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## WATERING DOWN— OR BUILDING SOLIDLY UP?

The following article, which appeared in the June 4 Pastor's Report, was written by Herbert W. Armstrong from Tunis, Tunisia, June 3.

**By Herbert W. Armstrong**  
Very shortly after my original marriage in 1917, an angel appeared to my wife in a dream. He descended from the sky, put his arms around both of us, said God was calling me soon to the most important commission. At the time I was embarrassed, suggested she tell it to the preacher at the church on the corner of the block (Chicago, Ill.) and erased it from my mind.

Nine years later, about September, 1927, God did call me in a manner most disturbing. You read many times of the dual challenges — from my wife taking up with religious "fanaticism" — Sabbath keeping — and a sister-in-law challenging me on the doctrine of evolution.

You've heard, or read, of the story of the intensive almost night-and-day study that led to PROOF of the existence of God and the AUTHORITY of the Bible — God sweeping my mind clean of every other doctrine and belief — revealing to me HIS WORD exactly AS IS — no watering down.

I know of no other man who was ever brought to GOD'S TRUTH in that manner.

This led in seven years to the founding of the CHURCH OF GOD at Eugene, Ore., which in due time became the Worldwide Church of God.

The living Jesus Christ founded the one true Church of God, A.D. 31. The same living Jesus Christ started the Philadelphia era of God's Church through me, as His chosen apostle, August, 1933.

January, 1934, He started me on radio, and Feb. 1 *The Plain Truth* made a superhumble bow.

Fellow ministers and wives, the LIVING CHRIST raised up this era of His Church through me. HE heads it — leads it! Through me, directly or indirectly, you came into His Church, and into the knowledge He first revealed to me.

But the most terrible thing that ever happened to me was during the recent years when I was away from Pasadena up to 300 of the 365 days in the year, and my son

assumed a full and complete authority never given to him, and encouraged WATERING DOWN GOD'S TRUTH and GOD'S COMMANDS! For the past year now Jesus Christ, through me, has been SETTING HIS CHURCH BACK ON THE TRACK!

But that job is far from complete! I quote from a letter from a member:

He says: "How come nobody preaches about third tithe anymore? . . . There were things being said by ministers to plant doubts in my mind about it."

Fellow ministers, I say to you by Christ's authority that for one claiming to be a minister of Jesus Christ and receiving a salary as a minister of, and representative of this Church, to water down or make less binding the teachings and doctrines Jesus Christ put in this Church through me, is taking money (salary) under false pretenses. It is SERIOUS and a SERIOUS SIN. God will call everyone who does that to account.

Compare this to a captain in the army. He is in a comparatively low authority, but he is over first and second lieutenants, sergeants, corporals, etc. Suppose an army captain begins to water down or change the military rules. Suppose he tells those under him, "You don't need to obey this or that order — unless you want to." Such a captain would be court-martialed and PUT OUT with DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE!

Yet ministers who ought to

know better have said to those under them, "You don't need to tithes if you don't want to."

I know that the large majority of you ministers are faithful in preaching the doctrines the living Christ has put into His Church through me. Yet under my son's assuming more authority than had been given him, there was a great letdown and dereliction of duty creeping in through a portion of the ministry. In the army, during wartime, for such dereliction of duty they might just rid the guilty officer by a firing squad. HOW MUCH MORE SERIOUS IS WATERING DOWN OF DOCTRINES AND THE FAITH IN GOD'S WORK?

This letter from a lay member continues, "When I was (in Ambassador College) there were things being said by teachers and ministers to plant doubts in my mind."

There has been entirely too much of this "planting doubts" in the minds of Church members. Jesus Christ is CHALLENGING ME TO CHALLENGE YOU on this question, and to say that THERE IS AUTHORITY in God's Church — it is the one and only place on earth where the GOVERNMENT OF GOD is being administered.

Jesus Christ holds ME accountable for how I administer HIS GOVERNMENT! If a minister plants doubts in the minds of his congregation, remember, "He that doubteth is damned." Jesus said that for one to deliberately lead even one of "these little ones" astray, it would be better if a millstone were hanged about

his neck, and he was drowned in the ocean.

This is a SERIOUS MATTER WITH GOD!

In comparatively recent years a "doctrinal committee" raised itself up at Pasadena. But I soon learned that these "scholars" were not searching for new and additional TRUTHS. They were trying to destroy or water down truths we already had. I have dissolved that "committee."

This letter continues: "I don't have to tell you that man's desires are carnal and that Satan's pulls are always in a manner away from the truth. I'd sure like to find some excuse to spend that third-tithe money some other way. And it sure is easy to do that when God's ministers aren't constantly proclaiming God's commands, and aren't powerfully preaching His ways, expounding His laws! Exhorting the brethren!! Exposing their sins!!"

And what has happened to sermons on birthdays being wrong, New Year's celebrations being wrong, Valentine's Day being wrong? We need someone to speak out solidly and loudly and firmly, not saying . . . 'you do whatever you want.' But saying: 'God condemns those who follow their own ways and Satan's ways. He refuses to bless them and He curses them' — and then giving them scriptures.

"I pray often that you will once again stomp and speak thunderingly, and pound your fists until you drive it into people's minds what is right and

what is wrong, and get rid of this wishy-washy preaching of ministers under you! Let's not be so timid . . . We need to shake people up! Respectfully" (SIGNED).

But now back to where I started. I think that most of us tend to lose sight of what God has done in raising up this Philadelphia era of the true Church of God.

In my forthcoming book, *A Voice Cries Out*, I state that, of all the world's many religions and the more than 250 Protestant denominations, NOT ONE, except the original small persecuted Church of God, knows WHO and WHAT God is; NOT ONE knows WHAT and WHY man is; NOT ONE knows the true Gospel message God sent to mankind by Jesus Christ, etc., etc.

I ask, in this book, HOW would a Buddhist in Thailand ever come to the TRUTH? He has known nothing since birth but Buddhism. How would a Moslem, living right here where I am writing this — in Tunis, Tunisia — ever come to God's real TRUTH?

How did those who wrote the Bible — the very WORD OF GOD — come to know GOD'S TRUTH? God had to perform a miracle in the beginning to reveal His TRUTH to Moses by the incident of the burning bush. God had to speak to Moses direct, to give him the knowledge he wrote in the Bible.

How did the apostle Paul come to know God's precious TRUTH distinct from the Judaism he had been born to and raised in?

How — in the U.S., or elsewhere in today's world — could you have come to know such precious TRUTH, born and raised completely surrounded and engulfed by either Roman Catholic or Protestant-brand "Christianity?"

More to the point, how DID YOU come into this precious knowledge?

GOD PERFORMED A MIRACLE — that's how!

As I wrote at the beginning of this *Pastor's Report*, the living Jesus Christ CALLED ME. He used a method such as NONE of you had to go through. He completely UPSET me! He made me see that just about ALL that I had been taught about religion was WRONG. I was WRONG about the immortal soul, about heaven and hell, about the LAW of GOD, about the real history of GOD'S CHURCH — and of ancient Israel before it, Christ's, New Year's, Easter — all these I had to UNlearn. It was a SHATTERING EXPERIENCE! My mind was

(See WATERING DOWN, page 16)

## Mr. Armstrong visits Tunisia, explains Church's commission

TUNIS, Tunisia — Herbert W. Armstrong, his chief counsel Stanley R. Rader and Tokuo Yamashita, a senior member of the Japanese Diet, were received by Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Nourira in the palace at the Casbah here June 5. The meeting was also attended by the Tunisian minister of planning and the chief of staff of the Cabinet of the prime minister, reports Mr. Rader.

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Yamashita discussed at length a proposed project of triangular cooperation between the Tunisian government and people, the United States and Japan in the area of nutrition. Mr. Armstrong explained the Church's long interest in improving nutritional values worldwide and mentioned the various agricultural projects and studies for many years under the auspices of Ambassador College in Big Sandy, Tex.

Mr. Armstrong discussed current developments in the agricultural field with Dale Schurter, a minister and former faculty member of Ambassador College in Texas, before his Tunisian trip.

Earlier, before arriving in Tunisia, Mr. Armstrong met with the prime minister of Morocco in Rabat. He and Mr. Rader discussed with the prime minister problems in the field of social welfare.

June 6 Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Yamashita spoke, along with Mr. Rader and the Japanese ambassador to Tunisia, at a dinner honoring Mr. Armstrong and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF). The Tunisian ministers of culture, planning, justice, social welfare and foreign affairs were present as well as ambassadors from Saudia Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Italy, Rumania and Morocco.

Mr. Armstrong explained the purposes of the Church and the great commission and announced that world peace would come with the government of God under the laws of God and would be established in the world tomorrow — the Kingdom of God.

In describing the foundation, Mr. Rader stated that the AICF has been blessed with four kinds of resources — spiritual, human, physical and financial.

Mr. Rader said that whenever the resources of the AICF are equal to the needs of a particular country and those needs have been manifested by the proper representatives of the country, a new project for the foundation will begin.

Mr. Rader said the foundation will work closely in the future with the National Institute of Nutrition in Tunis.

# Long gas lines just a warning

PASADENA — Recent long lines at the gas pumps in Southern California should be a warning to all Americans just how vulnerable their nation is to overseas supplies of vital resources.

The situation is far more severe than most people realize. And it is not just dependency upon foreign-produced petroleum that is a problem. To this can be added a long list of strategic mineral resources as well. Without access to these supplies, America's wheels of industry and commerce would grind to a halt, a certain recipe for economic depression and social chaos.

## Oil dependency has grown

The United States is at the mercy of foreign oil producers for nearly half — 47 percent to be exact — of its petroleum needs. This is up from 36 percent when the 1973 oil embargo hit. America and much of the rest of the Western world is literally held hostage by the pricing policy ordained by the Organization of Pe-

roleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), the world oil cartel.

Even with the eventual decontrol of domestic oil prices, the United States will still be heavily dependent upon foreign oil. Says Energy Secretary James Schlesinger, "There is a tendency to use more and more oil, and more and more of it is imported from the Mideast."

The United States is therefore increasingly subject to the volatile

gesture designed to show displeasure with American sponsorship of the Israeli-Egyptian accord.

## Supplier supports Marxists

Politics is also endangering U.S. access to its second largest oil supplier, Nigeria. Should U.S. President Jimmy Carter be forced against his wishes to remove sanctions against the newly elected black majority government in Rhodesia, Nigeria,

political forces in the Middle East, with the constant threat of another, and far more serious, embargo.

Saudi Arabia, the largest OPEC producer, is fuming with Egypt over Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace treaty with Israel. An announced cutback in Saudi oil allotments to Aramco, the Western oil consortium, was clearly a political

which actively supports the Marxist guerrillas fighting the new government, just might shut off its oil tap (although the Lagos regime desperately needs the oil revenue).

Mr. Carter is hanging alone on this uncomfortable foreign policy dilemma. He would like to have the British help shoulder the sanctions-lifting burden, but he may not be able to wait. He must make a decision by the end of June, English Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher certainly won't do so until after the Commonwealth ministers' conference in Lusaka, Zambia, in August.

If all the panic evident in California is because of a slight decrease in production coupled with an increase in demand, what would conditions be like in a real crisis, with major foreign producers cutting off their supplies?

The United States is in a dangerously exposed position. The President and the Congress can't agree on an emergency rationing program. And, despite the expenditure of more than \$1 billion in the past two years, oil in the federal petroleum stockpile only equals one week's imports. The petroleum is stored in salt domes in Texas and Louisiana, but no pumps have been installed to get the oil back out.

## Mineral cutoff even worse

The United States is also vulnerable to a potential cutoff of strategic mineral supplies.

These foreign-based reserves are in the wrong place as far as the United States is concerned. Much of this mineral wealth is in what is called "High Africa," the African plateau region that stretches from South Africa's Transvaal province northwards across Rhodesia and Zambia into Zaire's Shaba province.

"U.S. economic and strategic dependence" in this region, reports *Business Week* Jan. 29, "is enormous. It is no exaggeration to call it 'the Persian Gulf of minerals,' with South Africa as its 'Saudi Arabia.'"

The region produces much of the Free World's supply of chromium, cobalt, gold, platinum, diamonds, vanadium, germanium and uranium. Furthermore, an American intelligence report to the White House warns that in the case of four strategic minerals — chromite, manganese, vanadium and platinum — the Soviet Union would become the dominant supplier if South Africa were out of the market. Continues *Business Week*:

"If South African supplies of these four minerals were cut off, the impact would be severe. In a controversial study, 'Contingency Plans for Chromium Utilization,' the National Research Council recently concluded that U.S. long-term vulnerability in chrome is greater than in petroleum. Furthermore, it says that in 20 years all the remaining chrome in the world will be in South Africa and Rhodesia."

"Because of the repeal of the Byrd Amendment — legislation that permitted the U.S. to import Rhodesian chrome directly despite the sanctions

imposed following its breakaway from Britain — the Soviets have become the major American supplier. That is unsettling for U.S. military planners because every tank needs chrome in its armor."

## Soviet policy

The real Soviet threat to the United States and the Western world lies not in a direct nuclear challenge, formidable as it is, but in Moscow's campaign to control and/or deny access to strategic resources.

An editorial in the April 23 issue of *Aviation Week and Space Technology* said this: "The president of Somalia, situated on the strategic Horn of Africa, recently told top-level British officials that Soviet leaders had made it bluntly clear to him when he was their temporary ally that their current policy had two goals:

"First, pinch off the oil of the Middle East from the economic systems of the West. Second, disrupt and deny the mineral resources of Africa on which the Western industrial nations are dependent."

Dr. C. P. Covino, head of General Magnaplate Corp. of Linden, N.J., adds that the struggle for control of strategic raw materials is a life-and-death matter, and the winner will control the whole planet.

Yet Dr. Covino, in an interview with *United Press International* May 18, sees no indication that either the federal government or the responsible heads of industry in the United

States are willing to face up to the seriousness of the critical strategic metals situation. On the contrary, he said, Washington has aggravated the shortage of chromium by putting the racial and human rights issue in Rhodesia ahead of the legitimate national interests of the United States.

## More than decoration

"People just refuse to face up to the fact that we live in a world where even a big power like the United States can be brought to its knees without chromium," Dr. Covino said. "It is a mistake to think that chrome is needed only to decorate automobiles and furniture or to make stainless steel. Every fine alloy steel known requires some chromium."

"We sell the Russians our greatest strategic commodities — grain and foodstuffs — in enormous quantities, and don't exact guarantees on supplies of strategic metals in return," Dr. Covino complained to UPI.

He said he expects the raw-materials shortage in strategic metals to spread to "shortages in everything," and that, he said, could create such vast unemployment in the United States that living standards will suffer and faith in free-enterprise economics and government will fade.

Should the United States be stripped of access to foreign oil and essential minerals, perhaps the scripture in *Leviticus 26:22* would take on a new meaning, "And your highways shall be desolate."

# Evangelist lists itinerary

PASADENA — Traveling evangelist Gerald Waterhouse, having visited 87 churches through Pentecost, announces his speaking itinerary, June 11 to Sept. 15:

June 11, Michigan City, Ind.; June 12, Elkhart, Ind.; June 13, Fort Wayne, Ind.; June 14, Kalamazoo, Mich.; June 15, Grand Rapids, Mich.

June 16, Lansing-Flint, Mich.; June 17, Gaylord, Mich.; June 18, Midland, Mich.; June 19, Ann Arbor, Mich.; June 20, Detroit (West), Mich.

June 21, Detroit (East), Mich.; June 23, Cleveland (East and West), Ohio; June 24, Erie, Pa.; June 25, Buffalo, N.Y.; June 26, Rochester, N.Y.

June 27, Syracuse, N.Y.; June 28, Corning, N.Y.; June 29, Binghamton, N.Y.; June 30, Mount Pocono, Pa.; July 1, Allentown, Pa.

July 2, Harrisburg, Pa.; July 3, Altoona, Pa.; July 5, Cumberland, Md.; July 6, Hagerstown, Md.; July 7, Washington, D.C.

July 8, Richmond, Va.; July 9, Norfolk, Va.; July 10, Laurel, Del.; July 11, Baltimore, Md.; July 12, Wilmington, Del.

July 14, Trenton-Hammonton, N.J.; July 15, Philadelphia, Pa.; July 16, Woodbridge, N.J.; July 17, Nanuet, N.Y.; July 18, Long Island, N.Y.

July 19, Brooklyn-Queens, N.Y.; July 21, Manhattan, N.Y.; July 22, Concord, N.H.; July 23, Augusta, Maine; July 24, Montpelier, Vt.

July 28, Davenport-Iowa City, Iowa; July 29, Des Moines, Iowa; July 30, Waterloo, Iowa; July 31, Mason City, Iowa; Aug. 1, Rochester, Minn.

Aug. 2, La Crosse, Wis.; Aug. 3, Madison, Wis.; Aug. 4, Appleton-Wausau, Wis.; Aug. 5, Eau Claire, Wis.; Aug. 6, Duluth, Minn.

Aug. 7, Grand Rapids, Minn.; Aug. 8, Brainerd, Minn.; Aug. 11, Minneapolis (North and South), Minn.; Aug. 12, St. Paul, Minn.; Aug. 13, Fargo, N.D.

Aug. 14, Grand Forks, N.D.;

Aug. 15, Minot, N.D.; Aug. 16, Bismarck, N.D.; Aug. 18, Watertown-Sioux Falls, S.D.; Aug. 19, Omaha, Neb.

Aug. 20, Grand Island, Neb.; Aug. 21, North Platte, Neb.; Aug. 22, Greeley, Colo.; Aug. 23, Walsenburg, Colo.; Aug. 24, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Aug. 25, Denver, Colo.; Aug. 26, Scottsbluff, Neb.; Aug. 27, Rapid City, S.D.; Aug. 29, Billings, Mont.; Aug. 30, Sheridan, Wyo.

Sept. 1, Wheatland-Casper, Wyo.; Sept. 2, Grand Junction, Colo.; Sept. 4, Salt Lake City, Utah; Sept. 5, Blackfoot, Idaho; Sept. 6, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Sept. 8, Boise, Idaho-Ontario, Ore.; Sept. 10, Missoula, Mont.; Sept. 11, Helena, Mont.; Sept. 12, Great Falls, Mont.; Sept. 13, Kalispell, Mont.; Sept. 15, Spokane, Wash.-Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

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# Spanish director describes tour, plans for South American Work

PASADENA — Walter Dickinson, director of the Spanish Department, returned here May 20 from a 44-day tour of South America and Puerto Rico. He was assisted by Robert Flores, pastor of the Pasadena Spanish church, on the tour, which reached into the countries of Chile, Argentina, Peru, Brazil, Colombia and Puerto Rico.

The following is excerpted from a *Worldwide News* interview with Mr. Dickinson about the 19,000-mile tour by WN staff writer James Capo.

**How is the Work progressing in these countries? Especially in**



**SPANISH DEPARTMENT HEAD** — Walter Dickinson, head of the Spanish Department, discusses his 44-day tour of South America and Puerto Rico. [Photo by Roland Rees]

## Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic?

