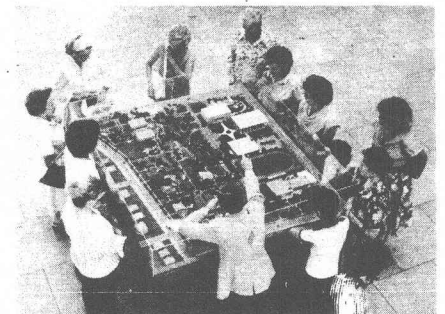
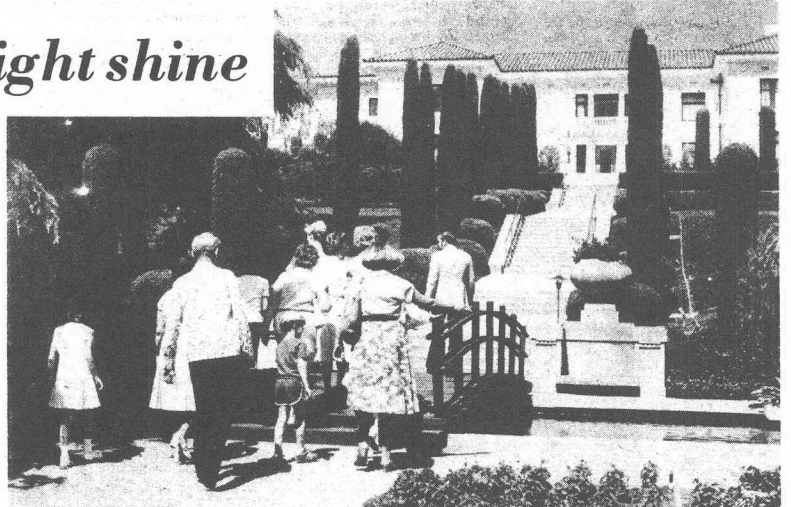
Herbert W. Armstrong began the public tours in the mid-1960s to share the beauty of the campus with others, said Mr. Siston. "The Bible says freely you have received, freely

give," he said. "Tours are free . . . It's a matter of showing some of the people the beauty, kind of letting our light shine."

Mr. Siston said the concerts at the Ambassador Auditorium "have opened up more of an awareness of the college, and that in turn generates the desire to take a tour."

Mr. Siston tells of one man who has taken multiple tours. "He's just impressed with the college, the philosophy [of the Church] and the beauty," Mr. Siston said. "Whenever he has guests he brings them down and shows them Ambassador. There are a number of people who do that, but I think he comes the farthest [distance]."

The man lives around San Luis Obispo, Calif., said Mr. Siston — about a four-hour drive from Ambassador.



CAMPUS VISITORS — Left and above: John Siston begins a tour at a glass-enclosed model of the Pasadena campus in the Hall of Administration lobby. Top: Mr. Siston leads the group toward Ambassador Hall, once the home of millionaire Hewlett C. Merritt, now part of the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center. [Photos by James Capo]

FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

This issue's "Forum" is the continuation of a question-and-answer session held by Stanley R. Rader, the Work's treasurer and general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, in Pasadena June 15. Mr. Rader's comments cover various aspects of the present state of the Church.

Mr. [Ralph] Helge found a case — a recent case I believe — Supreme Court case, not on point but rather interesting as to language. The Lutheran Church, in some community — I forget which — was opposing the condemnation of its property for some public use by a state government.

And the Lutheran Church threw up a giant barrage: You can't do that, we're a public trust, we have a duty to the public, and we wouldn't be able to fulfill our purpose if you take this property. The Supreme Court says, Ridiculous! You're not a public trust. You can do anything you want to with your money!

It's kind of interesting, you see. Now in the law that's called dictum. It's called overture dictum. It's not exactly on point, but it is interesting, you see, how the Lutheran Church would try to raise as a defense, to forestall this proceeding of the state government to take its property: No, no, you can't do that. We won't be able to serve the community.

And the Supreme Court: No, no, no. You're not a public trust. You know that the government has no right to control you in any way. They have no right to tell you how to spend the money, and you don't have to spend it anywhere except where you want to. So that's, of course, our position anyway.

I can tell you this, though. It's getting difficult for me to go anywhere and to avoid well-meaning people who want to sit down and talk about the case. I step on an airplane from New York to California, and I stick my nose in a book. And I'm delighted when I get on the plane because every seat is taken except the one next to me. So I figure I'm really safe. No one is going to bother me.

All of a sudden, a fellow perches on the arm of that vacant seat, and two hours later he's still sitting there, and he's still discussing the case, and very friendly. Happened to live in La Canada, knew everything about the case. But it's an awesome commitment of time, you know, to spend two hours talking to one person about the entire case.

But we're getting a lot of attention that way, and people are quite concerned.

Did you see in the paper that the sheriffs have now raided another church somewhere? Did you see that? Somewhere in Riverside. What church was it? Did someone notice? It was the day I got back. Anyone see that?

I believe Scientology . . .

No, it wasn't Scientology. It was the sheriffs raided some church in Riverside. Was it Scientology?

A branch church of Scientology. Oh, was that it? I just glanced at it.

Are we going to be hearing from Mr. Armstrong?

Oh yes. Mr. [Kevin] Dean is here. He recorded the first message, didn't he? Has it gone out? Well, he's going to be doing it now. As I understand it — what — three times, three programs a week? He'll stick to it once — he's kind of a perfectionist, you know, and it was interesting, but the first program, we were over there in Tunis [Tunisia], and we told him what could be done, and he thought it was a great idea.

And I just thought he would pick up the mike and go right ahead and do it right off the top of his head. No, he

sat down at the typewriter, put in a piece of paper, did a complete draft of what he wanted to say, looked at it, made some changes. Then I guess he did it, and although we all thought it was fine, he is his own worst critic, and I guess he wanted to do it over again.

But he intends to do it now on a regular basis, and probably, I would say, he would monopolize that telephone line, which I think would be a wonderful way of his getting the word out to the people about what is happening.

Of course, he is continuing to write for everything, and I imagine starting next week we will be working through the summer on his new format. And he knows how hard it is to, for him to stay away from Pasadena, but he also knows how much work he's getting done there and how there is a certain safety from the clutches of those people who would like to harass them.

I think I said before, he knows that Mr. Helge and I have taken the brunt of the harassment because we have been here, and that has taken some of the steam out of the State. The State didn't have anybody to harass, you see. If I stayed down in Tucson, then they would probably go after both of us down there, but as long as I'm here to cause a little bit of discomfort to, they do so, and they leave him pretty much alone.

How is Mr. Armstrong's book doing?

I saw the books for the first time in the bookshops in New York. I didn't check here, but I saw them in Doubleday's, in the two biggest stores on Fifth Avenue, I saw them in the biggest bookstore in the world, which is the Dalton bookstore, which is also on Fifth Avenue. I saw them in those three stores prominently displayed, but I haven't heard anything.

Have you heard anything yet, Mr. [Jack] Bicket? Any report yet, Everest House? No. But the books just got delivered, I believe, to the bookstores last week, and I saw them with my own eyes. I meant to look last night in the bookstores in Beverly Hills, but I never got around to it. But two Doubleday's, the two biggest Doubleday's on Fifth Avenue in New York, and Dalton, the biggest bookstore in the world, has his book prominently displayed.

How is the new format going with the newsstand "PT"?

I think Mr. [Roger] Lippross just got out a report for the *Pastor's Report*, isn't that right, Mr. [Ron] Nelson? I just saw it myself.

Mr. Lippross: Better than the previous efforts.

Right. Well, we're sure that's going to be effective and I guess cost-wise it will also be, will it not? Did we ever put that ad in for *Quest*?

Mr. Lippross: [Unclear] Yes, we got very good response. Around 1 percent, which is considered very good for that type of advertising. [Unclear]

Right. We are having a little trouble with *Quest* again. The magazine seems to be as perfect now as we would want it to be from the editorial standpoint. Mr. Armstrong is very happy with it and the like, but we just have had a problem in the circulation and the publishing aspects as the business side of it.

I'm sending Mr. [Ray] Wright back there tomorrow, Sunday. He

just came back from there, but while he was there, he wasn't able to glean the figures from the circulation department, which would have indicated how *Quest* was doing vis-a-vis its massive mailings and its, what did we call that? Sweepstake? Yes, sweepstake. And apparently, they came pretty close to getting the 3 percent return that they wanted, but instead of collections running 50 percent or better, the collections were only running 25 percent.

And so they are going to be running over budget, and we do have a problem there, and I'm sending Mr. Wright back to spend maybe a week or so. He'll be comparing notes with Mr. Bicket and Mr. [Jack] Kessler and myself to see what we can do. The magazine is now 10 times a year. It's impressed everybody even more. And we're hoping that we can see our way through.

Actually, it's not, this is the year that we knew we would have the trouble making all of those ultimate adjustments as a result of errors that have been made in the past. And next year and the following year, they indicate from their new model that the cost of supporting the magazine will be well within our means, if not nominal for 1981.

But this year, they are missing their target, and I'm a little bit disappointed. I just got the memo as I went to the airport to come back here. Mr. Kessler's copy just arrived today, and I just did tell Mr. Wright to go back to New York.

I heard a report that the Outreach program is terminated.

The Outreach? I don't think it's been totally terminated. I'm a little bit confused. Is Mr. [Leroy] Neff here? I think, we have Dale Hampton's program going, do we not?

Mr. Neff: We're still continuing pretty much the same program without having a separate department of operation.

Right. And who's managing that department?

Mr. Neff: We have actually the college program and the church program. The college will be, of course, under Mr. [Raymond] McNair, and he will be appointing someone to look after it. The Church is being handled by the individual churches.

I understand that Mr. Armstrong just approved with a lot of enthusiasm the YES program. Is that correct? Who saw Mr. Armstrong on that? Mr. [Aaron] Dean did. YES program? And he also is very much behind the YOU programs as well. So he's right on top of those things. Anything that has been changed or has been canceled of that sort has been done directly by Mr. Armstrong after meeting with the various people involved.

So it hasn't been something that has been done because of budget or by any other person here. Mr. Armstrong has taken all of these things firmly into hand and is meeting with the people by himself, being fully informed, and then making decisions based upon that. What was Outreach, by the way? What is it? He didn't know at the time, and I really had never been put up to date on it.

Mr. Neff: Public service to the community of the church or the college.

Right, that's what I thought. So it is still active, it just doesn't have a so-called independent profile.

You said, sir, that Mr. Armstrong and you will be at certain Feast sites this year.

I'm not sure how many he will try to cover. Last year, you know, he was at three. He'll do at least three this year. Has anyone talked to him about that? I haven't as yet, but he'll do at least three. And then he will be making a film, as he did last year, for opening and close for those sites that he hasn't hit. So I think it will be very effective. He's now in the process of

writing a letter for the Festival Office. They'll probably get that today. They've been waiting for it, I think.

Some representatives from the Feast Office are here. I would like to ask if there was a chance we would be getting Squaw Valley [Calif.] back? Or is that still on the shelf?

No, I can answer that one. Mr. Armstrong and Mr. [Sherwin] McMichael looked at that carefully, and there's no need to have it this year. It's just a disaster area. But I guess we'll have first crack at it afterwards if we want it. Mr. Armstrong sent Mr. McMichael up to look at that specifically. It would be absolutely unusable this year. There would be no value at all.

I hope none of you were reluctant to ask any questions because of this note that I read at the beginning. This is supposed to be a free and open forum, and the mail from the brethren, the mail runs very heavily in favor of this type of session because the people know the questions are being asked and the answers are being given, and even if the answers aren't always right when we're trying to crystal ball, they are accurate as far as the truth is concerned, as the matter rests at that particular moment.

The article by [Russell] Chandler, where did he obtain the information he used?

Well, there's nothing there. That information that he has is information that was dumped on him and other newspapers for a very long period of time. He talked to me about most of the things that were in that article a long time ago, and I answered similar questions of Bert Mann a long time ago.

These were documents taken out of here, there is inadequate background to understand what the circumstances were. There is an inadequate description of the people involved, there's no representation as to the persons to whom the memos might have been addressed. For example, we don't bother running into the *Times* to show them that they are wrong every time they are wrong because if we did, they probably wouldn't retract that quickly anyway.

But there was one letter that, or one memorandum, I guess, that was quoted of a Jim Johnson concerning accounting practices. We have in our possession a memo from Jim Johnson to Mr. [Frank] Brown, which is diametrically opposite of everything that he allegedly said in whatever Russell Chandler has in his possession — totally 180 degrees different from the one that was published.

So that type of stuff cannot really be relied upon. In other words, he picks up a sentence here or there, he picks up a paragraph here and there from a memo, he doesn't know who the people are, who they work for, what their background was. But it's interesting in that one case that he has a memo that says one thing. We have a memo from the same person says just the opposite. So you can see what would happen if we were to rely on that person. No one would, you see, because he says one thing on one day, he said the opposite the next day. Which do you believe? I mean, that becomes a person who is not a credible witness.

There was a question about GTA having all this information, and it seemed like, it would seem odd, and that was my question. I was wondering, there wasn't any association with those boxes.

Oh, I'm certain that most of the information that he, Chandler, has in his possession came from Ted Armstrong or from those people who were working as his agents. Bill Evans carried the material out of here, and we don't know whether he made copies before he turned it over to Ted or not. But there is really nothing in the article that was of note, I believe.

In other words, I don't see anything in there important. We were kind of happy that they admitted that they had the materials because Mr. Helge was able to serve them with a demand that they return the articles, you know, and put them in a position of having to admit that they have them.

And interestingly enough, they raised the First Amendment. So it's our First Amendment vs. their First Amendment. So he is having a lot of fun corresponding with them now.

And again, there's no memo that has surfaced so far of any consequence that we don't have a copy of. And if these memos were really damaging in some way, we wouldn't have copies of them, if we were trying to hide something.

I mean, these are, I mean Jim Johnson was a young man, he had an ax to grind, he wrote a memo one day, he said one thing, he wrote a memo the next day, he said another thing. He wrote letters at the same time to the AICPA [American Institute of Certified Public Accountants] and to other professional organizations. This goes back to 1975. Mr. Kessler had to defend himself, I had to defend myself before professional bodies. We did. We were found to be totally professional and ethical in our conduct. It's old history. It's just old hat.

But periodically, Russell Chandler writes something because he is a member of the staff of the religion section. Poor fellow has to earn a living. And periodically he writes about us. But you might have noticed, he didn't write the real hard news, important story, and he wasn't assigned to the case originally, and the first-page article that did us the most good in setting the facts straight was written by somebody else. He's been an Ambassador College, Worldwide Church of God watcher for a long time, and he just is a very unreliable eyeball witness. And it's just a shame. I feel sorry for him.

But he didn't hurt us by the article. Nothing exciting in it, nothing new. If he has to rely upon the likes of a Jim Johnson for memoranda dated 1975, where we have from the same Jim Johnson material just the opposite, then I would say the State is in very bad shape indeed.

And I have to rely upon, as I say, our people down there in the accounting, data processing, mail handling centers, they control the money. By control it, I mean they have physical custody of it. They know what comes in, they know what goes out, they know who gets what, and so on.

They are the ones who are in a position to tell you really, as much by their conduct as anything else, whether there is any truth to what the State has said. And what the State has said has only been repeated one way or another by the newspapers. And there's no reason to get that excited anymore about what the newspapers said.

We made a lot of fuss at the beginning until they began to realize at long last that there was a major legal battle here shaping up between church and state.

They all know that now. And that's why it's not really first-page material anymore. Even the Pasadena *Star-News*, when it ran an article the other day, where were we? Third page. The first-page material was Armstrong and Rader steal \$45 million. That's front page. That's big news. Even if it isn't true, it's big news. So you have to understand how they work.

And I just feel sorry for the likes of a Russell Chandler. And in his own way, I guess he thinks he's doing a job. He's trying his best. His best just isn't very good, that's all. And he isn't able to evaluate the material that he has. That's the thing. That's why he has not advanced in his career, you see. He's onto a big

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WITH STANLEY R. RADER

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story, he could have dug his feet in, and he could have really found out something, he could have really taken the lead on this story.

Instead, a young reporter, a guy who I never heard of, took the story away from him. He's just a court reporter. This guy had enough imagination, though, to go down to Tucson at the time of the ministerial conference, and I don't know how he got in, but he did. He got in, passed himself off as a minister with this wild hairdo and everything, and it was very odd, because he was a tall fellow. He must have stood about 6 foot 3, and he had this giant hairdo, a giant Afro-type hairdo, and he got in. And we're happy he got in, as it turns out, because he's the one that wrote Mr. Armstrong's alive and well and powerful and so on.

But where was Chandler? He's the guy that used to call all the time and get interviews — real heart-to-heart interviews with Robert Kuhn, told him all about the Work, for years. And when the chips were down, it took this young guy — I don't think he could have been more than 25 years old. He had the guts and the imagination to go down there. I still don't know how he got in.

Because Chandler looks a little more reasonable, and he could have probably passed himself off as a minister or at least a member, someone who should be there. But this fellow definitely stood out like a sore thumb.

But he got in. And I knew we would have a good story coming, because afterwards I overheard him talking with the 60 Minutes people, and he was saying, Boy, Armstrong is some man, isn't he? He sure isn't sick and senile. You know, you could see what impression Mr. Armstrong had made, and then I wasn't worried anymore. But I take my hat off to someone who has the guts to go down there like that.

And there was a young woman reporter from Tucson who tried real hard to get in, but she didn't have a man with her, and she couldn't palm herself off as a minister, so she was trapped. She tried real hard. I felt bad. So afterwards I gave her an interview. But she tried desperately to get in. She just didn't know we didn't have any ordained women.

I hope we've been of some help again, and as I say, things are going along well. It's just, one of our lawyers said, the lawsuit is in kind of a lull. In other words, there's nothing exciting happening. It's just a day-by-day procedural grind, is what it amounts to. Exchange of papers, jockeying for position. They want us to do something that we don't want to do. We want them to do something they don't want to do. We go in for a ruling, we get one we're not pleased with, we appeal. They go in, and none of it is newsworthy. None of it's exciting. It's just kind of a procedural thing, you see. It's a question of overall tactics.

Meantime, we do have our appeal that will ultimately be processed for the CA [Court of Appeal]. We have good reason to believe as some of the most powerful church groups in the United States will be filing appellate briefs, and we've received a lot of encouragement from that. And everyone is concerned about what the State has done and what the State has said.

It's kind of curious. One man described it for me this way. He said that the State is in this position now. They're trying to lift themselves up by their bootstraps, which of course I've said all along, meaning that they know they can't prove what they alleged, they know that. They're hoping they can prove something else,

which they won't be able to. But now they're in this particular position, and that's why we have to be so very careful about giving them notice that we're going to borrow money.

They want to be able to at least establish from this lawsuit that even if they've been wrong on the merits, vis-a-vis us, that they had a right to do what they did. And that's why Mr. Armstrong will not let them off the hook regardless, because he wants to not only be totally vindicated, but to also prove that they don't have a right to do what they did.

Because if they have a right to do what they did, even after we won this lawsuit, they could turn right around a year from now and come in and say: We don't like what you're doing. We have a right to come in here by whim and caprice and tell you what to do. We don't like the fact that you took the G-11 and a complement of 10 people and went to Paris, and from Paris to Rabat [Morocco], and from Rabat to Tunis, and from Tunis to Geneva [Switzerland], and from Geneva to London, and London, no, I guess, Geneva home. We don't like that. And you can't do that. Now, you know Mr. Armstrong's not going to let them be in that position.

