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## Treasurer discusses economy at meeting of Japanese leaders

Following Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader's speech at the Japan Institute of International Affairs described in the following article, Mr. Rader was interviewed on a national talk show and appeared on several Japanese network news broadcasts. On Dec. 7 a transcript of the speech was printed in its entirety in the Japan Times, a major Japanese newspaper.

TOKYO — Representing Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader made a presentation before several ambassadors and embassy representatives, members of the Japanese government and prominent business, educational and community leaders Nov. 19. Speaking at the Japan Institute of International Affairs, Mr. Rader discussed important economic and political trends in the United States.

Mr. Rader, a certified public accountant and financial adviser of many years' standing, delivered a technical and detailed picture of economic trends. Speaking about the uncertainty of American economics, Mr. Rader pointed out that "... no one is really sure how to describe the present economic situation in the United States," as many economists admittedly don't know where the United States stands.

### Major imponderables

Stated Mr. Rader: "The major imponderables include the likelihood of oil price rises or further interruptions in supplies and the uncertain effect of the Federal Reserve Bank's renewed efforts to control expansion of the [U.S.] money supply," and "while a downturn is expected [in U.S. business], neither [the expected recession's] length nor severity can be safely predicted."

Tying in political issues, Mr. Rader stated that the ability to provide leadership in the coming economic turmoil will be a major issue in the U.S. presidential race. Qualifying his remarks, Mr. Rader asserted: "The

overall direction the next President will take on economic issues, however, will surely be influenced by a perceptible shift to the right of the political spectrum on the part of the middle class. Americans are becoming more suspicious of big government, more cynical of campaign promises and more fiscally conservative."

Emphasizing the move to the political right, Mr. Rader reported, "Traditional conservative values seem to be enjoying somewhat of a renaissance." A proof of this, Mr.

Rader illustrated, is that "increased defense spending, long criticized by liberal candidates, is now a virtual certainty."

Expanding his speech into the government at large, Mr. Rader pointed out that a move to a reduced role of government would be difficult, as "... a true scaling down of the [U.S.] federal government, a dismantling of the Great Society that Lyndon Johnson advocated in the 1960s, that is a change of such magnitude that it cannot happen overnight without great turmoil." Emphasizing

the opposition to reduced government programs, Mr. Rader stated: "Once a government spending program has been established, it develops its own constituency and lobbyists, and it is difficult to replace. Its advocates are real and vocal, while opposition may be almost nonexistent, except for a general dismay at the overall level of government spending."

### Extent of involvement

Mr. Rader illustrated his point by tracing the background of the Proposition 13 property tax relief legislation that was passed in California. Drawing a contrast for the Japanese leaders, Mr. Rader pointed out: "The extent of [U.S.] government involvement is demonstrated by a comparison with other Western economies. As a percentage of GNP [gross national product], real U.S. government expenditures are more

than twice as high as Japan's."

Wrapping up his speech, Mr. Rader made the grim prediction that "The inevitable result of lower productivity gains and higher prices for energy is a lowering in the U.S. standard of living." In effect, states Mr. Rader, Americans basically only have two choices: "Make fundamental changes in the incentive structures of America's economy, seemingly unacceptable in today's political climate, or try to postpone the day of reckoning for as long as possible while forcing Americans to reduce consumption of foreign oil through mandatory controls on the [U.S.] economy."

In this context, he concluded his talk by saying: "The 1980 elections should be viewed as a watershed for American political ideology. At such an important time, nothing less is called for."

## Political and religious freedom inseparable

The following article by Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader appeared in the Nov. 28 Pastor General's Report and is reprinted here for the members worldwide.

By Stanley R. Rader

PASADENA — The Worldwide Church of God, its leaders and its brethren are being defamed, belittled, harassed and persecuted because of its unpopular and nonestablishment beliefs, which, under the inspired leadership of Herbert W. Armstrong, Christ's apostle and personal representative at this time, have been promulgated with power and impact and impressed upon the minds of people throughout the United States and around the world — by radio, by television, by the printed word and by personal evangelism.

The Constitution of the United States and the first Ten Amendments thereto (known as the Bill of Rights) should have been a guarantee that the great commission set forth in Matthew 24:14 ("And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations") would continue to be fulfilled at least in America, and even in California with the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which makes the Bill of Rights applicable to the state

as well as the federal government.

But government is composed of men and government has been designed by men. Unfortunately, there are evil men. The attorney general and those in his camp are men who will lie and invent where necessary and will malign even where not necessary.

Unfortunately, the American people do not traditionally like to keep much of the past in their heads because America is a place where it is considered unhealthy to remember past mistakes, neurotic to think about them and psychotic to dwell upon them. Yet only a few years ago there was a presidential scandal uncovered in a corrupt White House — the Watergate scandal — a scandal whose true proportions will never be completely discovered or known because of President [Gerald] Ford's pardon of his predecessor, a scandal wherein the President and his men were willing to use all their considerable power to subvert the nation and destroy its 200-year heritage for their own corrupt and selfish purposes.

Today it seems to be safe for politicians to attack "cults" or other organizations that appear to be on the fringe of what society deems to be the established norms, and even liberals who have defended others under the same and similar circumstances in the past are now slow to realize what

lurks behind the attack on "religious cults" and minority religious organizations.

Of course, it is always necessary for a politician on the make to have a theme, and the attorney general is strictly a sloganeer. "Use a gun and go to jail," brought him to the office of attorney general from the bowels of the State Assembly. Now an attack on "cults" appears to him to be a plain, simple, unadorned theme — perfect to confuse the ignorant —

sufficient to even confuse the courts and the usually well-informed.

It would not be the first time in our history, lest we forget, that the confusions of honest people are picked up by a few bad and dishonest people and orchestrated into an opera of public disorder, staged and sung as though by inmates in an insane asylum.

We are in the vanguard of all those who are fighting for political and (See POLITICAL, page 8)

## Regional director tours Africa, Mediterranean

By John R. Schroeder

RADLETT, England — Frank Brown, regional director for the United Kingdom and Black Africa, returned Nov. 17 from a two-week business and baptizing tour of Kenya, Italy, Sicily and Greece.

The first leg of the tour was by night flight from London to Nairobi. There Mr. Brown met Owen Willis, area pastor, and Harold Jackson, who flew into Kenya from Lagos, Nigeria. Mr. Jackson is to temporarily pastor the Nairobi church during the absence of Owen Willis, who has an eye condition requiring treatment, and recuperation back in Britain.

The three discussed the difficulties and problems in handling the Work in East Africa as well as evaluating its future growth potential.

From Nairobi Mr. Brown took the overnight flight to Rome where he conferred with U. Marozza. Mr. Marozza and his family are the only members of the Worldwide Church of God in the "eternal" city. He also spent several hours with Luciano Cozzi of Florence, Italy, a newly baptized member.

### The fledgling Work in Italy

Francis Bergin, business manager of the British Work, joined Mr. Brown in Rome en route to Catania, Sicily. Nineteen people attended a special Sabbath service on the island and three were baptized.

While in Sicily, Mr. Brown and Mr. Bergin conferred with Carmelo Anastasi on the status and future growth of the Work in Italy, particularly with regard to seeking official recognition of the Church by the Italian authorities. Mr. Anastasi has already translated several of Herbert

W. Armstrong's major booklets from English into Italian. He has also produced a mini-Italian *Plain Truth*. (This latest foreign-language edition of *The Plain Truth* is, however, in its infancy, and personal requests would be premature at this state because of limited resources.)

In addition, Mr. Anastasi has secured free radio time in Sicily for his tapes of our booklets in the Italian language. In order to assist Mr. Anastasi in his services on behalf of the Work, Mr. Brown invited him to the United Kingdom for the late November area ministers' conference with Leslie McCullough of the Canadian Work. With a population of 60 million to be reached, it is hoped God is opening a door for the Gospel to be preached in Italy.

### 'PT' distribution in Greece

Mr. Brown concluded the tour with a stop in Athens, Greece. Dr. Michael Moschidis, one of six members in Athens, distributes a small number of English *Plain Truths* on the newsstands there. A biochemist, he has trained for two years as a translator. Such valuable training could be of great service in the future should the Work be able to produce a *Plain Truth* and other literature in the Greek language.

Mr. Brown conducted a meeting of both members and prospective members in Athens where they were joined by two Ambassador College graduates touring in the area. The baptism of Dr. Moschidis' brother, Demetrius, marked a milestone in the history of the Church in Greece, probably the first such induction into God's Church there since the time of the apostle Paul.

## Canada expands media effort

PASADENA — The Canadian Work's multifaceted media and promotional program is in full swing, according to the compilation of information published in the Nov. 14 Pastor General's Report.

*Plain Truth* circulation in the United States' northern neighbor now numbers 60,688 English copies and 24,304 French copies. In addition, Canada's newsstand effort has now reached a level of 350,000 magazines a month.

The Canadian edition of *The Plain Truth* in English is printed in Canada, beginning with the October-November issue.

"This exciting new development gives flexibility in advertising timely literature for Canadians, and overall helps us serve Canada more effectively," says Rod Matthews of the International Office here.

The *World Tomorrow* program airs on 73 Canadian radio stations,

six in French. This nationwide coverage, states Mr. Matthews, is "beginning to produce responses which demonstrate a higher degree of commitment to God's truth."

The 1979-80 promotional campaign is likewise progressing. The Canadian Work's advertising agency has placed advertisements in *TV Guide*, *TV Hebdo*, *Canadian Weekend*, the *Vancouver, B.C., TV Guide*, *Perspectives*, *Bulletin des Agriculteurs* and *Homemakers*.

Also, a full-color flier offering a free subscription to *The Plain Truth* has been placed in five Canadian newspapers in Prince George, B.C.; Red Deer, Alta.; North Battleford, Sask.; Peterborough, Ont.; and Moncton, N.B. This new approach to reaching the public has produced a sufficient return to merit its expansion to other cities and towns in the next few months. By the end of March, 1980, about 4½ million fliers

will have been distributed in Canada.

*The Plain Truth* will also be advertised during live television coverage from the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y. Thirty-second spot advertisements will be broadcast in Edmonton and Calgary, Alta., and Saskatoon and Regina, Sask., during the entire two-week period of the Olympics.

