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This Is the Story of You, Me and Those Called Into God's Church

By Herbert W. Armstrong

THERE CAME A TIME when the living God needed to raise up a human leader, with many others solidly behind him, in His Church for a very SPECIAL commission in these LAST DAYS of the present world.

It is undoubtedly the MOST IMPORTANT thing the Mighty GOD has done on earth in 1,900 years. It is of SUPREME IMPORTANCE to HIM — and it should be to YOU and me.

How the world got this way

Here we are in the very LAST DAYS of the evil world. NEVER BEFORE was there such a world as we have been born into. How did it get that way?

TO UNDERSTAND, I say again it is like tuning in on a 2½-hour movie when it is near the end. ~~Not having seen what went before — what led up to it — one cannot understand what he sees now.~~ So please read again, as I try BRIEFLY to hit the high spots of what led up from the beginning to the need and reason why YOU were called into God's Church and Work today. We need to have this FRESHLY in mind.

At the time of the creation of man, God had driven the first Adam out from the Garden of Eden and supernaturally barred entrance of mankind, lest he take of the tree of life (the Holy Spirit) and gain immortality in sin. Had man been allowed to acquire immortality in sin, it would have imposed on mankind an eternity of suffering, anguish, indescribable defeat.

The former Lucifer, now Satan, and his demons already had imposed such a fate on themselves.

God did not want humanity, made in His own image, potentially members of His own GOD FAMILY, to inherit any such total eternal condemnation.

So, God cut all mankind off from access to Him, or His Spirit (which would impart eternal life). EXCEPT such infinitesimal few as He would call into His service preparing for the KINGDOM OF GOD (to appear after 6,000 years).

WHY?

The archangel and mighty Lucifer had been placed on the THRONE OF THE EARTH to administer the GOVERNMENT OF GOD over the earth then populated with angels. Lucifer had been PERFECT in all his ways from his creation UNTIL iniquity (lawlessness, rebellion, evil) had developed in him by his own choice. Lucifer became Satan — mighty, powerful next to God Himself, immortal, imbued with rebellion,

Many have never understood how God came to predestinate and call YOU, me and other members to various functions, offices and administrations in HIS CHURCH in our time. This will be an eye-opener to some who have not fully understood before.

self-centeredness, vanity, lust and greed, jealousy, envy, resentment, bitterness, hatred, spirit of competition and strife, destruction, evil and TOTAL unhappiness.

It is God's law of His GOVERNMENT that one placed on the throne of that government must remain on it UNTIL a successor qualifies and is seated on that throne.

God's fail-safe plan

God had provided a FAIL-SAFE plan — as in a jet plane (if one system fails, another has been installed instantly to take over). God had provided that if Lucifer disqualified and the GOVERNMENT OF GOD ceased to be administered by him, God would reproduce Himself through MAN. If the first man, Adam, failed to qualify by rejecting SATAN'S WAY, and chose OBEDIENCE and the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, that Adam could have succeeded the disqualified Satan and been put on the throne of the earth administer-

ing the GOVERNMENT OF GOD over all the earth — over all mankind that would descend from him.

If this first Adam failed, then the Eternal WORD (who was with God and who was also God from eternity — John 1:1-3) would divest Himself of His immortal power and glory, come to be born HUMAN of a human mother (sired by God), would QUALIFY by rejecting and OVERCOMING Satan and his WAY, choose GOD and the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, with its way of divine LOVE.

Then being now human for the purpose of death, He would submit to death (though He never sinned, taking on Him the penalty of human sins, paying it by His shed blood for the sins of all humans who will repent of Satan's way of "GET," turn to GOD'S WAY of outflowing LOVE (the way of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD).

God had called to Him righteous Abel, Enoch, Noah. He called Abraham, who became "father of the faithful," to whom

both national, material and spiritual PROMISES were made). Four hundred thirty years later He called Abraham's descendants — then about two or three million people — as His nation the Kingdom of ISRAEL.

But they, except their prophets, were still cut off from the HOLY SPIRIT.

God promised them, and under the Old Covenant in their day, only material and national rewards. But in their carnal human minds, cut off from God's Spirit, they never accepted the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, but rebelled as had Lucifer and his angels.

Jesus Christ came, the only begotten Son of God, in human flesh. His people Judah did not accept Him. He was despised, humiliated, persecuted, rejected. Only 120 chose GOD'S WAY and followed Jesus, among them His chosen 12 apostles. He sent them into the world declaring and announcing the future KINGDOM OF GOD. It shall administer the GOVERNMENT OF

GOD, after Satan shall be deposed and put away.

God's Church raised up

Now God began to call people for HIS CHURCH. Every individual called by God had been called to a special service. Israel had been called to have GOD and HIS WAY revealed to them, but not to spiritual salvation.

But now God called HIS CHURCH, TO REPENT of Satan's WAY of "GET" and accept the WAY of God's law, "GIVE" or outflowing LOVE. God gave them HIS HOLY SPIRIT, which is the LOVE OF GOD, "shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit."

Some in the Church were called to specific special duties, for God's CHURCH is a spiritual ORGANISM, well organized. In its work, God established many different operations and administrations. For this He set in His Church first APOSTLES, then evangelists (there are no prophets today), pastors, elders — some of whom were preaching ministers, some local spiritual elders, nonpreaching.

Others, the majority, the "laity," are called to TAKE THEIR PART in the WORK of the Church — not as officers in specific duties or departments but by actively and loyally standing back of the apostles and other specific administrators with their constant PRAYERS, tithes and offerings and constant loyal ENCOURAGEMENT.

But fierce and overwhelming persecution set in. A false church, deceived and influenced by Satan, rose up beginning A.D. 33. God's Church was founded A.D. 31 by Jesus Christ. By A.D. 58 much of the Church had turned to ANOTHER GOSPEL. The Gospel (GOOD NEWS) of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD, ruling with the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, was abolished and counterfeited. The true GOSPEL Jesus preached was not again preached to the world until 1953.

Commission for the end time

The time had come when God needed to call a man to lead in the final LAST DAYS' surge of 1) carrying the GREAT COMMISSION — the true Gospel of the Kingdom of God — to all the vastly multiplied 20th-century world, and 2) to raise up an enlargement of God's true Church as a "BRIDE" made ready for Christ's coming — to be married to Christ.

The true Church of God, by the 20th century, had dwindled to virtual spiritual impotence, and perhaps around only 2,000 members. So far as the WORK OF GOD (carrying the Gospel of Jesus Christ about the now soon-coming Kingdom of God to the world), the Church at this stage in (See THIS IS THE STORY, page 4)

MR. ARMSTRONG DESCRIBES PLANS FOR TRIP TO CHINA

As *The Worldwide News* goes to press, details were received from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong about his soon-coming trip to the People's Republic of China. This information includes Mr. Armstrong's itinerary and background about travel arrangements.

The plans for my visit to Peking [Beijing], capital of the largest nation, in population, on earth, are now virtually complete. I will fly first to Tokyo, with stopover to break the long flight at Honolulu, arriving Tokyo Nov. 30, Friday. Fly to Peking Sunday, Dec. 2. There will be that night a dinner in my honor hosted by leaders in government and universities. On Monday night, Dec. 3, a banquet of about 400 men and women leaders in government and education, at which I will speak for 30 to 40 minutes.

On Tuesday night, Dec. 4, the AICF will host a dinner for the entire diplomatic corps. On Wednesday night, the 5th, there will be, sponsored by the AICF, a performance at the Nationality Palace Theater.

Thursday afternoon, the 6th, we fly back to Tokyo. Friday night, the 7th, a banquet in Tokyo, attended by Prince Mikasa, my "Japanese sons"

from the Diet, and leaders from the Chinese Embassy — and probably other ambassadors. Sabbath, rest, with possible Bible study with readers of *The Plain Truth*. Fly home Sunday.

The Chinese have a government guest house, Government State House, like the U.S. Blair House across from the White House. I will be expected to stay there.

Mr. [Stanley] Rader is now in Tokyo and has been completing arrangements.

I am personally very pleased with this schedule.

I think it is important that I am the FIRST spiritual or church leader from Christianity to be invited to visit and speak in mainland China. The officials there know very well who and what I am, all about the Worldwide Church of God, and what we believe. Surely this a door opened by God, and that is why I am going to walk through that door with His blessing and guidance.

Today Mr. Rader is seeing the U.S.S.R. ambassador in Tokyo, and it is hoped that the long overdue visit to Warsaw, Poland, may be combined with a visit to heads of the Kremlin in Moscow. Truly God is opening doors. He knows TIME IS NOW SHORT!

Iran: another blow to U.S. pride

PASADENA — "America is the great devil which gathers all the other devils around it." With these words — the epitome of global anti-Americanism — Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini endorsed the seizure of the U.S. embassy in Iran by militant Moslem students Nov. 3.

As we go to press the issue is still unresolved, Washington refusing to give in to the students' major demand — the extradition of the exiled shah of Iran, who is being treated for cancer in a New York hospital. Held hostage, in return for the shah, are some 60 Americans — men and women — some blindfolded with their hands tied. The demonstrators have threatened to kill them should the United States attempt a rescue operation.

President Jimmy Carter, from the onset of the crisis, publicly forswore the use of military means — admittedly difficult — to secure the safety of the American hostages, choosing instead a "diplomatic solution" to their plight. By removing such a threat, however, he greatly reduced his own negotiating leverage.

The ayatollah too knew which way the United States would act — or not act. A BBC radio broadcast from London quoted the Iranian leader as saying he did not fear military intervention by the United States because "America is too far impotent to do so. If they had been able to intervene they would have kept the shah in power."

While the U.S. government attempted to remain cool during the crisis, news sources both at home and abroad showed little restraint. London's *Daily Telegraph*, for example, called the Ayatollah Khomeini a "stupid, vindictive — some would say vicious — old man." The French newspaper *Le Monde* editorialized that "all revolutions engender some abuses, but one must admit that the

Iranian revolution is in the process of breaking all the records."

West Germany's *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* condemned the embassy seizure as a "barbarian act" but also chided the Carter administration for allowing the ayatollah to "humiliate" the United States. "He [Ayatollah Khomeini] can do this unpunished," the newspaper said, "as the Carter government neither has the will nor the strength to launch a military operation to rescue the hostages."

The West German press was by far the most outspoken in calling for ac-

Even more important," continued the *Journal*, "we have been showing the kind of weakness that tempts others to force you into these corners — in the failure to react to Soviet provocations in Cuba, in half-hearted gestures like sending unarmed planes to Saudi Arabia, in the acceptance of one-sided arms control agreements. But never was it clearer than in the current episode."

Earlier in the year the American government had already sent signals to Iran that it was in no mood to protect the U.S. embassy in Tehran — its own sovereign territory — or to

WORLDWATCH BY GENE H. HOGBERG

tion, not just diplomacy. Another West German newspaper, the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, even went so far as to suggest that Iran should be invaded, the Ayatollah Khomeini overthrown and the country put under joint big power (Britain, U.S., U.S.S.R.) occupation. No mention of West Germany's NATO forces being included; it was a milestone German recommendation nevertheless.

Reveals U.S. weakness

How did the United States ever get boxed into such a degrading dilemma in the first place? Simple, answered the *Wall Street Journal* Nov. 7: "We are in this dilemma partly because we are weaker than we should be in the kinds of weapons — bases, plans, alternative oil deals — that are necessary to deal with this kind of painful crunch. Given the importance and volatility of the Middle East, the need for some kind of military presence there has been apparent for a long while — certainly since the shah fell.

guarantee the safety of its citizens.

Last February the U.S. government let the Tehran embassy be taken over without a fight. The administration avoided "over-reaction," by getting the ayatollah's forces to free it, negotiating the release of a wounded Marine and escaping with only minor injuries to the Americans involved. Apparently it thought this policy so successful it felt no need to take serious steps to reinforce the security arrangements at the embassy, let alone institute a firm policy of resistance. What were the Marine guards doing when the militants stormed the fort this time? How could they have been so easily disarmed, apparently without a fight, by an unruly mob? What happened to Marine pride?

"What this [policy of] patience brought," added the *Wall Street Journal*, "was not peace; it was more extortion, more violence, more danger of death." Now the U.S. government is pitifully reduced to letting the Palestine Liberation Organization — a guerrilla organization with whom it has no official contact — do its bidding for it! And, of course, the PLO will exact its political price afterwards.

Follows Cuban retreat

The sordid Iranian affair is the second big slap in the face for Uncle Sam in a month's time. In early October President Carter acquiesced to the Soviets over the presence in Cuba of their 3,000-man armed brigade. The President initially said he would not accept the status quo in Cuba, but ended up doing precisely that. U.S.S.R. President Leonid Brezhnev, in a much stronger position than his predecessor Nikita Khrushchev in 1962, would not budge an inch.

The Monroe Doctrine — once the cornerstone of U.S. foreign relations — now lies dead as a doornail. (It's been dormant since 1962 anyway.) U.S. President James Monroe, in his famous message to Congress in 1823, said, with regard to independent Western Hemisphere countries, "We could not view any interposition for the purpose of opposing them, or controlling in any other manner their destiny, by any European power, in any other light than as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition towards the United States."

Many have thought Mr. Monroe's unilateral doctrine was directed toward the colonial powers of Western Europe (Spain, France and England). However, the initial thrust was against Russia. Reports Latin American historian Donald M. Dozer: "This principle was intended to thwart the pretensions of the Russian Czar Alexander I along the northwest coast of the North American continent. A specific warning to this effect had already been pointedly communicated by Secretary of State John Quincy Adams to the czar's government, and in President Monroe's message it was broadened into a general principle.

Now the Russians have been al-

lowed to get away with stationing a permanent armed force in the Western Hemisphere, 90 miles from U.S. shores. And late reports indicated the Soviets are upgrading facilities at the Cienfuegos naval base for their naval vessels, including submarines.

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance even admits that one building the Soviets are erecting is of the same type they normally use for storage and repair of nuclear missiles! In 1970 the Soviets tried to sneak into Cienfuegos — but President Richard Nixon put his foot down.

Europe concerned

American weakness, in Cuba, Iran and elsewhere, is having its effect upon America's allies, specifically West Germany.

The newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine*, quoted earlier, also had some pointed remarks about the United States in action during the Cuban crisis. In one editorial, its editors said: "The presence of an operational military unit of one world power before the door of the other nuclear power remains a strategic matter of explosive force. . . . SALT is no longer involved. What is involved is the credibility of American foreign policy and the effectiveness

of Washington's strategy. There is reason for uneasiness."

In another editorial, just before Washington backed down, the *Frankfurt* daily remarked: "The European allies are following with growing uneasiness the reaction of the White House to the Soviet challenge in Cuba. Arrogance, indeed scorn on the one side, Moscow's insistence upon its own interpretation of the strategic situation; on the other side, a lack of plans, confusion and helplessness on the part of the Americans."

"Before the battle really begins," the President already seems to have no arrow left in his quiver. . . . He excluded any sort of military pressure. He considers a blockade useless. He also knows that certain economic reprisals such as stopping the export of wheat to Russia cannot be used as a political measure in the year before the elections, out of consideration for the Middle Western farmers. But he has to do something, otherwise America stands before the world as a paper tiger. . . . The Europeans await deeds from their strongest ally, for their destiny and that of the Americans cannot be separated."