Now, the State, you see, could be willing to lose a lawsuit against us, not being able to prove that we did something wrong, and still try to prove what? That they had a right to make the inquiry and to do what they did about making the inquiry. In other words, they are going to try desperately to win that point.

They are going to try desperately to win the fight that they had a right to file a lawsuit and put a receiver in. Because if they lose that one, you know what happens. Our lawsuit will automatically for all practical purposes prevail, and we'll have a giant damage action, which we'll win. So they want to try to avoid that at all costs.

But the very least they want to be able to come out with is some court somewhere — high court — saying that, yes, you are and have the right, you are the supervisor of all charities including churches, and anytime you feel there's some reason for you to look into the matter, you have these broad discretionary powers to do so.

No church is going to let that happen. That's why we'll have the support of the major churches. You all understand that. That's where it is at the present moment. We're not going to let them even win that point.

And I did have my secretary call the *Star-News* to kind of good them a little bit. It doesn't do any good. I had her call, I said, Look, it's kind of interesting. You know Mr. Armstrong just went away, you know he went to Rabat, you know he went to Tunis, you know he went to Geneva, you know he went to Paris, you know he was siphoning and pilfering thousands of dollars doing that, you know the attorney general has said that's all wrong, why don't you print it? Why don't you tell people what he has done and how he's still doing it?

Well, they wouldn't do it, you see. And they didn't want to give us a pat on the back, either, in any way, by letting people know what Mr. Armstrong was accomplishing. At the very time the pope was in Poland doing his job as he saw it, Mr. Armstrong was in Rabat and in Tunis doing his job as he saw it.

And if the paper were really an honest paper, they would have given him a story. We gave the release, but they didn't use it. That shows that they're not really people with a good heart — not at all. All they want to do is sell newspapers.

Does still sending our money to Tucson help us?

You mean to protect us?

Basically,

That gives us a certain measure of protection. No, we will never, never permit the State to put us into a posi-

tion where we could be in jeopardy again.

What way does this help?

One way is that we're not putting all of our eggs anymore in one basket. In other words, a receiver coming in here would have nothing. He wouldn't be able to keep the doors opened. You see, the minute Mr. Armstrong cut off the flow of money, that was the end of the receiver.

He wasn't going to sit around here trying to make \$150 an hour, when he knew he wasn't going to get 5 cents. There's no money. He couldn't sell a building to pay himself because he didn't have to worry about buildings being pilfered and siphoned, so that there was nothing for him to do. It just ended that matter, you see. There's no money. The other assets we left here were all tangible assets — large buildings, things of that nature.

So as I said, Mr. Armstrong in his own inimitable way solved that problem very quickly. He solved it, I think, what, about 10 days. First he said, send money to Tucson as an emergency fund. They didn't like that, and they stepped on his toes. So he said, send everything. And that's exactly how it happened.

Everything has been handled very well, and with a minimum — I mean, to think of the massive disruption that could have occurred here but for that kind of staff that we have, it really is an incredible thing.

And we never missed a beat actually. With all of the onslaught of the State and everything else, it never really slowed us down. And you could all take pride in that — all the people here can take pride in that. And, of course, the brethren for their support from the field. And I think all of our people really came into their own during this.

So we're much more solid today in every respect than we were Jan. 1. And Mr. Armstrong is still getting the Church right and fight and righter, and so as time goes on, we will be stronger yet. But I would say that we've gained much from the last 5½ months. We're much stronger, much purer than we were on Jan. 1. The chaff and the grain have been separated very nicely. In the process of pulling out the weeds, we haven't really pulled out any wheat, which is good.

What is the situation with the sale in Big Sandy, Tex.?

Still pending. The man who wants to buy the property, he stands to lose a half million dollars because we're ready to convey to him. But he has come up short right now with funds, and I have had my doubts a little bit from the beginning as to whether or not he had the wherewithal to go through with the deal.

That's why we demanded the half a million dollars outside of escrow to be put into our accounts, so that if he defaulted, we would at least earn the half million dollars for our efforts.

That was the half million dollars that the State accused Mr. Helge of stealing. And he's got a lawsuit on that one. Someone said Mr. Helge got that money. No, the Church got the money. But it's now our money and not the man who wants to buy it.

So he still says he wants to buy it, and he's trying to put together the deal, but it hasn't come about yet. And it costs us quite a bit of money to keep the place going, and that's part of our problem, and we were budgeting for 1979.

Let's remember, we were supposed to be out of, what is it, Mr. Bicket, about a million a year expenses, about a million, a million two in expenses, just to keep Big Sandy going. We would be relieved of that as of, it was supposed to close originally Jan. 4. Then we were to have \$10 million earning 10 percent interest.

That's \$2 million in addition to everything else that we have lost as a result of this lawsuit, assuming the man could have completed the transaction in January. But that was what we were budgeting for, \$2 million more cash for 1979 went right out because Big Sandy did not close.

So we've had a lot to overcome. But fortunately, the income has been up, and that has made the difference. So we've been able to keep our head above the water. But it's been a tough job for those who have done it, and we should all be very appreciative for that.

Well, I hope it's been informative. We will do it again maybe in about a month, but you're now as up to date as I am, right to the minute on the lawsuit. We had a motion today downtown, I don't know what the result was. I was waiting to hear on it.

Just to show you what we're going through, the receiver, when he was here, had accountants working for him, and when he left, they took boxes of our materials. So the receiver's accountants have those materials. The State is trying to get the court to order those materials turned over to them. They have been denied that. They are now trying to get the accountants, same accountants, to a deposition. They're trying to accomplish now indirectly what they can't accomplish directly because they served the accountant with a subpoena duces tecum, and they've ordered him to appear for deposition, which we're now trying to quash.

Do you follow that? You see, they can't get the accountants to pick up the boxes and turn them over. We stopped that for the moment. So now what they'd like to do is to have the accountants appear in a deposition with the same boxes. So we have to stop that. You can see, it's a whole lot of maneuvering.

But you say again, why do we? Well, if we turn over those documents, a lot of those documents are highly confidential, highly

privileged communications involving ecclesiastical things, and even if there's nothing in there that would in any way help the State in the final analysis, and believe me, there isn't, as far as helping them in the final analysis, they have no right to those papers. You have to understand that. They have no right to them.

So even if the papers should not be harmful, the fact that they would have the papers is a harm. You must understand that if you don't understand anything else, that they have no right to those papers. That's what our constitutional rights are all about. So it's a step-by-step approach. We're doing battle.

We send them written interrogatories. They don't like them. They go to court and say we don't like them, quash them. They send us written interrogatories. We don't like them. We go to court, we say, quash them. We send out notice of depositions to people. We're trying to get [George] Deukmejian to give a deposition, and [Evelle] Younger and all these people, and they're desperately trying to stop it. They're raising all kinds of constitutional grounds, which we say are not valid.

So these are the games lawyers play, unfortunately, but they are very unsmiling about it, but I mean it's a serious matter because our basic constitutional rights are involved.

Remember, I told you a long time ago that in the '30s, the Jehovah Witnesses fought magnificent battles in the field of religion, in the field of freedom of press, speech and assembly — all the four freedoms in the First Amendment.

And their battle was over the fact, people didn't say they couldn't distribute their literature, but they were told they had to pay an insignificant little amount of money to get a license to do it. And they could have done it because they're a monied institution. They wouldn't do it.

They said: We're not going to pay for our First Amendment. If we pay for the First Amendment, what have we done? We've waived it.

That's why we're appealing this requirement of Title, Judge [Julius] Title, that we put up the million dollar bond. Sure, we raised the money, or we raised the sureties, but that's paying ransom for what? For your First Amendment right. The Constitution doesn't say that anytime the State wants to take the First Amendment away from you, it can. Nor does it say to put a price on it.

So we're now fighting the same battle like the Jehovah Witnesses. In many ways we can be proud of it. And a lot of respect is now coming our way from organized groups, and they are admiring our ability and our perseverance and our dedication to the issue because they too can see in some areas we are fighting for principle only, but those are very important principles.

Ambassador offers scholarships

PASADENA — A newly developed scholarship program will enable one prospective Ambassador College student in every international region and North American area of the Work to attend his or her freshman year tuition-free, said Ron Wroblewski, financial aids officer for the college.

"We are interested in those students who excel not only in academics, but also have qualities of leadership and character, have a balanced personality and record of participation in various activities," said Mr. Wroblewski.

All candidates for the regional scholarship program are expected to apply to Ambassador even though they must be recommended for the

award by their regional director or area coordinator.

"The regional directors are supposed to choose the best qualified applicant in their area, and, of course, the way they do that is to ask their individual church pastors to recommend people to them. Then they review those applications and send the best one — or several if they have several — to AC for final approval," Mr. Wroblewski said.

In a letter to regional directors and area coordinators sent out in April, Mr. Wroblewski wrote that nominees should be "the most outstanding prospective AC student in your region" and added that a candidate should be one who "would be viewed highly in church regions

and areas."

He said financial need should also be considered in nominating a person for the scholarship.

Mr. Wroblewski pointed out that all college applicants who have been involved in Youth Opportunities United were automatically considered this year for one of several YOU, one-year, full-tuition scholarships by the financial aids office and the YOU office. This year's awards have already been decided, he said, but beginning with the 1980-81 school year, prospective students will be able to apply for them.

In all awards, he said, the ministerial evaluation is one of the most important considerations of any potential student.

A CONSTITUTIONAL OUTRAGE

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By Jerry Wiley

Imagine that tomorrow morning the deputy attorney general of your state, accompanied by a platoon of officials, pulls up in front of the headquarters of your church. A few dissidents have alleged that money is being misused, and that church assets have been disposed of at below-market value, the cash box pilfered and documents shredded.

Imagine that they burst in, push secretaries aside, rummage desks, safes, confidential membership lists and computer tapes.

Imagine further that they maneuver replacement of your denomination's president with a dissident minister, place a receiver in the building at \$150 an hour — at the church's expense — and instruct members to continue sending tithes and offerings to the receiver for his disposition.

Your deposed president protests and writes a letter to church members asking for funds to fight the takeover in the courts. His letters never reach their destination; they are impounded by the state in the local post office.

It couldn't happen here? Not in America, with our high and impenetrable wall between church and state?

It did. It happened to the Pasadena-based 100,000-member Worldwide Church of God headed by 86-year-old Herbert Armstrong. It happened on Jan. 3, 1979, and during subsequent weeks. Here's the story.

At 9 a.m. on Jan. 3 retired Judge Steven Weisman arrived at the receptionist's desk of the administrative offices of the Worldwide Church of God in Pasadena. As a court-appointed receiver, he had come to take over the church. Accompanying him were attorneys for the dissident church members and representatives of the attorney general's office.

The receivership came without warning to the church, though the court's own rules provided for a minimum of four hours' notification. As might be expected, church employees were surprised, and not surprisingly, they resisted what seemed an unfair and high-handed attempt to take over their operations.

It was afternoon before Weisman effected entrance to the executive offices. His first act was to fire a trusted employee of the church, executive secretary Virginia Kineston.

As church attorneys scrambled to erect legal bulwarks, a story unfolded that would seem bizarre in all but the most totalitarian of nations. Investigation revealed that no case was filed before Superior Court Judge Jerry Pacht reviewed the unsubstantiated accusations of six ex-Worldwide Church of God members and agreed to issue a broad-reaching order for a receiver.

The six had come to Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Tapper with a claim of massive diversion of funds to a charitable organization (the Worldwide Church of God) to personal use. Perhaps the story really had its beginning, however, with expulsion from the church of Garner Ted Armstrong, Herbert Armstrong's son, who subsequently set up his own denomination, the Church of God, International.

Even earlier a number of ministers had broken away from the parent organization. Increasingly, allegations

were heard that the church's 48-year-old attorney and treasurer, Stanley Rader, dictated the decisions of the elderly Armstrong, who is still recovering from a heart attack suffered a year ago.

It was Rader and finances that figured prominently in the Jan. 3 confrontation. Specifically the six former members — alleged to have been put up to it by Garner Ted — accused Herbert Armstrong and Stanley Rader of 1) not accounting for church finances as required by state laws governing charitable organizations, 2) pilfering property and assets of the church "for their own use and benefit," and 3) shredding and destroying financial records.

In their program to take the Gospel to the world, it was said, church higher-ups had sponsored banquets for heads of state, presented them with gifts of Steuben crystal and run up formidable expenses as they sped around the world in Armstrong's Grumman-II jet.

Stanley Rader was alleged to be profiting in an unpropitious way from his position near the heart of patriarch Herbert Armstrong. His remuneration, it was said, topped \$200,000 and was in addition to an unlimited expense account and church-purchased homes in Beverly Hills, Pasadena and Tucson, Ariz.

Of course, it might be asked, What business is it of the state what a church pays its top officials or how lavishly it chooses to finance its ministry?

Should it be of concern to the State of California that a Pentecostal storefront preacher makes \$8,000 a year, while a television pastor may make well over \$100,000; or that the princes of the Roman Catholic Church in the Los Angeles Archdiocese live in a mansion and are chauffeured about in Mercedes?

Perhaps the Worldwide Church of God was just about the right size — big enough to be visible but not so big as to decide elections — for a post-Guyana demonstration of the attorney general's commitment to preserving assets of the people of California from malfeasance of cults. Certainly what the deputy attorney general asked of the Superior Court demonstrated anything but underreaction. He asked the court to take over the charity — the Worldwide Church of God — and operate it while charges of the dissidents were investigated.

Aside from the religious liberty issues, a receivership is a device rarely used even in business disputes, and only then in the most extraordinary of circumstances. Through the court-appointed receiver he hoped to find evidence to substantiate the charges made by his informants. And the church would not get the usual four-hour minimum notice, a rule of the court itself; the law's ideal of a "fair hearing" could come later — months later — at a trial.

At any cost he would protect the citizens against the church's "misuse" of funds. So he argued before the court that money donated to the charitable organization was "held for the benefit of the public at large."

What Deputy Attorney General Tapper asked — and got — from the court is mind-boggling to the student of constitutional law: that the judge meet with him, the accusers and their attorneys before he was required to file any action against the church or even notify the church that an action was filed, and that immediately upon filing the suit, the judge would order a receiver placed in control of all the church's local assets, and, moreover, forbid anyone in the church from managing and disposing of a church asset.

The court also retained the power

to determine whether what the church proposed to do was religious.

The deputy attorney general well knew that he was asking the court to commit itself to giving the state what it wanted against the church without the church's even having had opportunity to know that action was pending. Indeed, he was asking an advisory opinion from the court concerning the outcome of a case not yet filed, when the law in his jurisdiction did not provide for advisory opinions.

He was asking the court to appoint someone to run the church on the unsubstantiated accusations of six dissident members — some say "excommunicated" members. He was asking the state's judicial branch to take over the church before a case was filed, and upon the uncorroborated accusations of the dissidents — all this in spite of state and federal constitutional provisions for strict separation of church and state!

When the judge's clerk was asked if it were possible for parties to have the judge discuss a case requesting a receiver without first filing the lawsuit, the clerk correctly replied: "No. The court would be without jurisdiction to consider the matter."

However, the court reporter's transcript proves that Judge Pacht did hear the accusing parties without their filing a case, and that he told them he would issue an order favorable to their position when they did so!

All this occurred without anyone at the Worldwide Church of God knowing about it until receiver Steven Weisman showed up at the door the next day, Jan. 3.

Weisman came armed with a legal order *ex parte* — without hearing from the accused) providing for the takeover of all assets, income and operations of the church by a receiver not of its faith. The church has, or had, \$80 million in assets, \$70 million in annual income and 100,000 members worldwide.

If the court's first proceeding was Star Chamber in form, the order the court issued was even more inimical to the legal health of the church. The order stated, in part, that the court receiver was empowered to:

- 1) "take possession and control of the church, including all its assets . . .
- 2) "supervise and monitor all of the business and financial operations and activities of the church;
- 3) "take over the management and control [of the church] to the extent that [he] deems it necessary in his sole discretion;
- 4) "hire and employ and retain his own counsel, accountants and any other personnel . . . which he deems necessary to assist him [and] to pay them reasonable compensation out of the funds and assets of the church;
- 5) "suspend or terminate any employee, officer or agent of the church in his sole discretion as he deems necessary;
- 6) "direct that any [suspended or terminated] officer or employee or agent not be permitted access to the grounds or facilities of the church;
- 7) "[take] possession and control of all the books and records of the church [and make] available [said books and records of the church] to the representatives of the [state attorney general and to the] relators, who are dissident members of the church";
- 8) "interfere [in the operations of the church] if he . . . determine[s] in his own discretion that it is necessary to interfere;
- 9) "take over any portion of the operation as he deems necessary in order to protect the church and its assets;
- 10) "file a petition with the [state] court [if the receiver deems it neces-

sary at any time] to remove Mr. Armstrong — the pastor general — or Mr. Rader or both;

11) "determine in his sole discretion Mr. Armstrong's and Mr. Rader's compensation for services and any expenses that are incurred by them during the course of [their employment by the church];

12) "conduct a thorough audit of the financial and business dealings of the church;

13) "review all allegations of malfeasance and neglect concerning the financial and business affairs of the church;

14) "take possession and control of the funds of the church forthwith and deposit them in a special receiver's account [in his sole discretion]."

The court reserved to itself the resolution of "any dispute arising between the receiver and ecclesiastical authorities of the church over whether a particular matter is, in fact, ecclesiastical in nature," and the issue of whether Herbert W. Armstrong or Stanley Rader should or could be removed from office!

The Worldwide Church of God met the state's assault by trying to get the receivership lifted. Their first attempt was denied on Jan. 10. The church's attorneys carried the battle to the state in the trial court, appellate court and California Supreme Court, as well as the Federal District Court. The attorneys' fees must be staggering for the exhaustive papers in support of the church's position that the state could not put a receiver in the church upon unfounded accusations.

The response to the church's positions was frighteningly simplistic. His office, said the attorney general, is responsible by law for the overseeing of charitable organizations. Therefore accusations that the church was spending too much on expenses for its employees and guests, such as foreign dignitaries, and that assets might have been sold below market value justified the state's running the church until the accusations could be either proved or disproved.

Evidence concerning the veracity of the unsubstantiated accusations, he argued, "might be destroyed by those in charge of the church."

Ironically, the only evidence used to substantiate charges of impropriety on the part of the church's leaders, Herbert W. Armstrong and Stanley Rader, were details of expenditures that they themselves had included in an open annual report!

One of the dissidents' most incendiary charges was that the Texas branch of Ambassador College was being sold for \$10.6 million, when it was worth more than \$30 million. This transaction, said one plaintiff, was "the last straw," and Judge Pacht had characterized it as "one cruncher."

But the \$30 million figure proved to be not only highly incendiary but highly inflated. Receiver Weisman approved sale of the property for — yes — \$10.6 million, a fair value according to independent appraisers. But, because of the receivership, the buyer backed out, leaving the church deprived of the property's fair market sale and costing the church continued maintenance on property it is no longer using.

The most serious of the accusations were against Stanley Rader. He was said to be guilty of conflict of interest in that his accounting firm, law firm and advertising agency supplied services to the church for compensation while he was serving as a director of the governing board.