Canada's population has many segments, and the Work is attempting to reach as many of them as possible. This month advertising has been placed in a German-language newspaper reaching seven Canadian cities, and Italian-language ads will be run in Montreal, Que., and Toronto, Ont., offering the booklet *Why Were You Born?* in Italian.

With income up and expenses down, according to Mr. Matthews, the Canadian Work has "a very sound financial basis on which to begin pointing towards the 1980s."

# Pope's plan for religious unity

PASADENA — It was John Paul II's fourth international trip in the 13 months since he was elevated to the highest position in the Roman Catholic Church. This time, in Turkey, which is 98 percent Orthodox, the crowds were small, almost negligible, a sharp contrast to the tumultuous outpourings of public attention on his earlier visits to Mexico, Poland and the United States.

Nevertheless, the pope viewed his three-day visit to Turkey and his religious "summit" with Greek Orthodox patriarch Demetrios I as his most important trip to date. He called it "my first ecumenical visit" and a "journey of a brother."

This particular visit had the most clearly defined purpose of all: the launching of a full-fledged effort to achieve, as soon as possible, reconciliation between the Roman Catholic and the Orthodox churches—divided since 1054 — and, beyond that, a drive to seek common cause with other Christian churches and even other religions.

### Well-timed trip

The timing of the trip was well chosen. The final day of the visit was the feast of St. Andrew. The Orthodox churches especially venerate Andrew, brother of Peter, who, it is said, brought Christianity to the eastern end of the Mediterranean. "It is the feast of St. Andrew, Turkey's patron," the pope said, beginning his visit. "I must go for ecumenical reasons. I am in the hands of God."

For the first time since the schism in the 11th century a pope was present at an Orthodox eucharistic celebration. Demetrios I, who, as "ecumenical patriarch," is recognized as "first among equals" among the 14 major Orthodox churches, also was present at a papal mass. Neither shared in the full celebration of the other's rite — that must await a future time. But that might not be too long in coming. The pope and the patriarch announced formation of a joint commission to study the remaining outstanding differences between the two bodies.

The pope said he hoped that full reconciliation between the Christian world's two oldest forces could come about by the end of the century. During the homily of his mass in Istanbul the pope said: "During the second millennium [of Christianity] our churches were rigid in their separation. Now the third millennium of Christianity is at the gates. May the dawn of this millennium rise on a Church which has full unity again."

"It seems to me," John Paul also told Demetrios, "that the question facing us now is not whether we can reestablish full communion, but

whether we still have the right to remain separated."

The biggest obstacle dividing the two churches remains the role of the pope himself. The Orthodox churches (which had to first agree among themselves to the joint approach to the Vatican) have indicated a willingness to recognize the pope as "first among equals" in the hierarchy of Christian leadership. However, they still reject the notion of papal infallibility. The Vatican hopes that such recent incidents as the convening of the church's cardinals around the world show that this pope is more willing to "share" authority.

## WORLDWATCH BY GENE H. HOGBERG

John Paul II clearly indicated that the unity drive that took him to Istanbul, or Constantinople, ancient spiritual headquarters of Orthodoxy, would not stop there. His vision of a united spiritual front is much broader than that. It even goes beyond the Christian-professing world!

En route from Rome to Ankara, Turkey, where he began his visit, he told reporters aboard his plane that this was only his "first" ecumenical trip, adding that he was "ready to go now" to meet with leaders of the Anglican church in London.

Theological studies by a joint commission of Roman Catholics and Anglicans (similar to that agreed upon in Turkey) have proven to be surprisingly fruitful with the final study due for completion in 1981.

Pope John Paul wants the snail-pace progress of Christian-church unity speeded up, referring on one occasion in Istanbul to his "impatience for unity." Shortly before his trip he told crowds in the square before St. Peter's Basilica: "This visit is important. It will show concretely the decision of the pope, already often affirmed, to carry ahead the effort towards the unity of all Christians."

In the joint communique issued at the end of his Turkish sojourn, both pope and patriarch outlined their real aims and purposes: "This theological dialogue," the communique read, "has as its objective not only to move toward reestablishment of full communion between the sister Catholic and Orthodox churches but also to contribute to multiple dialogues developing in the Christian world in search of its unity."

The two church leaders also declared in their joint statement that they are looking beyond Christian unity to "collaboration with the believers of other religions and with all men of

good will" in a program in which "love and brotherhood would overcome hate and opposition."

### Overtures to Islam and others

Against the backdrop of Islamic revival in Iran and other nations, the pope chose the capital of a major Moslem country to send out a clear message: The Roman Catholic Church wants to sweep away centuries of suspicion and mistrust between Christianity and Islam and move into a new era of cooperation.

"I ask myself if it is not urgent," said the pope in St. Paul's Church in Ankara, "precisely today when

Christians and Moslems have entered in a new period of history, to recognize and develop the spiritual bonds that unite us in order to protect and promote together, for all men . . . social justice, moral values, peace and liberty."

While the Vatican broke new ground at the 1965 Second Ecumenical Council by expressing "esteem" for Moslems who worship a single God, Pope John Paul went a step further in his first visit to a Moslem country. Quoting both the Koran and the Bible to prove his point, he demonstrated that Christians, Moslems and Jews trace their spiritual descent from the prophet Abraham. Moslem veneration of Jesus as a prophet and honoring of the Virgin Mary also provide a common ground.

### Soviets concerned

The immediate unity objective — Rome with Orthodoxy — is not something that pleases men in the Kremlin!

A successful conclusion to the dialogue between the two would bring together 700 million Roman Catholics and about 125 million Orthodox believers. Of the latter figure, more than 50 million live in Russia (some sources say close to 100 million, although probably no more than 30 million are active parishioners).

On his earlier trip to Poland, John Paul II, calling himself "this Polish pope, this Slavic pope," referred to the "fundamental . . . spiritual unity of Europe." Already at that time bridging the Catholic-Orthodox gap,

the pope said that in both the eastern and western halves of Europe "there lives . . . the same Christianity."

The pope thus appears to be holding to his unity "schedule" — first the Orthodox, then the Anglicans and "mainline" Protestant churches, followed by a "dialogue" with other religions.

All to promote — within the framework of an eventual "spiritually united Europe" — the office of the papacy as the world's foremost promoter of "social justice, moral values, peace and liberty."

# Trustee dies in England

RADLETT, England — Donald A. Gunn, O.B.E., J.P., a longtime Church member, died unexpectedly Oct. 21. A member of the board of trustees of the Worldwide Church of God in England, Judge Gunn, 72, also served honorably as a member of the board of trustees of the Bricklet Wood campus of Ambassador College until its closure.

A native Scot, Judge Gunn lived an interesting and varied life. Before his contact with the Church, he moved to London in 1932 and, after World War II, started his own engineering business. Always particularly interested in young people, Judge Gunn was awarded the Officer of the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) for his efforts in helping to establish an engineering apprenticeship law in Britain. During this time, he also became a justice of the peace.

Coming into contact with the broadcast and *The Plain Truth* in the early 1950s, Judge Gunn first attended services in central London, later moving to Cheltenham in Gloucestershire in 1965. Three years later Judge Gunn was appointed to the board of the Bricklet Wood campus.

Judge Gunn and his wife had moved to Radlett three days before

his death in order to be closer to his family.

The Gunn family attended Sabbath



DONALD A. GUNN

served at Borehamwood Oct. 20 to hear Judge Gunn's son, David, preach the sermon.

Judge Gunn is survived by his wife, Noreen Frances "Frankie," his older son, Alastair (a 1968 graduate of Ambassador College) and his younger son, David.

# Couple see continent at 10 mph

MONTREAL, Que. — It has been said that "the longest trip starts with the first step. Bruno and Rita Leclerc took that step when they left the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena

along the road. And every Sabbath, he said, came "like a blanket of peace and warmth from the hospitable brethren."

"The majesty of the snowy peaks

motorists who purposely tried to scare us off the road, an angry driver's fist in my face, which did not hurt me at all, Rita's fall on a heavily traveled bridge and the beer bottle thrown from a car passing at 60 mph that missed us," Mr. Leclerc said, "all this witnesses to the vigilance of our Protector God."

At their arrival in Montreal, they were welcomed by a delegation from the church, by parents and friends and newspaper reporters. According to the Leclercs it was "a beautiful way to see such a blessed continent — at 10 mph."



CROSS-CONTINENT CYCLISTS — Bruno and Rita Leclerc, members in Montreal, Que., take a breather after cycling 4,500 miles from Pasadena to Vancouver, B.C., and back home to Montreal.

May 20 at 7 a.m. to begin a trip of 4,500 miles bicycling to Montreal.

After a difficult beginning (they both caught colds and lost a few days on the hilly, foggy roads of the California coast), they were able to readjust their schedule through Oregon and Washington and take a rest in Vancouver, B.C., before crossing 3,000 miles of Canada.

Mr. Leclerc said he and his wife spent 86 days side by side, averaging 80 miles a day. They camped, mostly in the wild, buying their food meal by meal as grocery stores were found

of the Rockies, the incredible flatness of the breadbasket of the world, the plains, and the innumerable lakes of the country drained by the grandiose Lake Superior. "Mr. Leclerc said, brought often to their lips the words: "O beautiful, for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain." Although the Leclercs took many pictures along their journey, Mr. Leclerc said, "Many more are stored in our memory."

But other less pleasant memories of the trip reinforced the Leclercs' trust in God. "The narrowness of the roads, the aggressiveness of the

# Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

"Watch your attitude, son!" I said to my youngest as he labored with his homework with great frustrations. He looked up, puzzled, and asked, "What do you mean attitude, Dad?" Good question.

Over the years I have heard a great deal about attitude. Like most Christians, I have said on more than one occasion, "That person has a great attitude." It would be convenient to have a list of traits or practices that one could say define a correct attitude. But it isn't that easy.

Attitude is not necessarily a question of correctness or incorrectness. An uncompromising attitude may be desirable in some circumstances but incorrect in others. What we sense, however, is that a "good" attitude is a supportive manifestation.