They're still waiting.

Israeli diplomat Ravid speaks in special forum

PASADENA — Michael Ravid, Israel's consul general in Los Angeles, Calif., spoke to more than 1,100 Church employees and Ambassador College students Oct. 23 in an employee forum in the Ambassador Auditorium. Mr. Ravid detailed some of Israel's major needs and how the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation has instituted humanitarian projects to alleviate some of the problems in his country.

Mr. Ravid traced Israel's history and described the roadblocks in establishing a nation based on traditions and writings thousands of years old. Israel would like to find archaeological proof of the Old Testament; such proof would show the validity of the Scriptures as history and legitimize Israel's claim to the territory it presently occupies.

Israel also has the massive difficulty of educating people who have extremely diverse backgrounds. To illustrate, Mr. Ravid pointed out that Israel "is the only country where the children are teaching the parents how to speak their language."

The consul general said the AICF and Ambassador College are well known in Israel. "They [AICF] don't say . . . 'do this or do that,'" he noted. "[Rather, they say] 'tell us what are your problems; in what way can we help you?'"

Mr. Ravid said that archaeological projects now underway in his homeland were important and showed how AICF and Ambassador College play an integral part in the studies. He stated that through the joint efforts of AICF and Hebrew University, "you have accomplished one of the most important things for world history." Speaking of the Jerusalem dig, Mr. Ravid complimented Ambassador students, telling them, "You students are considered to be the best workers who were at the diggings."

Because AICF is not politically motivated, many people in Israel are puzzled by the Work's efforts. Reports Mr. Ravid, "[People] try to understand why do you help us? . . . the answer which I received from Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong was that to give is much more precious than to receive."

Mr. Ravid said the AICF's Liberty Park project is having tremendous impact on the children of Jerusalem: "Education . . . starts with kindergarten, even before. The president of Israel has spoken very much about [Ambassador] College. And he has [expressed] how important it is that

Jerusalem for the first time has a really big playground for children who need school, love and to be loved."

In closing, Mr. Ravid said the Israeli officials with whom Ambassador has worked were shocked by the California attorney general's attack on the Work. He lamented, "[I]f there were more time, I could tell you what I've seen, being together with Mr. Armstrong and Mr. [Stanley] Rader on the plane in Japan, in Thailand."

Mr. Ravid spoke of the respect that many world leaders have for Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Rader and the Work, stating, "Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader . . . did a wonderful work by you, through you, with you."

The "Local Church News" and "Announcements" sections do not appear because of the smaller amount of mail received around Feast time and our effort to try to include as much Festival coverage as possible in this issue. Those sections will appear as usual in our next issue.

Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

"Listen! Have you heard the one about . . . ?" Strange how those few words will perk up our ears. Or, "Say, have you heard what old 'so-and-so' is up to now?"

Seventy percent of our working hours is spent in communication, 45 percent of that time in listening. That's a good portion of the time we spend in human relationships. But how comprehensively do we listen to what others have to say?

One of our ministers once opened a sermon, "All this has been said before, but as nobody listened, it must be said once again." In the last *Worldwide News*, Mr. Armstrong mentioned wondering if some people only hear the sound of the voice, but not the words, during a sermon.

How often is this the case? How often must messages be repeated because they were not heard in the first place? In business, family, school and other personal relationships, failure to listen properly is responsible, at the least, for an enormous waste of time and energy.

It's been proven that listening requires increased energy — your heart speeds up, your blood circulates faster, your temperature goes up. So listening is a kind of activity. Those who aspire to be good listeners, therefore, must turn it from an unconscious activity to a conscious one.

It all begins with concentration. We listen to other people (family, friends, minister) through a thick screen of physical and mental distraction that can only be penetrated by deliberately applying self-control.

Physical distractions are often easily dealt with. Shutting a door or

window, moving out of hearing range of others' voices, cutting off telephone calls. The distractions generated within one's own head are more difficult to manage. The act of listening has a built-in frustration — the speaker cannot keep pace with the workings of the listener's mind.

The average rate of speech is about 125 words a minute. The average person thinks at a rate four times that fast. With all that extra time at their disposal, people on the listening side of a discussion are likely to be carried away by their own thoughts. This helps to explain why people jump to conclusions. They anticipate what is to follow instead of following what is being said at the moment. We might do well to heed the admonishment of a college professor of mine, "Now please listen slow."

Also, we are more prone to listen carefully to ideas in accord with our own point of view and to discount or mentally argue with those we find disagreeable. To listen effectively, we have to guard against this tendency toward emotional censorship of ideas that we would rather not hear.

Charles T. Copeland, a Harvard scholar, was approached by a student asking: "Why are there no courses in conversation? Is there anything I can do to learn the art of conversation?"

"Of course there is," answered Mr. Copeland, "and if you'll just listen, I'll tell you what it is."

An awkward silence followed. The student finally spoke, "Well, I'm listening."

"You see," said Mr. Copeland, with a smile, "you are learning already!"

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Would You Accuse Jesus Christ?

By Herbert W. Armstrong

I WRITE THIS in the form of an OPEN LETTER to a number of ex-ministers and dissident members who have gone out of God's Church in a spirit of accusation, disagreement, emotional resentment and bitterness.

I wish it might help them. I doubt if it will. But I do have high hopes that it may help the MANY still faithful, loyal and loving brethren in Christ to avoid this pitfall of Satan that has deceived some who have thought they were above being deceived by Satan.

Don't think you can outsmart Satan! Don't think you are so strong Satan could never outmaneuver, trick or deceive you! NONE of us can match wits with Satan. Our reliance must be on the one who IS stronger and more powerful than Satan — JESUS CHRIST!

What IS God's Church?

First, fasten firmly in mind just what IS God's Church. It is NOT a human or secular ORGANIZATION — it is a SPIRITUAL ORGANISM! Yet in I Corinthians 12 it is revealed as a well ORGANIZED spiritual organism, with CHRIST as living, active HEAD — actually and literally directing and guiding it!

"There are differences of administrations, but the same Lord" (verse 5). Administrations require administrators — but the Lord Jesus Christ over them, guiding, leading, controlling them.

CHRIST IS IN THE PICTURE! Yet the embittered who have gone out, accusing, have not realized they actually were accusing the living, active JESUS CHRIST! They seldom spoke of Him in the connection of their disagreement! They left Him out of the picture! They spoke of the Church, the Work, the things about which they were disgruntled or in disagreement, as if this were merely a worldly, human organization, which a man named Herbert W. Armstrong had somehow maneuvered to make himself the HEAD (which he certainly NEVER did) and with whom they DISAGREED!

One, my own son, has said, "I never did agree with my father."

Several, probably not realizing it, have been accusing Jesus Christ, the living HEAD of God's Church. Be sure YOU don't!

He spoke as if it were Christ's human apostle who was wrong. He did not seem to see CHRIST as LIVING, ACTIVE HEAD, merely using His chosen apostle as His instrument — almost comparable to a puppet — with CHRIST as the living, responsible, active HEAD! If in viewing a puppet show you disagree with something the puppet is caused to do, you are actually disagreeing with the one ABOVE, who is manipulating and guiding what the puppet on the strings is doing.

But the dissidents have made their accusations and disagreements against the "puppet" — for they would fear to accuse Jesus Christ directly! Yet, indirectly, that is precisely what they have done, whether realized or not!

Who is head of the Church?

A parallel case is found in I Samuel 8, when GOD — the YHWH who later became Jesus Christ — was ruling Israel through His instrument Samuel. The people became dissatisfied, disgruntled. They decided to overthrow Samuel. They, like our dissidents today, could not see GOD in the picture. They saw only the human Samuel.

They wanted to do away with Samuel and have a king like the other worldly nations.

But what did GOD (in the Person who is JESUS CHRIST today) say?

"And the Lord [YHWH] said unto Samuel . . . they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me [the future CHRIST], that I should not reign over them" (I Samuel 8:7).

They did not realize it was the future CHRIST who had brought them out of hard slavery and bondage in Egypt, set them up as HIS NATION, brought them into the promised land and was their REAL ruler!

Nor do the rebellious dissidents (and perhaps even some loyal members) realize today that it is CHRIST who raised up HIS ONE AND ONLY CHURCH OF OUR TIME (even though He used me as His servant — his "puppet" so to

peak).

The LIVING Jesus Christ put HIS GOVERNMENT into God's Church. He prepared me for years before He called me to be His servant — His chosen apostle — His puppet as it were.

But there is one DIFFERENCE in the puppet analogy: Christ chooses His prophets and apostles as human men with MINDS — whereas a puppet, of course, has no mind. A servant GOD uses, therefore, being human, can make a mistake. But if he does, it is CHRIST'S responsibility to correct him — not the Church members or ministers Christ has placed under him.

To illustrate, take King David — a man after God's own heart. GOD USED David. But David made some mistakes. One terrible mistake — a terrible sin — was when David had Uriah killed — a MURDER — so he could cover up his sin of adultery and have Bathsheba for his wife.

BUT IT WAS NOT THE PLACE OF THE PEOPLE UNDER DAVID TO CORRECT HIM! That was GOD'S responsibility. AND GOD DID NOT NEGLECT IT! He sent His prophet Nathan to make David realize his sin. David repented — REALLY repented. Read his prayer of repentance in the 51st Psalm!

It is GOD'S responsibility to correct His chosen apostle — not YOURS — not the minister under him, though I would listen gratefully with open mind if one prayerfully came to me in sincerity, about any disagreement. But CORRECTION and any ACCUSATION against God's apostle is NOT the responsibility of the ministers or the members — that is CHRIST'S responsibility — AND I KNOW, IF SOME DON'T, THAT HE IS NOT "ASLEEP ON THE JOB."

DO NOT take it upon yourself to take CHRIST'S responsibility away from Him! When you do, IT IS CHRIST you accuse, not His servant who is merely His instrument, trying with all his might to faithfully obey Him!

The POINT of this article is: Some have, and others may, not realizing it, ACCUSE CHRIST, sup-

posing they are only venting their emotional accusation or disagreement or resentment on a FELLOW HUMAN BEING.

When the pope of Rome visited the United States in early October, he answered some Roman Catholic dissidents, who disagreed with traditional Catholic doctrines and teachings, by calling them "a-la-carte Catholics" — those who chose which teachings and doctrines they agreed with — and said they were not really Catholics!

There is one difference in the analogy — in Roman Catholicism, the pope is the living HEAD of the church, while in the Church of God, CHRIST is the living Head. In the Catholic Church, they claim that the CHURCH, guided by the pope, is the AUTHORITY — while in GOD'S Church, the BIBLE is the authority!

We sent Gene Hogberg during the pope's U.S. visit, traveling to the various cities where the pope appeared. In his very fine article in the December Plain Truth, a masterpiece of journalism reporting his coverage of the papal visit, he notes that the pope said nothing or almost nothing about the living Christ. The pope's official title is "Vicar of Christ," which means "IN PLACE OF CHRIST."

How Christ put me in His Church

Dissidents are always misrepresenting experiences of the early days — events they know nothing about — of how Christ brought me into God's Church.

When the TRUTH is known, what a contrast from the way dissidents have acted in our time.

An article in The Worldwide News has covered much of how God brought me into His Church. Let me here cover a few other significant experiences of those days.

God had brought me through a business experience preparing me for certain activities He would require of me after He called and conquered and converted me. During that intensive six months'

preliminary almost night-and-day study, God revealed to me certain very basic, fundamental TRUTHS needful for the commission to which He was calling me. One, most basic, was the GOVERNMENT OF GOD: based on the LAW OF GOD, and the fact that the real TEST COMMANDMENT of God's law is the Sabbath. Another was the truth of U.S. and British true identity as the birthright tribes of the "lost" 10 tribes, the house of Israel. Another was the annual Holy Days.

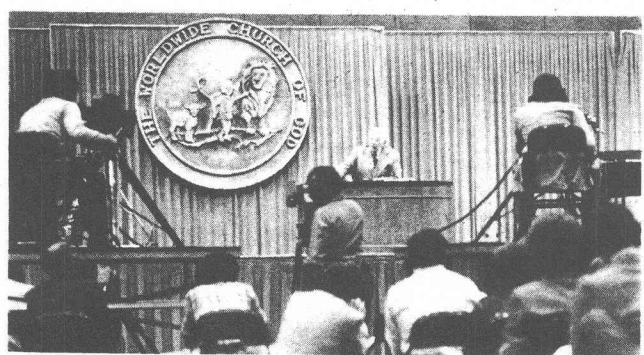
I was in close touch with Seventh-day Adventist literature (but not with the church) and with the Church of God, Seventh Day, and with their members in Oregon.

One of the first things I learned was that both Catholicism and Protestantism teach the precise OPPOSITE of the plain teaching of the Bible. This brought great perplexity and consternation. I had, since age 18, lost all active interest in church and religion — yet I supposed at least the Protestant churches were true churches of God. Now I asked, in bewildered hopelessness, "WHERE, then, is the one TRUE Church Christ founded?" I read in Matthew 16:18 that the true Church would not die out.

I knew it had to believe in the LAW of God, and that the test commandment was the Sabbath. That narrowed the possible TRUE Church down to three — the Seventh-day Adventists, the Seventh-day Baptists and the Church of God, Seventh Day. Then I learned that the TRUE Church always would be kept in the NAME of the FATHER, GOD! That left only the one.

But I could not readily accept them as God's one true Church. They seemed too small — less than 2,000 members, nearly all in the United States, if not all. They were weak and impotent spiritually. They did not know or preach the TRUE GOSPEL, but a "third angel's message." They had no understanding of the KINGDOM of GOD or what would take place in the Millennium — they knew only there would be a thousand-year reign with Christ ON EARTH, but no details about it.

Yet I knew of no other that could be the true Church. With this lack of real PROOF, my wife and I decided NOT to join them (See WOULD YOU ACCUSE, page 4)



LIVE FROM TUCSON — Worldwide Church of God Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong confers with Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader, left, immediately before his sermon on the Last Great Day, Oct. 13, was transmitted live to 14 U.S. and Canadian Feast sites, above. [Photos by Mike Snyder]

This Is the Story of You, Me and Those Called Into God's Church

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time had "a name that thou livest, and art [spiritually and in the work] dead" (Revelation 3:1).

The time had come for God's Church to spring to new life, spiritual vitality and energy.

The time had come when the Church must carry that shocking, dynamic Gospel in power to a dying world that had not heard it for almost 1,900 years — a message that would sound incredible, false and prejudicially crazy to a modern 20th-century world, far advanced in material, scientific and technological advances — a world spiritually DRUNK (Revelation 17:2) and DRUGGED mentally on the FALSE teachings of the great false church that started under Satan two years after the Church of GOD was founded in A.D. 31.

Incredibly IMPOSSIBLE

How could the true Church, starting from the condition in the first quarter of the 20th century, suddenly spring to life and growth, and accomplish such an IMPOSSIBLE mission in such a world, wholly in Satan's deceptive grasp?