Mr. Rader was further accused of receiving too much compensation for his work for the church — a sum variously reported at \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year, plus expenses. In

addition the church was alleged to have purchased a house or houses for him.

(The receiver was to be paid \$150 an hour from church funds — a rate of compensation amounting to \$228,000 a year for 48 weeks of five eight-hour days. Before the receiver was removed on Feb. 22 — and a new one subsequently reinstated on March 12 — he was spending money contributed by loyal church members for religious purposes at the incredible rate of \$25,000 a week, not including his own fee of \$6,000 a week — a rate of expenditure far higher than anything the dissident church members had accused even Mr. Rader of.)

Mr. Rader was further accused of criminal fraud of a nature unspecified, but presumably having to do with his not inconsiderable influence upon the programs of the church. Each charge of impropriety was denied in sworn documents presented to the court in mid-January, when the church and the accused officials were given opportunity to reply.

Were the state charges sustained? Had the fishing expedition through the church's files — and extending even to examination of its garbage — provided new evidence to sustain such a drastic action as had been taken against the church? Here is what Judge Julius Title had to say, in part, after the hearing:

"Now, I think I have already indicated in my comments to counsel during arguing that I don't believe from the state of the evidence that the plaintiff [the accusing dissidents] has made any real showing of substance that properties have been sold below market value.

"The declarations, which were filed by the plaintiff in this regard, have indulged in sheer speculation, conclusion and hearsay regarding the sales, and those are contrary to the specific declarations of the defendants [church officials], and unless the appraisal of defendants . . . [is] shown to be unreliable or just completely untrue at the time of trial, I don't believe that the plaintiff will be able to establish that the sales heretofore made have been improper in any respect, at least solely on the basis that they were below market value

"There have been some serious inferences which have also been raised . . . possible conflicts of interest . . . questions raised . . . that there might conceivably be some problems."

Since when is it considered sufficient in American law to take management from any legal entity, much less a church, where the court concedes that to do so would be on the basis of "sheer speculation," "inferences," "possible conflicts of interest," "questions raised" and "conceivably . . . some problems"? Nevertheless, the court confirmed the prior order, and the receiver remained in the church.

By stepping in and running the church's affairs for nearly two months, did the state really interfere with the church's carrying on its work? Emphatically, yes! For example, in addition to firing a trusted employee, the receiver caused the United States Post Office to refuse to mail 60,000 letters from church leader Herbert Armstrong to the membership.

The receiver hired a disfellowshipped member of the church to work at the headquarters, even though that was against the express beliefs of the church, and other church members are forbidden contact with disfellowshipped members.

The United California Bank revoked the church's line of credit and (See A CONSTITUTIONAL, page 7)

Ministers hold lectures, visit Malaysian members

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Chris Hunting, coordinator of the Asian Work, and Rod McQueen, pastor of the Brisbane, Australia, church, returned here May 1 from a Bible study lecture tour that reached 57 new people in six West Malaysian cities.

Mr. Hunting and Mr. McQueen also visited the brethren in Singapore and "scattered members and prospective members throughout East Malaysia," Mr. Hunting said. "Due to distances involved these brethren [in East Malaysia] can only meet once a year at the Feast of Tabernacles."

East Malaysia, on the northern part of the island of Borneo, is separated by nearly 400 miles of water from the more populous West Malaysia, where the majority of the brethren are located and where the only Malaysian Sabbath services are held in the capital city of Kuala Lumpur, according to Mr. Hunting. Of the 109 members in Malaysia, 67 meet weekly for services there.

While Mr. McQueen and his wife Martha celebrated the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread in Malaysia at the beginning of the trip, Mr. Hunting and his wife Denise spent the Passover in Bombay, India, with Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding Kulasingam.

From there Mr. and Mrs. Hunting traveled to Sri Lanka, to be with Mr. and Mrs. Mohan Jayasekera and the brethren there. Mr. Hunting gave two Bible studies in addition to preaching on the weekly Sabbath.

Mr. Hunting discussed plans for the future of the Work in Sri Lanka and reviewed the progress made during the past year: the registering of the Church in May of 1978 and

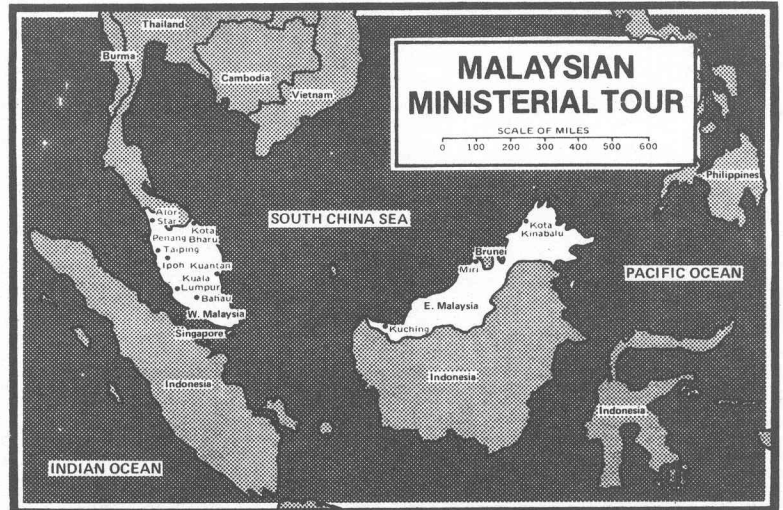
weekly Sabbath services since then; a film presentation and three Bible studies for *Plain Truth* readers; and a newspaper advertisement offering *The Plain Truth* that drew 1,165 responses, which is expected to increase the mailing list by 250.

Meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. McQueen and 15 Malaysian brethren kept the Passover in Kota Bharu, West Malaysia. Two days later, Mr. McQueen held a Bible study lecture in that city for *Plain Truth* subscribers. Three new people attended.

On the last day of Unleavened Bread, Mr. Hunting and Mr. McQueen met in Kuala Lumpur to begin their two-week Bible study and visiting tour through Malaysia. Mrs. Hunting and Mrs. McQueen returned to Australia. In addition to the Bible study in Kota Bharu, lectures were held in Kuantan, Ipoh, Taiping, Penang and Alor Star. Regular Bible studies are held by Yong Chin Gee, the local elder serving as minister in Malaysia, in the town of Bahau near Kuala Lumpur.

After splitting up for Sabbath services in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, the men met again in Kota Kinabalu, in the Sabah state of East Malaysia. A three-day plane delay there "worked to our advantage, as we were able to spend the extra time with four members, hold a mini-Bible study, as well as visit a prospective member," said Mr. Hunting.

They were also able to meet with prospective members in Miri and Kuching. Then it was back to Kuala Lumpur for Mr. Hunting and Singapore for Mr. McQueen, for the last Sabbath services of their trip. Mr. Hunting met with Mr. Yong, concluding what he described as "a very successful 5½ weeks."



MALAYSIAN TOUR — Cities visited on the Malaysian ministerial tour and the locations of the regular Sabbath service and Bible study are indicated on the map. [Artwork by Scott Ashley]

A CONSTITUTIONAL OUTRAGE

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called all demand notes because of the receiver's being installed. The receiver stopped payment on all outstanding checks, thus causing great hardship to many of the poor and widowed who receive assistance from the church.

The same action harmed the suppliers of goods to the church and impaired its credit. Where the church had been given account-billing courtesy — permitting it to pay for radio and television time after airing its religious programs — the media demanded cash in advance after the receiver was installed.

The court order created other prob-

lems, as it soon became obvious. Because the receiver and the accusing dissidents were to be allowed access to church records, letters between the church and its attorneys (privileged under the Constitution and Evidence Code), letters between ministers and penitents or other members (privileged), membership lists and all correspondence were laid bare in violation of both statutes and constitutional protections at both the state and the federal level.

Not unreasonably, the church's offerings, based on a strong tithing membership, dropped off precipitously. Members were unwilling to have their money spent by the receiver. Their withholding of tithes threatened the life of the church even more drastically than the accusations of the dissidents. The very financial disaster the church's accusers purported to fear may have been furthered by the receivership.

But what alternative did the state have, when brought evidence, however flimsy, of financial mismanagement of a charitable trust? If Mr. Rader or any other church official is guilty of a crime, the attorney general has available the not inconsiderable power of the criminal law.

In a similar situation, the United States Supreme Court stated that the appropriate remedy is to file criminal proceedings against the charged in-

dividuals and not to put a receiver in the church (*Cantwell vs. Connecticut*).

Further, the Superior Court of California and the state's attorney general should look to the law promulgated by the United States Supreme Court in New York vs. Cathedral Academy (1977):

"The prospect of church and state litigating in court about what does or does not have religious meaning touches the very core of the constitutional guarantee against religious establishment." Yet it is precisely this power that the California court reserved to itself in its action against the Worldwide Church of God.

The court's order makes a travesty of many of the freedoms we have taken for granted. In addition to interference with religious freedom, there is interference with free speech, interference with privacy, interference with the minister-penitent privilege, interference with the attorney-client privilege and denial of due process (of fairness in judicial proceedings).

The United States Supreme Court noted that the establishment clause of the First Amendment was to protect from the evils of "sponsorship, financial support and active involvement of the sovereign in religious activity" (*Lemon vs. Kurtzman* and *Walz vs. Tax Commissioner*).

Before the Worldwide Church of God case reaches the Supreme Court, the state will be well advised to get out of the business of religion entirely and to pursue remaining problems in a far less intrusive manner. The state is under constitutional obligation 1) to prove, clearly and convincingly, any violation of a compelling state interest by the church; and 2) to seek the least restrictive or intrusive means for achieving legitimate state objectives — if any.

No, it may not have been your church this time. But tomorrow it may be. For unless all who cherish freedom speak up on behalf of a church whose doctrines and practices they may not respect or hold, their church to some degree is more likely to be next.

Whatever is done now for the Worldwide Church of God, however successful it is in warding off the encroachment of the state, one is left with the sad conclusion that it has been irreparably damaged. Plaintiffs contend that they took action to save the church. They may have destroyed it.

Ministers meet for conference

DENVER, Colo. — More than 80 Denver area ministers, wives and children gathered for three days of meetings and fellowship July 9 to 12 on the Teton Valley Ranch near Jackson, Wyo. Dennis Luker, regional director for the Western area ministers, and Ronald Kelly, Denver area coordinator, conducted the meetings for all church pastors and local church elders who could attend.

The camping site was built by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Wilson, owners of the ranch, alongside the Gros Ventre River at the base of the Teton mountain range. Mr. Wilson, a Church member who attends in Blackfoot, Idaho, also provided the beef for the opening dinner, reported Mr. Kelly.

During the three-day conference Mr. Luker updated the ministers on Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's ever-quickening pace of work, doctrinal discussions that Mr. Luker and Roderick C. Meredith, head of the ministry worldwide, had with Mr. Armstrong in Tucson, Ariz., and other items to help the ministry more effectively serve the people God has called.

Mr. Kelly led a discussion on administrative matters — everything from how to prepare reports and organize the office to what the date of the next conference would be.

One session was devoted to a question-and-answer period to enable ministers to ask whatever was on their minds and give information to Mr. Luker to pass on to Mr. Armstrong about questions and concerns of the members in their areas.

Mr. and Mrs. Luker said they were deeply moved by the beauty of the

mountains, but even more inspired by the dedication and zeal of the ministers to help in the Work.

Ron Miller, pastor of the Grand Junction and Meeker, Colo., churches, remarked: "I only wish all the members could be here with us. The spirit of unity and love among the ministers here has truly been inspiring."

Summarizing his feelings about the conference, Mr. Kelly said: "It has been such a pleasure and

privilege to work with the ministers in this area. These three days have been among the most inspirational of my life. It will be hard to do better next year, but if the Wilsons will have us back, we'll certainly be here over and over again."

After the conference meetings Mr. Luker and Mr. Kelly presented Mr. and Mrs. Wilson a sculptured Wyoming cowboy to show the ministers' and their families' appreciation for the Wilsons' hospitality and service.



MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE — Ministers and wives in the Denver, Colo., area pose for a group photo at an area conference July 9 to 12 at the Teton Valley Ranch near Jackson, Wyo. [Photo by Ronald Kelly]

Coming—a Moslem messiah?

Following is the conclusion of a two-part article on Moslem messianic movements by Plain Truth staff writer Keith Stump. Part one appeared in the June 11 issue of *The Worldwide News*.

By Keith Stump

The would-be Mahdis (Moslem messiahs) of the past have embodied the pursuit of the elusive, age-old dream of Islamic unity. Many of them envisioned a single, united Moslem nation extending from the Sahara to the jungles of Indonesia. Mohammed Admed (1844 to 1885), the Sudanese Mahdi, had experienced a vision foretelling his progressive conquest of the entire Moslem world. But he failed in his attempt, as have all who have sought over the centuries to recreate the political theological unity of the early Islamic caliphate.

Elusive dream

The concept of the unity of the entire Islamic world — both Arab and non-Arab — is commonly labeled Pan-Islam. A related but lesser-scope concept is that of Pan-Arabism, the aspiration toward Arab unity or oneness (*wahda*) embracing all the speakers of the Arabic language from the Atlantic to the Persian Gulf.

Both of these movements, however, failed miserably. Though the desire for unity is strongly felt, there are wide and almost irreconcilable differences among Arab nations over the manner in which that goal is to be achieved. Thus Arabs remain disunited — often as enemies and rivals for power.

And if the movement for the unity of the Arab world has been virtually impossible, how much more the unity of the entire Islamic world! Though all Moslems realize the tremendous possibilities that might be realized through greater cooperation, such ideals often clash with the pragmatic interests of individual Moslem nations.

The veneer of solidarity outwardly projected by the frequently convened Pan-Islamic conferences and summit meetings is often underlain by differences of opinion, conflicts of interest and internal squabbles. Designed to demonstrate the solidarity of the Moslem world, these conferences instead highlight its disarray.

Thus, despite the prevailing spirit of fraternity throughout the Islamic world, most observers see Pan-Islam's chances for success as small. The ever-feuding Moslem nations, in their opinion, will never speak with one voice.

Religious upheaval?

Future Pan-Arab or Pan-Islamic efforts will undoubtedly be doomed to failure for the same reasons. What hope remains, then? Will the long-sought unity ever be realized? If so, it will probably have to come through swift and possibly violent change in the wake of tumultuous political or religious upheaval in the Moslem world. And that is where the Mahdi concept comes in.

The Moslem world today is ripe for something new. After centuries of divisive religious and political infighting and frustrated ambitions, Moslem sentiments are coming to a head. Moslems are ready for a new direction, for a creative new concept. They want to again become a powerful force in world affairs, in a role befitting their size and glorious past.

Increasing numbers of Moslems believe it is time for a rekindling of the fires of their dormant faith, time for a wide-scale religious and spiritual revival in the face of growing secularization, materialism and

Westernization (witness events in Iran, for example). From Morocco to Indonesia, back-to-the-Koran sentiments are growing, as are calls for a united, fundamentalist Islam.

The lacking ingredient is leadership. As noted in part one of this article, Moslems in general and Arabs in particular have historically responded like no other people to the charismatic personality. Moslems today yearn for a guide, a teacher, a deliverer — one who embodies their innermost hopes and dreams, who will breathe new life into Islam, who will provide a panacea for their ills, give new direction and set about achieving the long-sought unity of the Moslem world.

The role of Mahdi — the messiah, the great unifier of Islam — awaits a player. Mahdis have marched in their dozens and scores through the pages of Moslem history. There is no reason to believe the days of Mahdism are past. Indeed, circumstances in the Moslem world appear ripe for its reemergence. Some correspondents have described the situation as explosive.

There has always been magic in the name *Mahdi*. If a revolutionary

new religious figure suddenly appeared in the Moslem world — a dynamic, charismatic leader who could capture the imaginations of Moslems everywhere and effectively capitalize on their hunger for greatness — more could be accomplished today toward unity than has been achieved in the past five centuries.

A formidable task

However, it would not be an easy undertaking. Any 20th-century Mahdi would face a formidable task should he aspire to bring about such unity. Yet he would be moving with the prevailing winds of popular sentiment and would benefit by that momentum.

To be successful in establishing an Arab-Moslem confederation, a future Mahdi would have to transcend Islam's traditional political and sectarian divisions and focus Moslem attention on the larger issues. He would have to generate an overriding group feeling — a sense of community — among Moslems. He would have to create an image of being, without question one of them. He would have to find a way of healing the schisms that divide the people

and show them the way to implement their long-frustrated goals and ambitions. He would have to firmly implant the concept of a Moslem nation into the mind of the man on the street.

The emergence of such a Mahdi draws closer by the day. It could happen next week, next month, next year. More specific, however, is an indication offered by a *hadith*, one of the traditional sayings attributed to the prophet Mohammed. This particular *hadith* — believed among both Sunni and Shiite Moslems — asserts that "at the dawn of each new century" a restorer or renovator, called a *mujaddid*, will arise in the Moslem world to renew the Moslem faith. This belief is not exclusively associated with the Mahdi concept, but has often been connected with it in the minds of the Moslem masses.

The "century" referred to is measured on the Moslem lunar calendar (of 354 or 355 days a year), which is reckoned from A.D. 622, the year of the Hegira, Mohammed's epic 200-mile flight from Mecca to Medina. The year A.D. 1980 will make the Moslem year A.H. 1400 (After the Hegira), and A.D. 1981 the year A.H. 1401 — the completion of 14 centuries of Islam and the dawn of the 15th.

Mohammad Ahmed, the Sudanese Mahdi, proclaimed himself Mahdi and conquered the Sudan between

the years 1299 and 1302, A.H., thus appearing to fulfill the requirement of the prophetic *hadith*. Will the years 1980 or 1981, A.D. — 1400 or 1401, A.H., the beginning of the 15th Islamic century — herald the coming of another Mahdi somewhere in the Islamic world? Will another reformer and rejuvenator of Islam appear in seeming fulfillment of the *hadith*?

It is possible, even likely. Even now he may be waiting in the wings for the opportune moment. Yet to a world little informed of Middle Eastern and Islamic affairs, his advent will come as a shock.

What will be its result? Will it bring at long last the unity and harmony that has eluded the Moslem world for centuries? And if so, at what price? Will multiple tens of thousands have to be sacrificed on the field of battle before the goal is attained?

Or — alternately — will the Mahdi's attempt founder as have so many such movements in the past, leaving the Moslem world in even greater disarray? Judging by the record of history, one cannot be overly optimistic.

Whatever the case, the ramifications of a future Mahdist flare-up will extend far beyond the boundaries of Islam. All peoples worldwide will have a stake in the outcome.

Syrian instability makes Germany uneasy

By Moshe Ben-Simha

JERUSALEM — As if the Middle East were not already unstable enough, new problems are emerging in Syria where the Ba'ath socialist regime of President Hafez al-Assad, who is firmly in the Soviet orbit, is being rocked by religious tensions.

President Assad belongs to the minority Shia Alawite sect of Moslems. The majority Sunni Moslems are now engrossed in a religious upsurge, largely inspired by Sheikh Ahmed of Mecca, guardian of the holy places in Islam's most sacred city, who has been prophesying jihad [holy war] against Israel and the day of judgment within the year.

Inflaming the purist Sunni Moslem Brotherhood in Syria is the fact that President Assad has had close links with Shia Moslem holy man Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini of Iran.