Throughout the Spanish Work right now, we're circularizing all of the PT subscribers who have been on the lists for 18 months or longer and asking them if they would like to have a visit. We're finding that we're getting between a 3 and 11 percent response of people who would like to have a visit. For instance . . . there were some 67 in Puerto Rico and some 75 or 78 in the Dominican Republic who wanted a visit, and out of that they've already established a Bible study in the Dominican Republic. So it's just a question of endeavoring to harvest whatever God is producing . . . through the publications. We don't have a broadcast so we have to depend on the written word in order to reach these people.

## Is "The World Tomorrow" being broadcast at all, in any of those regions?

No, but we trust that we will be able to begin after a bit . . . we picked out 52 or 53 programs that Mr. [Pablo] Gonzalez did and we're going to put new openings and closings on them. Then we're going to begin to use them in certain areas where we can either get free time, or in some areas we have some members who would like to buy time for us. Later on, if we are able to develop the resources, why we'll probably buy time to put it on . . .

I think some significant changes in the national attitude toward religion have been made in many of these countries, and I think the broadcast would have more impact now than it had in past years.

## The attitudes have become more tolerant of people's religious beliefs?

Oh yes. For instance, in Peru Mr. Flores went to the barbershop . . . and the barber was talking about what was going on in the way of religion. So Mr. Flores was thinking, Well, maybe I can tell him about *La Pura Verdad* [Spanish Plain Truth]

. . . but it wound up in the reverse. The man is a Mormon, and he wanted to send Mr. Flores his information and material, and he told Mr. Flores that there are over 30,000 members of the Mormon Church in Peru. So that's what's going on in South American countries nowadays.

In Brazil, for instance, Rex Hubbard, you see him on Sunday morning on the total of their television networks . . .

## I understand we don't have any ministers in Brazil.

No, that's a different language, you see. That's a Portuguese language . . . They can understand

where from three to six days in an area.

But the main reason for the trip was to begin . . . a new program that we've developed which, in our terms, encompasses a *tarjeta postal*, which is a post card. And it's in a card holder. We supply the card holders, and they make up the cards by having them printed in the local area. Then the members who want to participate will take three to five of those card holders and put them up . . . in stores, in movie houses, in office buildings. Wherever people will stop by and see them and have a chance to come in contact. They pick a card out, there's an address on one side and a message about *La Pura Verdad* on the other, and they then take that card, fill their name in and send it in to us.

Because it's so inexpensive to print the cards and put the card holder up we estimate that the cost will be somewhere between 9 and 39 cents per response. We're not absolutely sure, until we get another six or eight months under our belt.

We have them out in Puerto Rico and Spain, in New York, Miami [Fla.] and Los Angeles [Calif.], and so far they've been responding very well.

## Is there any political or social pressure that would impede the spiritual development of the South American brethren?

There is some in the areas where you get out of the city. Within the cities that pressure has largely disappeared. In the last 10 years there has been quite a change in the ecclesiastical structure of those nations.

The worst difficulty they have is that the structure of their society requires that they work on the Sabbath. Everybody works a six-day week . . .

the minute they come into the Church they have to face, what am I going to do about the Sabbath? Generally that requires that they give up their job . . .

Then they have to depend upon God to bring them another job. But in almost every instance that I know about, that has happened. He's given them another job, and generally a better job.

## Are baptizing tours in the works for Latin America? What about the 200 prospective members in Colombia?

We don't use baptizing tours any more because we now have at least one minister in every country . . . In Colombia, all of the visit requests will probably be covered in the next three to five months. But we're also going to be sending out a letter to all of those who have been on the subscription lists for longer than 18 months . . . So we'll probably double the number of requests for visits in the next, say, 30 days. I would assume we should see some very dramatic increase in not only the baptisms, but also in those attending church.

## How many churches are there in Latin America?

We have at the present time eight churches. We have also 28 Bible studies . . . five years ago we had three churches and three Bible studies and two ministers. Today we have 15 ministers. We had 243 members five years ago, today we have 923, and I assume it will be over a thousand before we get to the Feast of Tabernacles, and . . . up toward 1,200 by the end of the year.

What we're trying to do is . . . reach a person within two to four weeks after we receive a visit request. Before [there was a ministry in the field] it's been a matter of three to five years.

In your travels, do you ever encounter a Sardis group? I heard there was one in Ezeiza [Argentina].

Yes, there are Sardis groups spotted all over South America. The one in Ezeiza is one that we were in contact with some 10 years ago. Dr. [Charles] Dorothy [former director of the Spanish Department] was there. At that point the group had indicated a desire to learn more about the doctrines of the Worldwide Church of God, but outside information coming in from other Sardis groups poisoned their minds against us . . . and nothing happened. But they've still been studying the literature . . . and receiving the magazine . . . for the last 10 years.

In September of last year, their minister, Mr. [Ruperto] Cordova, contacted Mr. Chavez, who used to be a member of the group of Ezeiza and is now the minister in Bahia Blanca for this Church. He let him know that the whole congregation had agreed that this was the one and only true Church, and they now wanted to counsel with him and see if they could be baptized into this Church.

## How many members would that be?

There is a group up there of around 80 people. So far we have baptized 21 of them. We baptize them on an individual basis just as if each one was an individual prospective.

One of the problems we bumped into was . . . they keep the Sabbath, they keep the commandments, they keep God's Holy Days . . . so they said, Well, what do we have to repent of? Can't we just come into the Church?

We began to examine more closely what they were doing. We found out that they keep the Feast of Tabernacles and use their title for that, but they only save a second title. They'd never been paying a first title . . . They began to realize how they'd been stealing from God and breaking His commandments week after week and month after month . . . and they agreed, yes, we need to be baptized.

I assume as time goes on another 20 or 30 out of that group will be baptized. And they have their own church building that they have built . . . we'll be able to use it for the

congregation there. It's a very nice building. It'll handle about 130 or 135 people.

## Are there any feelers going out to any other Sardis groups?

They indicate a desire. We just don't go out hunting for them, but if they want us to go visit them, yes. There is another group in Artigas in Uruguay, there's another one in Centenario, there are one or two other groups around.

There are also some SDA [Seventh Day Adventist] groups. The Seventh Day Adventists' regional director for



**PASADENA MINISTER** — Robert Flores, pastor of the Pasadena Spanish-speaking church, accompanied Spanish Department head Walter Dickinson on a 19,000-mile tour of South America and Puerto Rico.

southern Brazil wrote the department here about eight months ago and wanted to know if we would send a subscription of *La Pura Verdad* to 200 of the ministers who are under his direction. So there are 200 SDA ministers who are getting *La Pura Verdad* every month.

## Did you have any communication problems with dialects while you were on your trip?

Not with Spanish, but we have a group of Huaraz in Peru that are from the Indian Inca tribes, and they have their own language [Quechua], which is a serious problem only because we don't understand it . . . One of the individuals who is able to listen to the sermon in Spanish and then . . . gives a sermonette in the Indian dialect so they can get the gist of what the sermon's about.



**SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR** — Spanish Department head Walter Dickinson and Pasadena Spanish church pastor Robert Flores completed a 44-day tour throughout South America and Puerto Rico May 20. South American cities visited on the 19,000-mile tour are indicated on the map. [Artwork by Scott Ashley]

# Coming—a Moslem messiah?

PASADENA — Following is part one of a two-part article written by Keith Stump, a veteran member of *The Plain Truth* editorial staff. The article is an abridgment of a 50,000-word report he prepared early last year on the subject of Moslem messianic movements, their past and future. Events of recent months, particularly in Iran, have spotlighted some of the trends examined in his report.

By Keith Stump

*From the sandy Atlantic coastal reaches of Morocco to the fertile banks of the ancient Nile, from the holy cities of Arabia to the jagged peaks of the Hindu Kush, curious rumors were sweeping the Islamic world.*

*In crowded streets and bustling bazaars, in cafes, shops and mosques, eager Moslems gathered daily to hear the latest news.*

*There was talk of a certain Arab, a holy man of the desert, whose teachings and reputed powers were causing considerable uneasiness to government authorities of many nations. Though all mention of the matter was banned from the media, it was a subject of conversation among the remotest populations.*

*The faithful waited and watched with earnest anticipation. Could their suspicions be true?*

*Then, at last, came the cry — reverberating like thunder across the length and breadth of the Moslem world:*

*"The Mahdi is come!"*

**Arab unity appears remote**

Throughout the centuries, the goal of a single political entity embracing all Arabic-speaking peoples has proved to be as elusive as the mirages of the desert. The pages of Arab history brim with stories of tribal feuds, national conflicts and personal rivalries among Arab leaders.

The situation has not changed. Arab unity still appears as remote as ever. The common historical origin, common faith, language and culture of the Arab peoples — factors that would seem to provide an excellent basis for Arab solidarity — prove to be a facade. The Arab peoples are deeply divided by often fierce political, ideological, economic and territorial rivalries.

Even more hopeless has been the centuries-old quest for the wider-scope ideal of Islamic unity. Multiple millions of non-Arabic-speaking peoples follow the Moslem faith, including those of Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Turkey and Indonesia. One person in six in the world is a Moslem. But despite a general spirit of religious fraternity, attempts to unite all Moslems — both Arab and non-Arab — have failed to progress.

**Once a superpower**

It has not always been so. During the first few centuries after the death of the prophet Mohammed (A.D. 632), Islam was politically united as a single world empire, extending from the Atlantic Ocean to the Indus River. It was the world's superpower, unrivaled in wealth and power, but disunity and fragmentation followed.

"There have been many attempts at a pan-Islamic policy, none of which has made much progress," observes Bernard Lewis, a British scholar of the Middle East. "One reason for this lack of success is that those who have made the attempt have been so unconvincing. This still leaves the possibility of a more convincing leadership, and there is ample evidence in virtually all Muslim countries of the deep yearning for such a leadership and a readiness to respond to it."

This report concerns that "more convincing leadership."

**An Islamic messiah**

Historically, the Arabs have responded like no other people to the charismatic personality. Since the founding of Islam, men have periodically arisen in various parts of the Moslem world claiming to be the long-awaited Mahdi, the prophesied end-time Islamic messiah who is to cleanse and restore the Islamic faith to its original purity, unify the Moslem world and usher in a golden age — a glorious seven-year rule of justice and truth before the end of the world and the last judgment.

Many of these individuals — often men of considerable eloquence and extraordinary personal magnetism — gathered great armies and attempted to unify the Moslem world by religious wars. Many envisioned a single united Moslem nation extending from Morocco to Indonesia, with one flag and one capital. Some gained thrones, building empires upon heaps of corpses and the rubble and ruin of war.

Others were blatant charlatans and imposters, desert gangsters claiming a religious mission as a cover for personal ambitions. Still others were self-deluded fanatics, convinced of their personal messiahship. The majority died violent and bloody deaths on the field of battle. But none were to be ignored.

There was Mokanna, the "veiled prophet," who wore a gold-embroidered mask to hide from mortal gaze the radiance of his "divine" countenance. And Ahmed of Derna, who claimed he could disintegrate Napoleon's cannonballs in midair by merely staring at them. Iskandar, a Moslem pirate claiming descent from Alexander the Great, terrorized the Java Sea and led a holy war against Dutch colonialists. Dozens of other Mahdis with equally strange and unusual careers are scattered throughout the pages of Moslem history.

One of the more recent Mahdis, portrayed by Sir Lawrence Olivier in the 1966 motion picture *Khartoum*, was Mohammed Ahmed, the Sudanese Mahdi, who united numerous tribes against British and Egyptian control of the Sudan and succeeded in capturing the strategic Nile city of Khartoum from Gen. Charles George Gordon in 1885.

**A thing of the past?**

Nearly a century has passed since the Mahdi's victory at Khartoum. To

many observers, militant Mahdism is a thing of the past. A major flare-up of radical messianism is deemed unlikely — by some, even impossible. But is it really?

The expectation of a coming Mahdi (in Arabic, *the divinely guided one*) is prevalent among virtually all Moslem sects, though they often differ in the specifics of the concept. (The Koran, the sacred scriptures of Islam, does not specifically mention the Mahdi.)

Were a persuasive, charismatic figure to come along, claiming to be the long-awaited Mahdi — the great unifier of Islam — and capture the imaginations of large numbers of Moslems, the Middle East picture could be transformed overnight. The ramifications could be literally revolutionary!

The appearance of a 20th-century Mahdi — as fantastic as the prospect might appear to Western minds — cannot be quickly dismissed. In Islam, politics and religion are inextricably mixed in a close relationship between the spiritual and the civil power. Circumstances in the Islamic world are increasingly ripe for such a development. Moreover, there is a possible indication of when the next Mahdi might make his appearance!

Islam once conquered most of the known world and threatened to engulf the entirety of Europe. It was a force to be reckoned with.

Today the flame of Islam smolders, but has not been extinguished. Its potential fervor should not be underestimated. Even now it begins to stir with new life. Fanned by the catalyst of resurgent Mahdism, a unified Islam could become a salient force once again — a potentially explosive force the world will not be able to ignore. And it may appear suddenly, like a whirlwind in the desert.

As one scholar suggested during the early days of this century: "It is always possible that in the end . . . the nations of the East after their long sleep may awake to a new life, which will surpass even the splendors of the early Caliphate" — the illustrious days of the fabled *Thousand and One Nights*.

Moslems may yet recapture the lost grandeur of Islamic civilization centuries ago. And if they do, the effects of such a resurgence will extend far beyond the boundaries of the Moslem world.

We will all have a stake in the outcome.



**BIBLE STUDY** — Dick Ames, a theology faculty member of Ambassador College, conducts one of four follow-up Bible studies to the personal appearance campaigns in Pasadena by evangelist Roderick C. Meredith May 18, 19 and 20. "The quality of new people attending has been very fine," Mr. Ames said, mentioning that some come by bus from Los Angeles, Calif., to attend. "These are individuals who are really interested in the Work and what Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong is doing," he said. His topics for the studies have been salvation, the Christian Sabbath and God's true Church. The final study June 13 will cover repentance and baptism. [Photo by James Capoz]

## Burmese minister visits members on 37-day trip

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — "Burma is one of the more remote countries of the world," wrote John Halford, then area coordinator for Southeast Asia, in a 1977 article in *The Worldwide News*. "It is a land of pagodas, huge rivers, vast teak forests, untapped mineral wealth, poverty, backwardness — and 45 members of the Worldwide Church of God."

To help those Burmese brethren, Saw Lay Beh, a retired schoolteacher, translated the Correspondence Course into the local language. Also, a monthly mini-*Good News*, called *Thaung Thar*, is prepared and produced by Herbert Zam Hei, a deacon living in the Chin Hills region of northern Burma, and Thomas Hoe, a member who knows English. It contains excerpts from *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News*, *The Worldwide News*, Herbert W. Armstrong's letters to the brethren and letters to the Burmese brethren from Saw Lay Beh.

Ornated by Mr. Halford and Dennis Luker in 1977, Saw Lay Beh covers thousands of miles visiting and encouraging the Burmese brethren,

traveling largely at his own expense, said Mr. Halford. In April of this year Saw Lay Beh completed a 37-day trip through the Chin Hills region of Burma.

"By God's powerful hands and guidance my Chin Hills visiting trip was a tremendous success," he said. "It is really worth it to be away from home at least once a year for God's Work and for updating and strengthening our Chin brethren."

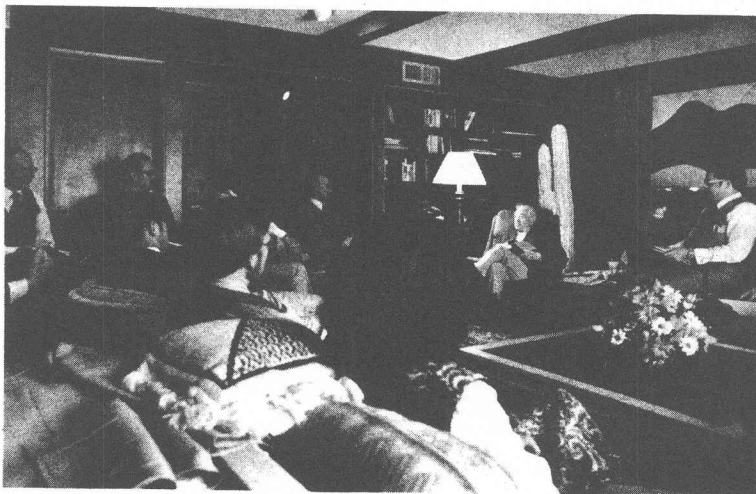
In a letter to Chris Huting, area coordinator for the region under Dean Wilson, director of the Australian and Asian Work, Saw Lay Beh wrote, "There is quite bright prospect and future for the growth of the Gospel here in Burma — and now especially in the Chin state." He said five members were baptized just this year before the Passover, including his 22-year-old son and traveling companion, Saw Michaelson Htoo Ray. Five co-workers were also added.

"I am abundantly thankful to God for blessing my trip and for performing miracles in many ways," Saw Lay Beh wrote. "Despite my growing age of now 55, and the long and rough journey mostly by overcrowded motor car, and the one full-day journey on foot, climbing high mountains at one part of the journey and at another part overtaken by a cold, sudden, heavy rain with hail, we were protected miraculously by God without having fallen sick or without having even a slight accident."

During his trip, he kept the Passover with 15 Chin Hills brethren in Khua Pi, the home village of the only Burmese deacon, Herbert Zam Hei. Khua Pi village is a full day's journey by foot from the larger town of Haka, 20 miles south of Falam near the India border, according to Saw Lay Beh. Three Chin Hills couples kept the Passover in their own homes, in Haka, Khua Beh and Zo Khua villages.

Passover services were held in Saw Lay Beh's home village of Sa Khan Gyi in the Irrawaddy Delta region of southern Burma. About 15 members participated there.

"It is very encouraging to note," he wrote, "That . . . all of us felt stronger than before to stand resolutely and unwaveringly behind God's apostle for the end-time Work, despite our physical insufficiency and poverty."



**FACULTY IN TUCSON** — Members of the Ambassador College faculty listen May 17 to Herbert W. Armstrong in his Tucson, Ariz., home discuss the ways to continually improve the approaches of courses taught at the college. [Photo by John Kossey]

# Youths honored

**HATTIESBURG, Miss.** — Cathy Taylor, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor of Petal, Miss., was selected to appear in *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1978-79*.

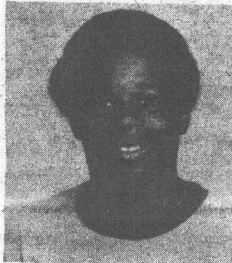
Cathy, a 1979 special honors



**CATHY TAYLOR**

graduate of Petal High School, was a member of the Mu Alpha Theta Club and the Beta Club. She is president of the Hattiesburg YOU chapter.