The answer may be found in Zechariah 4:6, prophetically speaking to Zerubbabel, who built the second temple at Jerusalem, and a forerunning type of the one God would in these last days raise up to build up the temple to which Christ will come at His Second Coming. "This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by MY SPIRIT, saith the LORD of hosts."

The job of building the second temple was probably only by physical strength. The Holy Spirit had not been given, except to the prophets, prior to Christ's glorification after His resurrection (John 7:37-39).

So it referred to the one God would raise up in this 20th century, of whom Zerubbabel was a type and forerunner. The WORK today can be done ONLY by the Holy Spirit of GOD in US who now compose His Church, for we of ourselves have but LITTLE strength (Revelation 3:8).

So HOW did God go about it, IN OUR DAY? I never dreamed I would ever be called to such a mission for God. At age 18, in 1910, I had dropped out of church attendance and Sunday school. I virtually lost all interest in "religion," though in no way had turned against it.

Yet even then, in a way I did not realize, Jesus Christ was guiding my life, even in this materialistic world. He was guiding my life then so that later He might guide YOURS who are Spirit-led members of His Church today.

He led me to choose a profession — at age 18 — that GOD knew would give me training and experience to be needed later, when He did knock me down, so to speak, and call me to His service — at age 34. By that time I was an experienced magazine writer — experienced in a writing style that MADE THE MEANING PLAIN to the GRASS-ROOTS PUBLIC — if not the scholarly. I was experienced in both newspaper and magazine production. I was experienced in travel, in contacts with the great and near-great in the American business world. I was experienced in dealing with advertising agencies. I had some public-speaking experience. ALL THIS WAS TO BE BASICALLY NEEDED IN GOD'S WORK.

WHY is this Work of God bigger than Billy Graham and Oral Roberts combined, as the CBS news program, *60 Minutes*, told the nation? Neither of them ever had that preliminary experience and know-how. They raised up

no church — published no magazine, in comparison, to the PT. In God's Church, that pre-experience made all the difference! I had been prepared in advance to speak on radio, to publish *The Plain Truth* and other magazines, and write so many vital booklets and books. And without radio and the printing press this Work never could have grown as God caused it to grow!

BUT NOW GOD HAD TO ENDOW ME WITH MUCH MORE! Principally, the knowledge and UNDERSTANDING of GOD'S WORD! In the fall of 1926 God caused me to be put through an angered, yet open-minded and superintensive study and research of evolution and of GOD'S WORD.

I know of NO MAN who has ever been put through such an experience, which swept my mind CLEAR and CLEAN of all contrary religious, biblical or spiritual ideas or beliefs. Into a mind CLEARED FOR IT, Jesus Christ poured in GOD'S TRUTH! He showed me that this world's "Christianity" teaches the precise OPPOSITE to Bible TRUTH!

Another important point — God chose a man who from a child had craved understanding. So in this ordeal He put me through HE GAVE ME UNDERSTANDING of His TRUTH!

He had to bring me to total surrender to Him, to TURN FROM Satan's way of "GET" — to a real REPENTANCE until I was CONQUERED BY HIM, and then to a living FAITH in Christ, which was to become the foundation on which this Church and Work was built.

How the Work developed

Now in this world, most organizations or corporations that are big started with MONEY — adequate financial capital. God

deliberately and for good reason TOOK ALL OF THAT, WHICH I HAD, AWAY from me. I had been very successful in Chicago, as a publishers' representative, making what in today's dollar value would be an income of \$175,000 to \$200,000 per year.

That was an exceptionally BIG income for a young man still in his 20s! But God knew it would be good for me and His Work to be making it, and then, for no reason of mine, HAVE IT TAKEN FROM ME. The flash depression of 1920 — when I was 28 — swept away, or into receivership, all my biggest clients.

Later I was developing a very successful advertising business in Portland, Ore., but, unknown to me, an action taken in Indianapolis, Ind., took away ALL my clients, at a time when my advertising was doubling and tripling their volume of business!

God did not start His Work of this Church with MONEY or financial capital. It was started in ABSOLUTE POVERTY and HUNGER! It was started on SHEER FAITH — and some "guts" amid much opposition and persecution!

But by 1933 Christ had me where He wanted me — in material and financial POVERTY — but RICH in UNDERSTANDING and KNOWLEDGE of His TRUTH, and in FAITH. It was not by physical or material strength, but by GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT.

Learning God's TRUTH did not come easy. The living Christ had to teach me, through His written Word, a doctrine at a time, and then unscramble them, and, like a jigsaw puzzle, let Him lead me in putting them all together in SEQUENCE. Thus He gave UNDERSTANDING of GOD'S PURPOSE, GOD'S MASTER PLAN, the prehistory of God's dealing with the angels on earth, God's dealing with MAN from Adam to

NOW! UNDERSTANDING of the CAUSES of today's world evils, of how and WHY God allowed the churches of traditional "Christianity" to be deceived by Satan the devil.

Jesus Christ used me to receive all the wonderful TRUTH, at the cost of GREAT EFFORT, suffering the persecutions of Satan as probably no other man in our time. He did this so that through me He could GIVE YOU all this tremendous gold mine of TRUTH already dug out for you — handed to you, so to speak, on a platter.

You did not have to go through the severe traumas He put me through to receive this TRUTH beyond normal understanding.

He used me to found Ambassador College, providing part-time employment so many could work their way through — with the PRECIOUS TRUTH handed to them freely. They did not have to go through what I did to receive it. It came dearly to me — cheaply to many students.

Yet all the while I was only an instrument — a SERVANT of the living CHRIST!

Praise His name above all names, HE did it — I didn't. Yet I have paid a price in HARD WORK, SACRIFICE ABOVE ALL, PERSECUTION, HAVING LOVED ONES I HAVE SERVED TURN ON ME AND DESIRE TO DESTROY ME, AND THE WORK OF THE LIVING JESUS CHRIST! Some have threatened my life.

But you in the Church as a whole have remained LOYAL in Christian and deep LOVE! I KNOW, dear brethren — my dear children in Christ — how you love me. And I LOVE YOU with a depth of love that perhaps only God can comprehend!

May HE ABUNDANTLY BLESS YOU and bring you, with me, into His Kingdom, FOR EVER AND EVER!

Would You Accuse Jesus Christ?

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until more sure — but to begin meeting with them, attending their services, fellowshiping with them. They were a humble, plain, yet sincere people. They had one major doctrine ALL accepted — the weekly Sabbath.

Otherwise, they were divided in doctrines — a sort of a-la-carte religion. Elder Stith believed there was no devil. Elder Dugger and many ministers believed there was. Some believed Christ would come before the Millennium, others were postmillennialists.

Proper channel for questions

Now what did I do? What example did I set, so radically DIFFERENT from some who have gone out from us today?

Remember I was not even a member. I was not even a minister, from my conversion — early 1927, until 1931 — and then ordained by the Oregon Confer-

ence, separately incorporated. I did begin preaching a bit about 1930. I continued intensive Bible study.

I realized I did not agree with them on certain points, especially some God had been revealing to me. They knew nothing of our identity as the birthright tribes of Israel. I DID NOT PREACH OR TEACH THIS or any other doctrine contrary to their general teachings! Instead, I did what a very few disagreeing ministers today should have done — I refrained from preaching it to their members, but I did take it privately to their headquarters! In this case, I wrote a manuscript that later, with revisions, became our booklet *U.S. in Prophecy*. I sent this to their headquarters at Stanberry, Mo. I could not afford to travel there in person.

After much delay, the answer came back from their executive leader, A.N. Dugger, saying it was the TRUTH — God had a pur-

pose in revealing it to me — but the church could not accept or preach it. He REJECTED TRUTH, which he admitted was truth! His letter was photographically reproduced in the first edition of the autobiography. I did NOT teach it to their members!

They did not agree or have the truth about the annual Holy Days. I took this up privately with their leaders. They "laughed me to scorn," rejecting the TRUTH. I carefully refrained from proclaiming it to their members. But when the parent Church of the present Worldwide Church of God was raised up in 1933, I did teach it to them, our own brethren, and they received it!

There was another very small teaching in which they were in error — re: Matthew 28:1. I did not go to their members with it, but I wrote an 18-page analysis PROVING their error, sent it to Stanberry headquarters. They

admitted in writing I had proved them in error, but said they could not correct it, because many older members and ministers would not accept it, and for the sake of unity they would have to continue teaching the error.

A few ministers — a very few — have gone out in the past year, saying they disagree on some doctrines — but they never brought their disagreement to headquarters to "Come . . . let us reason together" (Isaiah 1:18). "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us" (1 John 2:19).

Brethren, God has not given His people an a-la-carte church where each picks whatever doctrines HE or SHE prefers and rejects the others!

Speak the same thing

God says, through Paul: "Now I beseech you, brethren,

by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you" (1 Corinthians 1:10), for speaking or preaching DIFFERENT doctrines causes DIVISIONS, and God commands, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE which ye have learned" (when you came into the Church) "and avoid them" (Romans 16:17).

God, from the founding of His Church, has put HIS DOCTRINES and TEACHINGS into His Church THROUGH HIS APOSTLES! I have PROVED, brethren, through the years, that if an incorrect teaching, belief or doctrine has been put into the Church through me, that my mind is OPEN — that the living CHRIST will cause me to see it — and in that way He will correct it through His servant.

CHRIST GUIDES AND RULES HIS CHURCH!

Following are individual reports as of press time from 70 of the 76 Feast sites around the world.

These reports were written from information supplied to *The Worldwide News* by Festival coordinators whose names appear at the end of each report (except in a small number of cases when a non-English-speaking coordinator had someone else file an account).

UNITED STATES

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Three hundred eighty-five brethren of the Worldwide Church of God enjoyed beautiful weather and mild temperatures during the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles in Alaska. A high point of the Festival came when Gerald Waterhouse closed the season on the Last Great Day, as more than 80 percent of the brethren had never seen Mr. Waterhouse. Brethren also appreciated being able to view Herbert W. Armstrong's opening messages on film. Other principal speakers contributing to an overall theme of preparing the Church to become Christ's Bride included Earl Roemer, Robert Berendt and Harold and Ken Treybig.

The annual Festival barbecue, a formal dinner-dance, a YOU dance, a movie night for children and a ministerial open house made up a few of the activities enjoyed by the brethren meeting at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage.

For many, the 1979 Feast was a spiritual high, characterized by a super attitude. All are now eagerly anticipating the 1980 Feast. *Earl L. Roemer.*

BILOXI, Miss. — A spirit of fellowship and cooperation pervaded the new Biloxi Feast site, as nearly 7,000 brethren enjoyed beautiful warm weather on the Gulf of Mexico. The inspiring climax of the Feast came by microwave as Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong spoke to the brethren gathered in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center.

The Festival theme was about God's government, with main speakers Herman Hoeh speaking on prophecy and proper child rearing, Don Ward on the Church as a spiritual priesthood, Roderick Meredith on making your commitment strong in the end time, Bill Bradford surveying God's government as it appears in the Bible and John Robinson presenting an inspiring Bible study.

YOU sponsored several events, including a YOU dance, a YOU booth at a park, the YOU Variety Show and the annual YOU day at services. Senior brethren were honored at a senior citizens' afternoon. Other activities were a dinner-dance for adults at the banquet hall and a noteworthy Feast fun show. *Richard Thompson.*

FRESNO, Calif. — A real spirit of love and concern was topped off by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's powerful sermon by microwave from Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 13 for 3,936 brethren of God's Church in the Fresno Arena. Dovetailing with the general theme of preparing for the Kingdom of God, Church members were encouraged to strengthen their families and faith during the coming year.

Key speakers included Leslie McCullough on the meaning of the Feast worldwide; Steve Martin on the essence of faith; Ron Reedy on enduring till the end; Ed Mauzey on fulfilling the dreams of youth; Ron Kelly illustrating what it will be like to be the Bride of Christ; Dennis Luker on the seven eras of God's Church and the importance of our attitudes; Carlton Smith on the need for giving; and Dale Schurter on being a member of the Family of God.

A family talent show, YOU and singles dances, all-Church dinner-dance, amusement parks, senior citizens' dinner and arts-and-crafts show were but a few of the activities enjoyed by the brethren.

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Service was a major key as people pitched in to help one another in a spirit of real Christian love. In summary, it was a literal spiritual Feast of togetherness. *Dale L. Schurter.*

LAHAINA, Hawaii — Twelve hundred brethren of God's Church enjoyed an inspiring Feast of Tabernacles here amidst beautiful tropical weather.

Members were exhorted to begin preparations for becoming the Bride of Christ. Key speakers were Dennis Luker, Wilbur Berg and Leroy Neff. These ministers and their wives were presented with special maile leis as a customary token of love and appreciation.

The film messages from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong were well received and helped set a tone of concern and service for the remainder of the Feast. Allan Browne, principal Church attorney in the battle with the State of California, made a presentation about the Church-State confrontation. Mr. Browne emphasized that supporting Mr. Armstrong and other Church leaders during this time of stress should be foremost in members' minds. Church brethren set a new record for Holy Day offerings.

A get-acquainted picnic with the local Church members, a YOU day and a ministerial luncheon were enjoyed by many of the brethren and

ministry. *Tracey Rogers.*

LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Mo. — Herbert W. Armstrong's sermon on the Last Great Day climaxed the Feast here. The Festival had a double theme of support for Mr. Armstrong and preparing personally for Christ's return. Brethren enjoyed ideal weather, with daytime temperatures between 75 and 80 degrees. High attendance was 7,993.

Special activities included a senior citizens' banquet, sporting events, a YOU talent who and dances. Our deaf brothers were specially recognized when two of the brethren got on stage and interpreted the special music using sign language.

Holy Day offerings were up over last year by 24 percent on the first day and 29 percent on the Last Great Day. A spirit of cooperation and love permeated the entire area, and many brethren commented that this was certainly the best Feast ever. *Ray Wooten.*

NORFOLK, Va. — Enthusiasm, love and concern were exhibited by 7,818 brethren attending the Norfolk Feast site. The live broadcast of Herbert W. Armstrong registered as the Festival's high point.

Key speakers included Raymond McNair on the prophecies of Christ's rule, Dean Blackwell emphasizing the role of the Church in personal salvation, Ellis LaRavia on getting the Church back on the track, and Roderick Meredith exhorting the brethren on to greater spiritual growth and closeness to God.

The first half of the Feast featured balmy ocean weather, while during the latter half the brethren experienced a crisp display of the fall season. The Young Ambassadors Feast show was welcomed with enthusiasm, and several individuals commented that the spirit and energy of the students was an inspiration.

About 150 senior citizens enjoyed a harbor cruise aboard the *Spirit of Norfolk*. A YES family day took place at Mt. Trashmore Park in Virginia Beach, Va. Activities included games, races, kite flying, boating and a Frisbee "catch and fetch" demonstration.

The Norfolk site offered a special service to the Church's deaf brethren, as all sermons, choral music and the Ambassador Feast show were interpreted in sign language. *Larry R. Salyer.*

PASADENA — More than 1,400 persons celebrated the 1979 Feast at the unofficial Feast site on the Ambassador College campus. Moderately fair weather graced the site, which was appreciated after weeks of severe air pollution. The Feast was virtually trouble-free and was characterized by a tremendous spirit of unity and oneness. Evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr. coordinated the Feast for the 11th time here, assisted by Dr. William Kessler and Ken Cemons.