A forgiving attitude is more admired than one that always blames. We all make mistakes. Forgive and forget sounds simple as a formula, but it is basically constructive and cer-

tainly biblical. To fuss and fume and to remember people's shortcomings forever earns distrust and frustration. Going that extra mile breeds confidence. The Christian attitude should be, if a job needs to be finished, we stay to finish it; if a fellow Christian needs help, we help; if an answer takes a little longer, we help the questioner understand.

This attitude toward service is critical. To know that no matter what our station in life, as Christians we exist to serve. "M-a-an, I don't know the answer" is less satisfying than, "I'll try to get you an answer." The frustrating response, "I don't work in that department," betrays a far different attitude than "Let me find someone in that department who can help you."

Attitudes are read in smiles and frowns, in courtesy and selfishness, in concern and arrogance. For the Christian the right attitude is as important as skills, knowledge and habits — perhaps a bit more important.

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# FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

This issue's "Forum" is excerpted from a question-and-answer session by Stanley R. Rader, the Work's treasurer and general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, in Pasadena Nov. 6. Mr. Rader's comments cover various aspects of the present state of the Church.

**Mr. Rader, Could you give us the schedule of days of Mr. Armstrong's departure to China and any other dates along that line?**

On the China trip? Yes. I'm leaving on Thursday to make the final arrangements for the schedule, and we would hope to depart for China probably around the 3rd of December. So I'll know a little bit more within the next 10 days about the exact dates. I'll be in Japan on Friday, and I'll be meeting with the Chinese Embassy people on Monday.

**My understanding is now that as of Jan. 1, 1980, 9505 will have additional meaning allowing the attorney general to go in with what he said he would do in respect of the control of the churches. Could you comment on that law?**

Well, 9505 will be effectively repealed as of Jan. 1, 1980. It will be replaced by a new code section. But again, those code sections ostensibly would give the attorney general certain rights, but not in our opinion over the Church. Certainly not in terms such as the attorney general has laid out in his complaint. You see, he set up a false straw issue.

When the case wound up a matter of great public controversy, the attorney general said, Well, all we ever wanted was an examination. That's what arguably the new code section would provide the attorney general with, the right to make of certain organizations, not necessarily us, but certain organizations in a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner, but you read what the Catholic Church has just come out and said. That isn't what the attorney general said.

He said all church property is state property. There are no private proprietary interests. It's all owned by the state. The church is the ward of the state. The officers, the leaders of the church serve at the will of the state. It has nothing to do with whether or not the state had some rights to make any reasonable examination at a reasonable time and a reasonable place of certain affairs of, arguably, let's say, a church.

But that law has to also stand the test of constitutionality. A statute on the books is one thing. A statute improperly applied is another. If we weren't the ones to challenge it, somebody else might try to challenge it.

It's a far cry between what that new statute says, and what the attorney general has done. He has tried his best in the public media and even in the courts to try to conceal from the public in essence what he has said in court. He has tried to obfuscate the issues. But unfortunately for him, he has not been successful in doing that, at least with the other enlightened groups who definitely have an interest to protect, because they don't believe they are wards of the state. And I'm sure that the archbishop doesn't feel that he serves at the will or the pleasure of the state of California.

So these issues are the ones that we are confronted with. We have never taken the position that if we had done anything wrong, that we can do so with impunity as individuals. We have never taken that position. Mr. Armstrong made that plain in his first letter, his very first public statement.

But when he started to interfere with the Church to the extent of taking over the Church and claiming that he had an absolute right to do so, that's in defiance of any code section, new or old.

**In this past week, the President has asked through the media that various churches give aid to the Cambodian refugees. I wondered if we were going to be involved in that in any way?**

Well, we haven't had any plans for that. We are doing enough work, I think, of a nonsectarian nature to help those less fortunate than ourselves. What little we'd be able to do for the Cambodian people, we feel we'd be taking away from other projects that we are going. I think that there are other church groups that maybe are not doing as much as they can to help people less fortunate.

So we don't have any plans in that area at all. But we have been helping people in Southeast Asia for some time. Not specifically in Cambodia, but our efforts in Thailand are comparable to what we could do in Cambodia. All we could do is to give a little bit of money, and if we did, we'd have to take it away from some other viable project.

**Do we save a great deal of money by owning our own advertising firm and airplane?**

We do save a lot of money by having our own advertising agency, yes. Very substantial amounts have been wasted in those periods when we did not have more control over the advertising agency operation.

You don't save money by flying airplanes, whether you buy them or whether you rent them. You don't operate them to save money. Once you decide that you're going to need airplanes, you know you're going to be spending money.

But as I commented here to myself, spreading the Gospel is always an expensive activity. And we have been commanded by Christ to go to all nations in essence to teach and to spread the Gospel, and we're doing as He commanded. And we expect God and Christ to hold up the other side of the bargain, and the money will come to make that all possible.

**"Unless you have an opportunity to let the people who are in power understand that there are other groups with similar interests who are concerned about what has happened, the state is never going to back off and say it made a mistake."**

**Garner Ted Armstrong, just before the college closed, gave a forum for us, this was two years ago, [for you] who were not here, in which he detailed some of the plans he was going to go through. He was trying to separate what he called conflict of interest between people on the fourth floor over the Church and over the college. Also I think he wanted to go to Ed Libov Associates for advertising . . .**

Well, again, you'd have to ask him what he means by conflict of interest. I would say that it's more of a conflict of interest to make a change in your advertising agency representation and go from a situation where you're paying approximately x in commissions before, and you wind up, in essence, paying 2x afterwards. I would question the conflict of interest there.

**It does seem rather strange why any issue at all should be made about who's running what, whether someone is running more than one department.**

Well, I think that we've had a checkered history within the Work where we have had different groups within the organization seek to make their own area of the Work perhaps

the central aspect of the Work.

And at one time there was a very strong pull from people involved in the academic area to move the college off into an independent posture, vis-a-vis the Church. And so the issue was raised, I think improperly, that if the college is going to be independent of the Church, then it ought to have an independent administration. And it ought to really and truly be governed by people who are devoting all of their time and energy, expertise and training to the college as differentiated from the Church.

But the philosophy was entirely anti-God, anti-Christ, and Mr. Armstrong would not tolerate it.

Mr. Armstrong was given assurance by some of us that it could be controlled. It was not controlled, and then Mr. Armstrong put an end to it. That's what he meant when he said he's putting Christ's government and Christ back into the only college accredited by God.

We met with the Mormons. The Mormons told us that they would never consider a person for the board of trustees of the college who would not be a Mormon. Ninety-nine percent of their faculty was comprised of Mormons. The only reason that 1 percent were non-Mormons, they didn't have anyone qualified yet in those areas.

And that was diametrically opposed to what the people who were planning the academic effort here at that time. They were secular in every direction. They were talking about an independent board of trustees. They were talking about a faculty and an administration that were not going to be controlled by the Church.

So you can call that conflict of interest, if you want, but it was just an effort to strike out for independence, that's all. Independence of what? Independence from the Church.

**Independence from Church government?**

Church government, Church doctrine, Church ideas, Church values. It's very simple.

**Mr. Rader, I'd like to address the question of the lawsuit . . .**

Yes.  
**I talked to a lot of people and they seem to be a difference of opinion. If the suit did go through, would we take the money, the issue of bringing your brother to law? I've heard sermons on it that the state is not our brother, one thing and another. Would you address this for me and clarify it please?**

Of course, we are defending a lawsuit. As the letter I read you indicated, the other groups are concerned about the issue as we are. If a lawsuit is filed, and you don't defend it, then you lose it by default.

We're suing the state in just, more or less, a defensive posture. We're asking for relief from the federal court. The state obviously has a system in the lower courts, which pretty much is going to play the game according to the rules laid down by the attorney general. So we've gone into the federal court where we've said we're better able to get a hearing on the very issues that we're talking about.

So at the same time that we're seeking injunctive relief, we are seeking damages. But it's in the nature, for all practical purposes, of a countersuit or a cross complaint or a counterclaim. In other words, if we didn't start the action, we're just defending ourselves. In the process of defending ourselves, we have to use all of those weapons at our disposal. Otherwise, we in essence are rolling over and playing dead. We wouldn't have gone out and attacked the state otherwise. It's all defensive. All defensive.

**Mr. Rader, I understand the process of discovery is now more of a stalemate. Could you explain?**

Well, at the present moment we are waiting for the 26th of November and the 30th of November. The 26th of November is the first key day. On that date we will have motions heard in federal district court to get back into federal court at that level by having our motion to amend our complaint granted. At the same time, to stay all of the discovery in the state action.

If we do not succeed on any one of those points, we will then go up to the

else cares. No one else is really concerned about what the state attorney general did.

But now they realize that there are other people who are concerned. These people are not lining up on our side on a question of doctrine. They're not saying we believe that the Worldwide Church of God is right in what it believes and what it practices. Not at all.

But they're saying, we want the right to continue to practice our religious faith as we have understood the Constitution gives us the right to. So it's very important for us to have

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circuit court of appeals as we did last time and try to seek the same relief. Meanwhile nothing's happening till the 26th.

On the 30th, the Supreme Court of California will decide whether it will or will not grant a hearing, which would then be sometime in the future, and whether it will or will not grant a stay of discovery pending the hearing.

The issue is, I think, one that you've heard before. Our position is very sound. Essentially, once the bell has been rung, how do you unring the bell? If we are right, and are ultimately proved to be right, if we haven't received the relief now, what will that right be worth later if we have already given up all the rights and privileges which we assert we have? You can't unring the bell, in other words.

So that's why we have been vigorously making an effort to the court to hear us early, rather than later, and why we have been diligently attacking all efforts to reach information about the affairs of the Church, which we feel are not proper for the attorney general to have at all.

Remember, I said before, the attorney general is in a peculiar position now. He would like to be able to say that he has a right, even to be wrong. He's trying to justify his conduct now.

In essence, he's trying to use that psychology on people. Even if we're

other people stand up and be counted.

**Thank you. In your closeness dealing with this case every day, can you see any point in time where these other churches not of our faith will go against us?**

I think that the other groups are very cognizant of the fact that the state is as much their enemy in the long run as the state is our enemy.

The First Amendment was set up to protect minorities. And when you look at it, all the people that are involved here, if you take them piecemeal, they represent, by themselves, a minority. Each group is a minority. I mean, the National Council of Churches represents about 56 million Protestants. If you break them down into their component parts, each one, standing alone, would be a minority. And they don't want to be caught up by a rule of convenience either somewhere down the line.