Terrorist attacks

As a result, Syria has been rocked in recent months by a string of bombings and assassinations. Most of the victims claimed by these anti-government attacks have been members of the Alawite community and close supporters of President Assad who control key posts in the government, the party and the armed forces. In mid-June, a gang of Moslem Brotherhood terrorists gunned down some 50 young officer cadets in a military academy at Aleppo, Syria.

June 3, the Egyptian Middle East News Agency (MENA) claimed that Syrian security authorities had recently foiled a coup against President Assad's government. The MENA report added that the security situation in Syria was rapidly deteriorating following the assassination of three more ranking members of Mr. Assad's Ba'ath party.

Battles within the Syrian army have now been reported between Alawites and Sunnis, particularly in northern Syria. Mr. Assad has consequently postponed a visit to Moscow to cope with the crisis.

To add to his troubles, President Assad's efforts to politically unify Iraq and Syria have not been going well of late. After four days of talks at Baghdad, Iraq, in early June failed to bring any breakthrough, President Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr of Iraq apologized: "We had aspired to greater unionist steps."

If President Assad falls, his more fanatically Islamic successors might well throw caution to the winds and throw the Syrian army against Israel on the Golan Heights. On the other hand, even if he survives, he may need to satisfy the religious pressures in Syria by speeding up the confrontation against Israel that he was cautiously moving toward.

Israeli-Syrian air battles

Already the Israeli and Syrian air forces have clashed. At least twice in the past month Syrian planes have flown into Israeli-dominated air space over southern Lebanon at the same time as Israeli aircraft. Then June 27, Soviet-built MIG-21s of the Syrian air force engaged Israeli Kfir (Lion) jets and F-15 Eagles in a three-minute dogfight in which at least five of the Syrian planes were shot down.

Syrian aircraft on only two previous occasions have fought full-scale air battles with the Israeli air force in times of "peace." On the first occasion in April, 1967, six Syrian planes were shot down. On the second, in September, 1973, 13 Syrian planes were downed. Both times, full-scale war between Israel and Syria followed within two months!

The Soviet Union, Mr. Assad's backer, would certainly support him or his successors in continued aggressive action. As George F. Will pointed out in *Newsweek* June 11, the Russians must be greatly tempted to use their preponderant military might for a Middle East power play against a declining Europe and before a formidable Europe can emerge. The impact of Pope John Paul II on the Catholic masses of Soviet-controlled Eastern Europe has shown the Kremlin that their time is running out.

U.S. President sized up

The Soviet leaders had a chance to size up President Jimmy Carter and the current American leadership firsthand in the Vienna summit this past June. After Nikita Khrushchev had (wrongly) summed up John F. Kennedy as a weakling in Vienna in 1961, he was emboldened to risk the Cuba missile crisis. If Leonid Brezhnev and Andrei Gromyko, chairman of foreign affairs, came to a similar conclusion about Mr. Carter, they may soon give whomever survives

the turmoil in Damascus the green light to throw the whole Middle East into flames.

Western leaders, especially in Europe, are taking the threat seriously, as it may dangerously affect their already tenuous oil supplies. West Germany, in particular, has started to take independent diplomatic action in the face of the problem.

June 23, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher arrived in Riyadh, capital of Saudi Arabia, for a two-day visit on energy issues and Middle East developments. Mr. Genscher was received by King Khalid bin Abdul Aziz himself.

Previously, in a June 11 interview with *Time* magazine, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt warned that "wars may become possible for the single reason of competition for oil and gas." A few days later he repeated this warning in an interview published in the June 22 *Jerusalem Post*. Here he stated: "The years to come are going to be very difficult. Demands for oil are already growing beyond all measure, not only in the United States and Western Europe . . . World politics are certainly going to be very difficult in the 1980s."

Chancellor Schmidt also reportedly said that he felt another Middle East war in the near future was "more than likely" — a statement he later denied. But the instability of Syria and the guiding hand of the Soviet Union behind it makes such a remark grimly plausible.

If the United States fails to safeguard the Free World's oil supplies in the event of another Middle East war, Japan and West German-led Europe, both of whom are overwhelmingly dependent on Mideast oil for their economic survival, may move independently to safeguard their sources.

U.S.-European rivalry predicted

Now other voices are awakening to this possibility. Paul Erdman, former Swiss banker and adviser to the Iranian Oil Consortium, discussed it in his authoritative and disturbingly credible novel *The Crash of '79*, published three years ago. In a June interview with the influential London-based *Arab* monthly *The Middle East*, Mr. Erdman was even

more outspoken.

Discussing Saudi Arabia's current unease, he said: "The real question is the decline in U.S. hegemony. The U.S. today simply doesn't have the wherewithal to control the world."

Predicting competition between a West German-dominated Europe and the United States for partnership with the Arab world, he stated, "The rivalry between Europe — France, but primarily Germany — and the U.S. is becoming sharper every month."

Mr. Erdman sees the new European Monetary System (EMS) as basically organized by the West Germans. "When you strip away the facade it is a German mark bloc. It is in essence set up as a rival to the dollar bloc in the hope of becoming partners with the OPEC [Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries] nations." Mr. Erdman also predicted the danger that a future Saudi regime might trigger economic collapse in America by pulling out the up to \$90 billion Riyadh currently holds in short-term (up to 90-day) deposits in U.S. banks.

Redeemed through King David

More than 3,000 years before this stunningly frank interview, the great God of heaven specifically predicted through King David an alliance of the Arab peoples with Germany against the Israelite nations.

"They have said, Come and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance . . . they are confederate against thee. The tabernacles of Edom [Turkey] and the Ishmaelites [Saudi Arabia] . . . Gegal, and Ammon [modern Jordan], and Amalek, the Philistines [modern Palestinians] with the inhabitants of Tyre [Lebanon]; Assur [modern Germany] also is joined with them; they have holpen the children of Lot [Jordan and western Iraq]. Selah" (Psalm 83:4-8).

As we see this coming to pass before our eyes, we do well to remember how God inspired David to complete the prophecy: "Let them be confounded and troubled forever; yea, let them be put to shame and perish: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth" (verses 17-18).

Youths honored

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Roseanne Soellner, 19, a second-year student at Lehigh County Community College in Schnecksville, Pa., achieved a 4.0 grade average in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program for the 1979 spring semester.

In addition to being a member of the Occupational Therapy Club,



ROSEANNE SOELLNER

Roseanne tutors her classmates in anatomy and physiology and works in the college cafeteria.

Roseanne and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Whiteash of Pottsville, Pa., are members of the Bethlehem church.

ETNA, N.Y. — Michael L. Deeb, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Deeb, was honored at the Dryden (N.Y.) Central School commencement exercises with a \$25



MICHAEL DEEB

award by the Etna Women's Community Club. This award is given each year to a "deserving Etna-area graduate who has demonstrated outstanding qualities of character, leadership and cooperation throughout his high school years."

Michael is a member of the Binghampton, N.Y., YOU chapter.

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Timothy Todd Hicks, 17-year-old senior at Sunnyslope High School, was a first-place gold-medal winner in the



TIMOTHY HICKS

Arizona Skill Olympics in cabinetmaking. He will represent Arizona in the U.S. competition in Atlanta, Ga., in July.

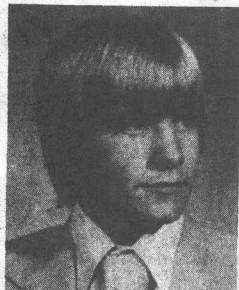
Tim, who plans a career of cabinetmaking, worked with woods for four years and won first place in a

1978 contest for a desk he designed and made.

He is a YOU member and attends the Phoenix West church.

BELLE VERNON, Pa. — Tim Nelson, a YOU member in the Belle Vernon church and a senior member of the wrestling team at Bethlehem-Center High School in Fredericktown, Pa., was commended by his head wrestling coach, Richard S. Caputo, in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson of Marianna, Pa.

Coach Caputo wrote that "without a doubt, the most rewarding experi-



TIM NELSON

ence this sport of wrestling has afforded me was my association with your son . . . I can honestly say that I am a better person for having worked with Tim Nelson."

During the 1978-79 season, Tim grappled his way to the state finals, a complicated task because many of his bouts had to be rescheduled either before or after the Sabbath.

Tim also earned the trophy for most valuable wrestler at the Allegheny Region YOU wrestling tournament April 1.

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Denise and Dorise Turgeon, daughters of Bob and Elaine Turgeon, received academic awards totaling \$5,000.

Denise, 18-year-old graduate of Frontier Central High School in Hamburg, N.Y., received a \$4,000 scholarship for academic merit to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., where she will major in the surgical nurse program.

While at Frontier Central, Denise was on the indoor track and swim



DENISE TURGEON

teams, played volleyball and was secretary of the National Honor Society. As a YOU member, she has been a cheerleader and taken part in volleyball and track.

Dorise, 19, received an associate's degree in fashion buying and merchandising from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. She made the dean's list each semester and graduated summa cum laude with a 3.9 grade average.

Dorise received the Henry F. Lanning Award for excellence in liberal arts, a \$1,000 award based on the highest grade average (class of 2,000) and a series of individual interviews determining practical

knowledge. She plans to study for her bachelor of science degree in marketing at New York University in New York.

Both Denise and Dorise have appeared in *Who's Who Among Ameri-*



DORISE TURGEON

can High School Students, which honors outstanding academic achievement of the top 5 percent of U.S. high school upperclassmen.

Dorise attended the Manhattan, N.Y., church while she was in college.

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. — Greg Achtemichuk, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Achtemichuk, re-



GREG ACHEMICHUK

ceived the general proficiency award for his 90.9 percent grade-10 average. He was one of six students in his class of 700 to earn the award, which is given to those who maintain a top overall academic standing.

Greg was also a member of the Carleton Comprehensive High School basketball team that won the Prince Albert championship.

Greg, who plans to pursue a career in the field of dentistry, is vice president of the Prince Albert YOU chapter.

DELEVAN, Ill. — Diana Carter, 18-year-old senior at Delevan High School, was chosen to appear in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* in 1978-79.

Diana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.



DIANA CARTER

Newton Carter, was selected for her active role in cheerleading and her academic accomplishments. She has lettered in softball, basketball and track. In 1977 she received most improved basketball player and also had a 75 percent free-throw average. In her junior year, 1977-78, she was queen of her school.

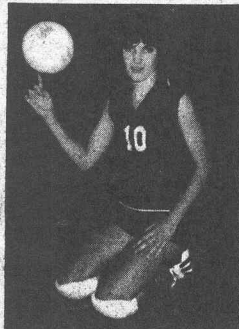
Diana is active in YOU, serving as vice president and committee chairman. She attended the YOU Conference in Big Sandy, Tex., in 1977.

Diana is on the YOU cheerleading squad that won first place in the national competition in 1975 and placed third in 1976-77. She has been a cheerleader for seven years and captain of the squad four years.

Diana attends the Peoria, Ill., church with her family.

LANCASTER, Tex. — Amy Thomas, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomas, was awarded the Outstanding Volleyball Player of the Year award at an honors assembly here May 11. She is actively involved in varsity sports.

Amy was also inducted into the National Honor Society in a special assembly at Lancaster High School. Qualifications are an overall A average as well as a faculty recommenda-



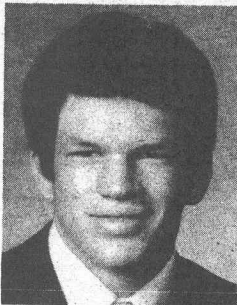
AMY THOMAS

tion on the basis of character, leadership and service.

She attends the Dallas (South), Tex., church and is a member of the YOU girls' basketball team.

WHEELING, W. Va. — Dale Carter has been named valedictorian of Stanton High School's 1979 graduating class. He also received the C.P. Henderson scholar award and the coaches' award and was named top distance man in track. Dale was also named most valuable performer (MVP) in cross-country. In addition, Dale received a \$1,000 a year scholarship from the Ohio Board of Regents.

Dale is a member of YOU and the National Honor Society. He also served his school by working in the



DALE CARTER

Honor Society bookstore and as an audiovisual aide.

Dale plans to attend the University of Cincinnati, majoring in mechanical engineering.

LONG BEACH, Calif. — David Gwennap, 18, an honor-roll student at Lindburgh Junior High School, was named to the Scholarship Society and received the Certificate of Meritorious Service in English.

David also became the school's only seventh-grade boy to win a trophy in the Presidential Physical Fitness Program for best all-around athlete. In addition, he has received a year's free membership to the YMCA for outstanding leadership, scholarship and citizenship.

FAIRCHANCE, Pa. — Michele Petty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Grover Petty, graduated salutatorian of her class at Fairchance-Georges High School.

Michele has been a member of French Club, Drama Club, chorus and junior and senior honor societies, has served as library assistant and was selected to appear in the 1977-78 and 1978-79 editions of *Who's Who*



MICHELE PETTY

Among American High School Students. She also received the outstanding student certificate for history.

A member of the Belle Vernon, Pa., YOU chapter, Michele plans to attend Ambassador College this fall.

AKRON, Ohio — Linda Morris, 16, a sophomore at Clear Fork High School in Bellville, Ohio, won first place in the State of Ohio History Day Contest and placed sixth in the



LINDA MORRIS

nation with a historical research project that traced the history of an Ohio town called Newville.

Linda is a member of the Drama Club, Literary Staff and YOU.

She attends church in Akron with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morris.

PASADENA — Lori Stauffer, 17-year-old daughter of Dennis and Marilyn Stauffer of the Pasadena church, won \$500 in the final competition for the Bank of America



LORI STAUFFER

Achievement Awards. She received her cash award at an awards banquet May 2 in the Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles, Calif.

Thirty-six finalists out of about 36,000 high school candidates in Southern California, nine in each category of fine arts, liberal arts, science and mathematics or vocational arts, were asked to verbally respond to questions posed by Bank of America representatives and judges (See **YOUTHS HONORED**, page 15)

Useless bullets, damaged piano chapters in homesteader's life

By Bob Millman

KAMLOOPS, B.C. — The winter of 1920 was not easy for those homesteading in the Chilcotin River country of southwestern British Columbia. Cyrus Bryant was unable to hunt because of snow blindness, and his family was close to starvation. Weak and desperate, his wife Phyllis set out with her husband's heavy Winchester to try for the first time in her life to bring down a deer.

Walking through deep snow in a long dress was difficult, but after an exhausting day's hike she came upon five deer. Standing stock-still she levered a round of ammunition into the chamber. The deer reacted to the sound. She stood still for several minutes before drawing a bead and squeezing the trigger. The firing pin clicked but nothing happened. The deer jumped, then continued feeding. She repeated the agonizingly slow process once more, only to discover that her ammunition was too old to fire.

Cries for help

The deer began to slowly walk away. In despair Mrs. Bryant propped the heavy rifle against a tree and began walking home. By now she was so weak from the day's trek and many months of malnourishment that she had to crawl some of the time to relieve the acute pain in her groin. She finally collapsed a half mile from home. Her cries for help were eventually heard — carried by the bitterly cold, still night air. Her husband ran the distance to find her and carried her home.

Next day a neighbor came by and, after listening to her family tell her story, said she must be mistaken. No woman could walk as far or do what she said she had done. He took off to follow her trail and check her story, taking a gunnysack for pheasants he might shoot along the way to ease the family's dire straits.

He returned the next day and dropped the blood-soaked sack on the table. "There're your pheasants. Could I have some coffee?" he asked. He talked awhile longer and eventually asked Mrs. Bryant if she'd like to examine her pheasants. She opened the sack, and to her delight it contained five deer hearts! He had followed her trail, recovered her

abandoned rifle and shot all five deer, which had remained feeding in the general area.

With the help of that neighbor the Bryant family carried home the five deer and survived the winter, along with many more in the forbidding Chilcotin country.

Today Mrs. Bryant is 87 years old and still living in the wild ranching country of the Chilcotin with several members of her family who are also members of the Church of God.

Born in 1892 in Bangor, Wis., she spent her youth and young adult life battling tuberculosis. Her family and friends supposed it would claim her life early as it had her mother. She finally licked that problem by living outdoors summer and winter for four years and eating 10 eggs with her two quarts of milk a day.

'A Piano in the Wilderness'

After marrying at 19 she, along with her husband, made her way from Montana to British Columbia to homestead.

After his death in 1951 Mrs. Bryant continued ranching with her children but spent a few years in a senior citizens' home. She proved too active for such establishments and spent as much time as possible traveling throughout the United States and Mexico.

During her stay in one home she occupied her time writing her autobiography, an exceptionally well-written 200-page manuscript. It makes the rounds of family and friends and is a charming recollection of the pioneer days in central British Columbia. Sections of the manuscript have been published in several magazines. Entitled "A Piano in the Wilderness," it attests to her lifelong love of music. Even homesteading she always had a piano and plays daily even now.

At one time her beloved piano was burned in a move between homesteads. After four years a new one was delivered by rail, but it arrived damaged. The railroad offered Mr. Bryant a deal — return it right away, and it would have the piano repaired, or settle for six windows (unclaimed freight) and get the piano repaired himself.

He arrived home with the damaged

piano and six windows. Mrs. Bryant promptly left for a long-overdue trip to her relatives in Wisconsin with the promise that she'd return when the piano was repaired. Where Mr. Bryant found a piano repairman in the wilderness nobody ever knew, but he did telegraph his wife after three months that she could come home — all was repaired. She returned to a more appreciative family and a well-tuned piano.

Three goals

Over the years playing for country dances has been one of her greatest joys. Her most recent engagement was the seniors' social at the Pentecost Festival site.

Mrs. Bryant concludes her autobiography with three goals: 1) to hear the Mormon Tabernacle Choir



PIONEER—Phyllis Bryant, 87, works at her typewriter, an activity that she pursues daily. (Photo by Bob Millman)

in Salt Lake City, Utah, 2) to take a helicopter ride and 3) to spend a night in jail to see how the other half lives.

The first two were accomplished, but the third has been denied so far. Mrs. Bryant at 87 is still alert and

active and plays the piano from memory every day. And she feels being a baptized member of God's Church has added a completeness to her long eventful life she never thought possible.

Manager takes 'easy way' to top

This article, about a local elder in the Salem, Ore., church, is reprinted from the Tigard, Ore., Community Press of Aug. 30, 1978.

By Bill Graves

SALEM, Ore. — Bob Thomas says he made it to the top the easy way — by starting at the bottom and working his way up.

"I look at it as the easy way," said the blue-eyed manager of Keith Brown Building Material Supermart, 775 Front St. NE in Salem. "You can't go to school to learn what I've learned."

Bob went to work for Keith Brown as a janitor in 1961, he and his wife Darla having sold out their service station business, which they kept for more than eight years. Believing drive and initiative pay off, Bob began learning everything he could about home building and retail.

"They gave me an opportunity to learn the business, and I worked up from there," he said. "I got to know each product, learned to stock it, price it and what it was used for. Eventually I learned pricing, invoicing, costing, ordering and all the things entailed with the business.

Gradually, I worked up to management.

"They never had a thing here where you're confined to one area. If you have initiative and drive and the capability to put it to use, you will naturally fit into those niches where your talent fits.

"A lot of employers don't offer opportunity to young people. We hire young people and train them. If they are good at it and can develop themselves, they can continue on."