**COLUMBIA, Tenn.** — Charles P. Gwinn, 14-year-old ninth-grade student at Whitthorne Junior High School here, was one of seven students chosen to represent his school in



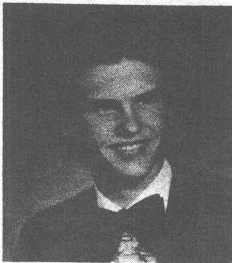
**CHARLES GWINN**

the 23rd Annual Mathematics Contest sponsored by the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers Association.

As a result of the regional competition, Charles ranked among the top six contestants. He is also a member of the school marching band and the track team.

Charles attends the Murfreesboro, Tenn., church with his family where he is a member of the YOU basketball team.

**ORLANDO, Fla.** — Douglas A. Norkus, president of the Orlando YOU chapter, was selected to work on a co-op program for the National Aeronautics and Space Administra-



**DOUGLAS NORKUS**

tion (NASA) at Cape Canaveral, Fla. He will be working indirectly with the space shuttle program.

This fall Douglas will attend the University of Central Florida here, in addition to working at NASA.

**DAYTON, Ohio** — Celeste Jordan, a YOU member from the Dayton A.M. church, won her school's spelling bee championship and placed fourth in the city contest. She was also on the all-city honor roll.

Celeste completed the fifth and sixth grades in one year. She is active



**CELESTE JORDAN**

in various school activities and is a member of the Horizonettes drill team.

**DAYTON, Ohio** — Norma Jordan, 13, a YOU member from the Dayton A.M. church, was honored at Wilbur Wright High School for



**NORMA JORDAN**

academic excellence in freshman English, algebra, biology and orchestra.

She has participated on the school track team and marching band and enjoys reading and playing the clarinet.

**OCALA, Fla.** — William Guerrero, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Guerrero, is one of



**WILLIAM GUERRERO**

Forest High School's three valedictorians in a class of 400.

Mr. and Mrs. Guerrero are members of the Gainesville, Fla., church, where William has played the piano for four years.

**WHEELING, W. Va.** — Mark Molnar, an 18-year-old senior at Bridgeport (Ohio) High School, was selected Teen of the Week April 8. Being chosen makes Mark eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship from Wheeling College.

Mark also received the John Philip Sousa Award for best all-around musician.

He has been or is a member of the Latin and Forensics clubs, the College Careers Club, Student Council, Thespian Club, Y-Teens, newspaper staff, band council, school chorus, swing choir, the concert and marching bands and participated in varsity golf, wrestling and track. He has served as president and vice presi-

dent of his YOU chapter.

Mark is the son of Alfred and Claudelle Molnar and has four brothers and two sisters. He hopes to attend Ambassador College.

**CHICAGO, Ill.** — Baruch Hampton, 21, a senior majoring in accounting at Chicago State University, was chosen to be one of two representatives from the Accounting Society to tour Europe. He will spend May 24 through June 22 touring London, England; Paris, France; and Rome and Milan, Italy.

Baruch is employed part-time with the Internal Revenue Service as a revenue agent trainee through a school



**BARUCH HAMPTON**

program that helps students find employment and receive credit hours. He was the first president of the Chicago Southside YOU chapter and represented Southside at the first YOU conference in Big Sandy, Tex., in 1976. Baruch was a member of the Chicago Fire basketball team.

**PHILADELPHIA, Pa.** — Robin Longcor, 17, daughter of Shirley Longcor of the church here, was inducted into the National Honor Society April 26 at Sharon Hill (Pa.) High School. Membership in the society is determined by a student's achievements in academics, leadership, service and character.

Robin is a member of the stage crew, school newspaper and yearbook staffs, chorus, band and teacher's aide program. When she isn't busy at school, Robin finds enjoyment and relaxation in tennis, drawing and swimming.

**COTTONWOOD, Ariz.** — Becky Lerette, 15, a sophomore at Mingus

Union High School, has been accepted into the National Honor Society. She is an honor student with a



**BECKY LERETTE**

grade-point average of 3.86 and was ranked 10th in her class of 254. She also was awarded a medallion for her work in Student Council.

Becky is an active member of the Omega productions and a student teacher at Mingus. She is presently the secretary of the Prescott, Ariz., YOU group, where she attends church with her parents, Ruth and Theodore Lerette, and four brothers.

**DECORAH, Iowa** — Marvin DuBose was named one of 55 resi-



**MARVIN DUBOSE**

dence hall staff members at Luther College here.

The positions are filled by upperclassmen living in both freshmen and upperclassmen dormitories. Their roles include responsibility for the general welfare of the students within the residence hall and administrative duties.

Marvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Thomas Haltom, members of the St. Louis, Mo., North church.

**LUBBOCK, Tex.** — Deborah Johnson, 11, is the 1979 first-place winner of the Universal International League District spelling bee contest for fifth and sixth graders.

Deborah is the daughter of Lois Johnson and is a fifth grade student at Littlefield Elementary School No. 2. Deborah attends the church here with her mother.

**EVANSVILLE, Ind.** — Wilma Niekamp, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Niekamp of the church here, has been named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1978-79*. She plans to further her education at the University of Evansville, majoring in journalism-communications.

Wilma is a member of the National Honor Society, Future Business



**WILMA NIEKAMP**

Leaders of America and the Quill & Scroll Society. She was feature editor of the Carmi Community High School newspaper and was awarded first place for best humorous column among 80 entries at the Southern Illinois School Press Association's yearly awards contest.

Wilma is the vice president of her YOU chapter and was a delegate to the December, 1978, YOU conference in Pasadena. She also was a cheerleader for the basketball team for four years in Evansville.

**ADA, Okla.** — Lee Ann Roark, 13, a student at Byng (Okla.) Junior High School, won the Oklahoma Junior High School Honor Society Certificate and the seventh-grade science award.

Lee Ann attends here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Roark.

## Youth wins \$4,000 scholarship

*This article, about the daughter of a member of the Hagerstown, Md., church, is reprinted by permission from the Winchester, Va., Evening Star of March 31.*

**By Jessica Sullivan**  
**STEPHENS CITY** — A James Wood High School senior, Edwina Kay Loy, was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship to the college of her choice last week [March 24] in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., during the annual convention of the National Association of Recording Merchandisers.

Miss Loy entered the competition by filling out the necessary forms and writing essays concerning her interests, how free time is spent, events of the previous summer and other related areas. From these writings, NARM officials base their choices on the writer's apparent development and maturity.

The NARM scholarships are awarded to 18 applicants in the U.S. Miss Loy was chosen out of 137 entries. The scholarships are offered to all employees and family members of any corporation that is a member of NARM, saluting outstanding services of young people. Miss Loy's father, Glen Lester Loy Jr., is em-



**EDWINA LOY**

ployed by Capitol Records in Winchester.

Miss Loy is a former member of Youth Opportunities United and last summer worked with a summer education program in Minnesota. At James Wood, she is a member of the National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America and the History Club. She plans on attending college after graduation to study nursing and then transferring to a school specializing in midwifery.

During the convention, Miss Loy had the opportunity to meet the presi-

dent of numerous recording companies. She met Andy Gibb, the Bee Gees, Glen Campbell, Cher, Susie Quatro, Herbie Mann, Olivia Newton-John and other singing stars.

"They were all very nice," Miss Loy said. "But they were people — just like the rest of us." Miss Loy said Olivia Newton-John talked to her about her interest in midwifery.

One thing she noted in particular about several of the recording stars was their size, which Miss Loy said was "very small."

"They're all smaller in person than they appear to be on stage or television," Miss Loy said. "Cher was perhaps the most beautiful woman I've ever seen."

When Miss Loy entered the competition, she said she really hadn't given any serious thought to the fact that she might be a winner.

Her trip to Fort Lauderdale was sponsored by the GRT Corp. Michael Kapp, president of Warner Brothers, made the award presentation to Miss Loy. Andy Gibb performed after the awards ceremony.

The \$4,000 will be paid to the college Miss Loy decides to enter after graduation.

Miss Loy is the daughter of Glen and Betty Loy of Stephens City.

# FORUM

## WITH STANLEY R. RADER

This issue's "Forum" is the continuation of a question-and-answer session by Stanley R. Rader, the Work's treasurer and general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, in Pasadena May 3. Mr. Rader's comments cover various aspects of the present state of the Church.

**Mr. Rader, I saw "The World Tomorrow" program Sunday morning with the interview format. I'm wondering what comments we got back from that reaction?**

I don't know. I thought it was excellent when I actually saw it being taped, and I saw the first raw version of what you saw on Sunday. I thought it was outstanding. I think it's a wonderful vehicle for Mr. Armstrong. And we're going to pick up those taping sessions now and move forward.

I think he just has a great impact, and we sometimes are inclined to take him a bit for granted. I remember when we had the matter still pending before the Supreme Court up in San Francisco [Calif.] — the one where we were asking them to hear us on our writ for prohibition or mandate, whatever extraordinary relief they would want to grant.

And one of our lawyers happened to catch the programs that he has made. And he said, it just so overwhelmed him that if we could, he would recommend that we blitz the San Francisco area with Mr. Armstrong's tapes and try to clear the air and just simply spend a great deal of money, buy a lot of time, just so the judges would be able to catch it, even if by accident.

Well, of course, that was impractical. You cannot clear the time that way. But this person was so visibly impressed with Mr. Armstrong's power, clarity of thought, sincerity and dedication that he felt certain that if any one of the judges were to see that firsthand, it would have picked up another vote.

He was probably right. It just could not be done that way. And the cost, of course, would have been prohibitive. But we think this other format is also going to do much to enhance the image of the Church, of Mr. Armstrong and the Work that we're doing.

**Concerning that program, sir. It was airing here in this region at 7:30 Sunday morning. Are there plans later on to air it at later times?**

We are working on that now. That particular type of program we think will appeal very much to some of the stations. But what happened with our later time was it was canceled when we went off the air temporarily. And then when we wanted to get back, we found the time had been grabbed by somebody else. But we're working on that to improve those times.

But remember, that 7:30 time is not a bad time. I mean, you see the other people that are in that particular time slot and that is where a large segment of your religiously oriented audience is.

I personally do not believe that if we were to get a 9 o'clock time or a 9:30 p.m. prime time on a Sunday evening that we should expect to have that many people wander away from the Sunday evening blockbusters that they run in those hours. I think you have to be realistic about it. But we'll try to improve the time, nonetheless.

**Two short questions. Are the field churches beginning to stabilize now? And what about the coming campaigns, especially the Pasadena campaign? Are those being scheduled?**

As I understand it, those are mov-

ing ahead in accordance with the plans that have been laid. They should be very successful. They should allow the Church to use as a springboard the publicity that we have received and public attention. The awareness about the Church is much greater than ever in its history anywhere. And I think that that will make those campaigns very successful.

I haven't heard that there was too much unrest in the churches. We've always had more problems in the field with ministers than we have had with the brethren. I think that is indicative by the fact that our income is up, not down, the fact that the massive and instant support of the brethren has been there at every moment that we needed it during the past 120 days.

And I think that under the leadership of the new administration in that area, ministerial administration, whatever it's called, I think those problems are being resolved.

But there are obviously some ministers who are not as strong as others. There are those who are not as dedicated as others. And I think where you find that to be true, you have a problem church. I don't think you have problem brethren. You may have an occasional person with a problem out of a group of 50 or a hundred people, but more than likely, the problems come from the ministry, not the ministry as a whole, but from individuals who for one reason or another have not turned out as well as one would expect. Mr. Armstrong's been writing about that for some time anyway.

**Could you fill us in how the Arthur Andersen audit is coming?**

It's coming very fine. We expect to have it by the end of this month if we're lucky. I told them I would like to have it by the 28th or 29th of May . . . in this lawsuit. Be very difficult for him to justify any more conduct of this nature once that report has been made public. Not that our other reports shouldn't have done the trick as well. But what they did is, in the process of smearing people, they smeared Mr. [Jack] Kessler.

And all this report will do is show that that allegation was also false. But it will be presented in such a way that it would make even the person determined not to believe to recognize that, even though he doesn't want to believe it, he's going to have to. You know, Mr. Armstrong's said some people have a very strong will to learn nothing.

**Mr. Rader, since the foundation is going to help the Chinese libraries in acquiring English books as part of the approval of Mr. Armstrong, will Mr. Armstrong's future works be included as part of that . . . ?**

Oh yes, definitely. In fact, he already has asked me to see to it that his book, *The Incredible Human Potential*, is translated into Chinese. And we're already at work on that in Japan. But we're going to supply, I mean the request that came from the Chinese embassy, was for English books. But Mr. Armstrong said he also wants his book in Chinese. So it's being worked on right now. Probably take two or three months to translate.

**When will that book be available to the public at large?**

Very soon. I just got a memo on

that. Where's Mrs. [Virginia] Kinston? Is she here? When will that be in the bookstores? Probably will be in the bookstores by June 1. I received the cover for the commercial version — quite a different cover from the other one. It was prepared by the so-called commercial designers. And the display racks are being prepared.

So we fell a little bit behind schedule. We were hoping to get the books out before Passover. And we didn't make that schedule, so we're about six weeks late, something like six or eight weeks late.

**How about your book?**

That's in the works. That, I told you, I have to revamp quite a few chapters in light of these events since January. I thought I had hit a high note with some events prior to January, so we will probably have that on the market, with any kind of luck, we would have it on the shelves even before the end of the year. But more than likely, it will be offered as a spring book, but the catalog advertisements will begin in October.

**Mr. Rader, will you please give us a brief account of finances right now as they stand. How is our credit?**

Our finances are very good at the present moment. As I said, our income is up. Our department managers have managed to ease the working capital strain that we had by monitoring the outflow of cash. The Holy Day offerings were up, and the banks have all indicated that they want to extend credit to us, substantial credit.

As a matter of fact, I just had a conference today with Mr. [Jack] Bicket. And he's in the process of determining in the next six weeks, which will dovetail with the availability of our financial statements, which banking arrangement will be best — meaning who will give us the best terms, the best interest rates, the best service.

So we feel that we will have a choice. And the entire credit stream will have been much alleviated. The banks are now aware, as is the generally informed public, that this lawsuit is much different than it was in January. And therefore, although there are certain technical aspects still to be resolved, and the lawsuit still has to be won in one way or another, either dismissed or thrown out or won. The immediate threat to the institution is a thing of the past. So it's just a question of normalizing our relations.

And it's unfortunate that our relationship of many years with United California Bank was destroyed in the process, but God works in mysterious ways, and they've had a lot of changes within their system. Many of the people that we did business with over the years are no longer with the bank. They've had their own problems of one kind or another. And maybe it just had to come about. And they lost faith very quickly, unfortunately. It wasn't the same people that we did business with formerly.

But this new group just didn't have the faith that we instilled in the others. So they hit the panic switch. Once that happened, it was too late to bail themselves out. But we'll have good relations with new banks, and we will rebuild confidence and faith in those people.

**[Unclear, question about China.]**

I think it would be very difficult to envision China. I think he is at the moment very practical about that. We are going to step up our activities in Japan now. As you will see from Mr. Armstrong's articles that have been written, as you will see from the transcript of his comments and my comments publicly in Japan, we have reaffirmed all of our old programs. We're going to enhance and augment them, and we're going to find new projects.

And when Mr. Armstrong goes back to Japan, on the way to China, we will have our first public meeting,

our *Plain Truth* readership meeting. So we're going to step up the distribution of *The Plain Truth*. We're going to reinstitute a, this time hopefully a successful, newsstand program there and eventually bring forth a Japanese effort in the Japanese language over the next decade.

But China, I think it's a little, still somewhat of a closed society. Japan is fairly free, as you know. It just is a very expensive place to do business. And your money just doesn't go very far there.

**Mr. Rader, are you aware of the fact that Channel 2 started a religious series that started last night? Do you know what their intentions are in regards to us?**

I don't know. I don't think they will do much with us, frankly. From what they started off with last night, I wouldn't expect that they would do much.

**Mr. Rader, I was not aware that you were writing a book. What is the title of it going to be?**

I'm writing a book about, Mr. Armstrong authorized me to, a long time ago, to write a biography of him and the Work. So that's what it will be. I haven't picked a title yet.

**To what degree is China susceptible, or not susceptible, but agreeable or advantageously ready for the idea of Christianity? Because that's our basic belief.**

I don't even know to what extent they have managed to rid all of China of the Christian belief and followers that they had over so many years. You know, China was the missionary's paradise prior to 1949. If you didn't do missionary work in China, you almost hadn't made it. And they had very strong roots there. Christianity made great inroads in China. I don't know the answers to whether or not they've been successful in stamping it out.

Of course, our message has never really been heard there. And if Mr. Armstrong gets a chance to share his views with the leaders of that country, we may find that that soil is very good soil. We go back to the parable of sowing the seeds, and we'll determine in time whether we're going to be successful or not. But at least we have to make the effort.

**How about in respect to Europe. Is Mr. Armstrong working on some arrangements to meet leaders there in France, Germany?**

Yes, we are. And we have in the European countries a strong branch office operation. And we're going to do our best to beef up those operations over the next few years. Mr. [Ray] Wright did a complete study for us last fall. And we were ready to implement much of that this winter and spring. But naturally we had to put that on the back burner for the moment.

As far as the leaders are concerned there's no great effort that we will have to make to meet them. We can do so at any time.

But they are the developed countries, and I think that we have to be prepared in those countries if we're going to do more than just meet the leaders. We're going to have to be able to spend money in those countries as we spend money here to compete with all of the other things which are trying to attract the public's attention, with goods and services that people don't need, don't want and can't afford. We have to buy television time, radio time, print time and what have you. All we need to make those countries more aware of the message is to have more money to spend. That's all. It's just a question of economics.

But a complete study, a fine study, was done by Mr. Wright, and unfortunately these events intervened, but we're going to now take a fresh look at them and see what we can do on a country-by-country basis. I think the Work has been stabilized in England. And I think much work has to be done in Germany because our Work has

not kept pace in Germany at all with the tremendous growth of both population and wealth in Germany.

Mr. [Dibar] Apartian does a good job, as always, in France. That church continues to grow. The Dutch church continues. I think the Scandinavian Work is flourishing. But again, they have so much indigenous income, we can only give them so much support. And it's going to take more money coming from the United States to get that particular effort moving in some vertical curve. But we are holding our own and doing more than that. And we have very good and capable people running those offices. The South African Work is also still flourishing.

**Mr. Rader, according to your knowledge, are we going to have any Japanese students coming this summer?**

Yes. We will have a full contingent, as my understanding, of Japanese students. We also have had some interesting requests, but I don't think there's anything we can really do with it. I haven't had a chance to talk to Mr. [Raymond] McNair and mention it to him. But the Japanese government is very much interested in trying to establish a government-sponsored program here at Ambassador College, not just for the summer and not just for students coming from the private sector in an unsponsored way. And I don't know whether it would ever be compatible with what the college has at the present moment. And I didn't offer much encouragement until I could explore it fully with the academic people here.