So I don't think there's much chance of them turning around and hurting us. They have not endorsed what we practice. They have not endorsed what we preach. They have not endorsed the manner in which we have gone about that.

But I think you also have to realize that in the process of educating themselves, in this case, they've made some determination also about the merits. They have seen enough to understand [that] not only did the state do the wrong thing, but the state is doing the wrong thing to the wrong people.

And each group has really looked to the facts, as they've adduced here and there, and they all have been supplied with a complete copy of all the pleadings. They're all fairly capable of understanding what's happened and they see that the state has involved itself in a problem that has been mischaracterized by the state. They're in the problem for the wrong reasons at the wrong time and the wrong place against the wrong people.

**Mr. Rader, could you comment on the extent to which the Church has had to commit its financial resources to the legal battle right now? Has it had to drain away much money from other areas?**

No, we haven't. The income has been up, and we're very thankful for that, just as church attendance has been up. [With] what the members around the country have given by way of special offerings for the legal costs and the normal increase, we have managed to handle that burden.

Of course, it is a burden. I mean, we have the same income and we could spend it elsewhere, it would be helpful. But we haven't had to cut back on any programs anywhere because of that. That doesn't mean sometime down the line it would be different, but at the present moment we have not had to curtail anything because of legal costs. The members have responded to the needs.

**Well, sir, this is kind of a trivia' (See FORUM, page 4)**

wrong, we had a right to be wrong; almost a duty to be wrong. And we're saying, you have no right to be wrong, you're violating everything that is sacred in this entire area.

**I was wondering, why does the Church need the support of other groups and organizations to facilitate our efforts in this spiritual battle that we now find ourselves in?**

Well, for the simple reason that the court system is so tied to the political processes. Unless you have an opportunity to let the people who are in power understand that there are other groups with similar interests who are concerned about what has happened, the state is never going to back off and say it made a mistake.

It's going to be very hard for a court to do the same. They say, well, a hundred thousand people, what do they really matter? In other words, they will pretty much bend under the will of the state.

The substance of the law at any given time pretty nearly corresponds so far as it goes with what is then understood to be convenient. So as a rule of convenience, if we didn't have all of this support, the courts might continue to say, oh well, what does this group really matter? No one

## FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

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question, maybe we shouldn't spend too much time on it, but did you happen to see "Quincy" the other night?

I did.  
Is there anything you can do about that for us? It's not really slander, you know, it's . . .

No, it's not slander. I saw Quincy. Mr. Armstrong called my attention to a program that ran about a week before that on *Lou Grant*. He made me very eager to see it because he had watched it and had taken very careful mental notes about it. He analyzed it as the wise man that he is would naturally analyze it.

It's obviously a matter of public interest. And although the story line was not one that he would have written in quite that way if he were trying to do the most good for us, it nonetheless raises the issue. It brings the issue to the minds of people.

I then got a copy of it to see if there was some slander in it. I asked CBS to supply me with a copy and they begrudgingly did. And I watched it and I didn't see anything in it that was really defamatory.

We can be a little too sensitive about things of that nature, but writers are people and they produce much in the way of fiction that is in some way related to things which are happening around them, and I don't see any real problem. I don't think people in general would associate the events portrayed in either one of those films as being directly related to us. But the general subject of the controversy is germane to what we are doing.

Mr. Rader, we've seen a lot in the *Church* this past year. Do you see anything in the near future where there will be a restructuring of the departments? Like things that happened to the Festival Office last week?

Well, Mr. Armstrong has been taking care of those administrative matters, which are policy areas, really, in a rather systematic manner. This, I think, is something that people in general have failed to recognize.

These things do not happen overnight. They are matters which Mr. Armstrong has studied for a very long period of time. He is not cut off from anybody. He gets a lot of information, much more information than most people ever even imagine would be possible for somebody to get and to assimilate.

He wasn't of the mind that the Festival Office had to be restructured because something very wrong was being done or something was being done in a manner that was not right. But he just thought something could be done to the Festival Department or in that area so that things could be done better and could be done more consistently with the overall mission or commission.

Essentially he began to be concerned, I'd say almost a year ago now, with the idea that the Festival Office operation was taking a position in the minds of too many people as being somewhat independent of the Church. And he saw stationery and he saw logos of one kind or another that said Worldwide Convention Service or something of that nature. And this was alien to him. He couldn't reconcile a Worldwide Convention Service as being something other than the Worldwide Church of God.

This was a very important Festival. And this is one of the most important activities in the Church year after year. It should be related directly to the Church. It used to be that way. And therefore he talked to various people, and he made the decision that immediately after the Feast of Tabernacles, changes would be made and the Festival operation would become an integrated part of the Church and would be handled as an integrated part of the various pieces of the

Church which are already related to it — Ministerial Services, Accounting, Data Processing, things of that nature.

Mr. Armstrong is thinking about other departments then?

Well, he's been studying the problems in other departments. You know, while I was away in China for two months, he made significant changes in Ministerial Services. He sets the timetable, and it's all designed to improve the quality of service of those departments. It's all designed to fulfill the commission in a much more effective manner.

It isn't always necessarily something that should reflect directly upon what was being done in the past so as to indicate it was being done poorly or being done in a manner not necessarily in the best interest of the Work. That's not it at all. It's just there's good and there's better and there's best. And Mr. Armstrong is always striving for perfection in those areas. Since the spring of 1978, now almost two years, he's turned his attention really to almost all aspects of the Work. He's made changes in publishing. He's revived *The Good News*. He first changed *The Worldwide News* to *The Good News*, then *The Good News* became *The Good News*, and *The Worldwide News* became *The Worldwide News* again. Those were all his decision. He's been working to improve *The Plain Truth*.

These areas he's very much vitally concerned about. You just have to understand that he is a very active administrator. You're just going to have to separate out the fictions that have been built up over a period of years in one way or another by people intending to create a fiction or just by a process where people have the impression Mr. Armstrong is not involved. He is very, very much involved. And people he has appointed or he has delegated to certain positions of responsibility are in constant touch with him. And they're following his instructions. And when they don't follow his instructions, then there are problems. That's where most people do get into difficulty is if they do not follow his instructions or in some way conduct themselves inconsistent with what he expects them to do.

With the federal [unclear] would there still be the bond or brotherhood of the state?

No. We've been working since January with the Department of Justice in Washington, feeding them information daily and weekly, hoping that they will soon intervene on our behalf against the state of California.

And with the next couple of weeks we hope to have a formal complaint filed with the Department of Justice asking them to come in and investigate, in essence, this conduct of the state, which is in violation of our civil rights. And the Department of Justice

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can do that. It can do it in one or two ways.

It can file a simple amicus brief on our behalf in the courts. That'd be civil. Or it can do as it has done, or has tried to do, in the city of Philadelphia [Pa.]. How many of you realize that the Department of Justice has attempted to intervene in the city of Philadelphia where the citizens there, particularly of the black community, have indicated that the police have been trampling on their rights for years? But they haven't had a good result from the federal court up there. But the Justice Department is appealing it to the circuit court in that area.

So we don't expect them to have the same kind of leverage with the federal

courts. But there is a problem of comity. And that is that when you ask the federal courts to intervene in a state court action, there is a principle of comity. There are exceptions to them. And we hope to fall within one of the exceptions.

The major principle is that state courts are supposed to deal in an unprejudiced way with federal constitutional issues. You're in state court. You can get your relief there. If you don't you'll wind up in the Supreme Court anyway. But again we're saying that we think we have a better chance of getting a fair hearing at an earlier date in the federal court.

Have we received any recognition from President (Jimmy) Carter at all, or do you think we ever will before this is all over with?

That's a very good question. We haven't attempted to elicit White House support as yet. We have considered it. We've had conversations, just recently with people who are in a position to help us if that kind of support is what we're looking for.

Mr. Armstrong, for him to go to

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China, it's obvious he had to be invited. Are you aware at this time of any nation in Eastern Europe that would like to meet with Mr. Armstrong?

Oh yes, we're holding invitations right now, it's just a question of priorities. We're holding invitations now from Poland, from Rumania and from Bulgaria. And on my recent trip in China, I talked at great length with the charge d'affaires, which is the highest ranking official in the country from Russia. And he was impressed by what he had heard about Mr. Armstrong and what we're doing.

We just don't have time to cover all of those bases. And I just had to tell one of our good friends, Ambassador [Getachew] Mekasha, that we're not going to be able to get to East Africa before the end of the year. He was holding a state invitation for Mr. Armstrong in Tanzania. We just can't get to all of those places. Mr. Armstrong realizes, too, he has to weigh the cost in terms of the effort physically on him now of going here and there as against picking and choosing the places. We could be traveling 360 days a year now, not withstanding the attorney general, if we could spare that time.

Sir, has there been any problem with Mr. [Michael] Ravid's visit

strong. And Mr. Ravid visited Mr. Armstrong a week ago Sunday in Tucson [Ariz].

With respect to our friends in Israel, is there any consideration being given to the possibility of Ambassador students being involved again in the excavations?

Yes. We're a little bit disappointed, really, that we weren't able to do it this past summer. Mr. [Raymond] McNair wanted to send some students there. And I think we probably would have sent some students if it hadn't been for the lawsuit, which has preoccupied us at a time when we had to rally all of our forces physically.

I'm sure that there's some possibility of our doing it again this summer. In fact, I just mentioned that to Mr. Ravid, to convey to our friends in Israel on his way back.

Do you foresee any persecution on the Church once this lawsuit is won if there's economic hard times in California?

I don't know about the economic hard times in California being some-

thing that will bring about persecution of the Church. We really have been very good to the state of California because so much of our support comes from without the state.

I don't expect persecution in general to stop. I made comments here before I came today. I said we must be willing, in essence, to accept martyrdom. Not to court it, but to accept it. We must not only speak boldly, but [also] avoid acting timidly. It would be better to speak humbly and to act bravely than to speak boldly and to act timidly.

In other words, it isn't going to be easier in the future than it is now. I think Mr. Armstrong has warned us all that we're going to be persecuted. There's no reason for us not to be if all the apostles were, and all those who have had an effort in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

But I don't think it will be enhanced because we will win the lawsuit. I just think it will be a natural happening as we register more and more with greater and greater impact on more people. We will just be stepping on more toes.