Having a broad background of experience in the business makes Bob a special kind of manager. You'll never find him shut away in his office with the door closed. But you might find him helping customers on the floor, working behind the sales counter or driving a forklift in the warehouse. He believes in staying in touch with his people and with the public.

"I have an open-door policy here," he said. "I believe if you can show your employees a good example, it will get you a lot of support and respectability."

Almost continually as he talked, employees would peek into his office with questions.

"It's always this way," he smiled. "Usually the phone is ringing more. You've got to understand your em-

ployees (he has 42) will get frustrated if you don't answer their questions too."

Bob puts in plenty of hours at Keith Brown's, but he says he knows when to quit.

"I do believe you have to have drive, to push yourself, but I know when to stop. Money hasn't been my goal. I work hard and I get paid for it. I believe in being dedicated to the organization that puts bread and butter on my table."

"I'm happy in what I do. As long as I can continue to enjoy working hard with people, I'll be happy. You have to have challenges through the day. Even a problem [can] be a challenge."

Bob has worked on a lot of building projects in his spare time. He encourages his employees to do the same.

Playing country music with lead or steel guitar is another favorite pastime of Bob's, but lately most of his time has been taken up working for his church, he said.

"I feel a great need, a great responsibility to fulfill whatever I say I'm going to do. I think that's very, very important to do. It's probably the driving responsibility in my life — trying to be what I say I am."

Member's extra effort pays off

By Jim Chapman

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever ye do,



EXTRA EFFORT — Mr. and Mrs. Irby Toups, members attending the New Orleans, La., church, received an unusual blessing — a virtually rent-free home from Mr. Toups' employer.

do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Belief in and practice of that scriptural principle resulted in an unusual blessing for two longtime Church members who have never lost their enthusiastic approach to life.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby L. Toups of Houma, La., have attended the Worldwide Church of God for nearly 20 years. Mr. Toups, 52, a lifelong resident here, is known for his quality carpentry. His reputation as a craftsman is synonymous with honesty, quality and integrity in this area.

Because of its proximity to the Gulf of Mexico most of the industry here is ocean-related. Dozens of small shipyards produce all kinds of oceangoing vessels, and Mr. Toups is well known for his work in the cabins of these boats.

About four years ago Mr. Toups completed a job on an oceangoing towboat. The shipyard owner showed the finished product to a friend who was a partner in a firm that ran an entire fleet of towboats.

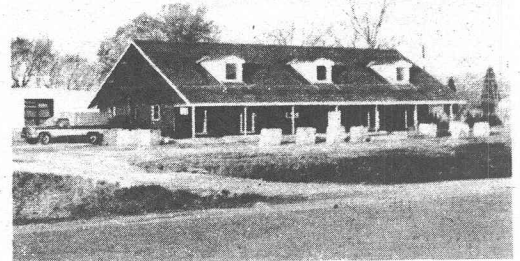
When the friend looked at the interior of the new vessel he inquired, "Who did the work?" When told, he replied, "Oh yes, I've heard of his work for years. Send him around to see me."

Mr. Toups contacted the man, was hired on the spot and has since been doing all of the maintenance and repair for the man's business. Because Mr. Toups has always been willing to work a little harder, do a little better and stay a little longer when needed, he has never had any problem getting off for the Sabbath and Holy Days.

When it became possible for the Toupses to begin making plans to build their own home, something they had wanted to do for years, the boss heard about it and called Mr. Toups in.

"Let me help you," he said. "Design the kind of home you wish, and come back and see me." After a lot of thought and prayer, the Toupses designed a nice but modest three-bedroom, two-bath home.

The boss thought their design was fine, but suggested a few changes.



NEW HOME — Now nearing completion, a six-bedroom, four-bath home will be provided to Mr. and Mrs. Irby Toups as long as they wish to live there. A steel workshop is under construction behind the house.

The net result was that he cleared a beautiful six-acre piece of property, doubled the size of the house, added both gas and electric appliances, hurricane protection, an emergency DC (diesel) generator, a large whirlpool bath, a pool room and a pool table, a stereo intercom and other fine furnishings and a 4,800-square-foot steel workshop for Mr. Toups' tools. He made this available by contract

virtually rent free to the Toupses as long as they want to live there, whether they remain with his company or not.

The home is nearly finished now. Soon Mr. and Mrs. Toups will be moving into their new six-bedroom, four-bath blessing. Already they have made plans to share it by having area Bible studies, socials and other gatherings in their new home.

BLOSSOM BOUNCES BACK

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

Some of the happiest hours that Jim and Major spent with Grandfather Wilson were down at Seven Mile Creek, fishing. Jim and his grandfather stuck their bamboo poles out over the grassy bank and watched the corks bob on the smooth surface of the slow-running water. Major would go off on his own, sniffing out the rabbit trails or raccoon tracks.

On a particular sunny afternoon, Major heard Jim whistle, and he knew it was time to go up to the house.

As they were walking up the fence row toward the barn, Grandfather stepped into a small hole and turned his ankle. By the time he limped up to the house, it was swelling badly.

Grandmother packed his ankle in ice. "I hope you'll stay off that foot," she advised. "Jimmy and I will do the chores this evening."

"No, you won't," Grandfather replied firmly.

"I can milk Blossom, Grandfather," Jim said, walking over to stand beside his chair. Major, in the corner, thumped his tail on the floor. He would help round up Blossom, the cow.

"That's nice of you, Jimmy," Grandfather replied, slipping his arm around Jim's waist. "But I'll ask one of the neighbors to milk Blossom tonight. Jennie, why don't you get on the phone and ask Ted Mattson if he can spare his hired man to do our few chores this evening."

"Surely you don't want that Glen Means coming over here again. He doesn't get along with Blossom very well."

"Oh, he'll be all right. He'll be more careful this time and talk to Blossom and treat her like the lady she is."

"Can we be sure?"

"Excuse me, please, Grandfather," Jim said. "What happened? What did Blossom do?"

Stem to stern

Grandfather smiled. "I'll tell you. While we were visiting Jennie's sister in Kansas City last month, Ted Mattson's hired man milked Blossom for us. The first morning Glen was here, he walked up to her without speaking to her first.

"He kind of surprised her, I guess, and she swung around and grabbed the bib of his overalls in her teeth. She ripped the whole front of his overalls — from stem to stern." He chuckled. "Glen had to go get on another pair of overalls before he could finish the chores."

Jim laughed heartily. "I wish I'd have seen that."

"Yes, me too. Blossom's quite a cow. But don't mention it to Glen. It caused him a good deal of embarrassment."

Jim did not mention it, but he looked Mr. Means over curiously when he drove into the farmyard that evening in his little black car.

"Hello, Mr. Means. Here's the milk pail." Grandmother announced, as he got out and walked over. She handed him a stainless steel pail. "And I want you to meet our only grandson — James."

"Hi there, Jimmy," greeted Mr. Means cheerfully. He was a thin, middle-aged man with a battered straw hat perched on the back of his head.

Jim's eyes glanced over his faded blue shirt and worn overalls. If Blossom grabbed at them again, little harm would be done. Jim said hello and pointed to his dog. "Mr. Means, that's Major, my dog."

Major began to sniff at Mr. Means' big shoes as they walked down the hill toward the barn.

"Hello there, Major Bowes," replied the hired man. He kept walking. He was all business and Jim liked him.

When they reached the white wooden fence that intersected the barnyard, Mr. Means opened the gate for Jim and Major to pass through ahead of him. As he refastened the gate, his hand reached for Jim's old baseball bat that leaned just inside the gate.

"This might come in handy," he explained, "in case that cow tries anything funny."

"She's a good cow," Jim insisted.

The big barn door stood wide open, and Blossom was standing inside, nibbling hay by the manger and waiting to be milked. She was red and white and small in size, but was Grandfather's "good milker."

It was very warm. The sweet smell of hay filled Major's nose. Half a dozen pigeons fluttered high in the upper rafters, and Major raised his eyes. "Woorrrf!"

Blossom turned her head. "Mo-o-o-o-o!" she bawled.

Glen Means stepped back. "Here, now, you old cow —" He raised the bat. "You just keep your distance there. Stay where you are, and I'll stay back here and get the milking done."

"Mo-o-o-o-o-o," repeated Blossom. Her spring calf had been taken away from her a week ago, and she was still edgy about it. She glared hard at Jim and the hired man. As for that dog — Major! If he barked one more time, she'd give him a good toss into the hay.

Major barked again. "Woorrrf!" He sensed excitement in the air. He saw that the hired man was nervous about Blossom.

"Be quiet, Major," ordered Jim.

But it was too late. Blossom swung her head around and came toward Major.

A low blow

Mr. Means instinctively reasoned that Blossom was coming after him. "Whoa, there! Back 'ere, cow!" He waved the bat uncertainly, then leaped forward and brought it down between Blossom's ears with a whack!

The little cow staggered. She sank to her forelegs. A moment later Blossom swayed over on the straw and lay still.

"Oh, Mr. Means! How could you hit dear little Blossom?" Jim asked in horror. He knelt beside the cow and stroked her glossy neck. "Come on, get up, Blossom. He didn't mean to hurt you. Please get up."

The hired man tossed down the bat and came over. "I didn't mean to hit her so hard," he said in a strange, tense tone. "I'd give anything in the world if I hadn't hit her. Oh, this is an awful mess. I'll bet she's worth close to \$800." He groaned and held his head between his hands. "I'll have to pay for her. Maybe \$900. This is terrible!"



"Blossom, Blossom, please get up," Jim continued to plead.

But the cow did not stir.

Jim jumped up. "I'll go get Grandfather. He'll know what to do." Then he remembered that Grandfather had a bad ankle. "Maybe Grandmother can do something."

Little white lie

Hurrying out of the barn door, he stared up toward the fence. Glen Means caught up to him. "Wait a minute, James. Listen to me. Don't tell your grandparents that I knocked that cow on the head. Let's just say that we found her lying on the straw."

"We didn't find her that way, Mr. Means."

"Listen." He reached into a back pocket. "I'll tell you what we'll do. I'll give you 10 bucks, and we'll tell your grandpa that we found the cow dead."

"I can't do that. That's a lie." Jim shook his head. "I promised Grandfather, that I'd never lie."

"For \$10 you can tell a small lie." He pulled a bill from his billfold and offered it to Jim.

"No, thanks. Not for a million dollars."

"Aw, come on. Accidents happen. It was an accident."

Jim stopped at the fence. "I have to tell Grandfather the truth. I'll tell him you got scared and hit Blossom. He'll be mad, but that's better than telling a lie."

Mr. Means' hand caught Jim's shoulder, pulling him around. "I'll give you 20 big ones. I don't have that much on me right now, but I'll get it to you tomorrow."

Jim shook his head. "Nope. I can't lie for you."

"Wait a minute. Think of all the wonderful things that you can buy with \$20."

"Good-bye, Mr. Means." He started to climb the fence.

"I'll have to tell him about that cow, and I'll have to pay the damages. He'll tell Ted Mattson what I did, and I'll lose my job and have to wander across the countryside. Oh, I'd give every-

thing I have if I'd not jumped to such a fast conclusion. I lost my head. That's what I did. I lost my head."

Mr. Means' voice was awful with agony, but Jim climbed the fence. At the top, he heard Major barking in the barn.

"Maaa-jorrrr!" he called.

"Arrrrf! Arrrrf!" Major replied, but he did not come out of the barn.

"Come on, fella," Jim gave a sharp whistle. "Wheeeett!"

"Woorrrrrf!" Major's voice became an excited bark.

"I wonder what he's found." Climbing back to the ground, Jim hurried back to the barn. At the doorway he paused.

Blossom pulls through

Blossom stood at the manger, pulling a mouthful of alfalfa from an open bale. Major sat near the door, watching her with head cocked on one side.

"Blossom! You're all right!" He turned and called, "Mr. Means! She's all right! Look at Blossom!"

Glen Means hurried to the barn door. "Hey! She's okay! What a good cow she is!" He stepped in and began to rub Blossom's neck and back. "Good cow. Where's that milk stool? And the pail?"

"Over there," Jim replied.

"Thanks. I've never been so glad to see a cow standing up, eating hay."

"You're not going to ever hit her again, are you?"

"Never. No, sireeee." He balanced on the milk stool near Blossom's flank and took the pail between his knees. "Soooooo, Boss," he cooed, and he eased back her leg. Blossom stood as quietly as if Grandfather were here as usual to do the evening milking.

Jim watched as the squirts of milk pinged like hail into the bottom of the bucket.

Major padded over to his master, and they sat down together in the doorway where a soft breeze cooled their backs.

Blossom continued to chew contentedly on the hay. After a time, she turned and gave them a wink with her lovely large, brown eyes. She smiled.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

FUND-RAISING PROJECTS

Reports of local church projects to raise funds for a special offering to give to the Work continue to arrive at the *WN* office.

ASHEVILLE, N.C., brethren had netted more than \$9,000 as of June 24. Flea markets and yard and craft sales under the supervision of Mel Brady brought in \$2,274.30. Brethren also did a moving job (\$95), painted a house (\$999), worked for a building contractor (\$700), recycled aluminum and copper (\$160), worked on a member's home (\$550), took inventory at a department store (\$491.50), baby-sat, set hair, cleaned homes, washed windows, mowed yards, sewed, painted

cash-flow crisis. After learning about the scheduled rock concert, Dirwood Space, a Church member employed at the University of Colorado in Boulder, submitted the winning bid in the name of the Denver church. Little did the brethren know how much work it was to clean up a football stadium after 55,000 screaming rock music fans had spent eight hours listening to the Doobie Brothers, Poco, Bob Welch and Boston.

After the concert, at 6 p.m. Sunday, the brethren turned out in full force to start what seemed to be an endless task of cleaning the monstrous stadium to the satisfaction of the university personnel.

The first night's work ended near midnight, and the stadium still looked as if it had been devastated by a typhoon. Garbage was heaped throughout the stadium nearly knee-deep. Hundreds of gallons of soft drinks had been spilled. Chicken bones, potato chips, paper bags, suntan-

When the Work appealed to the local churches for help during the cash-flow crisis, **KANSAS CITY (East)**, Mo., pastor Russell Duke alerted the brethren and started the ball rolling. Marvin Campbell coordinated the immediate response from the congregation. Members donated trash and treasure for three simultaneous garage sales resulting in a donation of \$741. Member David Reading, a carpenter by trade, contracted with his employer for a church volunteer labor force to wreck and rebuild walkways and balconies on two buildings. About 25 men turned out on May 6 and 20 to help, replacing rotten joists and redecking the walkways with cedar. Several women contributed homemade rolls and coffee and lunches at noon. The work party earned an additional \$2,400 for the Work. *Donna Brougher*.

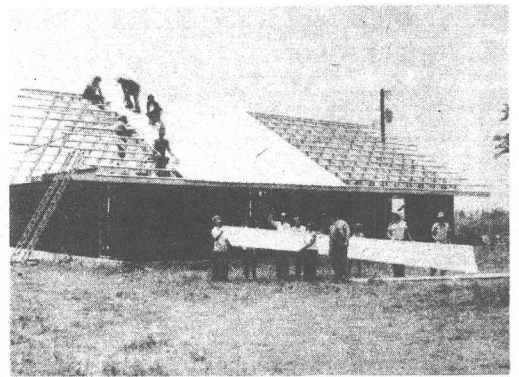
YOU members in **MILWAUKEE**, Wis., sponsored a skate-athon May 28, skating up to 75 miles to raise \$3,500 for a contribution. Church members and friends of YOU members sponsored the skaters by offering pledges for each mile skated. Other fund-raising activities included a bake sale, a new and used book sale, game booths, selling pillows and handbags donated by Church members, and selling raffle tickets for a handmade quilt, with Hank Knuth taking home the prize. *Pat Kuczynski*.

Sunkbed stalwarts of the **NEW ORLEANS, La.**, church manned a stall at a flea market in 95-degree temperatures June 10, raising \$400 to add to the church's special offering. Local elder John Roper organized the sale, and the similar one was organized two weeks before by Paul Herrmann. Member Irby Toups arranged for a group of brethren to build a house in Eagle Island, La., to raise an additional \$700, bringing the total to \$2,700. *Malcolm Tofts*.

Members of the **PITTSBURGH (West)**, Pa., church took part in the fund-raising effort during the months of May and June under the direction of Jack Yeager. In addition to the "old faithful" projects of garage sales, flea markets and bake sales, the brethren contributed overtime earnings and sponsored a spaghetti dinner at a community hall, selling tickets in advance. *Bonnie Yeager*.

On one of the hottest days of the year, members of the **RESEDA, Calif.**, church made another major effort to raise additional funds for the Church. Lorie Schiller and a team of co-workers manned a swap-meet stand June 10, selling many craft items made by the ladies of the church, and Joe Baird and a group of fellow mechanics had a car tune-up clinic, receiving donations for the Work. These efforts added to the paper and can drives and cleanup and construction projects already underway by the members. *Cornell Smith*.

Members of the **ROLLA, Mo.**, church traveled many miles to participate in a series of yard sales and man a barbecued-chicken stand, raising close to \$650 by the end of May. Additional funds have been earned for the YOU chapter from a bake sale, reported Don Crook, manager of the



RAISING THE ROOF — Members of the New Orleans, La., church build a home in Eagle Island, La., to raise funds for a special offering for the Work. (See "Fund-Raising Projects," this page.)

fund-raising program. *Joe Ross*.

Teens of the **ROME, Ga.**, church helped raise funds for the Work by selling concessions at the church's auction June 10 at the Cartersville (Ga.) Plaza. The YOU members netted \$270 selling hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks and cake, in addition to selling raffle tickets for a pool table, won by Kenneth West. The auction garnered \$2,800 for the special offering, as members donated stoves, vacuum cleaners, a dishwasher, pool tables and many other items.

Cakes baked by the ladies and sold at the auction were another source of income. *Lisa Turner and Edna Weyman*.

The **SALEM, Ore.**, church earned \$4,400 May 20, sponsoring an auction, selling baked goods, hot dogs and cold drinks and cutting and selling firewood. A professional auctioneer donated his services for the auction, and the members presented him several gifts in appreciation. As of June 6, the brethren had raised \$6,800. *Joann Emery*.

Members and families of the **WATERLOO, Iowa**, church and nearby churches held a roof-raising party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Elsing May 27 in response to the needs of the Work. Two buildings were constructed, a pole machine shed and a livestock and feed shed. The fine weather, the teamwork and fellowship and the hearty meals prepared by the women were enjoyed by all. *Debra Elsing*.

SUMMER SOCIALS

ADA, Okla., members, with the help of some of the Lawton, Okla., brethren, again conquered seven miles of the Illinois River on a float trip June 24. The trip was interrupted frequently to refuel the calorie-powered motors. The more experienced floaters stayed to the straight and narrow, but among those to periodically "inspect" both sides of the river, brush piles and the bottoms of their canoes were Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Pitts and daughter Julie, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Swinford and son Roderick, and Lisa Wilson and her companion, Lynn Walker of Lawton. Minister David Carley, daughter Shelia and passenger Mickey Russell

adroitly directed traffic around the treacherous curves. *Patsy Pruett*.

The **CHICAGO, Ill.**, area churches in Arlington Heights and Hinsdale got together for the first time in several years for a potluck picnic lunch June 24, followed by softball, volleyball and games for the children. Roy Holladay, pastor of the two churches, and his family enjoyed the festivities along with the brethren. *Sally Eimersen*.