But they would envision something like a hundred Japanese students on campus here partaking of all of our courses with special emphasis on international studies and, of course, language. And whether or not that would be in keeping with what we're presently doing or not is hard to say. But they're very much interested.

Mr. Shinoya, you see, is a moving force in that direction. His son is a graduate of this school. He speaks very highly of it and continues to endorse us. So they know a bridge exists between Pasadena and Tokyo, and they know it's a bridge that can be used and should be used. So they are very fertile in their ideas about what can be done.

**Mr. Rader, you said the Work might have a Japanese connection that seems to open our doors everywhere?**

I'm sorry. I didn't understand. You say that the Work in a sense has a Japanese connection.

Oh yes. I think that our Japanese friends have been very helpful to us because the Japanese realize that their strength lies in carrying the Japanese flag around the world. That leads the way for Japanese products, and, as Japanese products sell, so does the economy benefit, and so does the standard of living of the entire Japanese society.

These people have a great veneration for Mr. Armstrong as an individual and as a unique human being. They have a great feeling about his calling, about his spirituality. And they look upon him as someone who is of great help to them, and they like to be of help to us.

So I would say they've been very good friends, and there's much that they can do for us in that matter. They give us a definite lift in certain places. And they help knock down some barriers that otherwise would be there, and to use Mr. Armstrong's expression, they open up some doors for us — maybe doors that would open up anyway, but they do give us an assist.

**Have we collected the money from the sale of the Bricklet Wood campus?**

A long time ago. That money was the part of the money that was seized by the United California Bank. It was

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# FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

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 unfortunate, but on almost the very day that the funds arrived from England on the sale of the Bricklet Wood campus and were deposited into our bank account, that was the day that the United California Bank offset its unsecured loans against those funds. Just a coincidence.

I actually tried to stop the transfer of the funds, but we missed it by maybe seven or eight hours. So those funds have been received, and those were the working capital funds that we have been hoping to have in order to make the Work a little bit easier to run from a financial standpoint. But as we restore our credit and borrow some money, we will be able to benefit in the same way.

### What's the status of the Big Sandy sale?

Little bit in limbo. The buyer does not have the money. That was the reason that I insisted on the \$500,000 being paid outside of escrow originally, because I had some doubts that he would be able to fulfill on the contract. He's still trying, though, to fulfill. And he would like to buy the property.

So Mr. Helge and Mr. [Ellis] LaRavia are working on that. And the pace is set somewhat by the ability of the buyer to fulfill. In the meantime, we are entertaining other offers, or would be willing to entertain other offers. But it is not the hottest property in the world, notwithstanding the State's assessment of it as \$30 million worth of valuable property. The appraisal is \$6 million, and we don't have anybody even offering that.

### Are we going ahead with suing "60 Minutes"?

The letter putting them on notice went out today that if they did not retract — that's a statutory requirement. We have to give them a chance to retract. If they do not retract, then we can go forward with the lawsuit. I think the 30 days would have run by Tuesday or Wednesday next week within which we must demand a retraction. I think they have X number of days, I forget whether it's 10 or 30, within which to retract. If they don't, we'll then go forward with the lawsuit.

### What exactly is a retraction? What will it involve?

I don't think they will give it. I mean, it becomes a formality, that if we do not ask for it, then it would affect the lawsuit and our right to recover. But if they would retract, they would have to point out, point by point, wherein they had made a mistake. But they won't do that. That's part of the cost of doing business today.

I mean, we do it ourselves, you know. We have defamation and slander insurance because we have various magazines, we have television broadcasts, we have radio broadcasts, our ministers and other people speak around the country, around the world. It's the cost of doing business. They look upon it as the cost of doing business. So the chances are absent, are really clear-cut, outrageous on their part. They will not retract.

### Wayne Cole. Is he in a criminal position now?

I'm not quite sure what you mean. Mr. Armstrong has written a letter for the *Pastor's Report*, which will probably also be repeated in the "News Summary," and maybe *The Worldwide News*, referring to Wayne Cole's illegal taping of his conversation. And the bottom line is, God says trust no man. That was the bottom line. So he has some comments to make, which I'll let you read on your own. But we're not interested in seeing that the district attorney prosecutes Mr. Cole. We just don't think that that is worthy of our attention.

We have asked the district attorney to prosecute Mr. [Mike] Wallace because we feel that he is despicable, as I said, and beneath contempt. And those are nice things that we can say about him. So we've asked the district attorney to do something about it, but he probably won't. Nonetheless, we've made the effort.

Our lawyers have been working on the matter, submitted a brief to the district attorney, laid it all out for them, but he probably won't do anything about it. But we don't want to go after one of our Church members for that. We found out what he was even before we knew that, as Mr. Armstrong points out in the letter. And so this was just one further indication that Mr. Cole had breached a fiduciary duty.

### How does Mr. Armstrong personally feel about the sale of his book? Does he expect there to be half a million copies sold?

I don't think so. I think that he realizes, as does anyone in the publishing business, that if you don't spend a great deal of money advertising your book, you're not going to catch fire with the public. Half a million makes it a runaway best-seller. I think it will move, I think that there will be more attention given to it today than there would have been last fall.

And I think if we can free up some budget, as Mr. Lippross wants to do, to promote the book, that it will sell more rather than less copies. The point is, the book will be there, it can be back ordered, and it will find its way for the moment into the hands of those people who should read it and otherwise would not have it available to them. And as we do spend more money, I think more people will buy it. As his other books come out, this present book will be back ordered.

### Mr. Rader, what are the plans for the Work in Canada at the present time?

Well, I don't know firsthand. Mr. [Leslie] McCullough has been running that operation very well. And I understand that the Work is thriving again, although they were having some problems, as was the general economy of Canada for a while. But you know, for a long time, they had absolutely no difficulties in Canada. They were not suffering any kind of decline. But I think inflation has begun to hit them as well.

But we have a very strong program, and they use the same materials, of course, that we do. They have radio, they have television, *Plain Truth*, *Good News*, the booklets. It's not much different from continental United States, except that we break it down into the two areas. But it's a successful operation. Mr. McCullough is a very good manager.

### I don't know much about protocol or anything, but would it be a good idea maybe to mail a copy of Mr. Armstrong's book to the heads of various nations?

We will be mailing his book to all of those nations and all of those heads of state, and ministers of the government and ambassadors that we have dealt with in the past or are dealing with at the present moment.

But the book will go out as a matter of course, just as we send them other materials — *Quest* magazine, *The Plain Truth* and so on. So that book will reach those people in that way. We're not going to send it to people we do not know because Mr. Armstrong does not like to ever foist anything on someone or force it on them.

Might mention something before I forget. We are contemplating something right now, trying to bring it to fruition. It will involve the Church people again. But our lawyers feel very definitely about this that it is important for the brethren to remain very much prominent in this lawsuit while the matter in the courts is somewhat on the back burner.

And they have recommended that we get the support of the Church brethren around the local areas, here

in Los Angeles in particular, both in Long Beach, Los Angeles, Sacramento, to have peaceful demonstrations of the same type that we had during the court sessions with people carrying placards of one kind or another in front of the attorney general's office in Wilshire Boulevard, in front of the attorney general's office in Sacramento and in front of his home in Long Beach. So we're going ahead with that.

Then we're looking for prominent billboard space, and our artists here can have a lot of fun with Conrad-type of billboards. We hope to get one here at the entrance of the Pasadena freeway, one down in Long Beach and one in the Los Angeles area, calling attention to all the motorists who are influenced in a very definite subliminal manner, as well as direct manner, by billboards.

And they feel strongly that we should use the tried and proved techniques of political campaigning to produce good handbills. They're very inexpensive to produce and have our Church people all over California hand them out and other literature, *Plain Truths*, *Good News*, etc., just like we did. What was that program called? The fair booths, I guess. But the point is, we will be able to establish points around the State where the handbill will be given out.

Different handbills can be prepared each week or every couple of weeks, keeping the public constantly informed of the Church and the State and what's happening, and what has happened. And it gives the Church people an opportunity to be involved. And also reminds Deukmejian and reminds the press and reminds the general public that this has been a very serious problem, and they should not forget about it.

How many of you, by the way, saw the very nice article that appeared in the L.A. Times last week on the op-ed page by Dr. [John] Crossley? Those of you who haven't read it, should. Those of you who have read it should share it with your friends who have not. That was a very timely article and has done us a lot of good.

There's a lot of people who have been privately doing us a lot of good. They have been taking articles like that, they have been taking the [Dr. J. Gordon] Melton article that appeared in the *Pasadena Star-News*, they have taken other thoughtful aspects of this case, certain press releases, which I have written, which were designed to inform, even though I knew the press would not use in toto or in any significant part, and they've been mailing those things around to their friends, who in turn are very influential people in the community.

And the "Aide Memoire" that we had, the 88 pages, is too long to impose upon people who are not directly concerned with the case. And it's also too expensive to get out. But these other people have asked for copies of the press release, or they have made copies themselves of the various articles, and they've been taking it upon themselves to mail out 20 or 30 pieces a week to people they think are important, and people they think should be made aware of what's happening. So that's been helpful.

Mr. Rader, about two months ago, I went and saw Hal Lindsey's movie "Late Great Planet Earth" . . . walking out of the theater, I was wondering, is there any possibility of the Church ever putting out a movie about what the wonderful world tomorrow will be like?

Well, it's all possible. All of that takes money, of course. But I think we have creative talents here right within house to do any of those things. But it's a question of priorities. And right now, I have a proposal on my desk, I haven't looked at it as yet, where an independent television producer is asking permission, not even asking for my

financial help, to take *Quest* to television because he wants to make a television series out of *Quest*. All he wants is to use the name.

Well again, it takes a certain amount of thought because the magazine is now doing very well. We don't want to have a television program air that doesn't succeed because if it doesn't succeed, then it will reflect somewhat on the magazine — not as much as it would have at the outset of the *Quest* launch.

But nonetheless, there are people who realize we have good materials. We have good materials that they aren't even aware of, I mean, Lindsey looks like he borrowed from our stuff quite literally in all of his printed materials. He's a widely read author. And he is quite prolific himself. But I notice a lot of his titles, a lot of his materials bear an awesome relationship to our own materials. And Mr. Armstrong predates him by at least three decades, though we have never bothered to do anything about it. It's just one of those things.

### Can you tell us what markets or newspapers we're buying advertising space in?

We're concentrating ourselves in California at the present moment. Some church groups are buying space elsewhere. But we've been buying in San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, in California. Response has not been great. I think we have probably received an average of about a hundred responses per ad. But we don't measure it in terms of response. The coupon that we put in there is put in just in case somebody does want to respond.

But we've had very fine comment from people — we've had phone calls, we've had a lot of interest in what we have written. And a lot of people have encouraged us to continue. Because you make an impression on the public. That's what you're looking for. I think the people realize that any material that we send out would be not that much more compelling and that much more persuasive, and even that much more informative than what the ad itself has. I mean, there isn't much more that we can really offer them.

And now Mr. Armstrong's next ad will be running concurrent with the campaigns, which is, "What Is This Worldwide Church of God?" And those ads we'll be watching very carefully because what we're offering is information specifically about the Worldwide Church of God and more of a spiritual nature. But if you read the ads very carefully, you'll see we've been very informative in those ads. And therefore how much more does the public really need? We just want to register with impact on their minds. It's had a good effect, I think. And it will continue.

The newest one we have is "Corruption Did Not End With Watergate." And it shows a couple of filing drawers about to be stolen. And then in there it talks about the stolen documents. See, our documents have been stolen, and we have made demands. Mr. Helge keeps refining the demands, and so far no one has returned them. So it's not just a question of their having had a look at what we have, that they've stolen those documents and haven't returned them yet. We want the public to be aware of it.

### [Question unclear.]

Very good. I didn't know that. That is a good one, this last one and then Mr. Armstrong, as I've said, is working on another one right now. And we're not quite sure what the title will be. He's thinking maybe, "Is This America?" because we're tying it into this constant play by national and state leaders on human and civil rights around the world, and how they constantly point out when it's convenient for them to our Constitution and our bill of rights, and they declaim the lack of freedom and

the lack of any such bill of rights in a country that they label as totalitarian.

But when you get down to the nitty-gritty of it, maybe some of these politicians are just paying lip service to that particular concept because our experience the last 20 days has shown that all it took in this country, all it took was one corrupt judge, one greedy lawyer, one money-hungry ex-judge who wanted to be appointed as a receiver and one over-zealous deputy attorney general. All it took was that combination of people, and this Work with a worldwide reputation for integrity and good works, this Work's reputation was for all practical purposes destroyed. But for what I described as the efforts of the leadership, the brethren, the resources we are able to marshal and the living God, they would have been able to destroy this Work.

That's all it took is one judge. It didn't take two judges, eight judges, 10 judges. It took one judge willing to talk about a case before he had a right to do so, to make no effort to determine what the facts were, to label us as a bowl of spiders and to sign ex parte.

That's all it took, and even I was astonished. And even Mr. Helge was astonished. And all the lawyers that we have met have been astonished, even though we always knew anyone could sue anybody for all practical purposes. But nobody could have ever considered that a judge would sign an ex parte order of that magnitude.

So where is your bill of rights and where is your Constitution, if that's all it takes? It's one thing to have a piece of paper, it's another thing to have the practical procedural due process available to you. The procedure is what was violated here. The judge had no right to even meet with the people, no right to discuss the case. And certainly, he abused all discretion in issuing an ex parte order without notice of the sort that would lead to the imposition of a receiver, absolutely unconscionable.

### [Question unclear.]

We're trying to. Mr. Helge has just written a letter to the governor, he pointed out that two of the people involved in this controversy are members of the commission for judicial performance, and those people are involved in investigating charges that have been leveled against the Supreme Court justices.

Hence, we're arguing, how can people remain on that commission when they themselves should be subjected to a very close examination? And furthermore, for as long as this matter is pending, how can the Supreme Court deal with our problems when they're somewhat under the gun by two members of the same commission? So we're trying to put as much pressure as we can.

### How well are we doing as far as the involvement of nationwide recognized investigative reporters on our case?

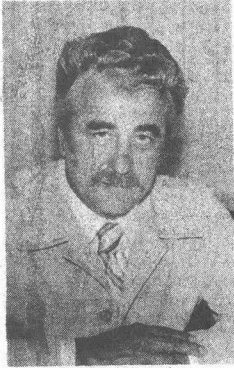
I don't know whether there are any other investigative reporters at work. We've been working, cooperating with a local investigative reporter now for one of the local newspapers. But I think that because the case has turned out the way it has, it's not a matter of great immediate media interest at the present moment. They are only happy when they're able to repeat charges that are sensational in nature and are able to sell newspapers. And there's nothing that is so sensational as irresponsible allegations about multiple millions of dollars.

About the only other thing that would be more sensational is that if they could throw some kind of sexual orgy into it — that coupled with the millions and millions of dollars would sell immense numbers of newspapers. And the minute that that is no longer something they can repeat with any sense of propriety, be-

# Work in Canada: 'It's doing very well'

By Leslie McCullough  
VANCOUVER, B.C. — "How's the Work in Canada?" has come to be a standard greeting to me. My response is also a standard one: "Just fine. It's doing very well."

For years, all the reports from Vancouver spoke of increased church attendance, new churches and, of course, great increases in in-



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come. Those comments continued until everyone almost assumed growth for Canada was automatic.

But continual growth requires work. Ask any farmer. In an extremely fertile field, initially you may only need to do the cultivating and planting, then watch the crop spring from the ground. However, as time passes, it becomes necessary to concentrate the effort, to fertilize or perhaps irrigate to maintain the in-

crease lessened. Around three years ago, response to the broadcasts began to fade, and new visits and baptisms began to drop in numbers. Fewer churches were established, and the harvest seemed to take longer to ripen. Income remained steady, but the rate of increase lessened and then dropped off sharply until, by the end of August, 1978, the Work here was experiencing a major decrease.

### Something additional needed

The electronic media had bombarded the 23 million population of Canada so thoroughly that it became difficult, after 17 years of broadcasting, to reach a new market. Something additional was needed. We had problems.

The national economy was suffering stagnation as well as inflation. Jobs were harder to find. The Canadian dollar lost nearly 24 percent of its buying power compared to the U.S. dollar, and the cost of living rose at least 15 percent higher than in the United States. These factors took their toll.

To balance the 1978-79 fiscal budget, we had to reduce our planned

advertising campaign. Canadian financial help to the International Division of the Work was no longer possible. The only area left that offered substantial savings was manpower. Plans were made to transfer a few American ministers who had served for several years in Canada back to the United States as pastorates became available.

The ministry here began to remind the brethren of their responsibilities as members. They were encouraged to faithfully give God what was His in tithes and offerings.

When several members began asking why we didn't have the growth once enjoyed, they were reminded of another important Christian principle. "You have not because you ask not" (James 4:2). They were asked, "When was the last time you personally asked God for new listeners, new subscribers, new co-workers and new members?" Several agreed it had been some time.

If we wanted some growth, we were going to have to begin to ask for it. If "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," the combined prayers of thousands of Canadian members should not only help the immediate need but provide for the future as well.

The income improved slightly, and offerings at the Feast were good. By the year's end we showed a small increase. Now the first four months of 1979 show an 11 percent increase in income.

### New growth stimulated

The urgent need is to stimulate new growth. But how? We reinstated some of the planned advertising budget. Ads featuring *The Plain Truth* and some of our booklets were

placed in *TV Guide*, *Homemakers*, *Canadian Magazine*, *Perspectives* and other publications to run for 13 weeks. Responses are already coming in.

Newsstands have been used in Canada with some success, especially in the French-language area. However, there had never been a concerted effort to utilize this method of reaching the Canadian people. No one in the office here had ever worked with the newsstands.

But late in 1978, because of policy changes in *Quest/78*, David Hulme became available to be hired in Vancouver. Mr. Hulme graduated from Ambassador College in England in 1972 and was employed as the Work's newsstand representative in Europe. After three years in the publishing field he was transferred to the Johannesburg, South Africa, office, where he coordinated media efforts in advertising, newsstands, radio and television for three years.

Before his transfer to Canada, he helped develop the circulation of *Quest/78*, working with the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation's advertising and public relations representatives in South Africa, in addition to his normal ministerial duties. Now he is organizing a program that will put up to one third million *Plain Truth* magazines on newsstands by December.

### Quite a coincidence

Earlier this year Mr. Hulme phoned Paul Benjamin, a former acquaintance in magazine distribution in Quebec, to appraise the distribution network in Canada. The conversation went like this:

"Good morning, Paul, this is David Hulme of *The Plain Truth*

magazine. It's been about five years since we met in your office —"

"Yeah, yeah, I remember. In fact we have just been talking about your magazine here. Another publisher has just left my office, and he wants to begin free distribution of a film magazine. I told him we'd had experience in that line before (with *La Pure Verite* [the French *Plain Truth*] in 1973). So that's quite a coincidence after five years."

"Well, we'd like to begin distribution again with you and come to see you next week," Mr. Hulme replied.

"Fine, we're very interested in your offer and look forward to your visit."

