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French phase marks 30th year; ministers recount trials, growth

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA — The 30th anniversary of the French phase of God's work, commemorated at a luncheon here Jan. 28, "helps us to realize, appreciate and understand what it means to be one people," said evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for French-speaking areas.

"Even though they are different people, different nationalities and certainly different customs and traditions, in God's Church we all are one," Mr. Apartian added.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach was host to the luncheon honoring the French phase of God's work.

"I don't like this term 'French work'; it's the 'French phase of God's work,'" said Mr. Apartian.

At the luncheon Mr. Tkach said that unity doesn't come by wishful thinking. "We have to make it happen," he said. "One of the ways that we can help bring that about is... breaking bread as often as we can, fellowshiping and communicating with one another."

Mr. Apartian said the French phase really began in the summer of 1955, when he was hired as an Ambassador College instructor.

He made the first translations of English-language booklets into French in 1957. The first three booklets were *Why Were You Born?*, *Does God Heal Today?* and *What Is Faith?*

The French-language *World Tomorrow* aired for the first time in Europe over Radio Luxembourg 26 years ago. Mr. Apartian noted that despite inconvenient airing times now, "we are still having good response, and I think as time goes on we'll be quite well known."

Today the French area covers 40 French-speaking countries and areas in Africa, Canada, Europe, the South Pacific and Madagascar,

with a combined population of 258 million people.

There are more than eight million people in Madagascar whom have not been reached, the regional director said. The lone baptized member there is Evelyn Rakotomalala.

"Each nation, each culture has its own peculiarities. The only thing most of these nations have in common is the French language," Mr. Apartian explained.

Personnel

Nineteen full-time ministers and four local church elders serve in the French-speaking areas. A ministerial trainee, nine full-time employees and eight part-time bring to 41 the number of employees.

"These people are putting in long hours and doing a tremendous job," Mr. Apartian said.

The staff helps translate from English to French. "That poses some problems, one of which is length," said Mr. Apartian. "The French language is between 10 to 15 percent longer than the English language in writing. We have to be able to shorten the text without

jeopardizing the meaning."

The French Department is staffed by Bernard Hongerlout, a local elder, who translates, answers letters and dubs the telecast; and John Mabry and Claire Yourassoff, who work in editorial.

Maryse Audoin, Françoise Metayer and Martine Vezina translate, proofread and perform secretarial duties; mail is processed by Jeff Patton and Ambassador students Nabil Elhage, Rony Philbert, Ghislain Ringuette and Daniel Roy; and Colin Larose, also an Ambassador student, works in the news bureau.

"For some time we had subtitles on the telecast, but now we dub over in French, because the *World Tomorrow* (*Le Monde A Venir* in French) speakers speak much faster than Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong. We can't get it all on the screen if we subtitle."

Mr. Hongerlout does "a very fine job" dubbing. The introduction to one of evangelist David Hulme's telecasts dubbed in French was shown to Pasadena brethren at Bible study Jan. 30. At that Bible



PASADENA LUNCHEON — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (left) gives comments on the French phase of God's work, and evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for French-speaking areas, characterizes the early days of the French Department at a 30th anniversary luncheon in Pasadena Jan. 28. [Photo by Warren Watson]

study were French-area ministers and their wives attending the Jan. 28 to Feb. 10 Ministerial Refreshing Program.

The French area suffered the "tragic death a few weeks ago in Belgium of Mr. [Roland] Verlegh." (See article, page 11.) Mr. Apartian

called Mr. Verlegh's death "a tremendous loss."

Difficulties faced

The regional director told brethren at the Bible study: "One of the biggest difficulties — not a (See FRENCH, page 9)

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren,

Do we really understand why God has called us?

God says we are "sanctified," or set apart for His purpose. But what is that purpose, and how is it to be achieved? Are we really cognizant of it, and are we indeed fulfilling it?

God created human life and placed it upon the earth for a reason! It was His desire that human beings, whom He had created with thinking, reasoning minds, could one day share with Him and the Word the wonderful, glorious, God-life — resplendent with the joy, peace and unparalleled accomplishment that they experience.

God's motive was love. The Father and the Son, now the Son, are love. And it is God's purpose for humans that one day we, too, will become love, as God is.

But humanity has not followed the way of love. The Word came to earth and lived among men as a man, obedient in all things to

the perfect will of His Father, exemplifying in how He lived the way that leads to peace, to love and to eternal life in the divine family of God.

Thomas asked Jesus, "How can we know the way?" Jesus explained, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me."