Brethren at the Pasadena site were exhorted by speakers Leroy Neff, Dr. Robert Oberlander, John Halford, Mr. Tkach and others. Preparing the Church to become the Bride of Christ was the principal theme, and the high point of the Feast was the powerful message by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on the Last Great Day, broadcast by microwave from Tucson, Ariz.

Even though the Pasadena site was unofficial, several activities were organized for the enjoyment of those attending. Included among these were a senior citizens' party and trip to Disneyland by all the Festival participants.

Overall, the underlying spirit of cooperation and unity made the Feast in Pasadena a memorable occasion for everyone. *Joseph Tkach Sr.*

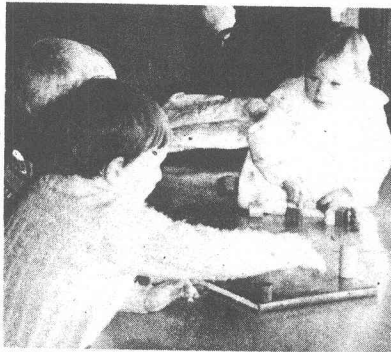
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — A solid and uplifting exposition of God's Holy Days and overall plan for man was the message received by 8,553 brethren attending the Feast in St. Petersburg. Weather conditions were perfect and complemented the messages brought by Herbert W. Armstrong, Roderick Meredith, Kenneth Martin, Colin Wilkins and others. The microwave transmission of Mr. Armstrong's message was especially appreciated, as all the brethren were really pleased and grateful to be able to see the Worldwide Church of God pastor general.

The recreational opportunities abounded at this coastal Feast site, with many brethren enjoying special dances, beach parties, senior-citizen luncheons and parties and several singles activities. Ministers weren't left out, as they enjoyed fellowship and camaraderie at a ministerial luncheon.

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FEAST TIME — Clockwise, from above: A member leads children in games at the Christ Church, Barbados, site; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Eckert celebrate their 31st Feast of Tabernacles at Tucson, Ariz.; Feastgoers pose outside the Sao Montz Resort Hotel during the first Feast of Tabernacles in Brazil; a Bermuda-shorts clad John Stovell leads songs at Southampton, Bermuda; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Cranford chat with Mrs. Glenn Doig at Anchorage, Alaska; Robert Brown, Lars Vik and Jennifer Stahl play in the meeting room at the Hirtshals, Denmark, site. (Photos by E. White, Klaus Rothe, Graham Davies, D. DeCoute, Ken Treybig and B. Saxin)



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A cooperative and responsive attitude was exhibited by the brethren, and the Feast received good press and television coverage. *Jim Chapman.*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. —

This second-year Feast site in eastern New York saw more than 4,000 brethren come together to celebrate the Fall Festival amid cool weather and occasional rain.

An opening message by newly ordained evangelist Ellis LaRavia set the theme for the Feast with the statement, "We are on the threshold of something great." Other principal speakers included Bob Fahey on the majesty of God and His desire for us; Gene Hogberg with a message about the pope's U.S. visit; Guy Engelbart on the greatness of God; Dan Bierer on the responsibility of youths and their parents; and Raymond McNair with an inspiring presentation about the Last Great Day. Mr. LaRavia delivered an additional sermon on the Work and our rededication to it. The high point for many was the personal message from Herbert W. Armstrong on the Last Great Day. Several brethren expressed joy at the opportunity to participate in the special service.

The brethren took part in many activities, including YOU dances, singles dances and get-togethers, golf, bowling, fishing, softball and a special variety show. The Feast chorale and the senior citizens each had a luncheon and enjoyed fellowship and a fine meal. Ambassador College graduates got together for dinner and renewed old acquaintances.

The warmth, friendliness and cooperation of the members was a special highlight of the Feast, and everyone exhibited a willingness to serve.

A number of people were healed of various infirmities, and a tremendous attitude of brotherhood was evidenced by the entire Church. *Ellis LaRavia.*

SAVANNAH, Ga. —

Exciting and inspiring messages about the coming world tomorrow were the fare for 4,383 brethren of God's Church in Savannah during the 1979 Feast. Enthusiasm was running high on the Last Great Day, as Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong spoke powerfully to the brethren live and in full color by microwave.

Feast participants enjoyed beautiful warm weather along with invigorating and dynamic sermons by Dean Blackwell, Roderick Meredith, John Ritenbaugh, Sherwin McMichael and others.

Everyone displayed a desire to be of service, and a section for wheelchairs and a sign-language section for the deaf were set up. A youth choir featured during the Festival received press coverage. The Feast was rounded out with adult and YOU dances. *Harold J. Rhodes.*

SEATTLE, Wash. —

Preparation for the marriage to Christ was the main theme for 4,400 brethren gathered at the Seattle Center Arena. The spiritual high point of the Feast in Seattle, a second-year site, came during Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's microwave transmission on the Last Great Day.

Key speakers also included Ron Kelly on the meaning of the Feast and the preparation of Christ's Bride; Richard Ames on the meaning of Revelation 2 and 3; Dennis Luker on happiness; Randy Schreiber on young people's responsibility to God; Bob Bertuzzi on submission to God's will; Joel Lillengreen on fathering; and Roger Foster on the new heavens and new earth.

Brethren enjoyed a senior citizens' banquet, a family dance, several YOU activities, a junior YOU field day, various Church parties and the annual talent show. *Ron Kelly.*

TUCSON, Ariz. —

The appear-

ance of God's apostle on the Last Great Day was an event many Tucson Feastgoers will retain as their personal high point of the 1979 Feast.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong was greeted by more than 7,000 cheering and enthusiastic brethren. Members also welcomed evangelist Stanley R. Rader on the first day of the Feast in his first Church appearance since his ordination by Mr. Armstrong.

Other encouraging sermons included a graphic description of Christ's coming marriage feast by Ronald Kelly, an exhortation to attain the Kingdom by Dr. Clint Zimmerman, a message to the youths in God's Church and their part in His plan by Bill Porter, having real love and concern for others by Elbert Atlas, the importance of building a spiritual foundation on belief, faith and works by Walter Dickinson, an explanation of the importance of judging as God sees it by Larry Neff and what the spirit world reveals by Dr. Herman Hoeh. The general theme was preparing to have a part in the marriage feast with Christ.

The singles enjoyed several dances, dinners, hayrides and get-togethers sprinkled throughout the Feast.

Ministers also got together to fellowship at three ministerial luncheons and a dinner given by Mr. Rader. *Walter Dickinson.*

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. —

A total of 8,452 brethren enjoyed cool, brisk weather amidst beautiful scenery at Wisconsin Dells, one of the oldest Feast sites of this Church era.

It was a spiritual Feast as well as a physical one, as brethren heard messages from Herbert W. Armstrong on the meaning of the Feast and the Last Great Day, a survey of the background of the Feast by Sherwin McMichael, a detailed picture of prophecy by Dean Blackwell and the importance of family relationships by Vernon Hargrove. Special Bible studies were held for the deaf, John Kossey spoke to Church members concerning Bible aids and their use, and Don Ward detailed the ark of the covenant in two regular Bible studies.

The brethren exhibited exceptional attitudes, as evidenced in record-setting Holy Day offerings.

YOU was busy at the Dells with dances, a "Bible Bowl" in which church-area YOU panels challenged each other, and the annual YOU day.

Other activities at the Dells included a senior citizens' luncheon, a singles dance and an all-church dance. The athletically inclined enjoyed softball and volleyball tournaments.

The brethren were responsive, and good daily attendance exhibited the desire to learn, serve and prepare for God's Kingdom. *Jerold W. Aust.*

CANADA

CALGARY, Alta. —

The warmest fall in 16 years greeted 2,338 brethren of the Church of God for the Feast in Alberta.

Gerald Waterhouse delivered a sermon on the need to back up Herbert W. Armstrong, and Leslie McCullough gave a message on using faith. Other speakers included Bob Fahey with an inside look at Mr. Armstrong's African travels and Charles Bryce and George Patrickson, who both spoke on important aspects of the family.

A talent show was well attended by the brethren, and other Feast activities included a half-century social, a singles barbecue and a formal dance at the Pinebrook Country Club. The ministers downed the YOU teens in a broomball game 3-0, and the YOU groups enjoyed roller skating and a formal dinner-dance during the Feast.

The Last Great Day offering soared to 66 percent above the previous year. *Neil Earle.*

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I. —

The Feast was enjoyed here by 538

enthusiastic brethren at the Confederation Centre. The theme of preparing to be a part of God's Family and entering the world tomorrow was emphasized by Gerald Waterhouse, speaking on what God's government will be like; Richard Pinelli on man's cycle and the purpose in life, and how our children are now preparing to be the leaders in the world tomorrow; Richard Wilding on the character that made Moses great; and Robert Elliott on eternity.

A successful family night showcased various member's talents. Frederickton, N.B., pastor Phil Shields won first prize in a handicraft show for one of his paintings. Other activities included a semiformal dance, the movie *The Apple Dumpling Gang*, and a puppet show by outside professionals.

YOU members were also active with a dance, bowling party and the annual talent contest. *Richard Wilding.*

LEWISTON, N.Y. —

Nearly 2,000 brethren met at the Artpark here to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. Bob Fahey, Gerald Waterhouse, Leslie McCullough and Richard Pinelli were the key speakers at this Canadian-U.S. site, and members were enthusiastic despite the cold weather.

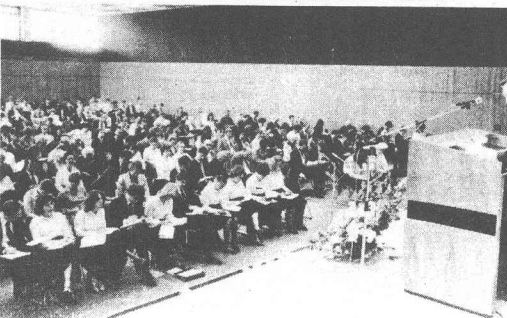
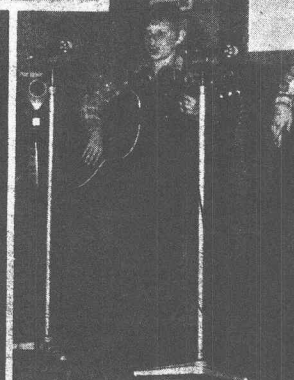
A talent show provided entertainment, and an outing was conducted to honor senior citizens at the Festival. YOU teens enjoyed a disco dance, and the singles were provided a Bible study. *Larry Gredler.*

PENTICTON, B.C. —

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's live address from Tucson, Ariz., was the highlight of the Feast in Penticton. Exceptionally pleasant weather supported the theme of entering God's Kingdom.

Key speakers included Dave Register on what it will be like to be God; Leslie McCullough on having the faith that God will lead His people to the Kingdom; Elie Hofer on not allowing any man to take your crown; Bob Millman on the Christian's ability to make it into

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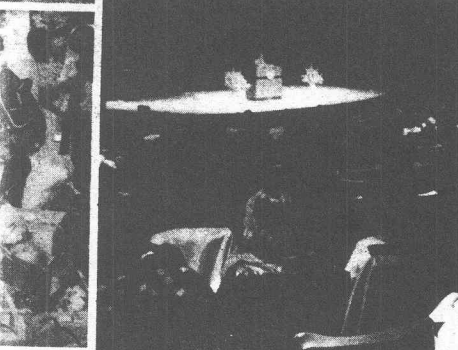


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1979 FEAST — Clockwise from left: Evita Guevarra performs at Costa del Sol, El Salvador; family at the Feast at Negros Occidental, Philippines; members in Sherbrooke, Que.; youngsters get around; Netherlands, site; two women greet each other at Philippines; German work director Frank Schnee speaks; Francois Dussault, Johan Wilms, Bernard Laureano and E. Thomsen.



T OF TABERNACLES — Clockwise from above: Carlsbad, Czechoslovakia, Feastgoers relax over a meal; young people at the site of the Ozarks, Mo., site enjoy the sunshine after a picnic; a young man from Manila, Philippines, practices on a guitar; two members of the Hirtshals, Denmark, site enjoy a women's get-together; and Dan Clark participate in a YOU talent contest at Hobart, N.J.; a youngster at the Flicenflacq, Mauritius, site prepares for a picnic at Lake of the Ozarks warm up around a fire; members of special music at Fresno, Calif. (Photos by Wolfgang E. Thom-reid Kellers, Canon San Juan, O. Johansen, Stephen Odell, Mario szeaux, Sheila Graham and Charles Buschmann)



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 God's Kingdom; and Gerald Waterhouse on God's government.

An afternoon social, senior citizens' winery tours, family activities and a talent show were offered. YOU teens organized a park activity, a get-acquainted social, a banquet-disco dance and several service projects. The media covered the Church's Feast activities favorably. *Robert J. Millman.*

REGINA, Sask. — Autumn weather was enjoyed by 1,559 brethren in Regina as members were exhorted to remain faithful to God, His Work and His apostle, Herbert W. Armstrong. The microwave hookup of Mr. Armstrong from Tucson, Ariz., on the Last Great Day was especially inspiring.

Gerald Waterhouse encouraged Feastgoers to back up Mr. Armstrong; Charles Bryce spoke on realizing how much hard work awaits us in the world tomorrow; Roy Page on biblical examples of faithfulness; Leslie McCullough on the earnest need to utilize faith; George Patrickson on dissolving differences within the Church; and Ron Howe on the application of love.

The children at the Feast were appreciative of the YES coloring books and the Feast chorale was complemented for excellent singing and vibrant enthusiasm. A half-century social, singles roller skating and pizza parties, a YOU banquet and square dance, the annual talent show, a young children's movie and sing-along and a formal dance were all well attended. *Ron Howe.*

SHERBROOKE, Que. — A light layer of snow and cold, crisp weather greeted the more than 700 brethren in French-speaking Quebec.

The principal theme of the 1979 Feast was preparing to become the Bride of Christ. Main speakers included Carn Catherwood on commitment and the place of safety, visiting evangelist Gerald Waterhouse on the structure of God's Kingdom; Bob Fahey on God working through Herbert W. Armstrong; David Hulme on maintaining and developing unity; Bob Scott on the fear of God, and the world tomorrow; and Henry Sturcke on being counted worthy to escape prophesied events.

A formal dance with the theme "le bon vieux temps" (the good old days), a senior citizens' evening, disco dances, a variety show and slide show on the Middle East were among the activities enjoyed by the brethren. *Henry Sturcke.*

EUROPE

BONNDORF, West Germany — Beautiful autumn weather cheered 560 brethren here as films from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong set the theme of personally preparing for the return of Christ. Key speakers during the Festival included Frank Schnee on the gift of the Holy Spirit and healing; John Karlson on repentance; Victor Root on being a personal example; Winfried Fritz on true Christian leadership; and Thomas Root on entering the Kingdom through the narrow gate.

Brethren enjoyed a nature hike, a YOU dance and a trip to Lake Constance. Some area residents attended a formal dance sponsored by the Church, and several community leaders expressed their appreciation of the harmony that existed at the Bonndorf site. *Thomas Root.*

CARLSBAD, Czechoslovakia — Opening messages from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong got the Feast off to an exciting start. The 163 members heard other sermons on healing (Frank Schnee), the institution of marriage (Alfred Hellemann), the importance of the family unit (John Karlson), and being a light to the world (Victor Root).