That visit resulted in the distribution of 50,000 magazines being organized for April and May. Already the order has increased to 80,000 because of the acceptance of distribution by a leading supermarket chain. Many French- and English-speaking Canadians will now have *The Plain Truth* and *La Pure Verite* easily available in such major outlets as subway stations, airports and supermarkets.

As they respond to the newsstand magazine, the impact on the subscription list should be substantial by the end of the year.

Another development of the Montreal visit was an invitation to Mr. Hulme from Mr. Benjamin's father, Gerald Benjamin, to attend the Periodical Distributors of Canada's two-day conference here in late April. Mr. Benjamin, who is the newly elected president of the organization for the next two years, gave Mr. Hulme the opportunity to present the concept of free magazine distribution to major magazine dis-

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CANADIAN CHURCHES — Indicated on the map above are all the churches in Canada. The church locations reflect the population density of the country, which is heavily concen-

trated near its border with the United States and lightest in the more northern areas. Canadian Feast sites are indicated by bolder type. [Artwork by Scott Ashley]



# Canada

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 tributors attending from all across Canada.

### Late entry

Since *The Plain Truth* was a late entry at the conference, we ended up in a prime position where all the delegates had to pass our table on their way to the meetings. As a result we now have newsstand space available to us to place 400,000 magazines a month. A truly incredible and totally

unexpected blessing.

Our problem is being able to afford the sudden increases that would result from such a step. We have already doubled our projected number of magazines to be placed on newsstands to 600,000 a month by the end of the year. That is, of course, if our other budget projections hold, and with the continued enthusiastic support of the Canadian people. Seeing these doors opened to us so unexpectedly is inspiring, and we prefer to believe it is more than mere coincidence. "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7).

## CANADIAN MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

Leslie McCullough Evangelist, director of Canadian Work

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Charles Bryce Regina, Sask., area coordinator  
 George Patrickson Calgary, Alta., area coordinator  
 Richard Pinelli Toronto, Ont., area coordinator  
 Colin Wilkins Montreal, Que., area coordinator  
 Richard Wilding Halifax, N.S.

### PREACHING ELDERS

John Adams Ottawa, Pembroke, Ont.  
 Dan Banham Kelowna, Penticton, B.C.  
 Robert Berend Edmonton (North), Alta.  
 Neil Earle Calgary (North), Alta.  
 Thomas Ecker Toronto (West), Ont.  
 Robert Elliott Peterborough, Ont.  
 Kenneth Frank Moosomin, Brandon, Sask.  
 Lawrence Greider Barrie, Ont.  
 Elie Hofer Victoria, B.C.  
 Ronald Howe Winnipeg (East), Man.  
 Douglas Johnson Regina, Moose Jaw, Sask.  
 Terry Johnson Kingston, Smiths Falls, Ont.  
 Clyde Kilough Yorkton, Dauphin, Sask.  
 Jack Kost London, Sarnia, Ont.  
 Dennis Lawrence Evansburg, Alta.  
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 Cecil Maranville Lethbridge, Alta.  
 Pieter Michielson Calgary (South), Alta.  
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 Alvin Nordstrom Courtenay, B.C.  
 Royston Page Winnipeg (West), Winkler, Man.  
 Charles Ranchie Red Deer, Wetaskiwin, Alta.  
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 Glen Weber Prince George, B.C.  
 Kenneth Webster Salmon Arm, B.C.  
 Dennis Wheatcroft Didsbury, Alta.  
 Richard Wilkinson Trail, B.C.  
 Will Wooster Edmonton (South), Alta.  
 Maurice Yurkiw Saskatoon, Sask.

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 Percival Burrows Toronto (West), Ont.  
 Bernard Hongerlout Montreal (French), Que.  
 Dan Hope Prince Albert, Sask.  
 David Hulme Vancouver, B.C.  
 Walter Johnson Vancouver, B.C.  
 Gary King Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.  
 Paul Linehan Thunder Bay, Ont.  
 Don Mears Winkler, Man.  
 Laurie Nyhus Grande Prairie, Alta.  
 Donat Picard Montreal (French), Que.  
 David Sheridan St. John's, Nfld.  
 Philip Shields Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John, N.B.  
 Guy Stillborn Moosomin, Sask.  
 Henry Sturcke Sherbrooke (French and English), Que.  
 Leo Van Pelt St. Catharines, Ont.

# Six Canadian sites offer variety

By Neil Earle and Henry Sturcke

VANCOUVER, B.C. — What would your ideal Feast site offer? A relaxed, family atmosphere by the sea? The bustle of a boom town out west? The sweep of the vast prairies? A chance to brush up on your language skills? A visit to the land of beaches and peaches?

Whatever your preference, you don't have to travel far to find it in Canada. Six convenient 1979 Feast of Tabernacles' sites offer a wide variety of attractions with an international flair. And Canada is one of the few countries in the world where the U.S. dollar commands a favorable exchange rate.

### Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

The tang of salt spray in the air and the historic aura of the "home of the confederation" combine to spice Canada's easternmost site. Prince Edward Island is Canada's smallest province, an island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and an ideal site for those seeking a tranquil, family-style setting.

The expected 400 or more Feastgoers will be able to participate in a wide variety of activities including deep-sea fishing. History buffs will enjoy the museum, which tells the story of Canada's founding fathers and the 1864 conference here, which worked out the terms of Canadian federation.

Services will take place in the Confederation Centre of the Arts, built in 1967 as part of Canada's centennial celebration.

### Sherbrooke, Quebec

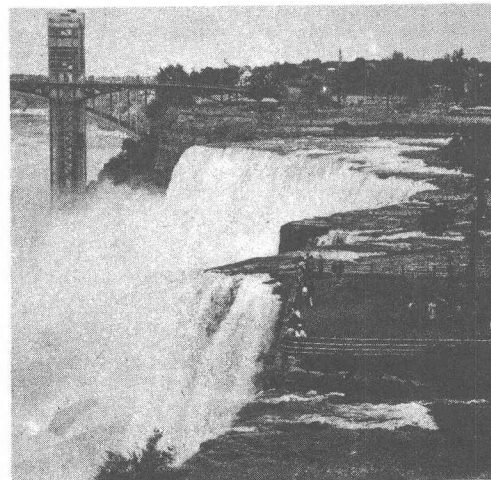
Anyone of French descent or who picked up French as a second language will be interested in North America's French-language site in Quebec's eastern townships. Tour the rural countryside to shop for antiques and folk arts, enjoy the concerts and films, sample the restaurants offering a wide variety of cuisine (including even French Caribbean) or climb nearby Mt. Orford.

Include at least a day or two before or after the Feast to visit historic Quebec City, with its Old World charm, and Montreal, one of North America's major cities.

Services are at the Cultural Center of the University of Sherbrooke and will be principally in the French language. Translation facilities will be available for those members of your family whose French might need a little help. Expected attendance is 700.

### Lewiston, New York

Only minutes away from Niagara Falls, N.Y., this first-time Feast site will play host to 2,400 members. The



**FAMOUS FALLS** — American Falls, shown above from Goat Island, is part of Niagara Falls, a primary tourist attraction at Lewiston, N.Y., a Canadian Feast site. [Photo courtesy Niagara Falls International News Bureau]

famous *Maid of the Mist* boat tours, an aquarium, a marineland and an old fort are among popular attractions. The cities of Toronto, Ont., and Buffalo, N.Y., are close enough for afternoon shopping excursions.

The Artpark Theater, location of services, was built in 1975, yet is already establishing itself as a center of the performing arts. Accommodations are readily available on either side of the U.S.-Canadian border in this popular tourist region.

### Regina, Saskatchewan

One of three western Canadian sites, it is perhaps most commonly known as the home of the Mounties, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Within a day's journey of this prairie city of 155,000 you can tour Yellowstone Park, Mt. Rushmore, the Badlands of South Dakota and Theodore Roosevelt Park. The Regina area has many attractions, including the RCMP museum and the Ipsco Game Sanctuary.

Services will be in the elegant Saskatchewan Center of the Arts, which also features concerts by many top-name performers.

### Calgary, Alberta

The "Gateway to the Rockies" is an 80-minute drive from spectacular Banff and Lake Louise. Calgary is Canada's fastest-growing city, offering ample restaurant and recreation facilities. Our members will meet in the Calgary Convention Centre again

this year. The adjoining Four Seasons luxury hotel complex offers convention rates, and Alberta has no sales tax.

### Penticton, British Columbia

The Peach Bowl played host to 1,800 people last year. The beautiful fall weather and small-town atmosphere here has proven perennially popular to members both from this province and the Pacific Northwest of the United States. Festival season falls right around the harvest season, and the orchards are worth a visit.

Canadian sites have built a reputation of offering cozy, family-oriented Festivals. Attendance ranges from 400 in Charlottetown to 2,000 in Penticton. Several of our sites, especially Charlottetown, Regina and Calgary, can accommodate those interested in a change of scene and the chance to meet new friends and tour the unspoiled, millennial surroundings.

### Transfer information

Canadian members wishing to transfer to another Canadian site can refer to the information included in the recent Feast mailing for instructions.

U.S. members requesting transfers to Canada should designate the site desired on their application forms and return them in the envelope provided to Herbert W. Armstrong, Box 431, Tucson, Ariz., 85702. Do not send a \$35 deposit.

Non-U.S. members can contact their Festival adviser for transfer information.

Feastgoers attending the Canadian sites must also plan to make their own housing arrangements after their request to transfer has been approved.

Tourist information about each of the sites can be obtained by writing to the following addresses:

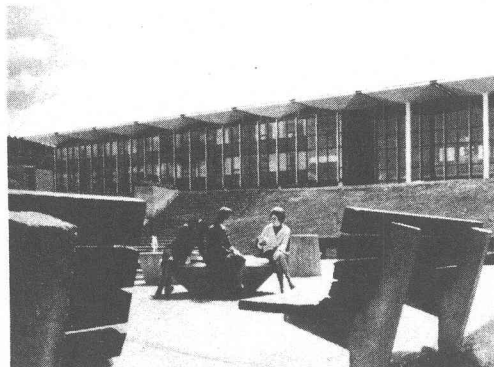
Charlottetown: Chamber of Commerce, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Sherbrooke: Le Bureau des Congres de Sherbrooke, 220 Rue Marchant, Sherbrooke, Que., J1J 3V2.

Lewiston: Convention Services, Box 276, Etobicoke, Ont.  
 Regina: Tourist Information Bureau, Regina, Sask.

Calgary: Calgary Tourist Association, Hospitality Center, 1300 6th Ave. SW, Calgary, Alta.

Penticton: Chamber of Commerce, 185 Lakeshore Dr., Penticton, B.C.



**FRENCH-LANGUAGE SITE** — The Cultural Center of the University of Sherbrooke will be the location for services at the French-language Sherbrooke, Que., Feast site. Translation services will be available for non-French-speaking members. [Photo courtesy University of Sherbrooke]

## FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

(Continued from page 7)  
cause the case is not producing that kind of fanfare, they lose interest. They're not really that much concerned about the other issues, which lie beneath the surface. They like to repeat those gross charges. That's what they like to do. That's sensationalism. They repeat the charge in the headline, in the subhead, in the lead paragraph, and they've done their work. So that's what we're facing at the present moment.

They didn't want to let the public know even that Mr. Armstrong, I mean on any grand scale (now AP [Associated Press] carried it around the country, and we've already received reports from all over that Mr. Armstrong went to Japan and so on). But they weren't even interested in the bottom line, which was Mr. Armstrong was doing the Work of the living God in the very way that the attorney general has condemned.

He has gone out of his own place, he has gone into the best hotels, he has had a major banquet, he has brought a piece of Steuben, he has siphoned and pilfered millions or some portion thereof, and you would think that the newspapers would say, Uh huh, Armstrong did it again. Or the very least they could have said, Armstrong defies attorney general.

Because this is the very thing that three months ago they were calling pilfering, siphoning, extraordinary expenditures, so on. I mean, they could have said, Armstrong flies to Tokyo, and met by Gotoh, former taxi driver. They didn't do it this time because, you see, it would have been complimentary. I think even they would have realized that there's something wrong with the attorney general on one hand maintaining that that is siphoning and pilfering, with Mr. Armstrong doing it so openly.

So they don't do it and they won't do it. But we have some public relations people working with us. I'll be doing Michael Jackson tomorrow on radio. And I think a week from now, we'll be doing Tom Snyder again. So we'll get the message out.

What we're going to try to do now is to educate the public and keep them better informed about what has happened and what is happening, not in a strident manner, but just try to get the point across that what they heard was one-sided and was wrong-headed, illegal, unlawful, reprehensible, nothing provocative, and that all of it was done by a group of people who unfortunately for us at the time were in a position to do what they did without our being able to stop it.

And I might mention this to all of you so you understand how heinous the actions of Mr. Cole and others who conspired with him, how heinous their actions were. You must understand this if nothing more.

If we had known for certain about that lawsuit, we could have stopped it. That was the Benedict Arnold nature of Mr. Cole and Mr. [David] Antion and Mr. [Robert] Kuhn and others, some of whom are probably still working for us. Mr. Armstrong has said we're going to go on a witch-hunt. We know who some of those people are, we know where their sympathies were.

But Chapman, for example, admitted under close questioning that he had been called by the attorney who represented the dissidents, he never told Mr. Armstrong, he never told me, he never told Mr. Helge. He then went down there, and he signed an affidavit attacking Mr. Armstrong — never told Mr. Armstrong, never told me, never told Mr. Helge. Other people were involved.

If we had known for certain, even one day before, this lawsuit would have never occurred. As the ad copy

that Mr. Armstrong wrote and hasn't been completed yet, he said, the whole thing could have been prevented by one phone call. That's the nature of Mr. Cole's misconduct.

Now the thing is, he told Mr. Armstrong that a lawsuit was coming, but he didn't say where it was coming from, he didn't say that he knew the people who were involved, he didn't give him the information necessary for us to act. When Mr. Armstrong asked me about it, I said I hadn't even heard the rumor.

It was like Mr. Helge a few months before had luncheon with Mr. Cole. Mr. Cole was telling him about some rumors in the field, and they were all wrong. And Mr. Helge started to explain that these rumors are false rumors and what should be said and Mr. Cole told Mr. Helge, well, we don't want your help. We just want to tell you what the conditions are. So the whole thing was very beautifully orchestrated. It just didn't work, that's all.

I mean, it caused some damage, it brought about a lawsuit, we're all in it, but it's a different matter than it was. And it's much different than was planned. And but for the fact that the State is involved, the whole problem would be behind us . . .

We want to maximize the value of keeping the Worldwide Church of God's name out in front so more people will want to know about us. A curious thing happened to me in a restaurant a few weeks ago. Right after 60 Minutes, I was sitting in a restaurant and a waiter handed me a note, and it was from a mother and a daughter sitting across the room. They wanted to share a drink with me if possible. So I went over and introduced myself. They knew who I was, but they introduced themselves to me, and then all they wanted to know was about the Church.

See, that wasn't brought out on 60 Minutes, they wanted to know now, well, what about the Church? What does it believe? What does it teach? What does it practice? And that I think is what is going to happen as a result of this publicity. More and more people will be mindful of the need to know about the Worldwide Church of God.

**Can you use "The Plain Truth" as a vehicle for making more if it's possible ad campaign?**

Of the ad campaign . . . I'm not sure what you mean.

**The newspapers with the ad campaign about this whole lawsuit, will "The Plain Truth" take articles that will go directly . . .**

The current issue has two articles in it, one dealing with privacy and one dealing with general issues, and we'll continue to keep the people informed. But remember the primary purpose of *The Plain Truth* is to get the Gospel out, and I think that we should use those pages sparingly in terms of advertising the case. We don't want to turn readers off of their pursuit of God's truth. People getting *The Plain Truth* already know about the Church, and we want them to know more about the Church. But I think we should emphasize throughout those pages the positive rather than the negative.

**Mr. Rader, there's a rumor going around, I wonder if you could dispel it? It goes like this, that you plan on seeing to it that Mr. [Roderick] Meredith is replaced from his position right now.**

No, any problems along those lines are problems that Mr. Herbert Armstrong resolves. He's pretty good at moving people around and also putting them in places where they belong and seeing that they do their job. That's his job, not mine.

And I don't know how my name got involved in it. But there are always people that for one reason or another, I guess, will juxtapose my name with whatever problems they may conjure up. But Mr. Meredith is not my problem. I'm not suggesting

for the moment that he's anyone's problem. But he isn't mine.

**Ever since this lawsuit came about, Mr. Armstrong has not been able to return to California. Is he scheduled at any time in the future to return to this Auditorium?**

Well, as soon as things are in a position for us to say that he can come here, for a purpose that will either greatly outweigh the threat of his being harassed, either by people involved in the lawsuit or by the press, or when the problem has been resolved. He's getting God's Work done, though.

I mean, his being here physically is desirable for some people, I would imagine, who would like to see him. But I think we all have to recognize the relative dangers and threats to the Work, and I know that he is appreciative of all of you wanting to see him. But he is doing God's Work in his inimitable way, and we have to weigh circumstances with desires, wants with needs.

I'm sure he wants to come back here, to speak at the Auditorium and what have you. But he is speaking in Tucson [Ariz.], and he is making television programs and he is writing, and he is getting the Gospel out. And for the moment, that has further thwarted the efforts of others who would seek to destroy him. So I don't see why we should want to interfere with that delicate balance.

**Some of them alleged that . . . government was holding up mail that was being mailed to Tucson, and that instead of going to Tucson, it was sent here and opened, the money was being taken out. Did anything ever become of that?**

I never heard of that.

**He wrote a, maybe some other people saw it, he wrote all over the envelope on both sides . . .**

I don't think you've got it exactly right. At least, I haven't heard of it and Mr. Helge hasn't. We haven't

had any problems with mail. The only time we ever had a problem with mail was when the Honorable Steven Weisman stopped Mr. Armstrong's letter going out. So the minute he did that, we went about communicating with the brethren a different way and that ended the battle right there.

**[Question unclear.]**  
No, not to our knowledge. Arthur Andersen has checked our internal controls on mail procedures, not only here but in Arizona. It's all part of our audit program. We haven't heard of any problem. Any last significant question? Okay.

Oh, I did have one thing here. There's been some few people, including one evangelist, so to speak, who wanted to make a big production out of my comment on 60 Minutes, which, something about taking God's name in vain. One evangelist in particular thought that would be the best way to cause a problem for me. I don't know who it was exactly, I just heard it was an evangelist. And Mike Wallace said, there were also expenses for gifts that Mr. Armstrong himself carried to foreign dignitaries, Steuben glass, six crystal Pillar of the Griffins, \$12,000, gifts.

Rader: "Did you know, Mike, that Dwight Eisenhower was President of the United States for eight years and every time he visited a head of state he gave a piece of Steuben? Did you know that?"

Wallace: "Are you saying, are you suggesting that Mr. Herbert Armstrong is a head of state?"

Rader: "Exactly. Exactly."