We are reconciled to God by

Jesus' atoning blood if we are willing to demonstrate our acceptance of it by believing Him and following Him. Jesus said, "Come, learn of me!"

As His followers we must come to truly know Him and grow to live as He lived. His way was and is the way of peace, the way of love. He taught reconciliation, forgiveness, mercy, compassion — in short, LOVE!

He taught humility. He explained that a proud attitude will not inherit His Father's Kingdom; rather one that is poor in spirit, or walks in unfeigned humility.

Jesus also taught meekness. Not weakness, as some have interpreted that word, but meekness as Moses was meek (he was called by God the meekest man on earth), becoming one who relies fully on God, looking to Him for answers and solutions to life's problems rather than to one's own personal ideas and ingrained habitual responses.

Jesus taught hungering and thirsting for righteousness — our deepest longings growing to become identical to Christ's, intensely desiring His righteousness, deeply committing ourselves to lifelong faithfulness to Him and becoming willing vessels for Him to live His life in us.

He taught mercy. He instructed us to pray that God would forgive us — as we forgive those who trespass against us. He taught that we should ceaselessly remember God's mercy toward us and treat others accordingly.

He taught willingness to suffer for the sake of obeying Him. He warned that anyone who would be a true follower of His would suffer persecution. Yet He instructed His followers to suffer it patiently (though without compromise, obeying God rather than man) as He did.

Brethren, Jesus Christ did not just teach this way of life, He lived it! He set the example, the standard. He showed the way, He led the way and He was and is the way!

But the world has not followed that way. Greed, selfishness, vanity, hatred, injustice, warfare, oppression — these are the ways mankind has followed — the ways of the devil, the father of lies.

Wherever you choose to look, in every corner of the earth, in

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Spirit is catalyst of unity, says apostle in Pasadena

PASADENA — More than 3,400 Pasadena area Church members assembled in the Ambassador Auditorium, Science Hall and Ambassador College and Imperial gymnasiums Jan. 31 to hear Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach. Mr. Tkach, who left the next day for the Middle East, told members that his trips worldwide "build bridges between God's people."

"We are family, and we are going to continue to repeat that until that thought is driven home deeply and imbedded in our hearts and in our minds," Mr. Tkach said.

"God's people, no matter where they are, scattered on the face of this earth, are only as strong as we here at headquarters. And we should mutually excel and complement each other."

"When you see a group molded... and bound together by the Spirit of God, which is the glue that holds us together — which is that catalyst — then there isn't anything that is too difficult for us to accomplish," he added.

"It's a good feeling when I get letters by the hundreds from around the world expressing loyalty to God, to Jesus Christ and now to the new pastor general of the Worldwide Church of God," Mr. Tkach continued. "And so many of them say 'We're not only behind you 100 percent, we're with you 1,000 percent.'"

Pastor General Visits Middle East

PASADENA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach left here Feb. 1 for an 18-day trip to Jordan, Egypt and Israel. Mr. Tkach was scheduled to meet with Jordan's Princess Sarvath, wife of Crown Prince Hassan.

Mr. Tkach planned to tour Ambassador Foundation projects, where about 12 Ambassador College students and graduates teach physically and mentally handicapped children.

The Church's television crew is accompanying Mr. Tkach throughout his Middle East tour. The pastor general will return Feb. 19.

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German elections: Kohl's coalition sputters

BONN, West Germany — The Jan. 25 West German elections produced a result somewhat different than the pre-election poll watchers had anticipated.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl was returned with a comfortable majority, permitting him to govern West Germany for another four years. Mr. Kohl's three-party coalition won 53.4 percent of the popular vote, giving it 269 of the 497 seats in the lower house of parliament.

Voter support, however, for the two conservative "sister parties" of the coalition — Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and the Christian Social Union (CSU) in Bavaria — fell sharply. In their worst showing since 1949, the CDU-CSU dropped 4.5 points from their 1983 share, to 44.3 percent of the vote.

The government's middle-of-the-road junior coalition partner, the Free Democratic Party (FDP), showed strong gains. The Free Democrats increased their share of the vote to 9.1 percent, from 7 percent in 1983, giving them 46 seats in the lower house.

This means that the Free Democrats' two main personalities, Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Economics Minister Martin Bangemann, will remain in Mr. Kohl's cabinet. Both men exuded confidence in televised post-election interviews.

Some analysts cautiously speculated before the election that the

CDU-CSU alone would win 50 percent or more of the vote. This was unrealistic, but given Mr. Kohl's popularity and the general sense of economic well-being in the country, an outright victory was not thought impossible.