I told Mr. Armstrong the other night, when I was talking about all these groups that have come in and helped us by writing these letters, we have not been bashful violets in terms of the way we present our doctrine to the world. So we have not done anything to make friends with any of these groups on doctrinal lines. If anything, we have tended to alienate them. And we're not going to change our position.

We're not going to be bashful about what we say and how we say it. But I think that, notwithstanding that, they have come in and helped us to the extent that they have and I think that says something. I think they know we are sincere people. And as we've often said, we think they're sincere. They're sincerely wrong, but they are sincere about their wrongheadedness.

Mr. Rader, several months ago, you indicated that you're writing a book about all of this. I'm wondering how the progress is coming along on that because I'm anxious to read it.

Well, we have been, and it's coming along slowly. About half of it is partly written.

I'm wondering if they are going to add any extra equipment to the SEP program this year?

I assume those things will come up in the budget sessions, which I don't really participate in at all. But Mr. Armstrong has emphasized the importance of the SEP program.

Mr. Rader, would you care to comment on the future of "Quest" magazine?

Well, that's a good question. We have a very good magazine there. It's making more and more of an impression everywhere. It's serving a purpose. It does open doors, which is one of the things it was designed to do. It's been particularly effective for us during the past 10 months.

We just don't know how much longer we're going to be able to stay with the magazine if they do not begin to come on line a little bit more quickly with financial results that we were hoping for. We unfortunately treated *Quest* for a period of several years as somewhat of an institutional stepchild, which wasn't good for the magazine. There were certain people involved in it who were involved to a certain extent for the wrong reasons, and were doing other things for the wrong reasons. Those people are no longer even in the Church, no less being involved with *Quest*.

I have never been able to give it any attention. That doesn't mean that if I

had, it would be more successful. But I think I might have been able to add something to it.

We have a new circulation manager, maybe the first real outstanding one that we've had in this very important area: And this person took *Book Digest* — how many of you know that little magazine, *Book Digest*? Pretty good little magazine, isn't it? This person took that magazine from 300,000 subscribers to one million in a period of several years, and has now been brought aboard. Mr. Armstrong likes the magazine. He's not fooling himself that our members read magazines. They're not just reading the Bible or *The Plain Truth* or *The Good News* or *The Worldwide News* and our booklets. They are buying and reading magazines. As long as they are buying and reading magazines, he would have [them] read and buy *Quest*, because, in his opinion, it's better than any of the other magazines. It's just that simple.

Unfortunately, this past 10 months we had given absolutely no attention to it for the simple reason that we've had too many other things that we've had to do. And I think it was important during this period that the magazine, shall we say, weathered the storm.

How many of you pay attention to the advertisements in the magazine? They have very fine advertisers. You can imagine when this publicity hit, how a lot of these advertisers might have just jumped right off the ship very quickly. They didn't. They stayed in there.

So now we're in a position to move forward. They know the magazine's good. They know the foundation's good. They know the Church is good. They know everything about us is good, notwithstanding what the state says.

We're going to have some meetings with the *Quest* people who will be visiting here, by the way, for the first time. There were people who are no longer with the organization who didn't make an effort to bring the *Quest* people closer to the organization. I mean the nonconverted professional people that we have. Mr. Armstrong wouldn't expect them to be converted. But you can be close without being converted. An effort was made just reverse of that.

By the way, I would invite any of your comments, any subscriber or reader of *Quest*, please, if you have something to say about the magazine, you know, that you think would be helpful or constructive, please let us know. Let us know in writing. We (See FORUM, page 8)

# Czech Feast has 'peculiar spice'

By Linda A. Thomsen  
CARLSBAD, Czechoslovakia — Nestled in a deep valley, Carlsbad (Karlovy Vary) has retained much of its Old World charm. With crystal

chandeliers and wide marble stairways, the hotels especially are reminiscent of the Austrian Empire. This year 150 people attended this site, with members coming from

throughout Europe and the United States and as far away as Australia.

Carlsbad, in its second year as a Feast site, had something for everyone — a game evening, dancing, a tour of Prague and a walk through the autumn forest for a fresh trout dinner in the Forester's house — complete with gypsy violinist and Slavic melodies. One could even take an afternoon promenade and sample the various natural springs, as the aristocracy did years ago.

Of course, a Feast in a communist country has its own peculiar spice. While Cedok, the state travel agency, assisted in innumerable ways, it too met with various obstacles. The meeting hall was a prime example. One week everything was reserved and in order, and the next week Cedok was informed that the authorization was "no longer possible."

After months of such Ping-Pong decisions, a hall was finally reserved — the day before everyone arrived. The room was decorated with turn-of-the-century architecture, normally only used for official state functions. During services, simultaneous translations were provided for the English-speaking members so they could also benefit from the ser-



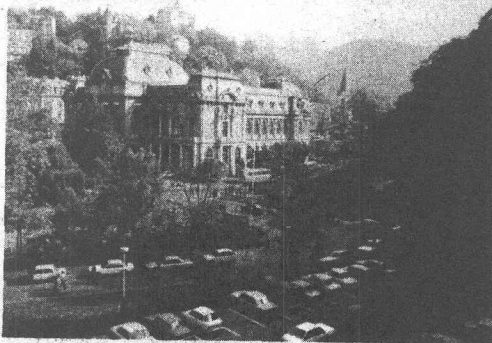
**CARLSBAD FEASTGOERS** — Some of the brethren attending this year's Feast of Tabernacles in Carlsbad gather in front of the meeting hall. [Photo by Wolfgang E. Thomsen]

mons on subjects such as marriage and family relations, preparing for Christ's return and faith.

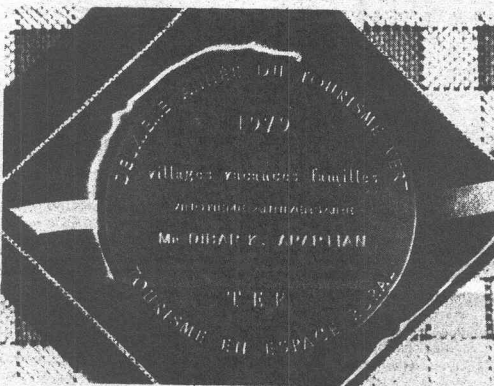
"We came on faith," said Heinz Pistorius, deacon for the nine members behind the Iron Curtain. Since Cedok could only officially assist those coming to the Feast from non-Iron Curtain countries, the East German and Polish brethren had to make their reservations privately.

However, at the last minute their reservations, made months in advance, were annulled, and they were told no other rooms were available. Nevertheless they all came, rooms were found and the Feast was celebrated.

These examples accented the warm fellowship with one another and intensified the appreciation for just such a Feast site.



**CZECHOSLOVAKIAN SITE** — The meeting hall where Festival services took place in Carlsbad, Czechoslovakia, shows some of the turn-of-the-century style and architecture of the city. [Photo by Linda A. Thomsen]



**BRONZE MEDAL** — Dibar Apartian, director of the French Work, was given the above medal during this year's Feast of Tabernacles. The medal, given by the people of Praz-sur-Arly, commemorates the many years the Feast has been observed in the village.

## French director honored by Festival site villagers

By Marilyn Kneller  
PRAZ-SUR-ARLY, France — The people of this Alps resort village presented the French Work a bronze medal during the Feast to commemorate the many years the Church has observed its Fall Festival here.

Evangelist Dibar Apartian accepted the award from Jean Sondaz, general director of the Village Vacances Familles.

"The honor is not mine, but ours," noted Mr. Apartian. "We are honored as the people of God. I will take it with me back to Pasadena and add it to the many other honors we have received in service to God."

Praz-sur-Arly, located at the eastern border of central France, has a population of 836. For the past 12 years (except 1975, 1976 and 1977), French-speaking brethren have gathered here from France, Belgium, Switzerland and Africa to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles in a mountain setting of millennial calm.

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the opening of this family vacation site. To commemorate their years of service to the tourist community, Mr. Sondaz and Max Gruz, the mayor of Praz-sur-Arly, initiated the fabrication of a medal to be presented as an honor to individuals with whom they have worked closely over the years.

The medal, made of beaten bronze, is about 4 inches in diame-

ter and features on one side a raised sculpture of an artist's representation of growth. The other side bears the inscription of the establishment and Mr. Apartian's name.

"Growth is all around us here in Praz-sur-Arly, and we felt this was an appropriate symbol of our many years together," said Anne-Marie Cremades, director of the VVF, at a champagne reception offered by the camp management. "It says so much with so few lines. In looking back over our years here in Praz it was not difficult choosing who would receive it. We have enjoyed working with *Le Monde a Venir* [the French version of *The World Tomorrow* program]."

"It is with deep pleasure and profound gratitude that we of the VVF present to you this medal commemorating our many years of teamwork and successful celebration of your Feast of Tabernacles," said Mr. Sondaz in presenting the award to Mr. Apartian.

"Thank you for the beautiful medal and the great honor it represents," said the editor of *La Pure Verite*. "This is a medal for God."

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Ribant, members of the Brussels, Belgium, church, were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary in conjunction with the VVF ceremony. Also, in recognition of their 20 years of marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Apartian received flowers.

## Ghana's rulers come full circle, members learn it doesn't work

By Melvin Rhodes  
ACCRA, Ghana — Try to imagine a country with an inflation rate estimated at from 300 to 600 percent, with virtually empty supermarket shelves, continual utility cutoffs and corrupt officials who demand bribes before agreeing to anything.

That was the country of Ghana until June 4 this year — untold suffering inflicted upon the mass of the people by an incompetent and corrupt administration.

It came as no surprise to Ghanaians that a coup was staged to overthrow the rule of the Supreme Military Council (SMC). Indeed, an unsuccessful attempt had been made only 20 days before. But the June 4 revolution succeeded.

People were euphoric, pinning their hopes on yet another government of men to solve their problems. Few lessons were learned from history.

Twenty-two years ago Ghana became the first colony in West Africa to win its independence. The first, because its economy was the most viable. Successive surpluses in the balance of payments had placed the new country in a healthy situation. But Ghana's first leader, Kwame N. Nkrumah, led the country to bankruptcy through a series of ill-advised, prestigious projects.