Wallace: "And you're his secretary of state?"

Rader: "You've got it. By God, you've got it, Mike. That's it. That's the whole key. This is a state and we are representatives of God. And I am Mr. Armstrong's secretary of state."

When I am on these programs, I am very mindful of everything I say. And I have to think of our audience. I have to think of the general audience.

I also have to try occasionally to put a little levity and balance it off. And any of you who have seen the program, the musical, *My Fair Lady*, will remember words of that nature, when Professor Higgins was delighted with his pupil Eliza Doolittle, I guess it was, or whatever her name was, getting the point.

In this case, however, I quickly mixed it with two things. A little touch of levity. And if you'll look at the tape again, you'll see that I smile very broadly. And I was also indicating that by God his mind had been opened up. It only took an hour and a half.

And later on in the program, I pointed out it took me almost 20 years to understand where Mr. Armstrong was coming from and what this Work was all about. And I referred back, and I said, I'm not a slow learner, I am not a fast learner apparently, or I wasn't in this case, but that I apparently learned well so that Mr. Armstrong considered me a good student, if not one of his best students.

So it's unfortunate that we have a few people in an organization of this size who are so self-righteous that they would make an effort to make mountains out of molehills. Mr. Armstrong himself has a copy of the whole transcript, which was transcribed from our audio version of the interview. So as I say, it's unfortunate that we have some few who will try to cause difficulty and try to maximize problems that really do not exist instead of doing their work and getting the Work of the living God done.

But that's one of the things that I will have to continue to bear as has Mr. Armstrong. It seems to be one of the prices that we have to pay for trying to do this Work. And I promise Mr. Armstrong to maintain at all times a thicker skin than I used to about these things. We just kind of take these things in stride. Thanks a lot.

## No peace from Mideast treaty

By Moshe Ben-Simha

**JERUSALEM** — The peace between Israel and Egypt was finally ratified by an exchange of treaty documents in the Sinai desert April 25. But despite Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's continued obsession with bringing a "peace in our time," the ceremony was overshadowed in Israel by the darkening war clouds to the north.

The barometer began to drop on Israel's Lebanon frontier April 11 when Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) terrorists bombarded the Israeli frontier town of Kiryat Shmona with Soviet-made Katyusha rockets. The same day the Israeli air force retaliated against terrorist bases on the South Lebanon coast leaving 11 dead and 38 wounded.

Then April 17, the Syrian-controlled puppet Moslem-Lebanese government sent an army unit into the no-man's land of Maronite Christian South Lebanon. In retaliation, the Christian militia (who are supported by Israel and have struggled for survival against both Lebanese Moslems and Palestinians in a ferocious civil war over the past five years) declared their frontier area independent. Response in the Arab world was immediate. The Syrian government, in a radio broadcast, vowed to crush the Maronite enclave.

Meanwhile, April 15, Israeli troops killed four terrorists crossing into the Jordan Valley south of the Sea of Galilee from Jordan. Three days later an Israeli army patrol killed six more Palestinian terrorists crossing the Lebanon frontier. Then April 23, the PLO finally succeeded in piercing the Israeli defenses when four terrorists landed by sea at the

North Israeli coastal town of Nahariya and killed four people including two babies before being shot or captured.

### Israeli retaliation provoked

What makes these attacks stand out is that unlike earlier terrorist attacks, no attempts are made to take hostages and bargain for the release of captured PLO members in Israeli prisons. The aim is solely to kill as many Jews as possible.

Israeli military sources believe that the PLO aim, with Syrian backing, is to provoke a major Israeli retaliation against their bases in Lebanon. That will give the Arab eastern-front states of Syria, Jordan and Iraq, along with Saudi Arabia, the excuse for some larger-scale action to upset the Israel-Egypt treaty. In response, the Israeli army has launched a preemptive policy of taking the initiative against Palestinian bases.

While Israel's northern front evermore threatens to be the flash-point for another full-scale Middle East war, the outlook for the Jimmy Carter miracle of the Israel-Egypt peace looks hardly more encouraging. In an interview in the April Peace Treaty Supplement of the *Jerusalem Post*, Dr. Moshe Sharon, former adviser to the Israeli government on Arab affairs, warned that there is no real agreement on the question of self-government for the territories of biblical Judea and Samaria, today the West Bank, with their Palestinian Arab populations.

According to Dr. Sharon, the Israeli government sees the autonomy-self-rule provisions of the peace treaty as "a measure through which Israel can continue its hold over Judea, Samaria and Gaza region

territories." But the Egyptians are determined that after the five-year transitional period of the treaty, Israeli rule over the territories will end and will pass totally into Arab hands.

Meanwhile the Palestinian Arabs and the PLO refuse to accept the peace treaty at all, demanding the establishment of a Palestinian state.

### The problem of Jerusalem

Concerning Jerusalem, the situation is even worse, and Dr. Sharon believes, "It is hardly possible now to predict concerning the resolution of the completely conflicting interests concerning Jerusalem — especially as we also have Christian viewpoints, which tend to view it as an international city."

He explained that here, Islamic and Christian world views meet, as: "Internationalization of Jerusalem — the whole city (that is, the new Jewish western city as well as the walled Arab Old City with the great religious sites) — was voiced also by the moderate Arab world as a solution to the problem of Jerusalem."

This concept, in Dr. Sharon's opinion, "definitely influences the European governments" for whom religious disputes on the Holy Land and on Jerusalem have been a means of exerting political influence since the 16th century.

Dr. Sharon stressed that Israel would never accept any such plan, while the United States is more interested in solving the entire conflict than in matters concerning Jerusalem. But with American influence and power in the Middle East withering at an astonishing rate, the day may yet be drawing near when such a solution may be imposed on an unwilling Israel.

# Member finds purpose for living as result of paralyzing accident

By Bill Norris

BREVAR, N.C. — Glenn Peevy got a letter from Gov. Jim Hunt several weeks ago asking him to fill a key position on a very important committee. The fact that the governor sought out a person of Glenn's outstanding ability and expertise to serve in such a vital spot is not at all surprising. What is surprising is the fact that he is alive and able to accept the governor's offer at all . . .

In December of 1958 Glenn Peevy was a strapping 16-year-old junior at Brevar-High. He had just helped the Blue Devils through a fine year where they had finished an 8-1 season . . . Coach Ralph "Buffalo" Humphries' squad had only allowed three teams to score on them that year, and two of those had been defeated so soundly that it really didn't matter whether they scored or not . . . That's the kind of team that Glenn Peevy had played on.

Coach Humphries was counting on the hard-running halfback to take up some of the slack the next year . . . But fate, or someone, had different plans, because Glenn Peevy was never to don a football uniform again after that sparkling junior year.

### Tragedy strikes

Sunday morning, Dec. 14, 1958 . . . The first snow of the year had fallen the night before, and Glenn, who had only had his driver's license for a short while, elected to drive up into "the forest" along Davidson River with several friends to see the beauty of the nature's white blanket. It was on this brief excursion that tragedy struck.

*This article, condensed for use in the WN, is about a member of the Asheville, N.C., church, and is reprinted from The Transylvania Times of Brevar, N.C., Aug. 7, 1978, edition.*

Glenn's car struck some ice and slid out of control into a bridge. Since this was before the time of safety belts, the impact threw Glenn from the car and into the icy waters of Looking Glass Creek, where he landed on his neck and back.

The vehicle had not been traveling fast at all, and it was simply a freak accident that the youth landed as he did. None of his companions were even slightly injured, and when they rushed to his assistance, Glenn very quietly told them, "Something's wrong, don't even try to move me, but get help as quickly as you can."

He was taken to Asheville [N.C.] Memorial Hospital where it was determined that his spinal cord had almost been severed. He was completely paralyzed, with no movement coming from any of his limbs and no feeling at all in his lower extremities. It was there that a doctor told Glenn, "Son, if you hadn't still been in such excellent physical condition from the recently concluded football season, you would have probably died right there in that creek."

None of us knew then what lay ahead for the game lad, including his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peevy. We all hoped for the best, but feared the worst. His courage and faith were strong, however, and he kept saying, "I know I can beat this thing."

I have to admit now that one morning, around 2 a.m., I watched him lying there, and I just had to leave the room and shed a few tears. It seemed to help me feel a little better, though I know it didn't do a thing to help Glenn.

### Long series of treatments

Then began a long series of treatments in hospitals across the country that continues even today, almost 20 years later. He was in Asheville for 10 weeks, and then transferred to the Charlotte [N.C.] Rehabilitation Hospital for nine months.

During that first year, the strong, sturdy body that had weighed almost 170 at the time of the accident dwindled away until Glenn weighed only 85 pounds in Charlotte . . .

Then came a move to a big New York hospital, better equipped with specialists and technical medical equipment to handle cases like Glenn's. He stayed there six months, and then one of the better doctors in the field told the Peevys: "If he were my son, I'd take him home. We can't do anything more for him here, and he'd be happier at home during his final months. I frankly don't see how he can last more than six months."

That doctor obviously knew medicine, but he didn't know Glenn.

Charles and Opal Peevy brought their son home and built a special addition to their house on Maple Street to help take care of Glenn's special needs. Six months passed, and more, and Glenn's gallant battle for survival was still going on. But the Peevys now realized that Glenn needed more than they could provide

at home. Back to Asheville he went, only this time it was to the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital . . .

### Graduates with honors

Desire and determination led him to decide to finish high school. Working diligently, but unable to attend classes in person, he nevertheless graduated with honors from T.C. Roberson High in Buncombe County in 1964. His interest in teaching others had been kindled, and this he started doing to youngsters in the first, second and third grades who were undergoing therapy and treatment at Asheville Orthopedic Hospital.

While serving as an associate teacher he also served a shift operating the telephone switchboard. All of this helped temper the tremendous hospital costs that the Peevys had been undergoing ever since the accident.

Glenn still felt the call to do something more, so he started studying accounting at Asheville-Biltmore (now UNC-A). He then moved into the field of computers, primarily data processing. He was a quadriplegic, with only slight movement in his left hand permitted by use of a brace, but his brilliant mind had never been even slightly injured, and he was determined to make the best use of this valuable asset.

I don't think I ever felt prouder or stood taller than I did one day a few years back when I went over to Asheville to see Glenn receive an award from Asheville's mayor for being named Buncombe County's Handicapped Person of the Year. This had come about due to Glenn's constant work with other handicapped persons, helping to rehabilitate and encourage others who were just beginning to face many of the problems that he had battled and overcome.

### Helping is his purpose

"I really believe that what happened to me might just have been

God's will to show me what I am really supposed to do with my life. I've found a purpose for living through helping others, and this, I'm sure, is what He wants me to do," he said recently. It's easy to see that, through all of his trials and tribulations, Glenn has never lost faith in his God or his determination to do the best he can with what he has.

Glenn is now, at 36, the senior evaluator of the Vocational Evaluation Unit at what is now Thoms Rehabilitation Hospital in Asheville. He works with the handicapped to determine their capabilities in the job field, and he counsels them concerning their problems, drawing heavily on his own experience to encourage them. That happy nature and broad smile are still there, just as contagious as they ever were . . .

Now comes the invitation from Gov. Hunt inviting him to serve as a member of the Comprehensive Employment and Training committee of the North Carolina Employment Training Council, which advises the governor on employment and training policies and programs in the state . . .

If the governor needs help in any way, he couldn't have chosen a more qualified man than Glenn Peevy to serve on his committee. For one who was given only six months to live over 18 years ago, he's devoted his life to helping others find the way that he himself almost lost that cold December morning back in 1958. He's done it through grit and determination, through his faith in his God and with the loving care, help and prayers of his parents, who have stood by and kept the faith all through the years.

It's obvious now that those tears I shed in the hall of Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville 20 years ago were really for me and others who thought that another young life was going to be wasted. They certainly weren't shed for Glenn Peevy, because he didn't need them.

# FISHING LESSON

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS  
By Harlan Simantel

"Dad, do you think we'll catch anything?"

"I think so, Bobby. The north fork hasn't been touched this far downstream."

Jim Stormer and his son, Bobby, were fly fishing the north fork of the Clackamas River in northwest Oregon. The sun was beaming brilliantly through the evergreen needles of thick-growing Douglas fir trees. Mr. Stormer and Bobby had just hiked four brushy miles downstream the afternoon before and slept overnight under a starry July sky.

"I think these pools are holding most of the trout, Dad," Bobby said, watching his line drift slowly in the dark-green water.

"You're right, Bob. We've got five 10-inchers between us to show for it," Mr. Stormer replied.

"And your homemade flies really work!" Bobby smiled up at his dad.

### A stranger approaches

"Look, here comes somebody from upstream," Mr. Stormer squinted in the bright sunlight.

"Yeah, and he's sure in a hurry," Bobby's high-pitched voice lowered to a whisper.

The man, darkly silhouetted against the forest, approached, breaking branches along the overgrown trail on

the opposite side of the stream. The stranger noisily stepped up next to the bank across from Mr. Stormer and Bobby, frowning under thick dark sunglasses.

"Hello there," Mr. Stormer smiled. "Had any luck?"

"You kidding?" the man asked in disgust. Quickly he cast upstream and let his fly line drift through the middle of the pool. Bobby followed with a cast, careful to keep his line free from the stranger's line. Bobby's weighted fly quickly dropped near the rocks on the bottom of the river.

"A strike, Dad!"

"Keep your line tight, Bob!" Mr. Stormer exclaimed and reached for the net. Soon the silvery rainbow was safely secured.

Mr. Stormer noticed the stranger still glowering from under his glasses. He looked down angrily and cast again upstream with his dry fly. Mr. Stormer knew the dry-fly method wouldn't catch anything at this early hour and rarely was effective during the rest of the day, but he said nothing.

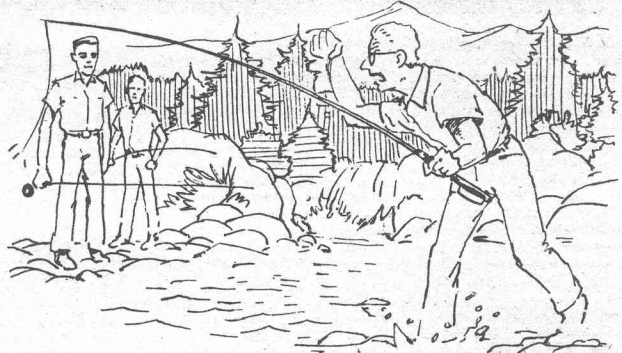
"Why don't you tell him to try wets, Dad?" Bobby whispered.

### One more cast

"Not in the mood he's in. Try one more cast, Bobby, and we'll leave him alone," Mr. Stormer quietly replied.

Bobby's cast caught a gust of wind and blew over the stranger's line.

"Can't you see where to cast?" the man shouted. "Get your line off mine!"



Bobby nervously reeled furiously, but the stranger's line dragged across a midstream branch just as Bobby's was freed.

Snap! The stranger's line landed in a heap at his feet.

"Now see what you've done!" he yelled. "I've lost my best dry fly."

"We're sorry, sir," Mr. Stormer began, but before he could finish the stranger stalked off downstream at a brisk pace, muttering as he went.

### No reason to get mad

"Dad, he had no reason to get so mad. Why didn't you tell him so, Dad?" Bobby asked.

"It would have just started a fight, Bobby. I think he's got some other problems he's bringing with him out here. And he's doubly angry because you caught your third fish, and he's caught none. I think he's taking his fishing too seriously."

"He sure got me mad yelling at me like that," Bobby frowned.

"Well, you did right by not replying. It's best to keep cool. I wanted to give him a replacement, but he took off downstream before I could finish my sentence," Mr. Stormer explained.

An hour later farther downstream, Mr. Stormer and Bobby came upon the stranger deep in sleep on a log.

Mr. Stormer stopped, took out a note pad and pen and wrote:

"Sorry about your lost fly. Here's one to replace it and two wet flies that work very well for us when we fish them deep. Good fishing, Jim and Bob Stormer."

Mr. Stormer placed the note and three flies in a plastic container, quietly snapped it shut and placed it on the log where it would be easy to find.

The pair walked noiselessly away in the morning sunlight.

# LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The second annual "Young at Heart" party of the ADA, Okla., church May 5 featured 76-year-old Herschel Miller as the "Beau of the Ball." Sponsored by the deacons and deaconesses and others, the party included a potluck dinner and a "roff stomp" after sundown. *Patsy Pruitt.*

About 250 brethren of the BELLE VERNON, Pa., and CLARKSBURG, W. Va., churches got together in Morgantown, W. Va., May 6 for a social with lots of lively entertainment. *Jim Harrison*



**IMITATORS** — Norfolk, Va., YOU members Joe Hertzler and Renee Wickre do their imitations of singers Elvis Presley and Dolly Parton during entertainment at a dance for the combined Norfolk and Richmond, Va., congregations May 12. (See "Church Activities," this page.) (Photos by Scott Pryke)

sang and played his guitar. Jim Meyers played "Cindy" and "Boil That Cabbage Down" on his fiddle. Clark Brock played "Wildwood Flowers" on his guitar. Eugene Miller and Jim Harrison provided "Red Wing" on guitar and mandolin. Bob and Lynne Ritener sang "Four Walls" and "Funny Face." Lance Stimmel did a few jokes, Benji and Caroline Harrison played "Alley Cat" on the piano. Christy Richards did acrobatics. Beth Harrison played "The Theme from Surprise Symphony." Rex Groves and Gary Petty acted out a skit and Brian Harrison presented a piano solo. Gary Petty also was in charge of the entertainment and was master of ceremonies. *Peggy Henry.*

The BINGHAMTON, N.Y., church celebrated its fourth anniversary May 5. After services the congregation enjoyed coffee and cake in honor of the occasion. *Richard Deeb.*

The FLORENCE, S.C., brethren had their second social April 29, first enjoying the moon meal at Poinsette State Park, then moving on to the Pocatigoo, S.C., community center in the afternoon for dancing, country-style music with banjo and fiddles, and several cakewalks. *Charles B. Edwards.*

A group of brethren and their families from the MELBOURNE, Australia, South church traveled 26 miles to Belgrave April 29 to climb aboard the "Puffing Billy," a faithfully restored early steam train with its original carriages. Puffing Billy is the sole survivor of a narrow-gauge railway system used to develop rural centers of the state of Victoria at the turn of the century. The train departed at 10:45 a.m. for the eight-mile breathtaking ride through the Dandenong Ranges. Arriving at Lakeside, a picnic ground at the end of the line, the brethren barbecued steaks, strolled around the lake, played games and took paddleboat rides. All boarded the Puffing Billy in the late afternoon for the return trip to Belgrave, having thoroughly enjoyed a day reliving the past. *I. Wheelton.*

A new branch of the Cape Town, South Africa, church was started in MITCHELLS PLAIN May 5, bringing the number of branch churches to three. John Russel gave the sermonette, followed by the choir singing "Consider the Lily" and Bill Whitaker's sermon. The new church was started because many of

the brethren in the area have had transportation problems attending services. *William Thomas.*