If this had occurred, the conservative parties could have ruled by themselves, not needing the votes of the FDP moderates, who are known as *die Liberalen*, or Liberals in West Germany. (This is distinct from the more left-leaning Socialists or Social Democratic Party of Germany, or SPD.)

The voters, however, chose to "stay the course" with the moderate right-of-center policies of the coalition, rather than lurch sharply to the right.

Resounding defeat for SPD

For the Social Democratic Party, the main opposition party, the election proved yet another resounding defeat. They captured only 37 percent of the vote, about a percentage point less than they won in 1983, making this their worst showing since 1961.

With its second crushing defeat in a row in national elections, there is considerable doubt over the party's future direction and leadership. Some see a continued drift leftward to embrace the radical Green Party in a coalition.

The unconventional, anti-everything Green Party won 42 Bundestag seats, drawing an impressive

8.3 percent of the vote, up from 5.6 percent the last time. Four years ago observers thought the Greens, a hodgepodge of antinuclear protesters, radical ecologists, feminists and other unconventional ideologues, were a flash in the pan.

Now, after this election, *die Gruenen* are no longer "an accident" in German politics. "The Greens are now part of the scenery," said Petra Kelly, who won

party is, Where do the Greens go from here? In the next election, scheduled for 1991, the only option for both the Social Democrats and the Greens may be to forge a "red-green" alliance. Some are already speculating that their coalition would contain platform planks of no nuclear power, unilateral disarmament and withdrawal from NATO.

Thus, it is probably not this German election but the next one that

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



a seat from Bavaria.

Of all the parties in the West German political mix, the Greens are the most outspokenly unconventional. At a postelection television round-table discussion with all the party chairmen present, the Greens' representative flailed away at the other leaders, including Chancellor Kohl and SPD leader Willy Brandt.

Judging from his comments, the Greens seem to believe that anybody who doesn't see things their way is just plain stupid. There is not the voice of reason and compromise.

'Red-Green' coalition?

But the uneasy question for the

could prove to be a benchmark for the nation's future.

Mr. Strauss loser

Significantly, the major loser of the election appears to be Franz Josef Strauss, the 71-year-old Bavarian minister-president and leader of the CSU. During the campaign Mr. Strauss railed against the Free Democrats, calling them an unreliable partner and soft on terrorism, and wanting a new phase of detente.

The voters, however, simply said



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Teaching honesty early

Popular folklore has it that George Washington was totally honest. When, as a young boy, he chopped down the cherry tree, the story goes, he "could not tell a lie," but confessed the crime. He thus avoided being punished.

A certain boy who had disobeyed his father heard the story of George Washington and decided that telling the truth was worth a try. To his dismay, when he confessed, his father spanked him anyway.

"But George Washington didn't get spanked when he told the truth!" the boy protested.

"George Washington's father wasn't in the Church!" was his father's reply.

One researcher reported that the average American tells 50 lies each day! He concluded that honesty is still a value we need, but that sometimes we are forced to lie in this world to protect ourselves. From finances to sports to personal relationships to education, people seem to consider honesty only as an option to be used when it suits them.

But God has never lied, and lying is one of the sins He hates the most (Proverbs 6:16-19, 12:22). He says in Proverbs 21:6: "Getting treasures by a lying tongue is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death" (New King James).

Children form lifelong values from their earliest preschool years. Therefore, God places the responsibility for instilling morals on parents' shoulders.

In Deuteronomy 6:6-7, God gives us two important keys for effectively teaching children. First, we should become living examples, following God's laws in our own lives. Then we should constantly and consistently talk about those laws to our children. In verse 7, we see that He intends us to use everyday circum-

stances to help us train them in His ways.

Be a good example

Always tell your children the truth. The words you speak should be clear, completely true and uncompromising. Your attitude toward honesty will most likely become your child's attitude as well.

When children ask for an explanation of a complicated subject, you can make it simple without straying from the truth. Once they mature, you can build on what you've already taught them.

Be watchful for dishonest habits in yourself. Enlist the help of your spouse, close friend or minister. Examine your speech habits, particularly teasing, joking, sarcasm and social "white lies." The first two might be fine within reason, but be forewarned that children pick up quickly on these habits.

Teach honesty

Along with your good example, you need to *teach* your child not to lie. You need to clearly set out good and evil before your children. Educate their consciences. If you teach honesty well, they will remember it throughout life (Proverbs 22:6).