Activities abounded: A trip to Prague, an invigorating hike around Carlsbad, a buffet-dance and a special meal in the Forsthaus restaurant. Breakfast and lunch were major get-togethers for all the brethren, and much fellowship between the East German, Polish and American brethren was enjoyed. The Festival chorale performed a concert on the evening of the Last Great Day. *Alfred Hellemann.*

EDINBURGH, Scotland — Rededication to God's Work and personal preparation for Christ's return were the main themes of the 1979 Feast at Edinburgh. Exceptionally mild weather was enjoyed by 478 registered members as they heard inspiring messages by Leon Walker on the government of God, Hamish Douglall on character development, Alan Brooks on sin and iniquity and overcoming, John Meakin on walking by faith and a member's role in the Work, David Silcox on being an ambassador for Christ, David Bedford on child training, and Frank Brown on changing by using God's spiritual mirror and the liberation of the world on the Last Great Day.

A highlight of the Feast was Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's film message. Church members also relished a medieval banquet at Dalhousie Court and *cellidh* (family entertainment evening). A daily luncheon served at the Feast site also contributed to the family atmosphere.

Activities abounded with the majority of the Feastgoers participating in square dances, a family dance, several historic tours, a trip to the zoo and a children's party.

The young people enjoyed YOU-sponsored activities, which included ice skating, swimming, a YOU dinner, sports sessions and opportunities to serve.

Tremendous service was offered by the brethren all during the Feast, and everyone enjoyed the congenial atmosphere. *John R. Meakin.*

EXLOO, Netherlands — Preparing for the return of Jesus Christ was the main theme for this European Feast site as mild and sunny weather greeted 318 brethren at the Vacantieoord "Hunzebergen." Abraham "Bram" de Bree, Piet Michielssen, Harold van Lerberghe, Jesse Korver and Johan Wilms were among the principal speakers.

Activities included a square dance presented by the YOU, a formal dance, a talent show and an ox roast followed by a dance. *Johan Wilms.*

HIRTSHALS, Denmark — One hundred fifteen brethren gathered at the Fyrlit Hotel on the northernmost shores of Denmark amidst breathtaking scenery and perfect weather to keep the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles. In an atmosphere of friendship, a high point of the Feast came when Diedrik Zernichow was ordained a local elder, the first ever in Denmark.

Principal messages included sermons on kindness, the origin and future of Islam, Judaism, Christendom and Christianity, and death and the resurrections by Peter Shenton; the vision of the Kingdom of God by David Gum; a description of God's family unit and priorities and responsibilities to God and fellowman by Martin Brown; the background and story of the deluge by David Rose; and an outline of Christian life in a lawless society by Mr. Zernichow.

Brethren participated and fellowshiped together in many activities, including a swimming gala, an art exhibition featuring items crafted by Church brethren, a map and compass orienteering session for the young people and a YOU talent show. Diners were arranged in the Fyrlit Hotel restaurant and nearly every Feastgoer attended, making for rich fellowship. Mr. Shenton, minister of the eastern English and Scandinavian churches, served as Festival coordinator. *Bert Saxin and J. Wennerblom.*

KENMARE, Ireland — Evangelist Frank Brown and Ambassador College faculty member Leon Walker were the main speakers as brethren enjoyed a tranquil Feast amidst the rural atmosphere of Ireland. It was a special Feast for Mr. Walker, as he traveled from the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena to be united with many friends and brethren he previously pastored and taught as a member of the Brickett Wood, England, faculty.

Activities included a children's party, informal Irish folk evenings and a barbecue. Many brethren fellowshiped and enjoyed the Feast during a period of unusually fine warm fall weather. *Mark Ellis.*

PRAZ-SUR-ARLY, France — Unusually beautiful weather was enjoyed by 650 members of the Church of God in the French Alps. A sense of the need to get prepared for God's Kingdom permeated the atmosphere as Dibar Apartian and other ministers spoke on the coming Kingdom of God, the Church and the Christian's personal duties.

A renewal of brotherly spirit was kindled by extensive and hearty fellowship as the brethren took joint excursions into the beautiful terrain surrounding the Feast site. Activities included a ballroom dance, a meeting of the youths with Mr. Apartian, a disco party, and a YOU talent show, which was offered to the general public.

God's Spirit was poured out at the Praz-sur-Arly site, as ministers reported several instantaneous healings. One infant was healed of severe breathing problems. *Dibar Apartian.*

PRESTATYN, Wales — An estimated 1,750 brethren registered at Pontin's Holiday Village in Prestatyn to form the largest of the four

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British and Irish Feast gatherings. Balmly, sunny days backdropped services in the main ballroom, featuring principal speakers Frank Brown, Leon Walker, Paul Suckling and David Stirk.

Herbert W. Armstrong's televised opening messages were received enthusiastically, and sermons and Bible studies directed members to prepare for Christ's return.

The Prestatyn campsite, overlooking mountains and the Irish Sea, offered members a wide range of social and entertainment activities. Dances, film shows, fancy-dress evenings, football and volleyball matches, coach tours, fishing trips, a barbecue and horseback riding were among the many activities available. *Edward Smith.*

AFRICA

DURBAN, South Africa—Sunny skies greeted 1,460 brethren at Durban for the 1979 Feast. The two films of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong were greatly edifying, and exceptional offerings were collected on the two Holy Days.

Key speakers here included John Bartholomew on parent and child relations; Dr. Roy McCarthy on doing the Work and getting the Gospel out, and the importance of maintaining a personal relationship with God; Andre van Belkum on the need for faith; Frank Nelte on relying on God's promises; John White on Jesus' miracles in the book of John; Bryan Mathie on our part in the Millennium; and Sidney Hull on preparing ourselves for Christ's return.

A family sports day, a dance for the adults and YOU members, a senior citizens' evening and a talent show were enjoyed by the brethren. *John Bartholomew.*

FLICENFLACQ, Mauritius—Beautiful weather here was enjoyed by 57 people who heard Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (on film), Peter Nathan and others exhort members to prepare themselves for God's Kingdom.

Special activities included a talent show, a mock Spokesman Club meeting, sports events and viewing of a film about construction of the Ambassador Auditorium. *Peter C. Nathan.*

GEORGE, South Africa—Mild weather prevailed here as 240 brethren were encouraged to be a part of God's coming Kingdom. Dan Botha spoke on prophecy; Pieter van der Byl on hallowing God's name; Dr. Roy McCarthy on the relationship between man, God and the Work; and Gordon Terblanche on watching oneself and world events.

Brethren enjoyed a senior citizens' evening, a beach braai (barbecue) and a children's party. *Dan Botha.*

HERMANUS, South Africa—The return of Christ and His coming rule was the main theme of the Feast at Hermanus. Gordon Terblanche and Dr. Roy McCarthy delivered messages on the Work and Christ's millennial reign. The brethren, all located in the same camp, were able to enjoy tremendous fellowship, and unity pervaded the Feast as a result. *Gordon Terblanche.*

KUMASI, Ghana—Small miracles graced the Ghana Feast site during the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles, as severe shortages of nearly everything were overcome to make the Feast run smoothly. A tire blew out on the sole vehicle available, but Feast members managed to find a spare tire in a country that has few spare parts to keep going. Also, the women members prepared a luncheon for the brethren. Considering the severe food shortage plaguing members in Ghana, this was regarded as an exceptional blessing.

The weather was hot and humid,

but 140 brethren listened attentively to Melvin Rhodes explain the meaning of the Holy Days, the place of safety, proper child rearing, leadership and how Africa fits into prophecy. The other principal speaker was James Henderson, who spoke on getting the Church back on the track, who and what angels are, and the importance of regular Bible study and prayer. *Melvin Rhodes.*

LAKE MALAWI, Malawi—Two giant mango trees graced the Malawi Feast site where services took place outside in near-100-degree heat. Cool breezes soothed Feastgoers as they listened to messages from Owen Willis.

Because of the shortage of film projectors, brethren had to travel 40 miles to a nearby institute to see films of Herbert W. Armstrong. As the films were shown, nearly all of the students and instructors of the institute joined the congregation to hear God's apostle, afterward expressing their interest in Mr. Armstrong's message.

Lake Malawi provided a beautiful setting for Church activities, and many brethren enjoyed swimming, various games, boat trips and hymn singing. The children appreciated the Feast coloring books. *Owen Willis.*

NARO MORU, Kenya—Beautiful weather was enjoyed by 78 enthusiastic brethren here. This year marked the first time the brethren in Kenya were able to keep a full eight-day Feast; in previous years the brethren were only able to observe four Festival days.

Principal speakers for the Kenyan Feast included Jeremy Rapson on the world tomorrow and gratitude; Tony Goudie discussing prayer, loyalty, the new heavens and new earth, and the Last Great Day; and Owen Willis speaking on the life of David, dedication and the living Christ.

Activities included an entertainment evening, an afternoon of games featuring a tug-of-war, a Spokesman Club meeting, two slide shows, a marriage seminar, and hymn singing. *Owen Willis.*

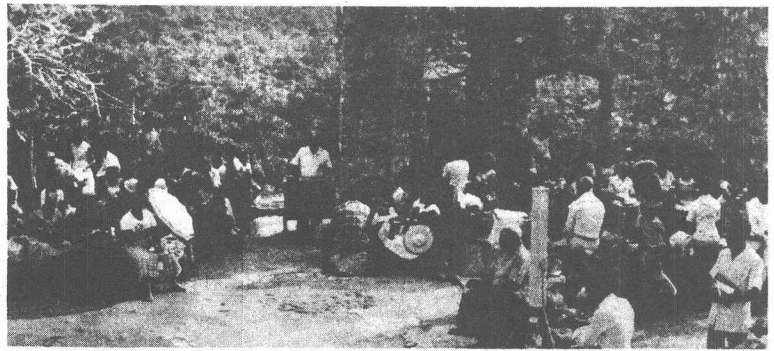
SALISBURY, Zimbabwe Rhodesia—A welcoming message by Ronald Stoddart set the stage for the Feast in Salisbury. Mr. Stoddart used a local slogan, "The people want peace, that is what the people want," to illustrate that one of the major problems in establishing real peace is that people want peace their way instead of God's way. Nearly 300 people were exhorted to leave the world behind during the eight days and enjoy a foretaste of the peace and happiness of the world tomorrow. Other key speakers during the Feast were Bill Whitaker and John White.

The Feast was filled with activities, including three social evenings put on by the World Tomorrow Research Club, a showing of the film *Born Free*, and a picnic near the Cleveland Dam in Salisbury. In a hard-fought soccer match, the Salisbury church team defeated the Bulawayo church, 5-3. *Aldrin Mandimika.*

UMGABABA, South Africa—More than 300 brethren enjoyed good weather as they gathered at the Umgababa Hall here for the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles. Key speakers included Sidney Hull, Andre van Belkum, Roy McCarthy, Frank Nelte, Bill Whitaker and Adriaan Botha. The videotaped messages from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong keynoted the eight-day celebration.

A special night was arranged for all brethren attending their first Feast. An *ox-braai* (barbecued-ox) night, a senior citizens' evening, a dance and a family day were also included in the activities. A YOU evening featured music, snacks and quiz games. *Sidney Hull.*

YANKARI GAME RESERVE, Nigeria—The Feast of Tabernacles was celebrated by 138 brethren at a



FEAST IN MARTINIQUE—Martinique pastor Gilbert Carboneil gives a sermon on the Church and prophecy at the ruins of the Chateau Dubuc near the Tartane, Martinique, Feast site. Two hundred sixty members hiked 1½ miles to the ruins for services. (Photo by T. Van Neker)

campsite in the Yankari Game Reserve, a popular vacation spot in Bauchi state. Friendly baboons and bush pigs freely roamed throughout the camp.

This was the first time the Nigerian brethren had the opportunity to partake of the full eight-day Feast, and they made the most of it. Harold Jackson and Lateef Edalere conducted the Feast along with five local speakers.

Games, a fun show, men's football and a combined Spokesman Club banquet were enjoyed by the brethren. *Harold L. Jackson.*

THE CARIBBEAN

CASTRIES, St. Lucia—A spirit of cooperation characterized the Feast on St. Lucia, where 133 people met at a restaurant to hear key speakers Marc Masterson, Victor Simpson, Harvey Bauman, Ralph Orr and Carlos Nieto.

A cruise to famous landmarks, a YOU show and a family social were among the activities.

The principal theme of the Feast was preparing for the marriage of Jesus Christ. *Carlos Alberto Nieto.*

CHRIST CHURCH, Barbados—Excellent weather and a spirit of enthusiasm on this small island in the West Indies made the 1979 Feast a memorable occasion. Meeting in the Government Convention Centre, 428 brethren heard key speakers Victor Simpson on preparing for marriage with Christ; Marc Masterson on having a sense of urgency; Carlos Nieto on the United States and Britain in prophecy and the coming day of the Lord; and Ralph Orr on the government within God's Church. The films by Herbert W. Armstrong were especially appreciated.

Several activities were enjoyed by the brethren: a glass-bottom boat ride off the coast of Barbados, a dance and family social and a handicraft exhibit of articles constructed by the brethren. *Carlos Alberto Nieto.*

CROWN POINT, Tobago—Excellent weather prevailed as 427 members gathered in the Golden Thistle Club to hear Rod Matthews, Clifton Charles and Victor Simpson expound on the theme of preparing the Church to become Christ's Bride.

Activities in Tobago included a senior citizens' banquet, a children's party and a family social. God's Spirit was poured out here in the form of two instantaneous healings. *Clifton Charles.*

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti—The 1979 Feast was a milestone for the Haiti church in that it marked the first time services took place every day, instead of on just the first day and Last Great Day. Fifty-two persons gathered in a rented home to hear Fiteau St. Fleur (obeying God's Word in order to rule in the world tomorrow), Lionel Estinvil (the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles in God's plan), and Jove InPierre (the duties of the Christian woman).

Hot, sunny weather was the backdrop for a beach party, fishing, swimming and fellowship.

Several Feastgoers pooled their

excess second title to enable all the brethren to enjoy dinner at an exotic beachfront restaurant on the Last Great Day. *Fiteau St. Fleur and Lionel Estinvil.*

RIO MAR, Puerto Rico—Record-breaking attendance was the rule as more than 200 brethren gathered here under beautiful blue skies.

Films by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong inspired members, and a slide presentation (in Spanish) focused on the Work's Spanish Department. Services in Rio Mar were in English, but translation into Spanish was available.

Activities included a Feast fun show, an informal dance and a fish dinner in Las Croabas. An excursion to the El Yunque tropical rain forest, horseback riding, snorkeling, buffet lunches and a demonstration of LoloLai folkloric dances rounded out Rio Mar enjoyments.

The Feast closed with the inspiring baptism of Nereida Colon in the Caribbean on the Last Great Day. *Stan Bass and Reginald Killingley.*

TARTANE, Martinique—Two hundred fifty-eight brethren of God's Church were exhorted to prepare themselves individually and as a Church for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Brethren relished a warm and sunny Feast and were edified by key speakers Charles Voyer, Lambert Martial, Alain Fontaine, Andreas Fischer and Gilbert Carboneil.