Both the choir and spectators were "In the Mood" as the MONTREAL, Que., church's bilingual choir belted out one song after another, 21 selections in all, for the 525 attending the performance May 6. Punctuated by comments from master of ceremonies Bernard Hongerlot, the choral group, *Les As de Choeur* also featured soloists Cecile Dumoulin ("Ces Jours Lointains"), John Mason ("Annie's Song"), and Joe Storozuk ("Joey's Medley," "My Way"). During the intermission, the greater part of the throng stampeded out of all available exits to fill up on cola, cake and coffee. The choir wound up singing its way to no less than three standing ovations, finally



picnic May 27 at the Baldwin-Stocker Park in Arcadia, the third in what is quickly becoming a popular monthly departmental outing. A special invitation to the Accounting Department was accepted and five lively games of softball were the result. Accounting proved its strength in the tug-of-war and its agility in the water-balloon toss, while Tim Grauel of Purchasing won in Simon Says. All indulged in a delicious assortment of buffet-style food to make the day complete. *Judy Cosgrove and Tim Grauel.*

The PERTH, Australia, churches entertained the brethren May 12 with an amateur concert, with 24 acts ranging from a mini-Shakespearean play and a ballet dance (performed by girls, some barely old enough to climb the backstage stairs) to singing and instrumental numbers. The theme of the concert was the current Australia-wide campaign known as "Life. Be in it." A well-disguised artist did a "Rolf Harris" stint, painting posters and chatting congenially with the master of ceremonies between acts. Not only did the audience love the show, so did the performers. *Christine and Marlane Ainsworth.*

The El Dorado Park in Scottsdale, Ariz., was the site of the PHOENIX churches' annual picnic April 29. Brethren participated in softball, volleyball, paddleboating and junior track, in addition to donning a huge potluck lunch. In the softball game between the East and West Phoenix churches' men, Mark Cardona, pastor of the churches, played for the East side, and Camillo Reyes, associate pastor, pitched in with the West men. *Efrain Rosario.*

An atmosphere of togetherness and joy prevailed at the family day of the TOOWOOMBA, Australia, church April 29 at the Shannon Park recreation center. Brethren participated in the traditional sack races and wheelbarrow relays, volleyball, soccer and tugs-of-war. One volleyball game was played with a nerf ball, an inflated ball about 6 feet high and weighing 30 to 40 pounds. Two or three people were needed to carry and discharge it effectively toward the opposing team, who then were mostly scattered and flattened like tennies by the ball. For the younger at heart, a dussard and multi-tipped parachute provided great merriment. The parachute was tossed into the air, and the children took turns trying to negotiate their way under it before being engulfed in yards of billowing silk. *Anne Burchard.*

## CLUB MEETINGS

Skin care, self-defense and defensive driving have been some of the topics of the ATHENS, Ga., Women's Club during the past year. A doll collector lectured at one meeting, and juggled the costumes of dolls dressed by the club members. The club also sponsors the printing of the "News Summary" for the congregation. The annual men's night capped off the year. *Donna White.*

The German-speaking Spokesman Club of the BASEL and ZUERICH, Switzerland, churches held its third meeting April 29 in the medieval town of Olten, founded in the 12th century by the Duke of Frobarg near the river Aare. Club members gathered in the Rittersaal (Knights' Meeting Hall) in the castle



**WASHED UP** — YOU members of the Hamilton, Bermuda, church wash cars April 29 to raise money for a summer trip to New York. The teens also sponsored a pancake breakfast earlier in the day. (Photo by R. Sampson)



**SWISS CLUB** — The women of the German-speaking Ladies' Club of the Basel and Zuerich, Switzerland, churches watch with interest as a guest speaker demonstrates flower arranging for the home. (See "Clubs," this page.) (Photo by Wolfgang Thomsen)

Wartburg-Saeli, a historical landmark. The club president, Mr. Vollenwider, opened the lively session, and Thomas G. Root, club director and area pastor, expressed his satisfaction that the men were able to meet at least once a month.

While the men were busy, the ladies had their club meeting too, one of the first women's clubs in the German-speaking area, under the guidance of Sylvia (Herold) Root. The discussion theme was "Natural Methods of Gardening," followed by a demonstration with hints and ideas of flower arranging for the home. After both clubs had finished, lunch was served in the castle's restaurant. *Linda A. Thomsen.*

Members of the CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Spokesman Club and their guests listened to guest speaker Blinote Oliver, a school psychologist, speak about the role of parents in child education at their April 30 meeting in the Landrest Hotel Lansdown. After the 40-minute lecture and coffee break, Mr. Oliver answered questions from the audience.

The day before, April 29, the Cape Town Spokesmen and their families enjoyed an outing together, visiting an art gallery in the morning, then moving on to the Glen in the afternoon for a braai and a chat. *W. Thomas.*

The New Century Ladies' Club of the COLORADO SPRINGS and PUEBLO, Colo., churches convened at Furr cafeteria in Pueblo for lunch, followed by a short business meeting conducted by Sue Vandegriff. Cherie Samuels led a discussion on "Just What Are the Elements of Submission to Our Husbands?" and Dr. Clint Zimmerman, the churches' pastor, finalized all by relating how God should be totally in control of our relationships with our husbands. The July meeting is scheduled to be a sack-lunch picnic in a park and a visit to the Metropolitan Museum in Pueblo with Norma Renck as hostess. *Tommie Joe Stewart.*

Fifty-six brethren of the HOUSTON, Tex., North church participated in a progressive dinner, the first of its kind in the area, sponsored by the Ladies' Club May 5. The group first went to the Alex Mitchell home for drinks and appetizers and ended the meal at the Bob Bell home with dessert and coffee. *Jeanette Treymbig.*

Mother's Day came early for 11 mem-



**TASTE TEST** — Phoenix, Ariz., member Stan Killman looks on as two little ones share a bite at the Phoenix churches' picnic April 29. (See "Church Activities," this page.) (Photo by Efrain Rosario)

bers of the JONESBORO, Ark., Ladies' Club. The proceeds from a macramé purse sale financed a shopping trip to Memphis, Tenn., May 6 for the women, who started the day with brunch at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel. After three hours of shopping, the women concluded the outing, the last meeting of the 1979 season, with dinner at Pancho's Mexican restaurant. Officers for the 1980 Ladies' Club are Paula Vangilder, president; Kathy Holmes, vice president; Bernice Tackett, secretary; Dina Barker, treasurer; Marta Harrell, parliamentarian; and Bunny Coover, photographer-reporter. *Kathy Holmes.*

The LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Ladies' Club grossed \$634, which was donated to the church fund to offset expenses incurred by a new sound system, at its bake sale April 26 and 27 in the Woodward's mall during a charity bazaar. The women sold handmade crafts in addition to the baked goods. The booth was decorated as an old-fashioned kitchen, complete with an artistically designed model of a wood cook stove created by Maureen DeLong.

The men's and women's clubs of the Lethbridge church concluded the year with a combined meeting and buffet meal at the Lethbridge Lodge May 3. Dianne Reed and Peter VanWaardhuizen, presidents of the two clubs, presided over the meeting. Larry Madge gave a research speech on finances, Lloyd Malm (most improved speaker) gave an interview speech, Bob Melville delivered a difficult-lecture sermonette, and Roy Swanson (most effective speaker) gave an interview speech. Jerry Peterson was named most helpful evangelist. After pastor and director Cecil Maranville gave the concluding remarks, various members of the two clubs presented him with gifts of appreciation. *Jan Peterson.*

The MEXICO CITY, Mexico, church's Spokesman Club held its ladies' night April 21 with the theme of "Cheese, Bread and Wine." Thirty-two attended, including two ladies from Tabasco and a man from Campeche, both states in southeastern Mexico. The other 14 ladies attending live in Mexico City. Each of the women was given a red rose as she arrived at the Hall of the Ambassador Institution, the Church's office in Mexico. Winners (See CHURCH NEWS, page 13)



**ORDINATIONS** — Norm Keeble, left, local elder, Greitche Broekstra, deaconess, and Tom Boyd, deacon, all longtime members of the Gippssland, Australia, church, display their congratulatory cake after being ordained April 28. Guest speakers at the special Sabbath service were area coordinator Graemne Marshall and former Gippssland pastor Kevin Lulham. (Photo by Mike Donaghu)

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of the speaking awards were Alfredo Reyes, most effective speaker; Alfonso Hernandez, most improved speaker; and Antonio Choperena, most helpful evaluator. Toastmaster Angus E. Richards' comments enables the ladies to more fully appreciate the difficulty of each speech and evaluation. Refreshments were cheese from the state of Chihuahua, German-style bread, wines from the Los Reyes winery and fruits of the season. Then all enjoyed a disco dance until 11 p.m., engineered by the sergeant at arms, Sador Hernandez.

The ladies were guests of honor for the second time this year at the MILWAUKEE, Wis., Spokesman Club's ladies' night May 1. Widows from the Milwaukee North and South churches

were also invited to attend. E. Vincent Melancon served as topicmaster, inviting the ladies to participate, and Alan Jaekel, club secretary, was toastmaster. Each of the club members gave a two-minute complete speech. Refreshments concluded the meeting. E. Vincent Melancon.

Members of the MONTREAL, Que., Spokesman Club, the Ladies' Club and the Graduate Club and guests met together April 28 in the Slovak Hall for a combined club meeting, first dining on the *plat de resistance*, a savory dish of garnished hen basking in a variety of vegetables. The team of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Marcellus opened the club session with tabletops, then Ann Lai introduced the evening's speakers. In conclusion Montreal pastor Bill Rabey awarded cer-

tificates of graduation to seven members of the Spokesman Club. After the meeting disc jockeys Claudius Brown Jr. and Phil Lemiex provided a wide range of musical selections for dancing. Melvin R. Rahel.

The MOUNT POCONO, Pa., Spokesman Club spring banquet was April 29 at the NCO Club Tobyhanna (Pa.) Depot. Tony and Ellie Ballatto outdid themselves again, preparing a delicious assortment of dishes. Margie Storm.

The OTTAWA, Ont., Spokesman Club's annual graduation formal May 6 began with a prime-rib dinner served by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the local Legion. Topics and speeches (given by John Ruest, Gary Culey and Maurice Sharon) revolved around the theme of "The Family," and Alex Gort, John Von Kanel and Gerard Roseau were given their graduation certificates. Mr. Gort, who is soon returning to England to live, received a gift from the club members. The club members provided a rendition of television's *Newlywed Game* during the intermission. The Legion's band played favorites from

the '50s for dancing, commenting afterwards, along with other Legion officials, that they had seldom seen a more appreciative audience. Marvyn Henry.

woods Park before returning home. Al Hankey.

The Silver Ambassadors of the BIG SANDY, Tex., church traveled to nearby Tyler for an outing April 22, first stopping by Luby's cafeteria for a leisurely lunch, then continuing on to the Goodman Museum, which dates back to the 1800s. The museum, originally a private home, contains many clothes and furnishings of the era, especially Civil War displays and exhibits. Lela Fisk.

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The Senior's Club of the CHILLIWACK, B.C., church was involved in a community spring bazaar April 27 at a shopping mall along with some 26 other social groups, most of them selling baked goods and arts and crafts. The club netted close to \$200 for its one-day effort. On May 14 the group had an outing at the Peace Arch with some Bellingham members. Then all moved on to tour a five-acre old-English garden, The Glades, only opened to the public in May in recent years, featuring azaleas and rhododendrons among the sequoia cedars. The brethren also visited Red-

## SINGLES SCENE

The Young Adults Group (YAG) of the ROCHESTER, N.Y., church had its first chicken and hot-dog barbecue May 3 at Mendon Ponds Park. Dark clouds and a brief shower kept few from attending, though all later retreated into Stewart (See CHURCH NEWS, page 14)

# Local projects aid Church in financial crisis

ANNISTON, Ala. — Clothes, appliances, toys, furniture, quilts and other items sold for more than \$1,000 at a yard sale May 20 promoted by members of the Annis-

ton and Gadsden, Ala., churches.

May 26 the churches' Boy Scouts sponsored a country-music benefit singing at \$2 a person. About 200 attended to hear Robert

and Claudene Nobley of Roanoke, Ala.; Johnny Ray Watts, a 12-year-old fiddler, and his father J.T. Watts from Lineville, Ala.; and the Snow Creek Flakes group perform, reports Verna Faye Johnson.

Other money-making church projects to help support the Work include selling doughnuts, Bic pens, aluminum cans and cola bottles. Pulpwood cutting brought in more than \$400.

BIG SANDY, Tex. — More than \$300 was raised by the Silver Ambassadors, a senior citizens club here, at a bake sale coordinated by Mrs. Charles Crain at the Fabric Shop in Gladewater, Tex. The homemade bread, pies, cakes and cookies were donated by members of the club, reports Lela Fisk. Other Church members donated \$100 to be added to the special offering for the Work of God.

HOUSTON, Tex. — The three churches here combined their forces to raise \$2,674 for operational needs of the Work the weekend of May 6.

The money was gained by members conducting a garage and bake sale, working as a roofing team and manning the concession stands at the stock car races, reported Shirley Scott of the Houston East church.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Twelve members of the church here spent an hour and a half dismantling an aluminum screen room and patio cover May 6 to earn the Work \$500.

According to Dan Russell, a member of the crew, the customer was so impressed with the work he requested they reassemble the room and patio cover in another location for an additional \$735.

A house painting project also netted \$550 for the Work.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The North and South churches here raised \$6,000 for the Work at an auction May 20. All the items, which included old cars, antiques, stoves, televisions and furniture, donated by the brethren, were sold. Five thousand baseball cards went for \$240.

The Ambassador's Women's Club of the churches sold hot dogs, cookies and soft drinks at the auction, netting a donation of \$228.58 for the Work, reported Jean Cline.

PASADENA — Forty members of the Ambassador Cultural Alliance, a women's club of the churches here, volunteered 300 hours baking and 18 hours selling to raise \$700 for a special offering to the Work. The women were permitted to set up their Food Fair stand at the intersection of Del Mar and South Lake streets May 18 and 20 at Pasadena's semiannual outdoor Festival of the Arts sale. According to the club president, Gwen LaRavia, theirs was the first stand allowed to sell food at the sale.

Centrally located among the artists, the women sold homemade breads, cookies, cakes and other baked goods along with

sparkling cider. The baked products, made with high-quality natural ingredients, were decorated with cellophane, marzipan (almond candy) and ribbon, Mrs. LaRavia said. An Lei Jungren coordinated the food preparation.

A fringe benefit of the sale, said Mrs. LaRavia, was the close-knit friendships developed among the women during the long hours spent together keeping the stand supplied with freshly baked products and selling them.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — James Friddle, pastor of the church here, gave his congregation six weeks in mid-April to raise \$9,000 for a special offering to the Work. But by the end of four weeks they had topped this amount and by the six-weeks deadline produced \$12,195.25 with \$3,000 more expected.

Using the slogan, "United We Stand — to Make Nine Grand," the members painted, wallpapered, plastered, washed windows, moved furniture, trimmed trees, sold arts and crafts, flowers and baked goods and had garage sales. YOU members sold candy and baby-sat. And those who could not work donated extra offerings to the fund.

"The members of the church have been drawn closer together, deeper friendships made and our faith strengthened as we watched God turn our efforts into a \$12,195.25 blessing to His Work," reports Marge Friddle and Susan Karoska.



**FUND RAISING** — Project leaders and James Friddle, pastor of the San Diego, Calif., church and Yuma, Ariz., Bible study, display a chart showing the attainment of their \$9,000 goal May 19. Mr. Friddle sent \$12,195.25 into headquarters June 4. In the photo are, front row, from left: Nancy Sass, Mr. Friddle, Marge Friddle. Back row, from left: Phil Chadwick, Gerald Shoquist, Gene Porter and Neil Dwinell. [Photo by Susan Karoska]



**FOOD FAIR** — Members of the Ambassador Cultural Alliance, a women's club of the Pasadena churches, sell baked goods at a food stand at a Pasadena outdoor art sale May 18. Results from the sales were donated to the Church. [Photo by Sheila Graham]



**FUND-RAISING DEMONSTRATIONS** — El DiFalco, a member of the Philadelphia, Pa., congregation, demonstrates the technique of hairstyling to Church members and guests. A longtime professional in the business, Mr. DiFalco is the city's official hairstylist for such celebrities as Miss Philadelphia. Proceeds from this and other demonstrations were donated to the Work as a special offering. [Photo by Tom Wagner]

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Lodge to wrap up around the fireplace, eat and discuss plans and ideas on how YAG could better serve the Church. Chairman Rik Newman asked for fund-raising suggestions so the YAG could do its part in easing the financial situation in the Work. *Teddy Ford.*

A host of singles from the WINNIPEG, Man., East and West churches gathered at the home of Joyce Cardno for a pizza party April 29, imbibing, indulging and fellowshiping. The girls brought homemade pizzas, and the guys furnished the drinks. *Ken Fedirchuk.*

The EVANSVILLE, Ind., Singles Club met for an evening of laughter, games and impromptu dancing at the home of Bonnie Coultas May 19. The club's agenda for the summer includes disco lessons, dances, cookouts, Sabbath get-togethers and Bible studies. Stan Duncan has been instrumental in planning many of the activities, and the church's pastor, Ron Reedy, has helped organize and set the tone for the club. *Kathy Jones.*

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

More than 30 youths from Germany and a few from as far away as France and Norway came together in BONN, West Germany, during the Days of Unleavened Bread for a week of activities and meetings. Johannes Eisermann, YOU chapter leader of the Duesseldorf and Bonn churches, organized and sponsored the events. After meeting in Duesseldorf on the first Holy Day for services, the group drove to the Eisermann home for a sing-along and wiener roast around a camp fire. A hike and picnic were on the agenda for Friday. On the Sabbath the young people met in the Bonn office for a Bible study led by John Karlson, who spoke on the responsibility of the youths in the Church. Later the teens walked to a nearby animal park, and after viewing a film in the evening attended a dance, featuring several Jewish dances led by Wilhelm Rademacher and Hans-Friedrich Schmeling. After ice skating Sunday afternoon and attending a Shakespeare play in the Bonn City Theater on Monday, the teens attended all-day church services in Bonn on the last Holy Day before departing to their respective homes. The friendship and learning experience was shared and appreciated by all, particularly the Lie family from Norway, whose only contact with Church youths is during the Festival seasons. *Charlotte Hirschfeld.*

## CAMPUS NOTES

### AMBASSADOR COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

PASADENA — Ambassador College's 1979 Graduation Ball took place May 13 in the Castaways restaurant, which is on a hill overlooking the city lights of the Los Angeles, Calif., basin. It was the final student activity for the 1978-79 academic year.