The summer picnic for the **COLUMBIA, S.C.**, church was July 1 with perfect weather at a lake near Gaston, S.C. Activities were swimming, boating, fishing, music, horseshoes and games, topped off with homemade ice cream. A large crowd attended.

The brethren from the **Augusta, Ga.**, area attended the Sabbath service of the Columbia church for the last time June 30. A new Augusta church was scheduled to begin the next week, July 7. *Paul Nowlen*.

About 250 members of the **DALLAS, Tex.**, North and South churches, pastored by Randall Dick, met on the shores of Lake Dallas June 24 for their annual picnic, participating in softball, volleyball, tugs-of-war and horseshoe pitching in the hot, sunny weather. Forty to 50 children vied for rings, whistles, toy airplanes and other trinkets at a children's carnival sponsored by the YOU chapter under the direction of YOU vice president Steve Wilson. A watermelon feed with the customary seed-pitching contests rounded out the afternoon. *Michael Wilhite*.

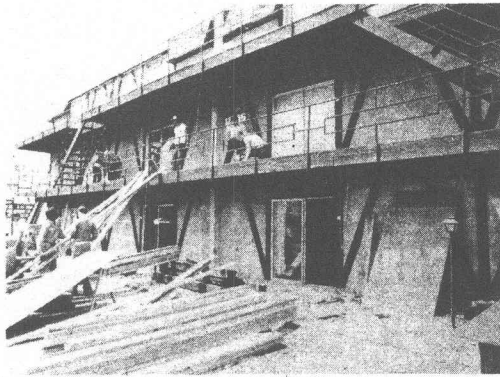
The first picnic of the summer for the **HAGERSTOWN, Md.**, brethren was **Father's Day**, June 17, at Clearbrook, Va. Each family brought father's favorite dish for lunch. Prizes were awarded to the oldest and youngest fathers, the most recent father and the one with the largest family. The mild temperatures enabled the brethren to play volleyball games most of the day despite the rain and mud. Others enjoyed cards and games in the nearby pavilion. *Margie Dulaney*.

About 80 members of the **HARTFORD and BRIDGEPORT, Conn.**, churches camped in the woods and fields near Goshen, Conn., June 16 through 18. Sabbath services took place in an open pavilion amidst tall grass, wildflowers and strawberries. A nature walk filled the afternoon, and a camp-fire sing-along ended the day. Sunday featured two treasure hunts arranged by Helen Klies, and swimming rounded out the jam-packed weekend, coordinated by Dick and Carol Bonsey. *Helen C. Klies*.

YES teachers and families of the **KITCHENER, Ont.**, church packed a dinner and headed for Queen Victoria Park June 16 for the first annual YES teachers' picnic. The hot weather and exercise created ravenous appetites and the sizzling hamburgers and hot dogs were soon gone. Then Peter Wesselson, one of the teachers, impatiently poured some of the hot coals into a large metal garbage bin, only to find smoke and a malodorous odor begin to pour out of the bin and drift across the park. Soon a fire engine came up the lane and two firemen disembarked carrying a shovel and fire extinguisher to put out the smelly smudge pot. *Valerie Simons*.

The **MELBOURNE, Fla.**, brethren had a surprise potluck dinner after the Sabbath service June 23 as a farewell gesture for Jim and Donna O'Brien and their son Todd. Mr. O'Brien has been the Melbourne minister since August, 1974, and has been transferred to Nashville, Tenn., where he will be associate pastor. After dinner Harry Buck, Mary Jane Nail and

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WORK PARTY — A volunteer labor force made up of members of the Kansas City (East), Mo., congregation rebuild the balcony of an apartment building as part of the church's fund-raising effort. (See "Fund-Raising Projects," this page.) [Photo by Keith Cooper]

signs, carried away trash, umpired ball games and contributed overtime pay and an unexpected insurance refund to make their sizable donation to the Work. *Steve Tershansy*.

The Lady Ambassadors Club of the **BELLE VERNON, Pa.**, and **CLARKSBURG, W. Va.**, churches contributed \$321 they had earned at a shopping-mall bazaar and \$153 from home-party product sales to their churches' special fund for the Work at their June 10 meeting. *Peggy Henry*.

During the month of May the **CUMBERLAND, Md.**, church accumulated \$1,305, surpassing the church's goal of \$1,000. The brethren sold odds and ends from members' attics and basements plus baked goods at two flea markets, taking leftover baked goods to King's department store for a second chance. In addition, three yard sales took place at private homes in Allegany County, Md., and nearby Romney, W. Va. One yard sale included filling firewood orders, nut cracking and making flowers. Two ladies of the church who work at factories took orders from fellow employees for baked goods, also proving to be an excellent money-maker. *Eudele Athey*.

Just how much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood? After spending five Sundays and a Wednesday beginning in early May amassing 100 cords of firewood, members of the **Texoma-area church in DENISON, Tex.**, began to empathize with the lowly woodchuck's efforts. The human woodchucks invaded a wood-laden creek bottom near Aubrey, Tex., and the buzz of chain saws and the crunch of splitting mauls biting into sawed tree trunks filled the air from sunrise to sunset. Taking time out from hauling and stacking wood, the women served dinner to the hard-working lumberjacks. The firewood was sold to the top-bidding wholesaler. The funds from this project, garage sales, candy and bake sales and beer-can pickups were used to make a special offering of \$5,000 to help the Work through the cash-flow crisis and fill the depleted local church fund coffers. *John Williams*.

Members of the **DENVER and GREELEY, Colo.**, churches worked 5½ days cleaning up after a rock concert to earn \$5,000 to help the Work through its

lotion containers, cigarette butts, beer bottles, chewing gum (stuck in every nook and cranny), sweat shirts and old tennis shoes littered the aisles. Those who could worked during the day, with a full work force turning out in the evenings. Crews put the finishing touches on the stadium Friday, and at the final inspection the physical plant director said, "This stadium hasn't been this clean since it was built." Hard work though it was, the joy of a job well done, setting an example in the community and the financial contribution to the Work make the sore muscles all worthwhile. *Ronald Kelly*.

The proceeds from the dinner of the combined **FRESNO and VISALIA, Calif.**, Spokesman Club ladies' night May 27 were donated to the Church as part of the fund-raising project. The lively meeting capping off the 1978-79 club year was attended by some 65 members and their guests. *John Bowers*.



STADIUM CLEANUP — To raise funds for a special offering for the Work, Denver and Greeley, Colo., brethren put in long hours cleaning up a football stadium after a rock concert. Left: Member Dirwood Space, University of Colorado employee who suggested the cleanup, pushes a small part of the tons of garbage left after the concert. Right: Denver minister Leroy Cole, Connie Schnarrenberger and Shari and Michelle Kelly help collect some of the thousands of plastic soft-drink containers at the big cleanup. (See "Fund-Raising Projects," this page.) [Photos by Ronald Kelly]



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 Leon Hendershot entertained the group with witticisms from their associations with the O'Briens. Kathy Barenbruegge presented Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien a scrapbook made by the YES Sabbath school students recalling the formation and growth of the program, and the children, directed by Betty Salter, sang "The Applesong." In conclusion, Mr. Buck presented a Cuisinart food processor to the O'Briens as a going-away gift from the Melbourne church. Robert Overstreet.

Well-wishers packed the Maple Leaf Room of the Canadian Slovak Building in MONTREAL, Que., June 24 to bid farewell to pastor Bill Rabey, his wife Linda and his daughters, Carmen and Dawn. Mr. Rabey has served the Montreal English congregation for 5 1/2 years and will participate in the sabbatical program in Pasadena during the coming school year. While guests munched on sandwiches and dessert, John Mason's band provided musical entertainment, master of ceremonies Edwin Wojciechowski added witty comments and George Nemeth sang "My Way." Dancing, mostly disco, filled the evening. The Rabey family received a number of gifts, including a check from the membership at large, a wineskin from Mr. Rabey's fishing buddies, a photo album of the Montreal brethren, courtesy of the Ladies' Club, and a sports trophy donated by the YOU hockey and soccer teams. Cecil Maranville will replace Mr. Rabey as Montreal church pastor. *Dominic Vincelli.*

Members of the NASHVILLE, Tenn.,



GOING-AWAY GIFT — Minister Jim O'Brien and his wife Donna of Melbourne, Fla., examine the Cuisinart food processor presented to them as a farewell gift by the Melbourne brethren June 23. (See "Summer Socials," page 12.) (Photo by Henry Phelps)

church honored their associate pastor, Fred Bailey, and his wife Diane during a social hour following Sabbath services June 16. Mr. Bailey, who has served in the area since 1974, is scheduled to pastor the Evansville, Ind., church. A special cake had been made for the occasion. One of the gifts they received was a framed etching of the Hermitage, the late President Andrew Jackson's home near Nashville. Also attending the social were Tony Hammer, pastor and area coordinator of the Nashville area, and his wife, Jim O'Brien of the Melbourne, Fla., church is scheduled to replace Mr. Bailey. *Everett Corbin.*

The NOTTINGHAM, England, church celebrated its fourth annual picnic at its favorite venue, Wollaton Park, also visited by the legendary Robin Hood in days of yore. Birmingham brethren were also invited, bringing the attendance to more than 70. Marlene Cliff and Neil Hanley supervised the smaller children, and others played volleyball, cricket and rounders. Jean McLaren served hungry customers beefburgers and sausage rolls straight from the grill, and Pauline Salter dealt with their thirsts. Louis Oslislok served homemade wine. Local elder Bob Devine presented the prizes at the end of the day. Ralph Turner flew his kite highest, but whether or not he was best was hotly disputed by kite-flying enthusiasts Arthur Cliff and Mr. Devine. Other kite-flying winners in their age categories were Daniel Balding, Robert Hanley, Brian Salter, Bruce and Stewart Suckling, Gwyneth Salter, Rachel Devine, William

Turner and Gordon McLaren. Winners in the backward-running contest were William Turner, Julie Bates, Irena Marsh and Colin Sweet. Irena Marsh and Julie Bates also won the ladies' wheelbarrow race, and Gwyneth Salter and Owen Bates won the children's race. The Hanley family won the camel race, followed by the Bradshaw family. All the children received a packet of Smarties candy. *Ron McLaren.*

Fifty members of the OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., church took their fourth annual float trip in aluminum canoes down the Illinois River June 24, traveling upstream by truck 15 miles from Tahlequah, in eastern Oklahoma, to begin their trip. The members stopped for lunch on the river bank and enjoyed a swim and water fight. *Linda Mariano.*

Although rain was falling steadily the morning of June 24, the members of the SHERBROOKE, Que., English and French congregations were not discouraged. They set up tables as planned for a garage sale at the home of Jim and Shirley Knutson. Potential customers were not discouraged either by the liquid sunshine and poured in just as steadily as the rain. Members donated a multitude of things to the sale, and many large items such as motorbikes, bicycles and television sets were sold on consignment, with 10 percent of the sales price going to the church fund. Even a horse was for sale. Rose Dumoulin proved to be a saleslady *par excellence*, almost succeeding in selling a suit to its original owner. The most salable items were the baked goods. Some of the luscious pies and cookies Mrs. Knutson had been baking since 6 a.m. were sold even before they were taken out of the oven. The sale continued Monday and brought in a net total of \$340.40 for the church activity fund. *Edel Starcke.*

The STOKE-ON-TRENT, England, congregation held a picnic on a farm in the village of Longsdon, Staffordshire, June 17. The first activity of the day was borrowing a mower, a scythe and a rake and plunging knee-deep into the buttercups to create a games area. The midday barbecue provided beefburgers, pastor David Magowan's special recipe, and sausages cooked and dispensed by local elder Tony Sadler, Cavan McCarthy and Bill Bailey. Then the ladies played ball games and did some exercises while the men played a somewhat crowded game of football with extra players on each side. After tea Pauline Bailey made a surprise appearance. Wearing an enormous yellow hat with an SEP inscription and assisted by her daughter Janette, she quickly sold two trays of small goods for the SEP fund. *Heather McCarthy.*

About 30 brethren of the TAMPA, Fla., church took part in a fishing tournament June 24 at the home of member Marilyn Murray, who lives by King Lake. Those not participating in the tournament went swimming, skiing, canoeing or relaxing under the trees. The contest ended at 4 p.m. with a weigh-in. Bill Royer reeled in the trophy for the most fish caught with his total of 15. Mike Maynard also won a trophy for catching the largest fish, 21 1/2 inches, and Jonathan Fike was awarded an oversized hook for catching the smallest fish. A fish fry followed the tournament. The women had brought covered side dishes, and the fish were provided by Jack Fike, Dale Yates and Mike Maynard. *Jim Blount.*

Brethren of the TAUNTON, England, church gathered for a picnic June 9 in a lush, green valley between the Quantock and Brendon Hills, using a Volkswagen caravan as base camp. After the more than 20 attending had tucked away the delicious spread of food, they attempted to play a game of cricket in the long grass, enjoying many a laugh before dispersing at the end of the day to their homes. *Garry C. Spiller.*

Applause greeted Gary Antion as he began his sermon to the combined TORONTO, Ont., churches June 23. Mr. Antion, now on the faculty of Ambassador College, had spent 14 years building the churches in the Toronto area prior to taking the sabbatical program in Pasadena this past year. Before the sermon Irene McGuigan led the children's choir in a number. Refreshments were served in the foyer after the service while brethren lined up the exchange greetings with Mr. Antion and his wife Barb. *Bill Moore.*

The VANCOUVER, B.C., brethren said good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. George

Lee, who will be transferring to the Barrie, Ont., church, at Sabbath services June 23. Local elder Walter Johnson, on behalf of the brethren, presented the Lees a down-filled quilt, a matching set of sheets, two jazz records and a set of blank tapes for Mr. Lee's music collection. In the evening about 30 people gathered at a member's home for an informal barbecue and sing-along in honor of the Lees. Mrs. Lee received a gift of perfume, and Mr. Lee a Zilgen cymbal for his drum set. The Lees have served in the Vancouver area for five years. *Lorna A. Lukinak.*

CLUB MEETINGS

Members of the BIRMINGHAM, England, Ladies' Club were escorted by their husbands, the members of the Spokesman Club, to the Exchange Steak Bar May 20 for succulent steaks and wine. The enjoyable evening marked the end of the club's season. Mrs. Arthur Suckling was presented a bouquet of flowers in appreciation by Mrs. D. Merrill and Arthur Suckling, the church pastor, was given a leather wallet from the brethren by M. Merrill. *Ernest Bayliss.*

Craig Bacheller, a minister of the BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia, office, recently transferred from Canada, had the title "Instant Aussie" conferred upon him at a simple ceremony at the end of a Spokesman Club meeting June 19. J. Wait, the club president, directed the treasurer to conduct the ceremony, consisting of the presentation of one bush hat with antily corks fitted; one meat pie, one of Australia's gifts to the world; one container of tomato sauce (for use on the pie); and two tubes (tinnies) of Foster's beer. But before Mr. Bacheller was allowed to have the above, he had to repeat to the club's satisfaction the following: "Beauty mate," "fair go sport," "chooks," and "fair dinkum." The club director passed this stiff linguistic test and was dubbed "Instant Aussie," entitling his wife Linda to make Pavlovas and Lamingtons, two more gourmet gifts to the world from Australia. *Bob Patterson.*

The EVERETT, Wash., Women's Club ended its first season June 25 under the leadership of pastor and adviser Harry Sleder, president Jo Morehouse, vice president Jo An Jamieson, treasurer J. Anderson and secretary Betty La Valley. The women culminated the season with a western-night dinner in honor of their husbands. *Teresa Jo Peralta.*

The GLOUCESTER, England, Spokesman Club met for its end-of-season dinner at the Community Center in Ledbury June 17, attended by 31 members and guests. Carole Webb planned and prepared the meal of beef Bourgeois and continental chicken, assisted by Beverly Pritchard and Ray Bunting, who also served the wine. The evening's speakers were Colin Smith, Alma Gammond, Charles Johnson, Judy Leighton and Mr. Bunting. David Bedford was director. The YOU members, who catered the dinner to raise funds for SEP, netted 35 pounds, charging 3 pounds for each meal, including the drinks. *Joan Bunting.*

One after the other, three ladies grabbed a prepacked suitcase and raced off to their destination, the front of the club room, where they proceeded hur-

riedly to put on the clothes over their street dress. Their husbands did the same, but dressed themselves in complete ice-hockey gear. This hilarious relay race (the ladies proving to be the quick-change artists) took place at the KITCHENER, Ont., Women's Club's barbecue for the members' menfolk June 18 at the home of minister Lyle Simons. Mr. Simons had the coals glowing when the group arrived, ready to dine on sizzling hamburgers, salads and strawberry shortcake. Games on the lawn and good company rounded out the evening. *George and Chris Carter.*

Forty-six PITTSBURGH, Pa., Spokesman Club members and guests met for a dinner-dance in honor of the club's



SUMMER SCENES — Left: Rachel Hayes blows up one of her prizes from the YOU children's carnival at the annual picnic of the Dallas, Tex., churches June 24. Right: Mrs. Roy Lewis keeps cool as she forks into a slice of watermelon at the Dallas picnic. (See "Summer Socials," page 12.)

1979 graduates at the Mona Lisa restaurant in nearby Whitehall June 17. After a cocktail hour and dinner, Bill Gressly led a rousing topics session. Dancing began at 9 p.m., with the diplomas awarded during the intermission. Graduating this year are president Jack Yeager, vice president Bob Sullivan, treasurer Joe Russell, Pete Volganic and Don Surloff. The club presented gifts of appreciation to director Don Lawson and his wife Sue. *Bonnie Yeager.*

Striving to reach a woman's highest potential through growth and service is the goal of the newly organized Women's Alliance of the RESEDA, Calif., church. Recent programs have included guest speakers John Kossey, librarian at Ambassador College, giving an educational lecture on Bible aids, and Myrtle Horn, guidance counselor for women at Ambassador, discussing the proper role of Christian women in today's society. The structure of the club consists of table topics and educational features such as vocabulary building, discussions on Bible topics, memory training, goal setting, time management and hospitality. Service projects include a fund-raiser ice cream social and picnic to sponsor a teen to SEP and coordinating visits to the elderly and the sick. A special community project in progress in June is a community lecture on the rights of the child in conjunction with the United Nations-sponsored "International Year of the Child." *Sue Peterson.*

Ways to save on the family budget prompted the WOODBRIDGE, N.J.,

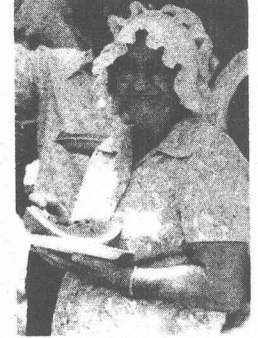


EGYPTIAN STYLE — Oklahoma City, Okla., YOU members do a skit to the music of "King Tut" at a talent show June 16. From left are Allen Owens, Liza Taylor (hidden), Donna Vandevor, Liza Kilewer and Trina Higgins. (See "Youth Activities," page 15.)