An early-morning hike to the ruins of Chateau Dubuc followed by a sermon on prophecy was a high point for many. The young people played an important part in the Feast by presenting a dance featuring tangos, waltzes and local dances for the Church members. The youngsters were themselves surprised when all under 13 years of age each received a gift before the YOU talent show.

God manifested Himself in other ways at Martinique. Despite extensive damage by hurricane David, the bungalows that were to house the brethren were repaired in time for the Feast, and a member was healed of an attack of cerebral paralysis and was able to rejoin his family on the Last Great Day. *Gilbert Carboneil.*

ST. FRANCOIS, Guadeloupe—Clear, beautiful weather and encouragement to prepare for Christ's return was the Festival fare for 80 members here. Erick Dubois presented sermons on the coming Millennium, "the need to exercise Christian faith and principles of proper Christian living."

The brethren especially appreciated seeing Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on film, as none of the brethren present had ever seen Mr. Armstrong aside from pictures in *La Pure Verite*. Special shows and dances were presented by Church youths. *Erick Dubois.*

SOUTHAMPTON, Bermuda—Sunny skies greeted 343 Feastgoers who gathered at the Sonesta Beach Hotel to hear Roland Sampson speak on preparing for the world tomorrow and upholding faith and hope during court persecution; Edward Faulk on

holding tightly to faith; and George Hatch on spiritual endurance.

A spirit of cooperation, faith and family togetherness prevailed at the Bermuda site, with much fellowship and interaction enjoyed by brethren at a semiformal dinner-dance, a fish fry and a fun-filled beach party. YOU activities included a cruise on Bermuda's largest catamaran and giving special music. Also noteworthy was the excellent participation at all activities and services. The peak of the Feast came during the Last Great Day, when the theme of a loving God provided inspiration for many. *Roland D. Sampson.*

LATIN AMERICA

COSTA DEL SOL, El Salvador—A total of 104 happy people assembled from all parts of Guatemala, Costa Rica and El Salvador at the Izaico Cabana Club in Costa Del Sol to enjoy an inspiring and exciting Feast of Tabernacles. Temperatures ranged from very warm and tropical to cool and refreshing, as breezes from the Pacific invigorated the brethren here in Central America.

Herbert Cisneros coordinated services with the able assistance of several men from various countries represented at the Feast. Members appreciated Herbert W. Armstrong's 16-mm. film, even though technical difficulties postponed its showing until midweek. Several individuals commented that they feel much closer to the Work worldwide as a result of Mr. Armstrong's efforts.

Feast activities included a children's day, talent night, barbecues and socials for both young and old. Traditional serenades were presented during the Feast, amidst the happy sounds of guitar, mandolin and banjo.

Three members were added to the Church during the Feast, and their baptisms proved to be an inspiration to all. On the Last Great Day, 12 youngsters participated in the annual blessing of the children. *F. Lopez.*

EL TABITO, Chile—Flanked by the Pacific Ocean and luxuriant forests, 87 people celebrated the 1979 Feast at a collection of Swiss-style chalets called "El Tabito," a small resort 90 miles southwest of Santiago, Chile. Plenty of sunshine replaced the normally cloudy weather, making possible a full program of scheduled activities.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong set the theme for the Feast in Chile by the special opening films. Filidor Illesca, Mario Seigle and Fernando Reinoso also spoke.

Activities included fun on the beach, Ping-Pong and soccer tournaments, a bonfire and barbecue, a trip to the nearby forests, a children's party, a dance and a gala evening featuring, among other acts, Chilean dances. *Mario Seigle and Filidor Illesca.*

GEORGETOWN, Guyana—More than 100 brethren of the Church assembled in the Pegasus Hotel to rejoice and celebrate the Fall Festival.

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Clear skies and hot weather graced the Guyana site, as brethren heard Paul Krautmann present messages detailing the need for courage and faith, the promise of healing, a warning about false prophets, the reason we have trials, and the meaning of the Feast and the Last Great Day. Rod Matthews made a special trip to Guyana and gave inspiring messages concerning the coming world tomorrow and the marriage feast of Christ and the Church.

An all-day trip to Kuru-Kuru in the interior of Guyana and luncheons, barbecues, a Bible study and the first meeting of the Georgetown Spokesman Club were among the activities enjoyed by the brethren. Films of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong highlighted the Festival, and members in Guyana are already looking forward to the 1980 Feast! *Paul Krautmann.*

LIMA, Peru — One hundred twenty-five brethren of God's Church enjoyed moderate temperatures and sunny skies here, as members gathered in the Huampani Vacation Center to hear Alberto Sousa on the coming marriage of Christ and the Church and the law of tithing, and Wilfredo Saenz on God's judgment and the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Particularly inspiring was the wedding of Augusto Vargas and Virginia Soto, helping to illustrate the coming great marriage between Christ and His Church. The YOU talent show was presented to the delight and amusement of all, and a traditional breaking of the pinata was enjoyed by the children attending the Feast. *Wilfredo Saenz.*

MELGAR, Colombia — Inspired by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's address on 16-mm. film, 454 persons enjoyed the Festival here. The Feast was coordinated by Pablo Gonzalez with the assistance of Larry Hinkle from the Pasadena Spanish Department. With the theme of having God as our priority emphasized in the messages, the members were strengthened in faith and hope and are already looking to the 1980 Feast season. Humor and a festive atmosphere were readily present, as the members enjoyed many activities, including games, swimming, barbecues, serenades, formal and informal dances and daily Bible classes for children.

Also noteworthy was the prevailing warm tropical weather and excellent food at the Club Militar de Oficiales, site of the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles.

The Feast was capped off with the inspiration coming from seven new baptisms within God's Work in Colombia. *Pablo Gonzalez.*

OAXTEPEC, Mexico — Principal messages and speakers here included Herbert W. Armstrong's opening films; Thomas Turk on what is ahead for the future, and the blessings and responsibilities of the United States; Bruce Vance on whether or not God is logical, and the meaning of the Last Great Day; Dennis Adams on what you are doing with your life and on having a childlike attitude; Don Turk on living in the last times and Doug Winnail on proper nutrition and health.

The wedding of Juan de la Selva and Maria Cortes was a special event, as was the baptism of a new member into God's Church.

Members participated in athletic competitions, sight-seeing tours and a "Mexico Day" picnic.

Several healings took place during the Feast, providing additional inspiration and faith to the brethren in Mexico. *Thomas D. Turk.*

SIERRA DE LA VENTANA, Argentina — Attendance records were set in God's Church in Argenti-

na as the membership expands in this South American country. One hundred eighty people assembled from all over Argentina and Uruguay to celebrate the Fall Feast of God's Holy Days.

The brethren enjoyed fine food and fellowship before God, as well as spiritual nourishment and joy in large amounts. *Robert V. Flores.*

AUSTRALIA, PACIFIC ISLES

ALBANY, Australia — Pleasant, cool weather was the fare for more than 500 brethren gathered at the Emu Beach facility. Feastgoers were exhorted by key speakers Graeme Marshall on how the Feast turns our hearts to God; Ken Lewis on how the Feast teaches us to reverence God; Ted Tupper on the Feast as an act of faith; and Colin Jackson on God's faith and love toward His people.

A hillside dinner-dance, a ladies' afternoon for the widows and several YOU activities were enjoyed by the brethren at Albany. The principal theme was how trials lead into the world tomorrow. *Lloyd H. Longley.*

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Preparing for Christ's return was the theme for 680 brethren here. Sunny, mild weather was the setting for the brethren to hear Bob Morton on making the best of 1980 and cleansing Christ's spiritual temple; Jack Croucher on faith and healing and the meaning of the Feast and the Last Great Day; and Colin Kelly on today's youths becoming the kings and princes of tomorrow.

A family night featured Steve Gough's comedy hour and the Korobushka Dancers. YOU members put on a concert for senior citizens, a dinner-award banquet and a sports afternoon. *Jack Croucher.*

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand

— Preparing to become the Bride of Christ was the theme for 295 brethren amidst beautiful varied weather at the Christchurch Feast site.

Much inspiration for the Feast came in a sermon by Colin Riseborough, in which he detailed the new truth concerning our children not being cut off from God. The ringing message, "It's not your parent's church — it's your church too!" kindled the hearts of the attending youths.

Other principal speakers included Gary Harvey on the meaning of the Feast, an exposition of man's imperfect ways and God's perfect ones, and an exhortation to use faith; Karl Karlov on the government of God today and how to prepare for the resurrection; Neville Fraser on integrity; and regional director Bob Morton on removing spots and blemishes in the Church and current prophetic fulfillments in Europe.

Other activities consisted of an afternoon for ministers to get together and fellowship and a YOU dinner at a restaurant. Outsiders praised the conduct of the YOU members highly. There were few anointings during the Feast, pointing to a generally healthy and invigorating time. Many individuals felt this Feast was markedly improved from the last one and are eagerly anticipating the Fall Festival season next year. *Gary Harvey.*

GOLD COAST, Australia — Some 1,250 brethren met in the Miami Great Hall in Gold Coast to hear from Rod McQueen on being a sojourner and developing the mind of God; Brian Orchard on how the perfect law of God will bring peace; Bob Reggazzoli on the qualities of being a pillar in the Kingdom; Francis Bergin on "Will you be here next year?"; Dean Wilson on the meaning of the Last Great Day and how the Millennium will end; and Craig Bacheller on the purpose of the Feast of Taber-

nacles and on our part in creating the Millennium. Weather was sunny and cool.

Feastgoers enjoyed a talent show, half-century luncheon, movies, dinner and dancing, family sports and Beenleigh Lion Safari. YOU members enjoyed roller skating and a beach barbecue and organized a formal dinner-dance for senior members. *Craig L. Bacheller.*

HOBART, Australia — Emphasis on growing toward the Kingdom was the theme at this Tasmanian site. More than 300 brethren enjoyed sunny weather as they gathered at the Town Hall to hear principal speakers Dean Wilson on reasons for keeping the Feast and how the Kingdom will start; Peter McLean on living as a family, seeing as God sees, and the meaning of the Last Great Day; John McLean on knowing that God will finish the Work, the difference between professed and real Christianity, and how to properly care for self, Church and mankind; Orest Solyma on our youths in the Millennium; and D'arcy Watson on what the Millennium will be like.

An exceptionally successful dinner-dance highlighted the Feast, along with an outstanding offering of 65 percent more than the previous year on the Last Great Day. *Orest Solyma.*

NUKUALOFA, Tonga — Sunny days and cool breezes were enjoyed by 38 brethren registered at the Tabernacle Building at Tonga. Messages from Toluta'u Ha'angana and T.F. Fungalei encouraged the brethren to prepare for God's Kingdom.

Festive dances and concerts were among the activities. Especially inspiring was the healing of a man's lifelong deafness and a young girl's persistent throat problems. *Toluta'u Ha'angana.*

PORT MACQUARIE, Australia

— Some 1,335 brethren enjoyed warm weather here and heard Gavin Cullen speak on children and agriculture; Peter Whitting on the rod of iron and fearing God; Bill Dixon on poverty; and Dean Wilson on law and government.

Activities included a family square dance, a children's party, fishing competition, a family beach barbecue, a "golden oldies" luncheon, and a formal dinner-dance.

YOU members sponsored a "get-to-know-you" evening, a dinner-disco dance, a talent quest and a sports afternoon.

Church leaders were interviewed by reporters for coverage in Port Macquarie. *Peter Whiting.*

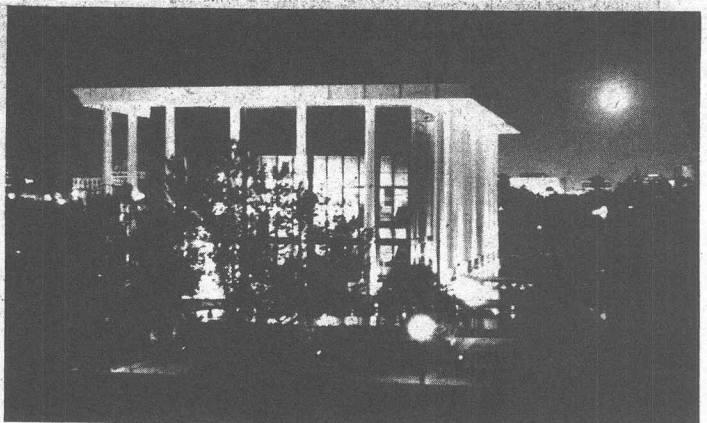
SUVA, Fiji — One hundred ten brethren enjoyed beautiful, dry weather on this tropical island. Rex Morgan, Bill Sidney and Epeli Kanaimawi were the principal speakers, emphasizing the theme of preparing to become Christ's Bride.

Several events highlighted the Feast, including the opportunity to view Herbert W. Armstrong's new television programs through the efforts of Al Allworth from the Church's Television Department in Pasadena. Some of the Fiji brethren had never seen a television set.

Other activities included a cultural evening of Fiji songs and dances, boat trips into the Suva harbor and a special smorgasbord dinner put on by overseas visitors for the Fiji brethren. *Epeli Kanaimawi.*

WARRNAMBOOL, Australia — More than 900 brethren gathered at the Warrnambool Theatre to hear how God's law will be administered both in the Church today and in the Kingdom of God. A sermon exhorting endurance through the end time was given by Francis Bergin, and the need to study God's law was ex-

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FUN AT THE FEAST — Clockwise from left: A young girl performs her winning song in the Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., YOU talent show; the full moon rises behind the Ambassador Auditorium on the opening night of the Feast; two Baguio City, Philippines, Feastgoers enjoy the social activities there; Nassau, Bahamas, Feastgoers participate in an egg toss at a beach picnic during the Feast. [Photos by Michael Wilhite, Aaron Dean, Simeon Gonzalez and Scott Crawford]



'79 FEAST OF TABERNACLES

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plained by Cofin Sutcliffe.

The second annual Feast of Tabernacles, 4,000-meter beach fun run took place, along with a multitude of other activities as brethren fellow-shipped and enjoyed the Feast. A dinner-dance was organized for the adults and teens, with a YOU-sponsored roller skating and beach party later in the Feast. Quiz nights, a get-together night and the YOU talent show wrapped up the Feast in fine form. *Bruce Tyler.*

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BUKIDNON, Philippines — Five hundred eighty-one brethren enjoyed the 1979 Feast here. Church members saw Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on film and heard from Encardio Benitez on the meaning of the Feast, the wonderful world tomorrow, and whether God sets standards for calling people. Estiquio Benitez spoke on the conditions of the New Covenant, and Pete Melendez expounded the meaning of the Last Great Day.