Tell stories of biblical and historical characters who were honest or dishonest. Then, ask them to tell you whether the subject of the story was "bad" or "good" and why. When they are older, you can ask them to repeat the story to you.

Establish firm standards in your home. Tell your children what to expect if they lie, and then carry

through with the punishment. More importantly, reward children for progress and praise them when they tell the truth, especially if they "fess up" even when it seemed to be to their own hurt.

One word of caution: We shouldn't act as though we are always suspicious of our children. Make it easy for them to be truthful. Phrase your questions carefully. Praise your children when they tell you the full truth. Our confidence in our children will cause them to want to please us.

Consistency is important to successful teaching and training. If we stick with our convictions, even when it would be easier to let offenses go unpunished, we reinforce how important honesty is.

A different outlook

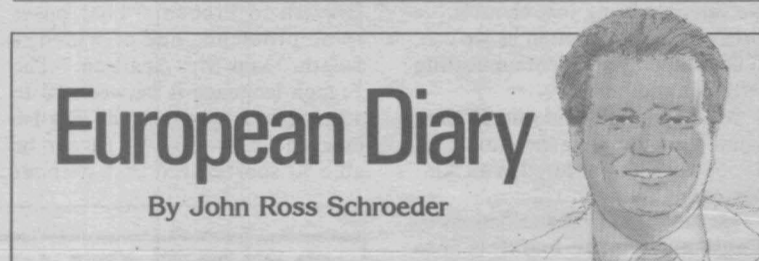
Children need to recognize that it's not always easy to tell the truth. But they need to think about situations ahead of time and develop the courage to stand up for what they know is right.

You might want to rehearse situations that could happen to them and ask them to think about what they would or should do. What would your child do if he or she found a wallet on the street? What if resisting the urge to cheat on a test would mean the child would fail a grade or level at school? What if your child saw a friend or sister or brother doing something damaging to themselves? Should he or she report it, or remain silent?

Be sure to talk to your children about circumstances that come up in your own life. These examples make the principle live. They will learn to judge wisely when faced with a dilemma.

You can also teach your children that being honest doesn't necessarily mean revealing all one knows, but everything one reveals should be true.

The person of integrity is rare. But he or she will be blessed. If you instill honesty early in your child's life, he or she will have an asset no one can take away.



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

Correspondent in Paris: last of a dying breed?

BOREHAMOOD, England — The 1920s and 1930s saw the fabled foreign correspondents striding the streets of European capitals. William L. Shirer reported from Berlin during the ascendancy of Hitler. Edward R. Murrow had many Americans glued to their radios as he began his broadcast with the familiar: "This is London..." And in the 1950s Terence Prittie filed his reports from Bonn for the then Manchester *Guardian*.

However, a throwback to the foreign correspondent of old still exists in the person of Sam White. For 40 years he has filed weekly dispatches to the *Evening Standard* in London. Getting by in Paris on his famous fractured French, he also covers Gallic affairs for *The Spectator*.

Said Alexander Chancellor in the Nov. 6, 1982 *Spectator*: "Much sentimentality surrounds the portly figure of Sam White, not only because he is a very good journalist and because he has been around a very long time, but also because he is one of the last representatives of a dying breed — the British foreign correspondent."

I was privileged to interview Mr. White in his Paris flat. We sat adjacent to his large library of books — hundreds of volumes. Here is a well-read, well-educated, observant man.

Sam White fits Alexander Chancellor's brief but well-defined job description of the overseas journalist. "The foreign correspondent, as I like to imagine him, is someone who establishes himself in another country and soaks himself in its life and its history, so that eventually — after a number of years — he is in a position to convey to his readers a real understanding of its people and

"no" to Mr. Strauss' fiery rhetoric. His party even lost strength in Bavaria, though most of this may be attributed to farmers being displeased over Common Market agricultural policy.

It was no secret Mr. Strauss wanted the foreign minister's job held by the FDP's Mr. Genscher. But it seems the more Mr. Strauss denounced Mr. Genscher and the Free Democrats, the more votes they received.

The widespread belief now is that Mr. Strauss, though still a dynamic individual, may be a spent force in politics. Unless something drastic happens on the West German national scene or the world stage, the "Bavarian strongman" will spend another four years in Munich rather than in Bonn. In 1991 he will be 75 years old.

Despite his return to office, Chancellor Kohl will have his hands full. Unemployment remains stuck at 9 percent of the work force. Trade tensions between Washington and Bonn threaten to explode in a protectionist war. France — West Germany's biggest trading partner — deeply resents Bonn's tenacious anti-inflation policy.