Ladies' Club to develop a coupon exchange program. Club members bring coupons clipped from newspapers and magazines to Gloria Wolfe, who files them in various categories according to type of product and amount of discount. The ladies pick up the coupons they can use when they assemble for the club meetings. *Charles C. Walker Jr.*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Members David and Deanne Humberstone of the BRISBANE (East), Australia,



church had an old and young people's barbecue at their home June 24 to demonstrate and explain the uses of a number of old-time items on display. The exhibits included an 1820 silver candle snuffer and tray (English); an 1875 newspaper (Australian); a matchstick cigarette roller; a wheel for measuring wagon wheels for manufacturing; a clothes and blanket hand ringer; a copper bedwarmer (English); an antique sewing machine; old photos; identity cards; ration coupons for tea, sugar, butter and petrol; Potts' irons; and an antique cowbell. Most of the articles were donated for the day by octogenarians, Mr. Humberstone's parents of Toowoomba, Australia, and P. Chambers of Carina, Australia, formerly of England. Afternoon tea of damper (a type of bread), made in a gas barbecue, with treacle and other goodies was served by the young people. *O. Waterman.*

Fifteen senior members of the CHILLIWACK, B.C., church and three from Bellingham, Wash., took a Charter Circle day tour June 24. The members left Chilliwack at 6 a.m. for North Vancouver, where they boarded the B.C. Railway for a 158-mile scenic train trip through Squamish to Lillooet, where three Church members who attend the Kamloops, B.C., church welcomed them with a sandwich luncheon. The seniors rejoined the day tour after lunch, returning home through the Fraser Canyon. *Al Hankey.*

The Happy Whistlers, the over-50 club of the LITTLE ROCK, Ark., church, presented a surprise party for Arthur and Edna Upton July 1 in honor of their golden wedding anniversary. The Uptons were presented gold-colored wooden medals inscribed "Love and loyalty through thick and thin" and a twin picture frame. Then the group played six games of bingo, using the letters from the name Upton instead of the word bingo on the cards. A luncheon and dancing completed the festivities. *Frank Zahn.*

SINGLES SCENE

Twenty EDMONTON, Alta., young people spent the three-day July 1 weekend in the Canadian Rocky Mountain Wilderness. A 10-mile hike up to Ruby Lake was full of challenge and the refreshing beauty of God's unspoiled creation. Camping at an altitude of 7,000 feet, the campers woke one morning to find themselves surrounded by two inches of new snow. Robert Berend, pastor of the Edmonton North church, fried up some freshly caught trout, a gourmet delight for the (See CHURCH NEWS, page 15)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ANDERSON, Brad and Kathy (King), of Topoka, Kan., boy, Gabriel Steamin, June 27, 11:24 a.m., 7 pounds, first child.

AYADIKWOR, Bennett and Chime, of Abu Imo State, Nigeria, boy, Anyochukwu Chukwudi, June 22, 9:30 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

BOOHER, Tony and Suzanne (Smith), of Kingsport, Tenn., girl, Emily Suzanne, July 4, 3:40 a.m., 6 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, first child.

BURKE, John and Carol (Obsour), of Houston, Tex., girl, Stephanie Lynn, June 9, 10:13 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

CHANDLER, John C. and Marion (Haynes), of Kenosha, Wis., girl, Isabelle, June 26, 7:46 a.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 girls.

FRENZEL, Harvey and Linda (Saxton), of San Antonio, Tex., girl, Kimberly Brooke, Feb. 7, 2:36 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 girls.

GERLACH, Donald and Vicki (Payne), of Garden Grove, Calif., girl, Rebecca Michelle, June 11, 7:35 p.m., 10 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

GONYER, Clifford and Phyllis (Graham), of Montpelier, Vt., twin girls, Hillary Rebecca and Harmony Sue, June 29, 7:30 p.m., 9 pounds 4 1/2 ounces and 5 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

GROSSMAN, Jack and Lucille (Wilmut), of Johannesburg, South Africa, boy, Jonathan, June 14, 3:55 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

HILLERSON, Chuck and Carol, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, boy, Eric William, June 3, 12:23 p.m., 9 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

JONES, Charles and Teresa, of Waco, Tex., boy, Michael Dale, June 28, 7:19 a.m., 10 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

KNIGHTON, Haven and Donna (Henry), of Amarillo, Tex., boy, Philip Aaron, April 2, 6:12 p.m., 7 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

LITTLE, Roscoe and Linda (Hyde), of Raleigh, N.C., girl, Mary Kim, May 22, 6 pounds 1 ounce, now 3 girls.

LUNDBERG, Terry and Bettie (Hustvedt), of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Teresa Rae, May 28, 2:21 a.m., 6 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

MARTENS, Timothy and Debra (Lang), of Fargo, N.D., girl, Denicia Lynn, June 2, 5:41 p.m., 5 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

MCVEIGH, David and Kerry (Cooper), of Frantonia, Australia, boy, Luke Anthony, June 17, 2:53 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 boys.

MORGAN, Rex and Davina, of Auckland, New Zealand, girl, Rochelle Joy, June 24, 10:10 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

MORGAN, Timothy and Peggy (Fergen), of Pasadena, boy, Benjamin Lee, June 11, 11:50 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

MORRIS, John and Jocelyn (Moss), of Nassau, Bahamas, boy, Donahue Dan, June 25, 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 4 boys.

NECESSARY, Ellis and Dorothy (Mackey), of Russellville, Tenn., boy, Brian Mackey, June 25, 3:41 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

OGUNLASE, Bayo and Olufulumilayo, of Nigeria, girl, Esther Tololope, June 15, 10:45 p.m., 3.2 kilograms, now 2 girls.

OSBORNE, Michael and Carolyn (Bulter), of Jackson, Miss., girl, Rebekah Ann, June 2, 3:02 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces.

OSTROM, David and Janice (Miller), of Duluth, Minn., girl, Jessica Dawn, June 8, 2:56 a.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

PLAGENZA, Sal and Pam (Hauff), of Modesto, Calif., boy, Zachariah Raymond, June 16, 8:20 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 8 boys, 1 girl.

POOLEY, Rob and Del, of Hamilton, New Zealand, girl, Robyn Elizabeth, May 14, 7 a.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

SAARELA, Daniel and Rhonda (Marlow), of Duluth, Minn., boy, Luke William, May 4, 2:47 a.m., 9 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, first child.

SANDERS, Wayne and Elsie (Walkline), of New Orleans, La., girl, Kelly Rochelle, July 10, 9:30 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SCHWARTZ, Norm and Shelley (Henderson), of Prince George, B.C., girl, Janelle Rose, June 2, 10:23 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

SHEMET, Paul and Bonnie (Hassehofer), of Pasadena, Calif., girl, Michelle Renee, July 19, 5:40 p.m., 7 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SMILEY, Keith and Dalal (El Hage), of Melbourne, Australia, boy, Raji Zwonko Shepherd, May 29, 9 a.m., 5 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

SPROUL, Blaney and Linda (Henry), of Belle Vernon, Pa., girl, Lisa Raeana, May 4, 11:17 p.m., 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, first child.

STONEISER, David and Linda (Panella), of Baltimore, Md., twin boy and girl, Derrick Matthew and Tammy Rose, July 3, 1:26 and 1:28 p.m., 5 pounds 5 ounces and 4 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SWARTZENDRUBER, Calvin and Betty (Lee), of Iowa City, Iowa, girl, Shelley Renee, June 4, 4:40 p.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

TRINKS, Tom and Cindy (Shepherd), of Raleigh, N.C., boy, John Elton, June 24, 11:23 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

YONTS, Paul and Karen (Combs), of Louisville, Ky., boy, Shane Daryl, June 23, 6:33 a.m., 7 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mark Mickelson and Debbie Wood are happy to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The ceremony will take place Sept. 27 in Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence P. Davis of Newalla, Okla., are happy to announce the engagement of

their daughter Laura Jo to Steven Edward Szabo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Szabo of Arcadia, Calif. The wedding is scheduled for July 29 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Geel Gresko, daughter of Philip and Audrey Gresko of Thunder Bay, Ont., and Kevin Grizzle, son of Carol and Pauline Rosenberger of Las Cruces, N.M., are pleased to announce their engagement. A May 12, 1980, wedding is planned. Both are Ambassador College students.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Whitener of Wood River, Ill., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Kim Ann to Richard Marc Belanger of Mount Clemens, Mich. A Nov. 16 wedding is planned in Roxana, Ill.

WEDDINGS

The marriage of Elaine Rowe of Fairport, N.Y., and Arnold White, also of Fairport, took place July 7. The ceremony was performed at the home of the pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., churches, David Pask. The couple attend the Rochester church.



MRS. LEMUEL YOW

Susan Grubb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grubb of Jackson Springs, N.C., and Lemuel Yow, son of Mrs. Margaret Yow of Seagrave, N.C., were united in marriage in the Cardinal B.I.D., girl, Denicia Lynn, June 2, 5:41 p.m., 5 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tremble Jr., of Dawn E. Niemeyer of New Knoxville, Ohio, and Jack E. Tremble Jr., of Tulsa, Okla., were united in marriage May 8. Dennis Diehl, minister of the Findlay and Mansfield, Ohio, churches, officiated. The couple presently reside at 206 W. German St., New Knoxville, Ohio. 45871. The groom is a former Ambassador College student.



MR. AND MRS. K. SPARKS JR.

Kenneth C. Sparks Jr. and Pamela A. Smith exchanged vows in the Ambassador College Lower Gardens in Pasadena July 7. Carlton Green, a minister of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church, performed the ceremony. Dave Schreiber was best man and Brenda McIver was bridesmaid. The couple now reside at 369 Waldo, Apt. 12, Pasadena, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. TONY BOSSERMAN

Pamela Petty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Petty of Fairhance, Pa., and Tony Bosserman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bosserman of Seattle, Wash., were united in marriage April 1. The ceremony was performed by David Johnson, pastor of the Belle Vernon, Pa., and Clarksburg, W.Va., churches. The bride's attendants were her sister Michele Petty and sister-in-law Kim Petty. Groomsmen were Dale Stanbury and the bride's brother, Gary Petty. Both Pamela and Tony attended Ambassador College. The couple now reside in Connellsville, Pa.

Rhonda Rennah Edelman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Edelman of Escondido, Calif., and Mrs. Enrique Ferreira, son of Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Ferreira of Muscatine, Iowa, were united in marriage July 5 at the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena. Robert Cloninger, pastor of the Los Angeles and Reseda, Calif., churches, performed the ceremony. Sandra Carroll was the maid of honor, and C.J. Jamison Jr. was the best man. The couple are now residing in Pasadena.

Joseph P. Moses of Visakhapatnam, India, would like to announce his marriage July 12 to Nirmala Jones at Kakinada, India.



MR. AND MRS. MARK FIKE

Janelle Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Chapman of New Orleans, La., and Mark Fike, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fike of Coleman, Mich., were united in marriage May 20 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLendon. Mr. Chapman, minister and father of the bride, performed the ceremony. Vicki Hart was matron of honor and Scott Fike was best man. The couple now reside at 117 Hersey St., Cadillac, Mich., 49601.



MR. AND MRS. KEITH STUMP

Keith W. Stump and Melissa M. Teague were married June 24 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Foster in Pacific Palisades, Calif. Robert Cloninger, pastor of the Reseda and Los Angeles, Calif., churches, officiated. Joseph Nabhan was best man and Susan Nabhan was maid of honor. The couple are both employed by the Church and will reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. JERRY BERG

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Berg of Pasadena were honored by their three children during a reception held in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary June 9.

MR. AND MRS. DAVE RODGERS

Roxanne Webb, daughter of Norma Webb of Marlinsboro, Tenn., and Dave Rodgers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Rodgers of Geneva, Ohio, were united in marriage in Rochester, N.Y., July 1. The wedding was performed by David Pack, pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., churches. Maid of honor was Lori Florio and best man was Rick Newman. The couple will reside at 2 Hinsdale St., Rochester, N.Y.



MR. AND MRS. DANIEL SMITH

Judith Mohler and Daniel Smith were united in marriage May 6 at the Ambassador College Rectory Hall. The ceremony was performed by Greg Albrecht, Ambassador College dean of students and a minister of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church. The honor attendants were Elaine Mohler and Daniel Metz. Dan and Judi now reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. GLENN FORD

Kay Shannon and Glenn Ford are happy to announce their marriage June 17. Herman Hoop, pastor of the Pasadena Imperial P.M. church, officiated. Honor attendants were Marie Owings and Mark Strosby. The couple are now residing at 1720 Locust St., Pasadena, Calif., 91106.

ANNIVERSARIES

To Brad and Carol: Happy sixth anniversary. We're proud of you. Love, Dana and Dave.

Linda and Dave Puzak: Congratulations on your fourth anniversary June 29. May you have many more. Love, Dana and Dave.

To Terry and Carolyn Kennebeck: Happy second anniversary July 10. Come see us sometime and write. Love, Dana and Dave.

To Kim and Jonathan Miller: Hope your first year has been as great as ours. Happy anniversary July 22. Love, Dana and Dave.

Dearest DeeDee: Thank you for three wonderful years, my darling Sunshine. You are more lovable and adorable than ever. Happy third anniversary July 11. Your loving Bob Hoyle.

To my wonderful husband David: Happy anniversary July 22. I love you, Dana.

To Bob and Ardy: Happy first anniversary July 9. We love you both. David and Sue.



Obituaries

AMARILLO, Tex. — Irene Brown, 70, died June 24. Mrs. Brown, a longtime co-worker, attended church in Amarillo. Graveside services were conducted by Jeff Booth, pastor of the church here.

Mrs. Brown is survived by four sons, Coy of Amarillo, Billy of Eunice, N.M., Edd of Aztec, N.M., and Pete of Wheatland, Wyo., all members of the Church; two daughters, Jo Lagrace of Amarillo and Marjorie Johnson of Lotts, Tenn.; three brothers; 22 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

BALTIMORE, Md. — Ernest P. Marsh, 53, a deacon in the church here, died July 26 after a long bout with cancer. Mr. Marsh had been a member of the Baltimore church since 1966. His wife Ethel was baptized about the same time.

Mr. Marsh took care of the church's audio system for many years and worked on the audio system at Mount Pocono, Pa., during the first years it was a Feast site.

Mr. Marsh is survived by his wife; two daughters, Sherry, and Diane Rees; and two sons, Paul, 19, and Kenneth, 13. Mr. Marsh may be written at 9541 Bower Ave., Baltimore, Md., 21236.

BENTON, Ark. — Katherine Zahn, 68, a member of God's Church, died July 5.

Mrs. Zahn is survived by her husband Frank and a son and a daughter, two stepsons, four sisters, three brothers, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Minister Gene Griffin officiated.

BIG SANDY, Mont. — Johanne B. Hansen, 92, died June 26. She has been a member of God's Church since 1976. She was born in Denmark Feb. 19, 1887, emigrated to the United States in 1909 and married Chris S. Hansen, also of Denmark, in 1913. The homesteaded in Big Sandy that same year.

Mrs. Hansen is survived by a son, Charles E. of Big Sandy; a daughter-in-law, Julia; and two grandchildren, Kurtis and Carolyn.

Darryl Henson, pastor of the Great Falls and Helena, Mont., churches, officiated at graveside services June 28.

DANNSVILLE, N.Y. — Leola Carney, 90, suffered a fatal heart attack June 29 while recovering from a bout with pneumonia. Dave Pack, pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., churches, officiated at funeral services July 2.

Mrs. Carney was baptized by Carn Catherwood Aug. 16, 1960, during a baptizing tour. She was an inspiration to those who knew her, with a ready smile and a helping hand.

Mrs. Carney was preceded in death by her sister Bertha Foote, 94, also a member of God's Church.

FOSSIL, Ore. — Dewey Johns, 81, died June 8. He was a member of God's Church. Jeff McGowan, pastor of the Boise, Idaho, and Ontario, Ore., churches, officiated at funeral services July 2. (See OBITUARIES, page 15)

Youths honored

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who are experts in the fields. Lori, a graduating senior at Blair High School here, won the runner-up prize in the vocational arts category.

The contest was based on a point system. A third of the score was derived from academic achievement records, a third from written essays in their category and a third from verbal responses.

ABILENE, Tex. — Mary Hightower, 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Hightower, was named outstanding student of the School of Science and Technology at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Ark.

Mary graduated this spring summa cum laude with a bachelor of science degree and received recognition as a member of Alpha Chi, the national college honor society. She was president of her dormitory and worked as a laboratory assistant in the biology department as well as tutoring other students in biology, chemistry and mathematics.

She will work toward a master's degree in biology with special emphasis in microbiology at Texas

Woman's University in Denton, where she has been granted a graduate assistantship for the summer.

COON RAPIDS, Minn. — Twelve-year-old Becky Hendrickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hendrickson, was crowned The World's Lovely Young Lady at the national Lovely Lady pageant in Nashville, Tenn.

Becky qualified to compete on the national level by winning first place in the junior division of the Minnesota Little Miss Pageant earlier in the year.

Becky's parents, members of the Minneapolis, Minn., church, accompanied her to Nashville for the week-long pageant activities.

Contestants were judged in four categories: talent, formal wear, sportswear and interview. Becky's

talent presentation was a pantomime, "Doll on a Music Box," to the record of the same name, from the movie *Chitty, Chitty Bang Bang*.



BECKY HENDRICKSON

In addition to winning a trophy, which stands higher than Becky, she won a crown, a banner and a free trip to Hawaii. Becky also appeared on a

morning talk show on Nashville television. She is scheduled to make several personal appearances.

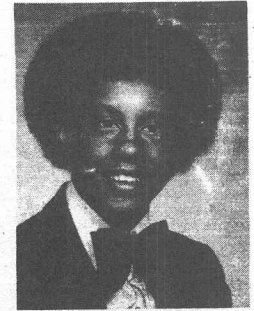
Becky is a seventh grader at Coon Rapids Junior High School and has been elected to membership in the National Junior Honor Society also.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Bill Brown, 17, a student at Wolfson High School in Jacksonville, Fla., was included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. Bill was chosen for his musical talent, diligence and development, as well as citizenship and service to his school and community. He was selected by Wolfson's nomination committee and also endorsed by the school faculty and administration.

Currently percussion section leader in the Wolfson band, he has played in the All-Country Marching Band, Wolfson's stage band and the Blues Brothers Band, among others.

Bill maintains a 3.0 grade average and was offered a music scholarship

to Florida A&M University. His favorite sports are basketball and baseball, and he has been a starting player for the Jacksonville YOU bas-



BILL BROWN

ketball team for the past three years. Bill attends church here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, and his brother Darryl.

Obituaries

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churches, conducted the funeral services. Mr. Johns is survived by his wife and seven children.

GANS, Pa. — Frank Bryan "Ben" Blosser, 83, died June 26 from cancer. A World War I veteran, Mr. Blosser was baptized in 1960 and attended the Pittsburgh, Uniontown and Belle Vernon, Pa., churches. Services were conducted by David Johnson, pastor of the Belle Vernon and Clarksburg, W. Va., churches.

Mr. Blosser is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, three sons, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Of these, the following are members of the Church: his wife; one son, Robert "Mac"; two grandchildren, Linda Mariens and Karen Border; and both great-grandchildren, Christine and Nancy Border.

JAMESTOWN, Tenn. — Paris Conatser, 72, died Oct. 13, 1978, after an illness of several months. He had been baptized into God's Church for many years and attended the Cookeville, Tenn., church.