Dr. Nkrumah's rule lasted less than nine years, ending in a military takeover. Though more responsible than his predecessor, this government also failed to solve the problems. Finally, in 1969 another elected administration took over the reins of power.

That lasted slightly more than two years. Further military rule reduced the country to economic anarchy, a society riddled with corruption. Cosmetic changes to that government in July, 1978, saw some improvement, but not the change the people wanted. Hence, the revolution of June 4, a popular revolt led by junior officers in the air force.

Although sincere in its intentions to "clean up the country" (ridding it of corruption) and "improve the lot of the working man," the new leaders lacked even an elementary knowledge of economics. Prices

were lowered — but by decree, not by producing more. Result: empty shelves. Most items were bought up within 24 hours.

For years, there have been daily problems for Ghanaians to surmount. Rising food prices have led people to eat more carbohydrates as protein skyrocketed out of reach. The resulting lethargy and listlessness has had its effect on the nation's production, reducing foreign currency earnings and further increasing costs of manufactured items, which then are further out of reach. It is a vicious circle that nobody has been able to break.

Transportation is a constant difficulty for all Ghanaians. Very few people have their own cars, and public transportation is inadequate. Private taxis are numerous, but still insufficient. It's not uncommon for a person to wait two hours before finding transportation to work. That wait in hot, humid, equatorial Africa, coupled with the inadequate diet, has drastic effects on a worker's ability to be productive. Add to this a lack of discipline in the national work force, and not much gets done.

Spare parts are either almost nonexistent or selling on the black market at exorbitant prices. Gasoline is in short supply, while engine oil hasn't been available for some time.

So many things taken for granted in the Western world are rarely available, if at all. Soap powder, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, milk, dairy products, meat and sugar are not to be found — to mention a total lack of luxury goods. If you request items from friends overseas, the chances are customs officials will divert them to their own use or customs duties will be so high that it is not worth it. And even a desperate letter to a friend overseas can be a problem — it's not unusual for the post office to be out of stamps (or the bank short of coins).

In spite of all this, the members of the Worldwide Church of God continue to live happy and fulfilled lives, very dedicated to God's Work and looking forward to the coming of His Kingdom. The lessons of the last two decades have been firmly imprinted on their minds — no government of

man can solve the problems. A new civilian government took over Sept. 24, composed of followers of Ghana's first leader, Dr. Nkrumah. Full circle! No solutions!

The 1970s have been Africa's decade, as far as the Work is concerned. Ghana's first baptism was in 1970. Now there are 79 baptized members and 120 people attend services regularly. Meetings are held twice a month in Accra, the capital, and monthly in Kumasi, Ghana's second city. Though still a comparatively small church, the potential for growth is limitless. Just as the apostle Paul wanted to see Thessalonica again, but couldn't, declaring that "Satan hindered us," so we desire to visit members and prospective members around the country, but Satan is hindering us. Gasoline shortages, bad roads and the inefficient government bureaucracy are constant problems.

Much time has been wasted sorting out visa problems. Mr. and Mrs. Abner Washington arrived in Ghana in September, 1976. Corruption was so great then that little progress could be made in applying for a permanent residence visa. We're still battling, but a major breakthrough occurred this year when I met the Commissioner for Internal Affairs, Ghana's senior civil servant. In West Africa it's not what you know, but who you know. A contact in high places is always necessary before decisions can be made in your favor.

Our case is being considered right now. To comply with the law, we had to temporarily leave the country, but were able to return for the Feast. The members of God's Church in Ghana need a minister. Right now that means somebody must be here from overseas. The training of local men is a top priority, but that takes time.

Many African governments are Africanizing their churches, deporting foreign ministers of religion. Ghana is still a tolerant nation, but in the course of time similar policies could be adopted here. The training program is immensely important, but somebody must be here to do it. Please pray for the successful outcome of our application.

# LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The **BEAUMONT**, Tex., brethren sponsored a getting-to-know-you dance Nov. 17 at the Knights of Columbus hall in Port Neches. About 75 people, young and old, danced to a variety of music recorded from members' records by Dean Nelson. Mixed drinks were dispensed by bartender Larry Franks, and snacks and sandwiches were furnished by the women of the church, with Lela Burch coordinating. Gaye Johnson organized the event. *Bob Hanks.*

About 120 adults and children of the **BETHLEHEM**, Pa., church arrived at a small valley a few miles north of Allentown, Pa., Nov. 3, the perfect, chilly, moonlit fall evening for a hayride and hot-dog roast. Mr. Cressman reported that his 14-foot truck loaded with fresh hay made four trips with many happy brethren aboard. Meanwhile, according to Matt Diehl, 15 lads of hot and cold cider quickly disappeared, along with the tasty hot dogs roasted over the open wood fire, which lasted late into the chilly evening. *Gordon Long.*

A great throng of brethren from the four **CHICAGO**, Ill., churches attended an international dinner cosponsored by the Chicago area YOU members, the Junior YOU and the Little Girls' Club at the Hinsdale Community Center Nov. 11. The total attendance, surpassing 400, astonished the coordinators, as well as, as mentioned the diners who had to wait in the hall's balcony until additional tables could be set up in an adjacent room. The brethren, a conglomerate of ethnic backgrounds, supplied the exotic dishes appropriate to their ancestry. The young people provided the service, and the young girls dressed in the national attire of the modern-day descendants of the 12 tribes of Israel. After the meal guest speaker Ray Dick, a minister of the Wisconsin Delta, Wis., church, conducted a Bible study stressing the importance of God's Family and the respect each should have for God's Family and his own family. *Paul P. Dzing.*

About 350 brethren of the **CINCINNATI**, Ohio, North and East congregations crowded into the cafeteria of an elementary school in Blue Ash, a northern suburb of Cincinnati, Nov. 9 for the first of a series of Friday-evening Bible studies conducted by pastor Reinhold Fuessel and associate pastor Ralph Orr. Covered in the inaugural study were a discussion of Iran in prophecy, led by Mr. Orr, and a study of Galatians, begun by Mr. Fuessel. The teen Bible studies, previously on Friday evenings in Mr. Fuessel's home, now take place in a basement meeting room prior to the regular Cincinnati East morning Sabbath services in Mount Carmel, Ohio. *Michael E. Brandenburg.*

**FORT LAUDERDALE**, Fla., brethren enjoyed a family night at the Pompano Skate Arena Oct. 31. Youngsters of all ages donned their roller skates for an evening of fun and exercise organized by Edna Wrege. Some members were instructed in a variety of international folk dances the evenings of Oct. 27 and Nov. 3. *Cathy Chase.*

Members and guests of the **GLENDALE**, Calif., church met for a social and farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Gus Laney after Sabbath services Nov. 17. Refreshments included finger sandwiches, fresh fruit and homemade cookies and cakes. Richard Rice, Glendale pastor, and associate pastor Ronald Laughland and their families were among those attending. Several visitors from foreign countries were also present to enjoy the festivities. The Laneyes were given a blanket to help keep them warm in their new home in Prescott, Ariz. *Bonnie Adair.*

The **GLOUCESTER**, England, church had its first social of the winter season after Sabbath services Nov. 10, with visitors from the Birmingham, Ipswich and Swindon, England, churches. Children were kept amused by Audrey and George Webb while adults played whist, darts and a quiz game organized by Tania and Bryan Ellams. Whist winners were Laurie Palmer and Edward Karas. Margaret Davies and the combined efforts of Beverly Pritchard and Robert and Christine Shotliff carried off the quiz prizes. Slides of the August camp-out, a hike and an outing to Blenheim Place and the Ellamses' wedding were shown, narrated by Colin Smith. Light refreshments

were served before dancing completed the evening. *Olive Willis.*

The brethren of the newly formed **KENT**, Wash., church enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving potluck dinner Nov. 17. Brethren who formerly attended the Seattle or Tacoma, Wash., churches became better acquainted while sharing the abundance of delicious food. Randy Holm is minister of the church. *Mrs. Gary Ulterick.*

Members of the **MONTPELIER**, Vt., church answered the call of Luke 19 by putting the parable of the pounds into practice. A donation of \$65 was distributed among various members; proceeds so far have reached \$250, with more expected. Projects have included leather work, growing vegetables, umpring softball games, jewelry sales and crocheting afghans. All proceeds are being sent to the Church-in support of God's Work. *William R. Buskey.*

Gary and Freda Hall sponsored a hayride for members of the **PADUCAH**, Ky., church Nov. 3, with 60 people filling the two hay wagons for the five-mile ride. A sing-along took place during the hayride, accompanied by Ray Henderson and Rick Whitt on guitars. Then everyone warmed up beside two huge bonfires, roasting wieners and marshmallows, and Ray Culp and Mrs. Hall conducted and judged two contests. Rick Whitt topped seven other men to win the baby-bottle beer-drinking contest. In the pie-eating contest, adults were given one-half pie, and children one-fourth pie. Brenda Hopkins was winner of the adults, and Reda Hall of the children. The night ended with the leftover pies in Gary Hall's face. *Brenda Hopkins and Caroline Whit.*

The **PARKERSBURG**, W. Va., brethren played host to visiting YOU members and their families Nov. 3. The sermon was given by visiting Wheeling, W. Va., pastor Lyall Johnson. The visitors were invited to stay for a potluck dinner, and afterwards the Charleston, W. Va., and Wheeling teams and their fans went to the Parkersburg Boys' Club for a basketball game. Though both teams played well, Charleston won easily, gaining most of its points in the fourth quarter. Refreshments were sold after the game by the YOU members and their mothers, who also agreed to serve during the sock hop. During the dance the teens presented their departing YOU coordinator, Butch Norman, gifts of appreciation. Mr. Norman has begun attending the Portsmouth, W. Va., church. The disco music continued until midnight, then prizes were given to the two teens with the best-decorated socks. The next day a woodcutting party was held at the home of Roy and Mary Harper. When the day was over the crew had cut more than seven loads of wood, which will later be sold to the Church brethren. *Barbara Barnett.*

Choir members of the **PEORIA**, Ill., church were hosts Nov. 17 for a potluck supper and sing-along. Taped bits and pieces from a chorale fun show were replayed, with everyone trying to guess who was who. After a sing-along, all were encouraged to step onto the risers and try singing with the choir. Prospec-

tive members were told they didn't need to have a perfect solo voice, but rather a spirit of teamwork and a voice that blends with the group. *Myra Davison.*