The Filipiniana Show and the ordination of a deacon were two of the Festival's high points, and brethren also enjoyed dancing, singing, basketball, a talent show and a senior citizens' banquet. *Encardio S. Benitez.*

DAVAO CITY, Philippines — Preparing for Christ's coming was the principal theme for more than 350 brethren here. Amidst sunny weather, members saw the films of Pastor General Herbert W. Arm-

strong and heard Colin Adair (the need for the world tomorrow and holding fast to your crown), Edmond Macaraeg (how to make wise decisions, God's government in the Church, family structure and being in God's hands) and Mario Dulguine (the God Family). Members enjoyed several activities and collected and distributed clothing to the less fortunate brethren at the Feast. *Edmond D. Macaraeg.*

JERUSALEM — Three hundred fifty representatives of God's Church from around the world kept the Feast in Jerusalem this year. Members came from the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Guam, the Philippines, England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Switzerland, Egypt and Israel.

In between services, trips were taken to Samaria, Galilee, Megiddo, Tel Aviv, Hebron, Bethlehem, Jericho, the Dead Sea and Masada. Each site was a sermon in itself, and everyone was inspired and recharged by being in the land where it all took place.

An evening of entertainment was presented by the International Cultural Center for Youth in Jerusalem in honor of the group. *Richard Frankel.*

KALEMYO, Burma — The Work passed another milestone in Burma as 16 brethren of God's Church managed to keep the full eight-day Feast of Tabernacles for the first time in spite of hardships and physical trials.

In order to arrive at the Feast site to coordinate the Festival, local elder Saw Lay Bey, along with several others, was forced to alternately walk and ride in makeshift transportation to the Kalemio site. To avoid dangerous circumstances in the area

on the Day of Atonement, Saw Lay Bey and his party of Feastgoers had to wade through waist-deep flood waters under a broiling sun for more than an hour while fasting.

Arriving at the Feast site, great rejoicing took place, as four new members were baptized into God's Church. The Feast participants were grateful and appreciated being able to keep the Feast properly for the first time. The general theme was to praise God for His truth, and to pray that He strengthen and solidify His Church worldwide.

The Church members in Burma wish to express their thanks to the people in the United States and British Commonwealth countries for sharing their physical blessings. Without their generous support there would have been no 1979 Feast of Tabernacles in Burma. *Saw Lay Bey.*

NAGA CITY, Philippines — Making the Church ready for Christ's return was the principal theme for 300 brethren in the Philippines. The high point of the Feast was Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's filmed address, as many members here had never seen Mr. Armstrong.

Other key messages included the impact of God's plan and the meaning of the Last Great Day (Reynaldo Taniajura); how to validate your actions as a Christian, and loving God by keeping His commandments (Samuel Librojo); the restitution of all things in the Kingdom, and the incredible potential of women in God's Church (Pacífico Miro); how you cannot afford to be ignorant in God's Church (Abelardo Ballis-nomo); and self-reliance versus reliance on God (Marcelo Sayan).

Sunny weather prevailed at the Feast in the Isarog Hall, and activities abounded: a dance night, a

general meeting of the YOU, a singles outing and a tour of the Mayon Volcano, reputed to be one of the seven modern wonders of the world. *Reynaldo S. Taniajura.*

NASRAPUR, India — One hundred four brethren of the Indian Church enjoyed excellent weather during the 1979 Feast. Members were exhorted through sermons on the Millennium, becoming literal Sons of God, Festival-tithes and mercy. One of the high points of the Festival was the ordination of Noah J. Sandri to deacon. Members at the Indian site enjoyed a talent show, a dinner-dance and games.

Service was emphasized as assistance was offered to many, including the deaf and blind brethren during the Festival. *Spaulding Kulasingam.*

NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, Philippines — Three hundred nineteen brethren enjoyed sunshine and fellowship at the Mambucal Tourist Lodge Hall here. Principal speakers included Jose Raduban, Pedro Melendez Jr., Bernardo Cartillon and Colin Adair.

A senior citizens' social, a family dinner-dance, a YOU bonfire and sing-along, and a children's party were enjoyed. *Jose F. Raduban.*

PENANG, Malaysia — Some 214 Bidayuh, Indians, Chinese and English brethren gathered in tranquility at the Palm Beach Hotel in Penang for the 1979 Feast. The film of Herbert W. Armstrong was well received by the brethren. Speakers included Yong Chin Gee, Lawrence Wong, Lim Seng Joon, Teo Poh Chim, Joseph Moses, Peter Chan, Bob Lim and Sellappan and Teo Poh Oon. Most of the sermons were given by Chris Hunting.

Many get-togethers and sports such as netball, baseball, races, water polo, swimming, tennis and waterskiing were enjoyed by the brethren. Tours of the island of Penang were an inspiring part of the Feast, as members visited botanical gardens and rubber plantations. Many traveled to the top of 2,300-foot Penang Hill for a panoramic view of the area, passing chattering birds and monkeys along the way.

A talent show was enjoyed by several brethren, and the Feast was topped off with luncheons on the first day of the Feast and Last Great Day. *Yong Chin Gee and Bernard Nuab.*

TALAHENA, Sri Lanka — Beautiful tropical weather with sunshine and cool sea air prevailed as 39 brethren attended the Sri Lanka Feast site.

Principal speakers for services in the Blue Lagoon Hotel included Mohan Jayasekera on rejoicing before God, how David will be the literal king over Israel throughout eternity, and how to prepare for next year's Feast of Tabernacles; Alan Dean on the assurance that God has the power to do His will, the need for humility, and a description of the rulers of tomorrow's world; and Ernest Hames on God's ruling Family and the coming judgment.

This Feast was noteworthy in that it marked the first time the Sri Lankan church was able to keep the full eight days of the Festival. Many members designated it as the most inspiring and organized Feast ever.

Activities at Sri Lanka included two family shows and the first ladies' get-together event. Other events were a carom tournament, draughts, cricket matches for all age-groups and table and lawn tennis for everyone. *Mohan Jayasekera.*

Mr. Helge's comments on Church's legal battle

Following is the substance of a message given Oct. 13 by Church attorney Ralph Helge at the Seattle, Wash., Feast site, concerning the Church's legal battle.

I want to state that the charges and the complaints that were filed against the Church of God were drafted by a private attorney for dissidents of this Church, to which the attorney general of California lent his name, and the power of the state, and that was the full extent of the attorney general's investigation, that [which] the attorney for the dissidents had written.

Those charges — and I hope to put it in an article, the details of it — are absolute lies. Absolute lies! The case was engendered — so you will know and understand without a doubt — and exists because of political and judicial corruption. The quintessence and the purity of corruption. Before God, I lie not.

As I said in Pasadena, and I say again, when this case is done, you are going to find that there are criminals involved in the case. You are also going to find that the criminals are not the Church members or the Church leaders.

This case, everything we've done in it, virtually has been denied by the court because of what I just told you. Everything that the attorney general and his men have asked for has been granted, because of what I just told you.

It's come down to a point now where the only physical hope, and I repeat, physical hope, lies in the State Supreme Court and the federal system. Now because of this, when it comes down to the law in California, that because of the nature of the case, somebody shortly — one of your Church leaders — is going to have to be held in contempt of court to have the matter heard.

All these writs you've been filing — you've been hearing about — are only discretionary. They don't have to hear them. Once someone is held in

contempt of court in California then they must hear the case. So I say, it's coming to a point now in which one of your leaders is going to be held in contempt of court. That can mean one of two things, either a fine or a jail sentence.

Now if there is enough political corruption, the court will be forced maybe to do both. Otherwise I don't think they would hold somebody in contempt of court and put them in jail, but if there is enough political corruption, and they're going to press them to do it, some of your Church leaders, I tell you, are going to go to jail.

Now understand this when it happens. That when it does happen it's not going to mean that the charges and the complaints of stealing and pilfering millions — which I say is a lie — are true. It's simply going to mean that the court order to turn over every Church document and control the Church properties is not going to be obeyed. It's not on the basis of some singular legal principle that your Church leader will be standing upon.

As Mr. Armstrong said in his proclamation, it's an issue of whether or not the state is going to run this Church and preach this Gospel. For that issue, as I say, some of your Church leaders may be going to jail.

Now some in Pasadena have already committed themselves, resolved themselves, to this fate. They have it in mind [that] it's going to happen, and they are going to be taken away. They are set in their minds that they are going to remain firm.

It's a funny thing. I pick up today's paper out here, and what does it say about a local minister here in Seattle? "Pastor Risks Jail, Contempt of Court," just to keep his school open.

Okay, so now what is the point? The point is that we are concerned, right? About ourselves? No, about you! You say, Helge, I must have missed the point! You said the leaders are going to go to jail maybe, and you're concerned about us. That's right! Because as Paul mentioned, we don't want you to fall prey to Satan.

Now I'll tell you why the concern

is. I have seen over past years some people mistake superstition for faith. I remember one man telling me, "Well, I'm going to go into this business deal." I said, "You know, that doesn't sound like too good a deal." He said, "Well, I'll tell you, God wouldn't let me do it if it wasn't right or good, because I prayed to Him about it."

Now I tell you that's a false premise. He said, "Well, I prayed to God, 'Now if I'm not supposed to go into this deal, don't you let me get that money out of the bank.'" All he had to do was go down and sign a piece of paper to draw it out of his account.

So you see, it was superstition, not faith. They were substituting miracles for what? For a knowledge of the scripture and applying it with wisdom.

So now, what would you think if you hear that Mr. Herbert Armstrong, or Mr. Stanley Rader, or myself or somebody else, some of the other ministers, were taken to jail? Now what would you think if you saw on TV or in the newspaper a picture of Mr. Armstrong, and he was chained to a marshal, walking to jail? Then behind him chained, manacled, was Mr. Rader or another leader?

Now what would you think if you actually saw on TV where they were locked in the jail? Now what would you think if there were crowds all around the courtroom, jeering and taunting them?

Now tell me, what would you think, if in Pasadena the entire city was out there, and they were screaming and shouting: "Down with the Church of God! Down with their leaders! Down with the college!" What would you think? Would you think, that can't possibly be the Church of God if all those people are against them?

What would you think if the plane — if they were taking off to go to China — maybe crashed on the runway causing some slight injury to them? What would you think if they were dragged out of the city, dragged out and beaten? . . . What if you saw

somebody come up and just punch Mr. Armstrong in the side of the mouth? Would you say that [he] couldn't be God's apostle? Would you think that?

What if every place you went in the Feast, every place you went, the Church was spoken evil of? Would you say, you know, that couldn't be God's Church? What would you think if they were beheaded? What would you think? Would you think this is a sure sign from God this is not God's Church? You know, this couldn't happen to God's Church?

Now I tell you, everything that I said there — for those that have been in the Church for awhile, you realize every example I gave — everything that I talked about there, is what did happen to God's people, to God's apostles, to God's ministers in the Scriptures. Can you believe that? That is what happened to them, that is what occurred. So are you going to think that if somebody is held in contempt and they go to jail it's not God's Church?

No, you see, these are the things that have happened. So when they are held in contempt, don't think it's a sign that it's not God's Church, don't be superstitious, but rather look to the Scriptures.

Here are a few. How about Acts 14:22, that "Through much tribulation you shall enter into the Kingdom of God"? What about John 16:33, "In the world you shall have tribulation"? What about II Timothy 3:12, "All who live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution"?

So when it happens, brother, maintain your faith. Believe me, it's not a sign that you should pull away from the Church. It's not a sign that you should go out and join the church of dissidents, of Satan's rebels. No, it's not a sign for that. It's a sign that the Scriptures are being fulfilled. It's a sign for you to strengthen your faith and maybe know that the time is closer now to the end than when you first believed.

You know, you're here, you've been taught, we've all been taught —

myself for over 25 years — that we're to look to headquarters. That is fine, but I tell you, if they're held in contempt of court, or if I go to jail because I will not concede to Satan's demands, but I am determined to remain faithful, as other men in Pasadena have, I tell you, it's going to be a reverse situation.

You're not going to be looking to headquarters; headquarters is going to be looking out to you! I'm going to be looking out to you. I pray that you will go back and you will read Acts 12, that if people are held in contempt of court you will get on your knees and you will pray. As that Church prayed Peter out of jail, you will pray your leaders out of jail. Because I tell you there is no faith in the system.

You see, God said He put the basest of men in the governmental positions. He writes in the Scriptures — as Mr. Rader mentioned yesterday and Mr. Armstrong has taught long ago — He talked about the unjust judges. You've got to understand one thing. That when you come down to political corruption, a political person you see, he is like a political animal. He has no life hereafter, this is his only life, this political life that he has, and the instinct to survive is strong. It is strong, it's almost stronger than the human grasp for human life. The question is how far will they go to maintain that political status?

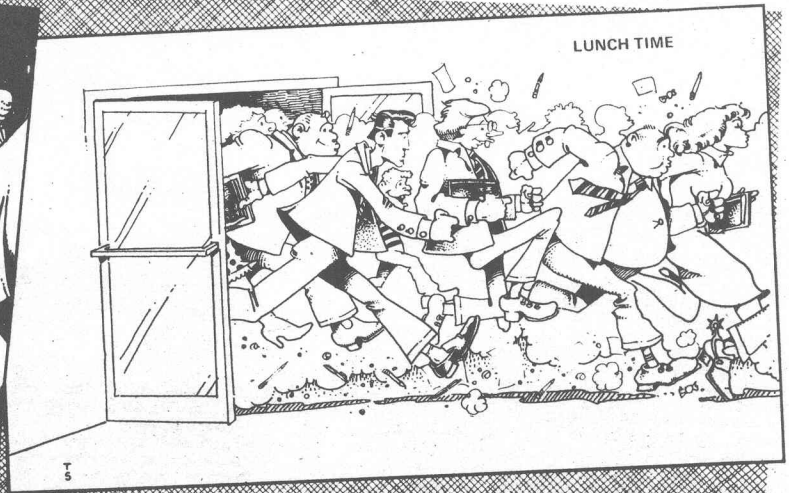
Read your history, there is no end. It can be rape, assassination, murder, sedition, rebellion, anything to hold onto that political status.

So the mere fact that they are going to put some of your leaders in jail, believe me, that is nothing. The highest concern is not that they are going to just put somebody in jail, but frankly, what else they may do before this case is over, and certainly what else they are going to do before this era is over.

So I just want to bring that very brief message to you to tell you and plead with you, search the Scriptures, don't be superstitious, and pray because headquarters is looking to you and your power of prayer and contact with God.