Mr. Conatser is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — Evelyn Tatten Avis died here July 10. She was born in Greenbriar County, W. Va., Feb. 19, 1907. A longtime resident of Newport News, she was baptized in 1961 and attended the Richmond, Va., church and then the Norfolk church since its inception. Her gentle, steadfast faith and loyalty to the Church have been an inspiration to all members at Norfolk.

Kenneth Giese, pastor of the Richmond and Norfolk, Va., churches, officiated at the services here July 13.

Mrs. Avis is survived by her husband, three sons and grandchildren.

NORTH BAY, Ont. — Gordon Elnor, 72, died after a 1½-year struggle with cancer. He has been a member of God's Church since 1974.

Mr. Elnor is survived by his wife, who has been a member since 1967.

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio — George Buffinger, 59, died unexpectedly of a heart attack June 24. Services were conducted by Kenneth Christopher, pastor of the Portsmouth church.

A native of Scioto County, Mr. Buffinger was a World War II Army veteran, a member of God's Church for three years and a bus driver for the Washington (Ohio) School District.

Mr. Buffinger is survived by his wife Sharon, also a member of the Church; a daughter, Patricia, at home; a brother, Albert, of Sciotoville; and two sisters, Hazel Buffinger of West Portsmouth and Mary Jane Wirth of Allentown, Pa.

VICTORIA, B.C. — Charles Brattland, 71, died April 23 following a heart attack. He had been in poor health for many years. The funeral service was conducted by Elie Hofer, pastor here.

Mr. Brattland began to receive *The Plain Truth* in 1957 after hearing Herbert W. Armstrong's radio program. He was baptized in 1968 and had attended services in Kelowna, B.C., Winnipeg, Man., Portage la Prairie, Man., and Victoria.

Mr. Brattland is survived by numerous relatives. His daughter, Evelyn, is a member in Winnipeg.

Fleet cars up for sale

PASADENA — Fleet operations here has put up nine cars for sale, said Dennis Stauffer, staff assistant to Ellis LaRavia, fleet director. Mr. Stauffer said that brethren who are in the market for larger cars can acquire these vehicles at rates substantially below the blue book price.

Because of the energy crunch, dealers won't buy the larger cars at the blue book prices, forcing the Work to sell at a loss. The vehicles have "relatively heavy mileage, but they have a lot of car left," said Mr. Stauffer. Most of them are about two years old and have the "bigger V-8s."

The nine cars available immediately are a Cougar, a Buick Regal, two Cordobas, two Fury wagons, a Gran Fury wagon and two Olds Cutlass wagons. Other cars will be put up for sale later.

For information, write or call Fleet Operations, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123, phone: (213) 577-5248.

CHURCH NEWS

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campers. Dan Berend.
The EVANSVILLE, Ind., singles sponsored a get-acquainted party with the singles of the Indianapolis, Ind., church June 29 at the home of Kathy Jones. Winning prizes in a pizza contest were Stan Duncan and Dana Monroe, most artistic (unfortunately, it was also inedible); Greg Knight and Kent Talbert, most creative (the sunny-side-up egg was the touch that won them this award); and Frank Shoe and Lynn York, best tasting. Taste judge was Ken Carter. Storyteller Lee Burns provided the entertainment. Kathy Jones.

The sun was hot and the sky was blue as more than 50 people attended the TORONTO, Ont., East and West churches' singles picnic at Seneca College June 24. Guests traveled from as far as Sudbury, Ont., and Buffalo, N.Y., to enjoy a scrumptious lunch, watermelon, baseball, volleyball and canoeing. Rod W. Schwartz.

About 20 young people from the WINNIPEG, Man., church spent the weekend of June 29 through July 2 camping out at Zippel Bay, Minn., joined by another 20 young people from the Fargo,

N.D., Minneapolis and Pipestone, Minn., churches. Denise Lajoie of Winnipeg was coordinator of the event. The group attended Sabbath services conducted by minister Ron Howe at Roseau, Minn., moving on to the beach of the Lake of the Woods in the evening for a sing-along and wiener roast. Activities during the weekend included swimming, Frisbee throwing, cycling, volleyball, sunbathing and strolling along the beach. Sharon Melnychuk.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

CANBERRA, Australia, brethren invited members of the outlying (country) churches to participate in a challenge match at a sports carnival June 17, organized by Jeff Jurd, YOU president. The day's events began at 10 a.m. with foot-races for all ages, relay, wheelbarrow, sack and three-legged races, tunnel ball and captain ball. Although the country

team initially led in the point scoring, Canberra was victorious in the end, 393-260. Minister Don Abraham thanked the organizers and participants for the exciting contest. The group moved on to the church's hall in the evening for a dance organized by Priscilla Peace. Those attending nibbled on light snacks at the candle-light tables in the colorfully decorated hall. The dances were geared to suit all ages, and winners of musical chairs and elimination waltzes received prizes. YOU secretary Melanie Peace had made a large sign reading "Welcome to Canberra" to greet the guests. Jim Ross.

THE GENEVA and PANAMA CITY, Fla., YOU chapter had its first outing under the new YOU coordinators, Earl Suggs and Billy Joe Sweeney, and assistant coordinators Ken Hicks, Royce Phillips and Fred Smith. More than 30 teens met on the white-sand beach at Destin, Fla., on the Gulf of Mexico, playing volleyball, tossing Frisbees and frolicking in the crystal-clear water. At lunchtime the starving teens piled in the cars and drove along the beach to McDonald's, later returning to the beach for more activities and a few catnaps. The new YOU president is Jack Suggs. Patricia Grimes.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., YOU members presented a talent show June 16 featuring imitations of singing celebrities and popular singing groups,

such as Debbie Boone, John Denver, Glen Campbell, the Blues Brothers, Star Trek and Rubber Biscuit. The audience, especially enjoyed the skit of "Macho Man," originally sung by the Village People, and a Steve Martin style "King Tut." The cast presented flowers to their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Beattie, at the end of the performance. Linda Mariano.

About 100 Washington YOU members took part in a weekend of activities June 9 and 10 in SPOKANE. After the Sabbath service the Spokane teens played host to a barbecued-chicken dinner, followed by the district talent contest with Phillip Zammit as master of ceremonies. First-place winner in the senior division was Matthew Fenchel, who played an accordion solo, "Voices of Spring" by Johann Strauss; Kim Friesen placed second, playing a piano solo, "Lieberstrum" by Franz Liszt; and Sherry Means was given honorable mention for her performance of a classical guitar number she had composed. Junior-division winner was Jennifer Fenchel, who played a piano solo, the first movement of Mozart's *Sonata No. 3*. Evening activities concluded with a disco dance. The teens met for their district track meet Sunday morning at Spokane Community College. The four most valuable performers were Leroy Easton of Seattle and Shelly Goethals of Tacoma, senior division, and Scott

Reynolds of Everett and Deanne Bochenski of Olympia, junior division. The weekend activities were organized by Spokane YOU coordinator Dan Dieninger. Bill and Sherry Dunham.

Seven girl scouts and four boy scouts from the TULSA, Okla., church's scout troops, accompanied by four adult leaders, accomplished their goal of seeing the Grand Canyon on their nine-day trip June 6 through 14. Two years of planning, reading and studying about the Grand Canyon was still not enough to prepare them for the awesome sight of the mile-deep chasm, varying from four to 18 miles in width. The scouts camped four days at the south rim of the canyon, hiking down the Kaibab Trail to the Colorado River at the bottom and back up the Bright Angel Trail, covering the 18 miles in 15 hours. Other points of interest the scouts saw on their trip were the mile-deep Meteor Crater near Winslow, Ariz.; the Lovell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., where the planet Pluto was first discovered; Acama Pueblo, N.M., which has been continuously inhabited for a thousand years; Four Corners, where the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado meet; the Petrified Forest, Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado; Capulin Mountain in New Mexico, the cone of an extinct volcano; and Black Mesa, Okla., the site of several dinosaur quarries. Sandy Hinman.

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

PASADENA — **Herbert W. Armstrong** is making weekly news tapes to be played over the Wide Area Telephone Service line, for ministers who call in for an update of headquarters activities and plans, according to **Kevin Dean** of the Public Information Office.

The first tape was made July 7 aboard the Work-owned Grumman Gulfstream II jet on Mr. Armstrong's return trip from the Youth Opportunities United summer camp at Orr, Minn. Mr. Dean said Mr. Armstrong plans to make a new tape each week, with the possibility of making updated tapes twice a week, schedule permitting.

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PASADENA — **Raymond Clore**, a 1976 graduate of Ambassador College who works in the Bureau of Consul Affairs for the Department of State, was ordained a local elder by evangelists **Roderick C. Meredith** and **Dibar Apartian** July 7, during services in the Ambassador Auditorium. Mr. Clore had returned from a two-year tour of duty in Haiti.

While in Haiti, Mr. Clore served the 28 members there by counseling and conducting Bible studies, Sabbath services and Spokesman Club meetings.

Mr. Clore, his wife **Rhonda Jean** and his one-year-old son **Ray Jr.**, will next be traveling to Cameroon, in western Africa, where he will serve as special assistant to the United States ambassador and as deputy chief of admission. He hopes to be able to speed registration of the Church there. Until the Church is registered, the 60 members in Cameroon cannot meet as a congregation legally.

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PASADENA — Director of Pastoral Administration **Roderick C. Meredith** released the following announcement:

Arthur Suckling, pastor of the Birmingham, Northampton and Nottingham, England, churches, requests the prayers of the membership worldwide for his wife **Joyce**.

Mrs. Suckling is suffering from melanoma, an especially virulent form of cancer. The cancer is spreading rapidly and, unless God directly intervenes and heals her, she is not expected to live past this calendar year. Also, because of the area of infection (the left hip socket) she cannot walk and can sit for only short periods of time. She is mainly bedridden.

Mrs. Suckling is the mother of two young children and has been a big part of her husband's ministry. Please pray that God will heal her so that she can continue in her duties as wife and mother and in her service to the Church.

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PASADENA — The International Office here has released news of several ordinations around the world. In the United Kingdom **David Silcox** was raised to the rank of preaching elder July 7. Mr. Silcox is replacing **Barry Bourne** in the Manchester-Lancaster area. Mr. Bourne is coming to Pasadena for a year's sabbatical.

Don Sherrow and **Jack Storey** were ordained local church elders in the Kingston, Ont., church.

New churches were also announced: Middlesborough, England, pastored by **David Stirk**, and Cardiff and Carmarthen in Wales, pastored by **David Bedford**.

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PASADENA — The September-October issue of *Quest* 78, picturing jazz singer **Alberta Hunter**, was chosen as one of the five best covers (out of more than 100 national magazines) at the Western Publications Association's Maggie Awards, announced Publishing Services.

The Everest House book, *Color in Plants and Flowers*, was awarded honorable mention in the New York Academy of Sciences' Eighth Annual Children's Science Book Awards. The book, written by **John** and **Susan Proctor**, explains how plant colors are produced, how we and animals see them and why they are necessary not only to ensure survival for the

plant but to make all life on land possible.

It is illustrated with more than 100 full-color photographs, flower paintings and informative diagrams.

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PASADENA — **Wayne Shilkret**, general manager of the performing arts division of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, announced plans for the fifth anniversary concert season at the Ambassador Auditorium. This season's series, which begins Sept. 27, will include many of the world's greatest artists, according to promotion manager **Samuel Lurie**.

Twelve major series are scheduled for the 1979-80 season featuring such artists as tenor **Luciano Pavarotti**, guitarists **Carlos Montoya** and **Julian Bream**, pianist **Andre Watts**, and **Eugene Ormandy**, who will conduct the Philadelphia Orchestra.

This season will introduce the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra as the resident orchestra at Ambassador with **Gerard Schwarz** as music director, and the Gilbert and Sullivan

productions of *Utopia (Limited)*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, and *H.M.S. Pinaflore* will also play at the Auditorium.

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GEORGETOWN, Guyana — "Criminals and crackpots are in for a hard time in Guyana," said **Paul Krautmann**, minister here. "They will now have to face a police force that is trained not only in methods of law enforcement, but also in the laws of God!"

Mr. Krautmann explains that Guyanese Commissioner of Police **Lloyd Barker** has requested 2,600 Worldwide Church of God booklets dealing with crime, drugs, health, finances and the Ten Commandments, which will be distributed to all police stations and outposts in the country. Mr. Barker is making the booklets required reading for all policemen, and to ensure that they have been read and understood, the men will be tested on the contents.

Plain Truth circulation has also risen steadily just as a result of word of mouth, and now almost 2,300

people receive the magazine. Mr. Krautmann, who pastors the 55-member church, is also able to speak to various schools on the laws of success and the causes of crime.

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — **Peter Hawkins**, subscriber services manager of the Work's office here under the direction of **Roy McCarthy**, reports that newsstand distribution of *The Plain Truth* in South Africa totals 30,000 copies a month and has brought in 5,200 responses since January.

An additional 5,200 new subscribers have been added since January through a no-cost referral program, he said. Every *Plain Truth* wrapper carries an offer for an introductory copy of the *PT* to be given to a friend of the reader.

"We find 30 percent of those who receive the sample copy request a year's subscription," Mr. Hawkins said. He added that the office also received about 500 requests for *The Plain Truth* from people who have been introduced to the magazine by word of mouth.

Excitement marks AC plans

By James Capo

PASADENA — "There's nothing but excitement," said **Leon Walker**, Ambassador College's dean of faculty, about the coming academic year and the reinstatement of the full, four-year college program that begins Aug. 27. "Everybody is looking forward to its return," he said.

Mr. Walker said: "The entering freshmen are extremely excited about coming to Ambassador College, about the program we have. There is no disillusionment of any kind about the cutback in majors or anything of that nature. They're excited that they can come to God's college to learn about God's way of life, to be taught the truth and be taught how to live — and to do it in the environment of Ambassador College."

High qualifications

Pointing out some of the qualifications listed on the entering freshmen's applications, **Greg Albrecht**, dean of students, said the administration was "very pleased with the caliber of the incoming students," and listed such achievements as high grade-point averages and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores, a balanced background of involvement in sports; Youth Opportunities United chapters and other activities and nomination to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. They could have had their pick of major universities, he said, but they chose Ambassador.

Mr. Albrecht commented, "We are pleased they made their commit-

ment to Ambassador, and we are going to honor that commitment." Mentioning that the growth experience offered at Ambassador is second to none, he added, "They're going to get more than they bargained for."

Deputy chancellor **Raymond McNair** said the students will receive a balanced program and that the faculty will be spending more time with the students outside of class. Students will be free to talk with any instructor at any time.

"We are more than just professionally interested in students," Mr. McNair said. "We are interested in personal contact."

Family environment

To promote the family-type environment that is an integral part of the Ambassador experience, Mr. McNair said all unmarried students will be required to live on campus. Exceptions to this rule, he said, would be "very, very rare."

More dormitory space is being opened up. There will be three men's dorms and six smaller women's dorms.

Students will also be required to take a minimum of 12 credit hours a semester, and dual enrollment in other colleges will not be permitted. Mr. McNair said the college is not seeking accreditation, as "we would have to give up God's government in the college, and we aren't going to do that for anything."

Members of the faculty and administration traveled to Tucson,

Ariz., May 17 for personal instruction from **Herbert W. Armstrong**. Mr. McNair said another meeting may take place in August before the fall semester begins.

"Mr. Armstrong has devoted quite a lot of his time," Mr. Walker said, "in giving the administration the direction and guidance we need in order to operate the college on a day-to-day basis as he wants it run. He's very much involved in our programs, the curriculum. He's interested that it is done God's way, and he wants to impress that on the administration and the faculty."

Supporting classes

Theology will be the only major offered at Ambassador, but there will be supporting classes in the liberal arts: English, music, history, geography and other courses. Minors will be developed in business management and other fields, Mr. McNair said.

Intramural sports will be in full swing again too, said Mr. Walker. "Especially basketball, which has traditionally been our most popular sport. We'll try to get together a faculty team, a sabbatical ministers team, maybe alumni. Of course, the faculty will come out on top," said Mr. Walker with a smile.

Mr. McNair said there is a possibility of increasing enrollment to 400 students after next year, then slowing growth to about 500. He said they would like to keep it down to 500 so the family environment can be maintained.

Regional directors meet

PASADENA — Regional directors from all of the Work's international offices met here July 17 to 19 for an overseas director's conference.

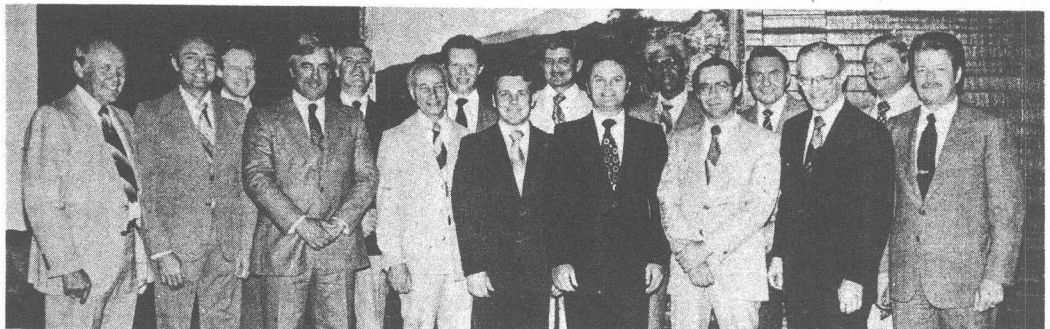
In the first two meetings with **Roderick C. Meredith**, head of the ministry, the men discussed a wide range of matters concerning the overseas areas.

A reception and dinner was arranged for all those attending the conference, and certain key executives at Pasadena, after the first day. The significant highlight of the three-day conference was a trip to Tucson, Ariz., to meet and confer with **Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong**. After a buffet lunch, Mr. Armstrong spent the afternoon talking with the directors, reminding them of the importance of preparing the Church for the return of Christ.

Mr. Armstrong also ordained **Stan Bass** of the Caribbean Office, **Dr. Roy McCarthy** of the South African Office and **Walt Dickinson** of the Spanish Office to the rank of pastor, and **Abraham "Bram" de Bree** of the Dutch Office to preaching elder, reported **John Halford**, staff assistant to Mr. Meredith.

After a further day of meetings with Mr. Meredith, most men were

able to stay over on Friday to be updated on the Youth Opportunities United program and also the activities of the Work's Publishing Department by department head **Roger Lippross**, said Mr. Halford.



INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS — Regional directors for the international areas of the Work met in Pasadena July 17 to 19. From left: **Dean Wilson**, Australian director; **Colin Adair**, director of the Work in the Philippines; **Walter Dickinson**, director of the Spanish Work; **Les McCullough**, Canadian director; **Frank Brown**, director of the Work in Great Britain; **Dibar Apartian**, director of the French Work; **John Halford**, staff assistant to **Roderick C. Meredith** for the international areas; **Rod Matthews**, direc-

tor of the international Work under Mr. Meredith; **Dr. Roy McCarthy**, director of the South African Work; **Dennis Luker**, assistant director of the ministry; **Stan Bass**, Caribbean director; **Bob Morton**, director of the Work in New Zealand and the Pacific; **Frank Schnee**, director of the German Work; **Mr. Meredith**, director of the ministry worldwide; **Abraham de Bree**, director of the Dutch Work; and **Raymond McNair**, deputy chancellor of Ambassador College. (Photo by **Roland Rees**)