The **PITTSBURGH**, Pa., West church sponsored a social for both the Pittsburgh churches at Quigley High School in Baden, Pa., the evening of Nov. 10, the area's first family night of the fall-winter season. After all had eaten their fill, they moved on to participate in basketball and other games and activities. As an additional attraction, brethren had been asked to bring their best photos taken during the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles to display at the social. *Frank Lewandowski.*

A get-together for the **PLYMOUTH**, England, brethren took place at Salsath after the Sabbath service Nov. 3. Frank Steer presented a commercially produced set of color slides with a taped commentary, a comprehensive word-and-picture account of the historical sites, famous places and buildings and the history of Jerusalem and Palestine, with particular reference to the time and life of Christ. After a hot meal Mr. Steer showed some slides he had taken during his summer trip to Israel. *John Collins.*

A father-son, mother-daughter Ping-Pong tournament and assorted table games were featured at the Nov. 10 potluck dinner of the **PORTLAND**, Ore., West church at the Lake Oswego Junior High School. Promised mystery guest Steve Vink, disguised as former President Richard Nixon, played host during the evening, relating a number of humorous stories. *Woody Corsi.*

Afternoon Sabbath services in **ROCHESTER**, N.Y., Nov. 10 were attended by about 400 brethren from churches around the state gathered for the third annual Thanksgiving YOU dance. During the church service associate pastor Tom Melear discussed dancing. Then Dave Pack, pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., churches, read 1 Timothy 3:11-13 and ordained Dick Mitchell of Rochester and Greg De Vito of Syracuse as deacons. Binghamton and Corning, N.Y., pastor Britt Taylor delivered the sermon, expounding on reasons why the United States has been blessed with so much. That evening the Young Adult Club members decorated the hall for the dance. The theme was "Just Around the Corner," and the decorations centered around a constructed replica of the New Jerusalem. About 100 YOU teens took part in the activities. Out-of-town guests were housed by the Rochester brethren. Many stayed the night to attend the district YOU girls' volleyball tournament Sunday morning. The Buffalo, N.Y., girls prevailed in a close contest over the Binghamton-Corning squad, who had earlier eliminated the Rochester team from competition. The judges awarded the sportsmanship award to the Rochester girls. *Jake Hannold.*

In drought-affected central Queensland, families of the **ROCKHAMPTON**, Australia, church area found an overnight camp on the banks of the Calliope River. Nov. 17 and 18 a welcome relief. Campers who traveled the

110 kilometers after the Sabbath service were joined the next day by minister Bruce Dean and his family and other members from both Rockhampton and Gladstone. Though the latecomers missed the previous night's camp fires and the accordion entertainment of Ruth Cauley, all shared in the canoeing, swimming and river sports at the rock-strewn reach of the river, situated at the furthest upstream point of tidal influence and favored by both fresh and salt water. Billy tea, barbecued food, fruit-laden sampler, watermelon and Aussie beer damped the inner needs of some 40 adults and children. *Malcolm Treadwell.*

**SAULT STE. MARIE**, Ont., brethren met together Nov. 17 after the Sabbath service for a potluck meal and game night. After watching Donald Duck and Tom Thumb cartoons, the children were treated to a scavenger hunt, while adults challenged each other with such games as Aggravation, Stock Ticker, chess and cards. *Pam Shaughnessy.*

Members of the **WATERLOO**, Iowa, church kept warm sawing wood at a woodcutting party in the timber near the Henry Opperman home Nov. 11. The efforts of the men working in the woods and the women stacking logs in the Oppermans' shed were matched only by the shuffling of the many hot pans and dishes and making doughnuts on Mrs. Opperman's fine woodcookstove. All enjoyed the labor and fellowship, from 1-month-old Brian Weinrich-Scheer to 87-year-old Mr. Opperman. *Debra El-singer.*

The **WATERTOWN**, S.D., brethren were blessed with beautiful weather for their first activity of the winter season. Lyn and Dorothy Lyman of Murdo, S.D., traveled to Watertown to present a slide presentation of their 1977 Feast in Jamaica. Mr. Lyman made a few remarks on his impressions of the island and briefly discussed its political situation. Then Mrs. Lyman narrated during the slides and showed some of the souvenirs they had brought back from Jamaica. Three couples were honored for their wedding anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jesson, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Spieker, 25 years; and Mr. and Mrs. Orly Wangness, 25 years. Each couple was given gifts and flowers from the Watertown and Sioux Falls, S.D., congregations after a short program. *Dianne Skorsteth.*

"Swing your partner" were the often-repeated words at the Nov. 3 square dance sponsored by the **WOODBIDGE**, N.J., church. Caller was Dick Maddocks, considered by many to be one of the top callers in the state. Prior to the dance was a potluck dinner, and during the intermission the YOU members sponsored an auction of plants, cakes and other items conducted by pastor Richard Frankel. Door prizes were also awarded, all of which raised more than \$200 for the YOU chapter. Both adults and teens danced the night away to the beat of an old-fashioned hoedown. *Deborah Eve Banack.*

## CLUB MEETINGS

About 100 members of the Opportunities Club of the **TAMPA**, Fla., church

viewed a 1½-hour slide show of the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem Nov. 10 at the Temple Crest Community Center in Tampa. The slide show was presented by Bill Cook, who, with his mother, Gene, attended the Feast in Jerusalem and traveled throughout Israel. Mr. Cook mentioned many aspects of the past and present history of Israel and Jerusalem during the slide show, connecting scenes with passages read from the Bible. The Opportunities' Club was formed by Tampa pastor Ron Rohr to provide a greater outlet for all who seek to serve in the Church. *Lynn Rowe.*

The **TORONTO**, Ont., West Spokesman Club had its first ladies' night of the autumn season Nov. 5 with more than 40 in attendance. Topmaster Alain Doucet set the pace for the first half of the evening, then the group took a break for sandwiches and coffee. During the second half toastmaster Brian Sealy introduced the speakers (Rod Schwartz, Anthony Gonzales, Scott Peterson, Clem Richards and Keith Crouch) and the evaluators (Hugh Daley, Nick Checca, Raymond Harris, Willie Curraming and Ernest Ens). Pere Burrows, associate pastor, gave the overall evaluation, and church pastor Tom Ecker concluded the meeting with a talk on determination and not giving up when things get rough. Mr. Gonzales was named most improved speaker and Mr. Ens most helpful evaluator. *Rod Schwartz.*

The 1979-80 season of the **ROCHESTER**, N.Y., Spokesman Club began Oct. 30 with a meeting at the Airport Holiday Inn. Enthusiastic support for the club, which follows the traditional format, was demonstrated by the 30 men attending. New officers are Dick Orvick, sergeant at arms; Rick Newman, treasurer; Al Barody, secretary; George Robinson, vice president; and Ihor Kulbida, president. In his closing remarks director Dave Pack spoke of the need for the club to build leaders and outlined the responsibility of Spokesmen to strive for that end under the motto of Ecclesiastes 9:10: "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." *Jake Hannold.*

The **ASHEVILLE**, N.C., Spokesman Club returned to the club's formal organizational structure at its first meeting of the season Nov. 4. New officers are Arthur Pittman, president; Vernon Silvers, vice president; Henry St. John, treasurer; Steve Ferencik, secretary; and Dean Williams, sergeant at arms. *Deborah Skorsteth.*

Members of the club sponsored a variety of questions on how members would cope with energy-crisis events, such as gas rationing and limited use of electricity. Speech topics included friendship by Mr. Ferencik and seeking advice and counsel from the elder Church members by Bertie Doty. Dave Mills, Asheville pastor and club director, concluded the meeting with an evaluation of the club's overall performance, which was good. A second Spokesman Club may be started in the area because of the number of men interested in the club this year.

The Asheville Women's Club had its first meeting of the new season Nov. 11 at the City Hall. Mr. Mills was on hand for the meeting, evaluating the speakers and giving advice and instructions for club improvement. Named as officers for the year are Loretta Williams, president; Betty Dikeman, vice president; Joyce Stepp, secretary; and Ruth Little, treasurer. *Steve Terashany.*

The November meeting of the Spunky Spouses of the **CASPER**, Wyo., church was at the home of Carolyn Hamby. Darlene Fertig of Wheatland, Wyo., was guest. Reports were given on cooking of the First Ladies of the United States and principles to live by for mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law. New officers for 1980 are Linda Tucker, president; June Johnston, vice president; Melissa Wilson, secretary; and Vivian Martin, treasurer. Mrs. Johnston spoke on program planning for 1980. *Carolyn Hamby.*

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

"Best ever" was the verdict of the **BRISBANE**, Australia, Seniors' Club regarding the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles at Australia's Gold Coast. Under the management of the Seniors' Club, a hall with suitable equipment and facilities became the focal point for the senior brethren during the Feast. Known as the Half-Century Drop-In Center, seniors and friends dropped in for games, free coffee or tea with biscuits and fellowship. Midway through the Feast the Brisbane Seniors' Club sponsored a chicken dinner, attended by 32 people, followed by games of snookers, quots, darts and cards. Special music was supplied by YOU members Geoff Robertson and (See CHURCH NEWS, page 7)



**THREE ANNIVERSARIES** — Three couples were honored for their wedding anniversaries by the Watertown, S.D., brethren. From left are Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Spieker, celebrating their 25th anniversary; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jesson, celebrating their 50th anniversary; and Mr. and Mrs. Orly Wangness, celebrating their 25th anniversary. (See "Church Activities," this page.) (Photo by Floyd Melrose)



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

PASADENA — Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** announced in the Nov. 28 *Pastor General's Report* that **Herman L. Hoeh** has been appointed senior editor of *The Plain Truth* in charge of article production. **Dexter Faulkner**, who now functions as managing editor of *The Good News* and *The Worldwide News*, will add at least one assistant to his present staff and, with their support, assume the office of managing editor of *The Plain Truth* as well.

The offices of *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News* and *The Worldwide News* will be combined into one area to be called Editorial Services. The News Bureau under **Gene Hogberg**, occupying adjoining offices, will work in close cooperation with the *Plain Truth*, *Good News* and *Worldwide News* staff.