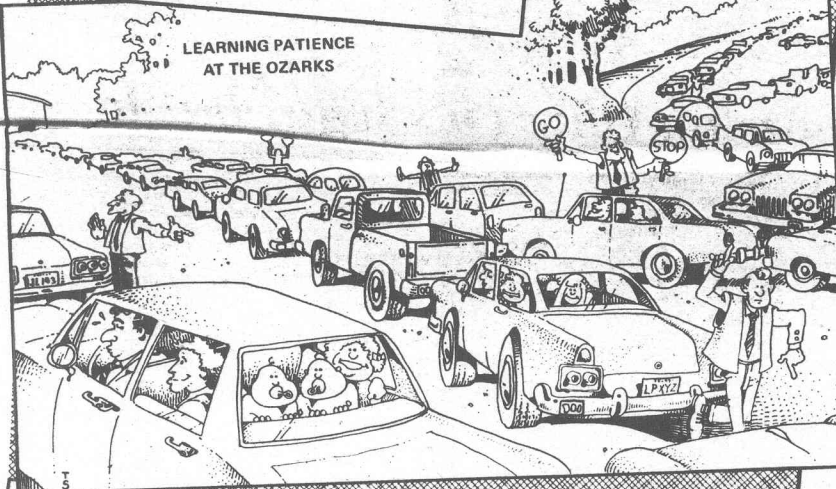
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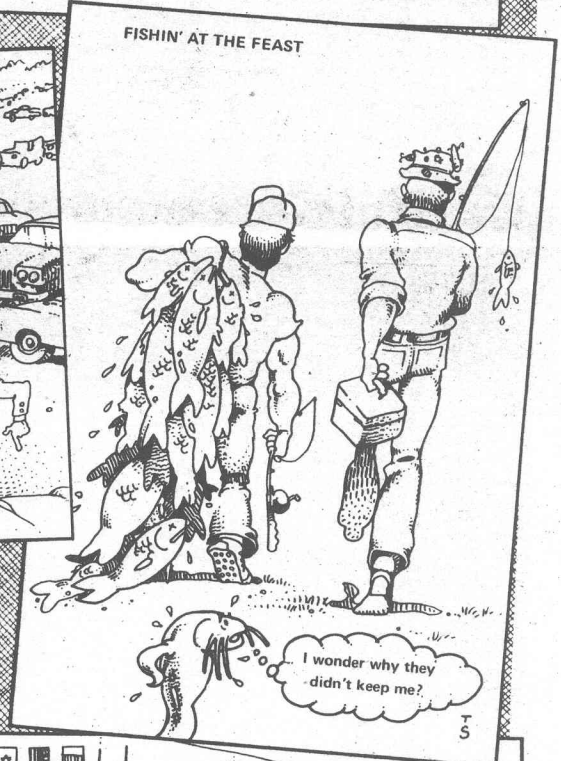
LUNCH TIME

ANOTHER LOOK AT THE FEAST

Tom Simonton, a member of the Oklahoma City, Okla., church, attended this year's Feast of Tabernacles at Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. He shared his visual impressions of the Feast with us, and we thought they were well worth sharing with all our readers.



LEARNING PATIENCE AT THE OZARKS

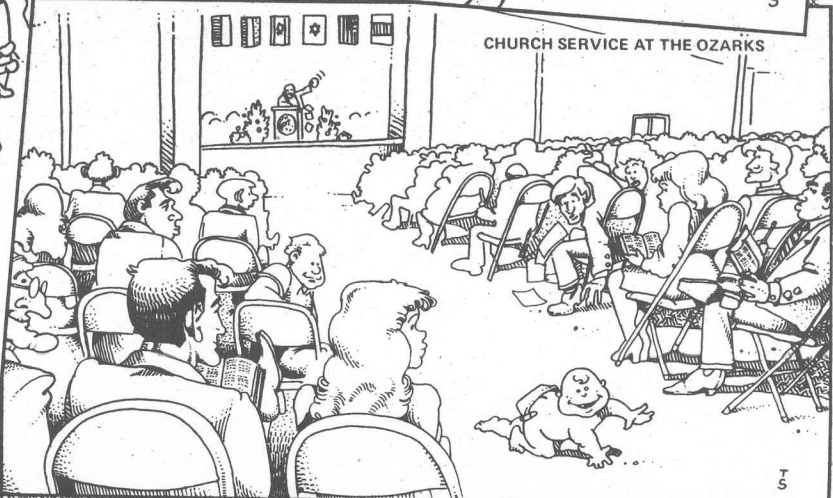


FISHIN' AT THE FEAST

I wonder why they didn't keep me?



YOU DANCE



CHURCH SERVICE AT THE OZARKS

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — The International Office here reports the ordinations of the following men:

Dennis Richards was ordained a local church elder in the Wellington, New Zealand, church July 6.

Percival Burrows was raised in rank from a local to a preaching elder in the Toronto, Ont., West church Aug. 18.

Ordained preaching elders at the Feast: **Jonathan Buck** of North Battleford-Lloydminster, Sask.; **David Hulme** of Vancouver, B.C.; **Gary King** of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; **Paul Linehan** of Thunder Bay, Ont.; **Bienvenido Macaraeg Jr.** of Manila and Quezon City, Philippines; **Key Tanajura** of Camarines Sur, Philippines; and **Leo Van Pelt** of St. Catharines, Ont.

Charles Fleming of Kingston, Jamaica, and **Roberto Gopez** of Iloilo, Philippines, were ordained local elders.

Ordained local church elders were: **Julian Bahington** of Cebu, Philippines; **Abelardo Balisoma** of Bicol, Philippines; **Hermelando Bauza** of Manila, Philippines; **Bernard Castillo** of Negros Occidental, Philippines; **John de Mey** of Rockhampton, Australia; **Mario Dulguenne** of Davao del Norte, Philippines; **Pasgado Guiles** of Benguet, Philippines; **Eng Monson** of Regina, Sask.; **Jose Parayno** of Pangasinan, Philippines; **Cecil Pulley** of Hamilton, Bermuda; and **Christian Zernichow** of Oslo, Norway.

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PASADENA — The Ministerial Services Department reports the ordinations of the following men: **Dr. William Kessler**, assistant to **Joe Tkach**, director of Ministerial Services, was raised to pastor rank.

Ordained as local church elders were **Richard Arent** of Columbus, Miss.; **David Festress** of Evansville, Ind.; **Hal Geiger** of Milwaukee (South) Wis.; **Robert Kendall** of Big Sandy, Tex.; **Rex Sexton** of Pasco, Wash.; **Tom Smith** of Big Sandy; and **James Wilson** of Madisonville, Ky.

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TUCSON, Ariz. — Church treasurer and newly ordained evangelist **Stanley Rader** and his wife **Niki** played host to the ministry and some of the members attending the Tucson Feast site at a cocktail and dinner party the evening of Oct. 11. About 150 people were present at the function, which took place at a college-owned home here.

Mr. Rader related his recent experiences in China and discussed the

HOTLINE

The following information was provided by official Church sources to answer many of the questions generated by the crisis in the Church.

We have received several letters with questions addressed to "Hotline." The questions were valid in most cases but could not be answered because they were anonymous. To request your name be held in confidence is fine, but to omit it or sign "concerned Church member," "one who cares," etc., is not. These questions, according to our policy, will not be answered.

I understand that the Church of God, International, held a "feast" in Squaw Valley, Calif. Why couldn't we get Squaw Valley?

We did check on this site and found it was unsuitable and unsafe for our use. The state has condemned Squaw Valley for any group of more than 2,000 people. To bring it up to Occupational Safety & Health Administra-

tion standards would take \$4.8 million. The Olympic Committee has once again decided to stay. If this decision stands, they plan to invest \$65 million to revamp the entire area over a period of four to five years. We are already booked, depending on when the area becomes available.

I question your answer to the person who asked about "seeking vengeance" in the Sept. 24 "WN" "Hotline."

There seemed to be considerable concern over the discussion of the "eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" principle in a recent hotline. A more lengthy explanation by letter was given to the person who originally asked the question. The quote was merely showing that, out of context, one scripture can seemingly contradict another. A lot of people apparently spend their time wrestling scriptures in this fruitless manner. You should try to understand what is happening in view of the overall picture. Mr. Armstrong, as always, knows what is happening, and there is no wrong attitude in the many legal steps we must take.

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PASADENA — *Quest/79* is now being carried on flights by Pan Am, TWA, United, National, Eastern, Braniff and Western airlines, according to **Roger Lippross**, director of Publishing Services for the Work. "This is good news because it gives us much better coverage and

exposure with this influential segment of the traveling public," he said. "This, in turn, gives the Ambassador foundation, and hence the Church and Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, a great deal of additional exposure and credibility, which since the January receivership has proved very valuable. We have been able to assess this by the many favorable press comments relating specifically to *Quest* and the foundation since then."

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PASADENA — Longtime faculty member and evangelist **Roderick C. Meredith** is taking a sabbatical from his duties as Ambassador College dean of faculty. Mr. Meredith will spend the next six months in Hawaii, and **Leon Walker** has been temporarily reassigned to assume the duties of acting dean of faculty.

Regarding the sabbatical, Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** said in the Nov. 1 *Pastor General's Report*: "Mr. Meredith has served the Work faithfully for 28 years, and I don't recall that he has ever had such a respite from hard work in all those years. We are looking forward to his return, rested, refreshed, his physical and spiritual batteries recharged."

Mr. Armstrong ordains Leroy Neff evangelist

PASADENA — Leroy Neff was ordained an evangelist in God's Church Oct. 25 by Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** in Mr. Armstrong's Tucson, Ariz., home.

Mr. Neff serves as Mr. Armstrong's regional assistant for churches in the middle-eastern United States, in an area that extends from Gaylord, Mich., to New Orleans, La. He travels and visits church areas for Sabbath services and Bible studies about 40 weeks each year.

A native of Oregon, Mr. Neff, 55, is married to the former **Avon Maxine Bostwick**. The Neffs have three children; their eldest son, **Lawrence**, is pastor of the Tucson church.

Mr. and Mrs. Neff heard Mr. Armstrong on the radio early in 1951 and met him at a Portland, Ore., Sabbath service later that year.

Eventually the Neffs made their way to Pasadena, where Mr. Neff graduated from Ambassador College in 1959. He received his M.A. from the college in 1962.

Mr. Neff has pastored churches in Long Beach, Calif.; Big Sandy, Tex.; Shreveport, La.; and Houston, Tex. He was an associate professor of theology at Ambassador's Big Sandy campus, and also served

as controller and secretary-treasurer of the college there.

Mr. Neff was senior pastor of the Texas coast area in January when the State of California attempted to



LEROY NEFF

take control of the Pasadena facilities of the Church. Mr. Neff was brought here in March to serve as area coordinator for the Pasadena region. In August he was given his present assignment.

Mr. Neff counts travel, aviation and electronics as interests. He and his wife reside in Pasadena, and Mr. Neff executes his duties from the office here.

I heard a rumor that the Feast Office is being shut down. Is it true?

The Festival function will focus more on establishing and maintaining relationships with new and existing Feast sites. The accounting, data processing, Church-owned properties and mail-handling functions will be absorbed into those areas already equipped for those services. This will eliminate the duplication of effort we experienced when the office moved from Big Sandy, Tex., to Pasadena.

I heard that Mr. Rader is going to become deputy chancellor of Ambassador College. Any truth here?

Absolutely none. Mr. Armstrong, in a meeting with Deputy Chancellor **Raymond McNair** and others, did slip once when he introduced **Honse** (a small German schnauzer who wears a badge and is referred to as the "Deputy Sheriff") as the deputy chancellor. Mr. Armstrong quickly corrected himself — as everyone ribbed Mr. McNair. This is the closest we know of anyone becoming the new deputy chancellor.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT — Church treasurer **Stanley R. Rader** at an employee forum in the Ambassador Auditorium Nov. 6 discussed the Church's court litigation. Mr. Rader, an evangelist and **Herbert W. Armstrong's** personal assistant, commented on the large number of religious organizations now becoming interested in the Church's legal battle against the state of California and its attorney general. To illustrate, Mr. Rader read the letter below, which was submitted by the Roman Catholic archbishop of Los Angeles, Calif., to the California Supreme Court in an effort to get that body to hear the Church's petition. A transcript of the forum will appear in the Nov. 26 *Worldwide News*.

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Re: **Herbert W. Armstrong v. Superior Court,**
 2nd Civil No. 57933;
Worldwide Church of God v. Superior Court,
 2nd Civil No. 57934;
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 2nd Civil No. 57935;
Worldwide Church of God v. Superior Court,
 2nd Civil No. 57445;
Helge v. Superior Court,
 2nd Civil No. 57936.

To the Honorable Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the California Supreme Court:

On behalf of our client the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, a corporation sole, organized and operating under the laws of the State of California, we are addressing the Court to urge that petitions for hearing in the above-entitled proceedings be granted.

Statement of Interest

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, a corporation sole, is the officially designated entity of the Roman Catholic Church in the area encompassed by the Archdioceses of Los Angeles, consisting of the counties of Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara. As such, together with many other churches and religious organizations, it is vitally concerned with the subject litigation and particularly with the position assumed by the Attorney General of the State of California in justification of the position and actions taken by him in this litigation. We submit that a more complete departure from the long established constitutional principles and tradition of religious freedom can scarcely be imagined.

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Statement of Support

As clearly disclosed by the pleadings and record, the Attorney General specifically asserts that all Churches in California hold their assets in trust for the benefit of the general public, that no Church has any proprietary interest in any of its property or assets and no private rights with respect thereto, that Church officials are mere trustees serving at the sufferance of the Courts and that all Churches are, in fact, under the control and as such, ~~are~~ ~~subject~~ ~~to~~ ~~supervision~~ ~~and~~ ~~control~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~State~~. In brief, the Attorney General claims that, despite constitutional restrictions, the religious nature of a Church does not limit or restrict the power of control and supervision which he claims to possess over secular charitable organizations.

It must not be overlooked that this action is directed against the Church itself, not merely against other individual or secular defendants. The relief demanded is substantially directed against the Church; a complete accounting by the Church of its affairs for the past 5 years, appointment of a receivership to take complete control of all property, books and records of the Church, and the replacement of Church officials as determined by the Court. It is important to note that the complaint herein does not purport to allege wrongful acts by the Church, per se, but rather (almost entirely upon information and belief) alleges wrongful acts by various individual defendants, with alleged damage or loss suffered herefrom by the Church or its members.

Certainly it is not our position that wrongful or fraudulent actions of the type charged against the individual defendants should be disregarded. However, other adequate remedies are available against the individual defendants if appropriate. Basically this is an intra-Church controversy and involvement of the Attorney General can only be justified by the above described assertion of unlimited powers of supervision and control of charitable organizations without limitation because of the involvement of religion.

In this matter, the Attorney General has elected the type of action to be filed, the scope of the relief to be demanded, and the defendants to be charged; the basis of justification is clearly and specifically stated. In so doing, the Attorney General has raised constitutional issues of serious magnitude. It seems almost point-

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less to ponder the extent of permissibility of entanglement of Church and State, despite the care with which such matters have been treated by innumerable courts, when faced with the virtually unlimited assertions of governmental right of supervision and control herein claimed by the Attorney General.

This basic issue is the focal point of our concern, and surely that of all persons and organizations interested in religious freedom. The basic issue is squarely before the Court. If, as we sincerely contend, the actions of the Attorney General involve an unconstitutional abuse of the power of government, the discovery orders here involved, together with the entire action, must fail.

This basic issue can and should be determined at this time. We respectfully submit that the Attorney General has now placed this issue in a position where failure to address this issue can be interpreted as at least indirect support of the position asserted by the State. Indeed this approach has already surfaced. (cf. Attorney General Response to the Petition for Hearing and Application for Stay, proceeding 57303, page 2). Until determined, this issue can be expected to reappear again and again, both in the subject action and in inevitable litigation involving other Churches; as clearly indicated by the diversity of the organizations formally requesting that these petitions be heard and the intensity of their views as expressed.

We respectfully urge that the Court grant these petitions in order that this crucial issue, and others presented, may be given urgently needed consideration, in which event we respectfully request permission to file a brief as *Amicus Curiae* in support of the petitions.

Sincerely yours,
BRANDLIN & MCALLISTER

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