Wild food and a chance to camp lured the COLUMBIA, S.C., YOU members to the land of Goshen near Lenoir, N.C., May 5 and 6. The fourth annual wild-food party, sponsored by Robert Freeman and other Lenoir church members, turned up a menu of such delicacies as ramps (a member of the onion family), morel mushrooms, rutabagas, wild-salad greens, blueberries and venison. Wild drinks were also on tap. Few who tried it will forget Mr. Freeman's concoction called V-7, a blend of ramps and six wild vegetables. The teens and other wild-food eaters spent the rest of the afternoon burning energy playing dodgeball and volleyball by the lake. While YOU coordinator Steve Bear and Henry Stroy, the sports coach, gathered food for the wiener roast, the rest spent the evening fishing. Then all viewed a slide show on the myriad of wild edible plants found in the area. The next



**DANCING LESSON** — Hans-Friedrich Schmeling demonstrates a Jewish dance to a group of young people from Germany, France and Norway who gathered in Bonn, West Germany, during the Days of Unleavened Bread for a week of activities and meetings. (See "Youth Activities," this page.) (Photo by Wolfgang Thomsen)

morning, after a brunch of eggs and ramps, the teens went on a nature walk with a naturalist, who pointed out such edible plants as stinging nettles, ginger, Indian cucumbers and violets, and the inedible jack-in-the-pulpit, bloodroot and poison ivy. *Amy Kilpatrick.*

HATTIESBURG, Miss., YOU teens sponsored a spaghetti dinner April 28 to raise funds for the chapter, assisted by their mothers. After everything was cleaned and put away, the YOU members listened to a tape from Pasadena by Paul Yearout on dating.

In addition, the Hattiesburg teens sponsored a party for children ages 2 to 5 May 5. The children downed refreshments, played games and tried their hand at breaking a rooster-shaped pinata filled with candy. After the children's party, the YOU members enjoyed some games of their own. *Odessa Ladner.*

The 13-member YOU chapter of the IOWA CITY, Iowa, church sponsored a social April 28, including such interesting and fund-raising ideas as a craft bazaar and country store, cakewalk, fish pond, lunch counter and door prizes. Each of the teens and any of the brethren who wished to help out donated a craft and/or a baked item, and several women made cakes for the cakewalk. The silent-auction method was used to sell the crafts and baked goods, with each bidder writing down his bid on a sheet of paper beside each item. The highest bidder at the end of one hour got the item. Julie Rehor won the youths' door prize, a Spartan camera, and Clark Ross won the adults' prize, a 14-pound turkey. Tina Lee most closely guessed the number of marbles in a jar. Darryll Watson, minister of the



**BLUE RIBBONS** — First-place winners in the Des Moines, Iowa, church's track-and-field day May 6 display their ribbons. From left, front row, are Timothy Thompson, Chris Rhodes, Bill King, Amy Gardner and Shelly Garrett; middle row: Laura Garrett, Karen Pelley, Linda Mills, Cory Rhodes and Bobby Stutes; and back row: Karen Clark, Brad King, Scott Rhodes, Jerry Ford, Jim Mills and Ellen O'Connor. Not pictured: Bobbi Blackman. (See "Sports," this page.) (Photo by Harlan Brown)



**TALENT WINNERS** — Senior-division winners of the 1979 YOU District 42 talent contest in Tampa, Fla., May 6 are Lakeland, Fla., YOU members Mary Lobdell, left, who placed first with her baritone horn solo, and Teresa Peterson, center, awarded second place for her flute solo. Junior-division winner Jodi Smith, right, of St. Petersburg, Fla., performed a vocal solo. (Photo by Lavene L. Vorel)

next day was Mother's Day, the teens also gave all the mothers carnations. *Marge Shonyo.*

The ROCHESTER, Minn., congregation had its Youth Appreciation Day May 19, with teens handling most of the duties during the Sabbath service. Brad Handahl, YOU president, gave the opening prayer. Todd Nelson gave the sermonette on "These Are Your Kids," Kurt Whynaucht directed a song, Diane Vang was pianist, and the YES choir presented the special music, directed by Vivian Malcomson and Janet Whynaucht and accompanied on the guitar by Carolyn Morris. Trent Meisner gave the closing prayer after the sermon by pastor Carl McNair. That evening the YOU members sponsored a masquerade party, with prizes awarded for the best costumes. *Carolyn Morris.*

Several SAN JOSE, Calif., YOU members took what had been a church variety show and made it public May 10, debuting at the Beverly Manor Convalescent Home in Los Gatos, Calif. Among those performing for about 20 patients were Aimee Fultz, who did a pantomime number; Christina Cereceres, with a piano solo; Chelsea Kirk, who at age 4½ was the youngest performer, playing a piano number and also doing a song and dance; Meredith Kirk, who danced and played the piano; and Shelly Bauer, who did a puppet routine. Just as all were beginning to conclude, Margi John, who had been scheduled to sing a folk song, arrived with her guitar. After having car trouble, she walked several miles to the hospital and made the successful evening even better by playing and singing for about an hour. The YOU coordinator, John Jester, was master of ceremonies for the program. *Armin Reese.*

"Come Sail Away" was the appropriate theme for the WHEELING, W. Va., YOU chapter's dance May 12 as heavy thundershowers somewhat hindered traffic flow to and from the dance. Nevertheless, about 80 teens from the Pittsburgh and Belle Vernon, Pa., Akron and Youngstown, Ohio, and Clarksburg, W. Va., churches attended the dance, which featured a disco-dance contest and door prizes. *Jeff Molnar.*

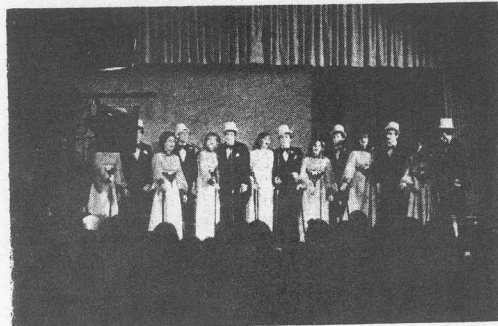
Eighty-five members of the WICHITA, Kan., YOU chapter traveled

to the home of Jerold Aust, the church's minister, April 29 for a day of fun, games (football, basketball, softball, volleyball, table tennis and card games) and fellowship. The following Saturday, May 5, the YOU members had "A Night on the Town," a dance in honor of the graduating seniors. Disc jockey Bob Wildt provided the music, and entertainment featured a drum solo by Bill Anthony, two Abbott and Costello-style comedy acts by Vance Gillis and Henry Mez, two original numbers sung and played on the guitar by Carl Wilson and a comedy rock-concert act. Then the graduating seniors, Mark Mounts, Tim Foust, Julia Rucker, Roger McFall, Karen Woodbridge, Jeff Garden, Michael Beyer and Steve Steeger, all YOU members, were recognized, and Barry Manilow's hit song, "Looks Like We Made It," dedicated to them. Winners of a dance contest, based on individual performance, were Sandra Carter and Jeff Garden, first, Kathy Allen and Tim Foust, second, and Karen Woodbridge and Mark Mounts, third. *Julia Rucker.*

## SPORTS

Preschoolers through adults of the DES MOINES, Iowa, church were involved in a track-and-field day May 6 at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. Sunday-morning activities featured the YOU members competing in races, shot put, softball throw, discus and jumping events. Afternoon competition was open to all, with the children divided according to age-groups. Participants included Dr. Rodney Stream, YOU coach, in the various running events and pastor James Reyer in a 440-yard couples' relay match. Two pre-YOU youngsters won decathlon medals: Cory Rhodes in the 9-to-11 category and Billy King in the 6-to-8-year-old group. *Harlan Brown.*

The 1979 baseball season was kicked off in the HOUSTON, Tex., area May 6 with a tournament. The three Houston churches played each other with the West team being the victor. The Houston teams will play other teams from nearby churches, such as Corpus Christi, Lutkin, Centerville and Austin, Tex., during the summer season. *Jeanette Treybig.*



**ENTERTAINMENT** — A group of Ambassador College students, the Young Ambassadors, perform at the college's 1979 Graduation Ball May 13. (Photo by James Capio)

was cleared, some went for a sunset stroll. Others gathered in the lounge to be entertained. A poem written by student Kris Hendrick portraying the theme for the evening, "We Have a Dream," was read by Garth Wardrop, also a graduating senior and the first blind graduate of Ambassador. Garth has won awards for poetry recitation and will be featured in "Close-Up" in a future issue of *The Good News* magazine.

The Young Ambassadors, a singing and dancing group of Ambassador students, were featured in a stage show that included three of the top acts of this year's student Bong Show (see *WN*, April 9), The Four Ritards, a barbershop quartet; Chuck Fisher's stand-up comedy routine; KRUD radio; and another episode of "College Trek," in which four crew members of the starship *Eternalprize* are interviewed on Cosmic Broadcasting System's intergalactic news program, *60 Centos*.

A slide show that included photos of college activities throughout the year, baby pictures of the seniors and caricatures of the faculty was also shown. Dancing followed, lasting until midnight.

During the evening, Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of the college, expressed his thanks on behalf of the faculty and led the applause for the seniors and for others who made the evening a success.



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

# UPDATE

PASADENA — Sherwin McMichael, director of the Festival Office and the personal appearance campaigns, completed the Seattle, Wash., campaign May 28. Writing in the *Pastor's Report* May 29, Director of Pastoral Administration Roderick Meredith said, "In spite of the obvious difficulties of being on Memorial Day weekend and having to finish on Monday night because of hall bookings, the team felt the campaign was a fine success."

New attendance each night was estimated at 60, 45 and 50 for the three-night campaign out of a total attendance of from 290 to 450. Mr. Meredith wrote, "While the numbers are not large, God is giving us good, solid attendance and growth through these campaigns."

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PASADENA — Seven hundred thousand persons who let their *Plain Truth* subscriptions expire when the magazine went tabloid in 1975 and a subscription price was requested are now being written to see if they would like to be added to the circulation lists again, reports Boyd Leeson, circulation manager for *The Plain Truth*.

"According to the test mailings we should get about 10 percent," Mr. Leeson said, which he pointed out is high for the publication field, "especially when you consider that the addresses we are using are four years old."

Mr. Leeson also announced that the *Plain Truth* introductory issue is now ready. This is a standard issue that will be sent to all new subscribers before they get their first regular issue.

It is designed to speed contact with a new subscriber (an introductory issue can be mailed immediately, without the six- to 10-week delay needed for processing a subscription) and to introduce the subscriber to the scope and purpose of the Work, said Mr. Leeson.

Contents include a "Personal" from Herbert W. Armstrong titled, "Why I Talk With Heads of State About World Evils and World Peace," a history of *The Plain Truth*, and "The Story of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation."

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PASADENA — The international area of the Work continues to report increased mail and income.

In the Philippines, year-to-date income as of April was up 21.7 percent. Also, 65 were baptized. With the addition of churches in Agusan del Norte and Davao City there are now 17 congregations and 18 Bible studies in the Philippines.

Bram de Bree, regional director of the Dutch-speaking Work, which comprises the Netherlands and Flemish Belgium, reports a year-to-date increase in income of 4 percent as of the end of May.

During the same time, *De Echte Waarheid*, The Dutch *Plain Truth*, added 1,550 subscribers, increasing its circulation to 18,425. Public lectures with follow-up Bible studies, two in the Netherlands and three in Belgium, resulted in a monthly Bible study being started in Antwerp.

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PASADENA — Incoming mail was up 21 percent over the first quarter of 1978, and income was up an

average of 33 percent for the six mail receiving offices in the Caribbean, reports the international office. Income in the Bahamas was up 4 percent; Barbados, 8 percent; Bermuda, 68 percent; Guyana, 100 percent; Jamaica, 111 percent; Trinidad, 46 percent; and Puerto Rico, 3 percent.

*Plain Truth* circulation in English has increased by 611 this year, to make the total Caribbean circulation 27,638 (English), while *La Pura Verdad* [Spanish *Plain Truth*] is being distributed on the newsstands at the rate of 3,500 copies a month in Puerto Rico alone, where 8 percent of those picked up result in new subscribers, according to the international office.

The first public Bible lecture in Spanish was conducted in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, March 25. Thirty-three people attended, and 19 people in other parts of the country were visited for the first time.

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PASADENA — The Free Summer "Pops" Festival, a season of seven free concerts, begins June 24 with "Piano Cavalcade," which features four jazz pianists, Geri Galian, Joanne Grauer, Johnny Guarneri and Howard Reynolds, announced Samuel Lurie, promotion manager.

The concerts, sponsored by Ambassador College in the Ambassador Auditorium, are presented jointly by the Music Performance Trust Funds of the Recording Industries and the American Fraternity of Musicians along with the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation.

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LONDON — Mark Ellis, pastor in Scotland and Northern Ireland, will move to Dublin, Ireland, to replace Sidney Hegvold, who has moved to Pasadena with his wife Mary to join the Ambassador College faculty. Mr. Hegvold will teach science, and Mrs. Hegvold will teach home economics courses.

Mr. Ellis will pastor all three Irish churches, Ballymena, Belfast and Dublin, with the help of Hugh Carton in Northern Ireland and Brian Bedlow in Ireland.

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LONDON — Income figures continue to rise in the United Kingdom reports the Work's office here. Year-to-date increase as of May was 20 percent over 1978. Holy Day offerings increased by 15 and 9 percent, respectively, for the first and last days of Unleavened Bread, while attendance figures were up by 3 percent.

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LONDON — National newspaper ads here featuring Church booklets, which ran through April, drew 6,000 responses by May 22. The booklet *Why Were You Born?* was the most popular, drawing about 2,000 requests according to the Work's office here.

The *Plain Truth* was advertised jointly in some ads. A leaflet offering more booklets and a letter inviting the person to write for a six-month trial subscription of *The Plain Truth* accompanied every literature request.

The program continues through June, using mainly Saturday and Sunday national papers and television magazines.

## 'PT' displays placed in shows

LONDON — As part of the strategy for getting the Gospel to the United Kingdom, a *Plain Truth* display, complete with an 8½-minute audiovisual presentation, is being placed in 20 Ideal Home Exhibitions and Agricultural Shows throughout England, reports Ernie Winchester, coordinator of the exhibition program.

Mr. Winchester says the purpose of the display "is to explain clearly the aims and content of the magazine and to encourage people to become subscribers."

A full-color brochure advertising *The Plain Truth* invites people to subscribe for a six-month trial period, and the audiovisual presentation, which Mr. Winchester said has undoubtedly "attracted many additional people to the stand," shows about 100 color slides illustrating the contents of the magazine.

Those exposed to the display have been found to respond better than those who receive the brochure for the first time in their homes, reports Mr. Winchester.

With nine of the 20 exhibitions completed (the series will run until October) Mr. Winchester reports



BRITISH EXHIBIT — Color displays of *The Plain Truth* magazine line the walls of an audiovisual display cabinet in the United Kingdom and show the content and history of "The Unique Magazine of Understanding."

more than 15,000 brochures taken—4,000 from one exhibition alone, the Festival for Mind, Body and Spirit in London. "We expect just under a 10 percent response," said Mr. Winchester.

Also at the London site, 15,000 booklets were given away. Mr. Winchester reports the most popular were *Is This the End Time? Why Were You Born? The Modern Romans and The Dilemma of Drugs*.

Why are we concerned with defending the constitutional rights of all other churches?

It is a side benefit from our legal battle. What happens to us will set the precedence for what the government will be allowed to do (or not to do) in the future. God has put us in this position for His purpose, and we must do all we can to continue doing the Work that Satan would like to see dissolved.

Several months ago, Mr. Armstrong asked that any Church

members who felt there was a problem in their area, please write Mr. Armstrong a personal letter concerning the problem. Is he still interested in hearing from the members concerning this?

Yes, Mr. Armstrong would still like to hear from the membership, and letters may be addressed to him personally or anyone else in the office in care of 300 West Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91105. Any letters sent to this address will be handled with the strictest confidence.

## HOTLINE

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

If a Church member as an American should not vote, why should the Church fight the State in the court and not just let Christ fight it for us?

Voting is a voluntary act of casting a choice for the head of man's government. We do not take part in these elections because Christ is the Head of the Church and His government is not of this world. However, in the case of our court fight, it was cast upon us. If you read the cover page of our suit, it states you must defend this suit or judgment will be made against you. Not defending would be an admission of guilt, and we are not guilty.

Christ is directing this Church through Herbert Armstrong. Being a Christian sometimes requires affirmative action. To say that we should not do anything while Christ fights our battle seems incongruous with God's view of human beings as His instruments throughout history. Why don't we let Christ prepare the way for His own second coming if we want Him to do everything for us? Certainly it is only through Christ that we do what we do and continually pray for His guidance.

Where can I write Mr. Armstrong where he will receive it? Also, will my privacy be protected?

You can send letters to Herbert W. Armstrong, Executive Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91105. Letters to the Tucson address or Box 111 in Pasadena will be received by the Personal Correspondence Department.

Mr. Armstrong has never shown an unwillingness to read any letter sent to him. He does, in fact, enjoy hearing from members. The only letters he shows no willingness to read are anonymous letters. Certainly he cannot read every letter but is willing to read those stating problems or requesting specific action. If you request privacy, it will be respected. If your letter accuses someone, that person will be innocent until proven guilty. If after ascertaining all the facts the charge is verified, corrective action will be taken.

## 'WN' AFFECTED BY NEWSPRINT SHORTAGE

Because of a shortage of newsprint caused by a paper mill strike over the last few months, *The Worldwide News* is having difficulty obtaining enough paper to maintain a regular printing schedule. If the situation worsens, we may be forced to print on paper of a different size or color or print intermittently. Please bear with us, and thank you for your patience.

## WATERING DOWN

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SWEPT CLEAN of false beliefs. My mind was open to God's TRUTH.

YOU, dear ministers and wives, did not have to go through what God put me through. I learned TRUTH a doctrine at a time. Through me it was handed to all of you "on a platter" — all together.

Now if you don't understand and believe that, I wonder what you are doing in Christ's ministry.

The living CHRIST put His TRUTH into God's Church through me.

You have of your own will been drawn into this Church by the living Christ — to HELP me in proclaiming this GOOD NEWS to the world. IT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT WORK IN THE WORLD — ESPECIALLY AT THIS CRISIS TIME JUST BEFORE THE COMING OF CHRIST TO SET UP THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

It is far more important than being a captain in the army in time of war! If you did not agree with the military regulations and

orders and openly proclaimed your dissidence to those under you, you would be court-martialed and probably shot! Yet disagreement and contrary teaching of those under you in GOD'S CHURCH is, in God's eyes, FAR MORE SERIOUS!

Now I am not, of course, going to order any firing squads. But the LEAST you can do, if you cannot wholeheartedly accept and loyally teach the truths Jesus Christ put into His Church through His chosen apostle, is to resign and LEAVE THE CHURCH!

God commands in His Word that we all "SPEAK THE SAME THING." That "same thing" He put into His Church through His apostle. If you can't agree on any point, you may bring your disagreement privately to your superior or directly to me — but to teach disagreement to the children of GOD is the height of disloyalty!

For a year now, God has been SETTING HIS CHURCH BACK ON HIS TRACK! That action continues!