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PASADENA — The Pacific Islands had the highest monthly mail count ever in October mainly as a result of the first major advertising campaign in Fiji for the *Plain Truth* magazine, reports the International Office here.

The 3,200 responses more than doubled the mailing list, and circulation for October, 1979, stood at 188 percent higher than for October, 1978. The Fiji *PT* also expanded from 32 to 48 pages.

However, the contract for *The World Tomorrow* broadcast in Fiji expired at the end of October, and its

renewal is uncertain because of attempts by churches in the area to have the program discontinued.

An above-average incoming mail total in the Philippines, where latest statistics show a *PT* circulation of 44,685, brought 716 subscription requests and a friendly letter from a *PT* reader in the embassy of the Republic of Korea there, for a copy of "What a New War in Korea Would Mean," to be used as reference material in the office.

In the Netherlands, a campaign for *Plain Truth* readers attracted 65 people, 30 of them first-time contacts, most of whom expressed an interest in follow-up lectures. Because of stepped-up newspaper advertising, income increased for the month of October by 18.1 percent over the same month last year through member and co-worker contributions.

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PASADENA — The International Office here reported Nov. 29 that **Owen Willis**, pastor of the Nairobi, Kenya, church, with his wife **Tina**, have returned to England for health reasons. They will spend several months there.

During his absence, **Harold Jackson**, pastor of the Nigerian churches, will reside in Nairobi and take over Mr. Willis' responsibilities there, while the Lagos and Oguta, Nigeria, churches will be pastored by the local elder there, **Lateef Edelare**.

## Members meet for holiday meal

PASADENA — About 150 people enjoyed food and fellowship at the annual Thanksgiving dinner in the Ambassador College Student Center Nov. 22. Initiated primarily for senior citizens and shut-ins, the dinner regularly draws other brethren who enjoy the fellowship. The event has been sponsored by the church here for the last seven years.

Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** was pleased when he heard of this year's successful program and expressed his desire that God's Church always exemplify the way of giving and sharing in its activities, according to **Joseph Tkach**, pastor of the Auditorium P.M. church.

Mr. Tkach, host for the affair, was assisted by ministers **Dibar Aparian**, **William Kessler** and **Robin Webber** and members **Mr. and Mrs. Ken Clemons**, **Mr. and Mrs. Vic Johnson**, **Mr. and Mrs. Jack Webber**, **Ray Morris** and **John Kennedy**. Much of the work — preparing turkeys, cutting vegetables and peeling hundreds of potatoes — was done the previous night.

Longtime members of the Pasadena area, **Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sewell**, **Lillian Bostick** and **Lizzi Hookfin**, were seated at the head table. **Dave Myers**, Ambassador College student body president, gave an opening Thanksgiving message. Background music during the meal was provided by **Marty Yale** and **Sonia King** on guitars.

Mr. Tkach said he hopes this event, which has become so popular in Pasadena, can be imitated in other church areas.



**THANKSGIVING DINNER** — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sewell, above, were guests of honor at a Thanksgiving Day dinner in the Ambassador College Student Center Nov. 22. Below: **Marion Yetka**, left, and **Mary Hill** pose with a friend in the student center. [Photos by Dave Fergen]



## FORUM WITH STANLEY R. RADER

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would welcome those comments.

**Have we had, or can we anticipate any problems with the state of Arizona because of our activities there? And is there a possibility that they may, because of internal political problems, ally themselves with the state of California against us?**

No, we don't believe there's any risk of that. I might just explain one little technical point to you. When Mr. Armstrong came down from Oregon 30-some odd years ago, he was told that in order to carry on the affairs of the Church in California, in order to get tax exemption, federal and state, he would have to incorporate. And he would have to incorporate under what is referred to loosely as the nonprofit corporation laws.

When I first met Mr. Armstrong, I told him that there were other ways of accomplishing the same thing. But see, this was already about 10 years downstream. And Mr. Helge told him, we both told him there were other ways to carry on these activities. And that the way he chose, upon the advice of counsel, of the three ways, was the least desirable for the very reasons that we have found out now.

In other words, you might have heard what I said, the Catholic Church is a corporate sole. That is the safest. But another way is just to be simply an unincorporated association. Because the spiritual body is the unincorporated association anyway. The Worldwide Church of God name is simply a corporate vehicle through which we carry on some of the temporal affairs of the Work.

California is lifting itself up by its bootstraps. It's trying to say that although the nonprofit corporation law specifically, in our opinion, would not apply to churches, they are saying it does.

But they were able to lift themselves up by their bootstraps a bit because we had incorporated rather than organized as a corporate sole as does the Catholic Church and the

Mormon Church and others, or remained an unincorporated association.

**After all of this is done, are we too deeply entrenched or too big to incorporate ourselves into a corporate sole or whatever?**

No, no. We're doing that. We are doing it everywhere all throughout the United States. California also, but the issue is joined for the moment in California for those events and those activities prior to Jan. 1, 1979.

For example in Canada and in England, we are not incorporated. We are an unincorporated association in those two places. I don't know how many of you realize that, but it's true.

**Could you give us an update on action against CBS, and in particular Mike Wallace?**

We were just talking about that yesterday. We feel that we have a little bit more time to bring the action than we thought originally. When we originally thought of suing them, we were thinking only of defamation on one hand and then, of course, invasion of privacy and violation of our rights as the result of Mr. Armstrong being illegally recorded. But it wasn't until we took Mr. [Wayne] Cole's deposition in June or July, that we actually were able to tie down the facts. And we have him under oath, stating that he illegally taped Mr. Armstrong. He knew he did not have Mr. Armstrong's permission. He knew that Mr. Armstrong would never approve of it if he had known he was being recorded. He said he did the taping from David Antion's home and made copies, etc.

So we have all of that now as a matter of sworn testimony in June. So that extends, according to some of our lawyers, the period of time that we have to take definitive action. There's no sense in our proliferating our actions except, as I suggested, as a defensive posture more than anything else.

**Could you tell us when the film that's being prepared on the receivership will be shown?**

I understand that it's just about ready. Someone said mid-November. I think someone told me the 15th of November they will have it finished. Then we'll begin to place it. They're in the final stages.

**Could you explain briefly the difference between a corporation and a corporate sole?**

A corporate sole is also a corporation, but it's a one-person corporation, and therefore it falls under a different part of the corporation code. 9505 on its face would not be applicable to the one-man corporation. A one-man corporation is a specific corporation that's designed to hold property of a church as long as that person is the person representing the body.

**Would you please fill us in on Dr. [Roderick] Meredith's leave of absence?**

I don't know any more about it than you do. I understand that he's taken a six-month leave or six-month sabbatical. I saw something about it just the other day in the *Pastor General's Report* that Mr. Armstrong wrote.

**We were on Channel 11, I don't know if we're back on the air because we went off for a while, and . . .**

You mean here in Los Angeles? That's right.

We found that that time was a very unproductive hour for us, and we're trying now to get back into the Los Angeles market into an evening program. And we're hopeful within a few weeks we'll have such a time slot, like we had before.

**At the Feast in Tucson, you said that if it came to the point where we went to the Supreme Court and they said that the attorney general was right, that would be the end of religious freedom. If that came about, would you then answer the questions that the attorney general wants to pose to you?**

I don't really think it's ever going to come to that. The questions which the attorney general wants to pose to me I have been very willing to answer.

In fact there's no question that he's asked me that I haven't already given the answer to long before this lawsuit began. We cannot lower the defenses and let the attorney general ask questions, even though those questions will produce answers that will not help the attorney general and will in fact embarrass him.

We'd simply be ringing the bell and losing the real issue, which is who will govern the Church, Christ or Caesar, which of course Mr. Armstrong has

phrased also, in an ad. In other words, who will rule the Church is what's at issue.

You must not be confused. You must not think that the courts have denied us on the merits. They've denied us the right to have an appointment in which to get the merits before them. That's what we're trying to get.

We're very close now, we believe. And maybe the federal court will step

in. If it all happened the way we would like it to happen, the federal court would give us leave to amend and we'd stay the proceedings, the California Supreme Court would grant the hearing. And the Department of Justice would start investigating the attorney general. That would be kind of bingo, and it may all come to pass in the next 30 days. That's what we would hope.

## Political and religious

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religious freedom (because they are one and the same thing). The First Amendment to the Constitution is a guarantee to exercise one's religious beliefs in a church or a temple or in the privacy of one's home or mind.

To have religious freedom means to have the right to act upon one's religious beliefs or to refrain from acting in accordance with one's religious beliefs. To have religious freedom means to be able to act or refrain from acting, not just as an individual, but as part of a group, or part of an association, or a spiritual body or a body politic.

We are in essence a body politic. Our members are part of this body politic — not in opposition to the state or to the federal government — but nonetheless not in consonance with it on matters of fundamental importance.

Because we believe that we are not "of this world," and we are told not to be. We are told to obey God's laws, and for that obedience we are promised His blessing. We do not believe that the President, the Senate, the House of Representatives, the governor or even the attorney general of the state of California can cure this world's ills, nor do we believe this world's ills will be cured by man — or any combination of men — now living or yet to be born.

We know rather that this government will surely fail — as have all governments that have been designed by men — and that the Living God has permitted man to design for

6,000 years — the 6,000 years during which man has been cut off from God (except those few who have been drawn to Him because the Father has called them).

We know that the only salvation for all mankind is that Christ will intervene. We know that the only salvation for all mankind is that He will come again — He will come in this time — this end time — He will come to rule — the Kingdom of God, under the government of God — under the laws of God.

We know that when Christ comes and ushers in the world tomorrow, we who have been called will rule under Him, and those who have not heeded the announcement as promulgated by **Herbert W. Armstrong** will not.

Hence we are being persecuted, maligned, and our leaders will be more than likely persecuted and condemned. Because as they killed Christ, as they killed the apostles, as they killed all those who had believed in what He said, so they will seek to kill our leaders.

This is what we must now convey to the world — boldly — openly — dramatically.

This is what we must stress in and out of court.

We must not let the attorney general fool, confuse and deceive the ignorant, the unwary, the trusting, the lazy.

We must use this vehicle as another way to fulfill the great commission to convey His announcement with even greater impact — to even more people.