As long as the West German economy remains comparatively strong, Mr. Kohl is unlikely to change policies much. And with the increased strength of the Free Democrats putting a break on the right wing of the CDU-CSU coalition, government policy should remain about the same for the foreseeable future.

their ways" (*The Spectator*).

Mr. White has cultivated many useful contacts in French society. He's like an institution in Paris. His vast knowledge and phenomenal memory enable him to continue functioning year after year as an excellent foreign correspondent.

Sam White knows what's going on in the top echelons of French government — what leaders are really thinking and talking about.

What he reports is sometimes important to *The Plain Truth* and *The Worldwide News*. A column in the Jan. 23 *Evening Standard* serves as a good example. Sam White reported from Paris: "An intriguing complicity has developed between President Francois Mitterrand and his old rival and predecessor in office, Giscard d'Estaing... Giscard has at last publicly and finally ruled himself out as a contender for the [French] presidency while making it clear that his mind is on higher things — namely, to become the first president of a unified Europe."

Sam White continued: "No sooner does he [Giscard] express the need for Europe to create such a post than M. Mitterrand echoes and elaborates on this theme in a recent speech in London. He, too, feels the need for Europe 'to have a face' even if only a symbolic one. As for the mode of electing such a president, it would have to be done in the first stages by the votes of the governments constituting the present European Community."

The point is, one saw little of this highly prophetic information in the normal media channels. But Sam White, an observant foreign correspondent, was right on target. Here are thoughts about events destined to shape a future united Europe.

Prepare now to have a profitable Passover.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Member saved from rebels

Things around here are not so good, as encounters have begun between government forces and armed rebels. And panic is increasing among the people.

The armed rebels are demanding a fee from every business owner and farmer (a smaller number of the latter), which they say they will use for the purchase of arms, and which, if denied them, costs the person his life.

Last month, for example, they also visited me. I had to explain some things to them and ask that they give me some time, this being for the purpose of asking for guidance from my minister.

Thanks to God for His infinite mercy and thanks to the prayers of all the brethren here in Colombia, to those of all of you and others throughout the world, the rebels left me alone and didn't return, after all, when they said they would.

In every prayer I beseech God for all of you and for God's Work as you go about doing it.

I ask that you pray for us a lot. May the Work continue on its course. God will provide all that is necessary.

Name withheld
Colombia

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Letters to Mr. Tkach from children

I really love my YES [Youth Educational Services] lessons.

Thank you for the nice letter you sent me. I know even though I am eight years old I know more of the truth of God than my uncle who teaches college. Thank you for caring so much about us.

Youngstown, Ohio

I am 10, but on June 3rd I'll be 10½. I have brown hair and blue-green eyes. I go to the Columbia [S.C.] church. Thank you for sending Mr. Dean Blackwell. We were very lucky to have him twice.

I wrote to Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong in 1984. I received a letter from *The Plain Truth* April 8, 1984. I have it hanging in my room. I really think the men on the broadcast are good. Especially the one with the tribute to Mr. Armstrong.

Lexington, S.C.

Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach asked us to let him know how we liked the lesson. Personally they make me work harder and remember things I wouldn't really remember or even care about if I didn't have these lessons and go to Sabbath services with my mom.

Gainesville, Fla.

Thanks a lot for sending me the Youth Bible Lessons. I really enjoy doing them and learning about the Bible. The ones I like best are the Feast lessons. Also I really like to learn about God's plan for mankind and the coming Kingdom.

My lesson teacher always asks us to write any questions we have about the

lesson and I like that because it really makes me think about the material in the lesson... I really like to be a part of [the work] through my tithing even if it isn't a lot.

Muskegon, Mich.

I am 6 and in Level 2 and in grade one. I am really excited because my sister won the talent contest and she is going to Vancouver [B.C.]... She is going on a plane...

I can hardly wait to be an ambassador. I like the Auditorium and the campus too. I like the tapes that the Young Ambassadors sing.

Rollyview, Alta.

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Members in prison

My wife and I were on the phone this morning with our dear friend... who is in jail in Alaska. They... are so happy — they had Christmas day together: played cribbage, saw an old movie, etc. Even though the prison management cancels various activities to pester [them], Satan still loses out as he allows them to be together on his "holidays."

[She] mentioned your card of encouragement — she is so delighted! We wanted to thank you so much for your visit and continued encouragement to them. We knew God would take care of those two.

We really feel that [they] are an enormous light to the Body and to the world. A light of love for each other and love for the living God.

Ventura, Calif.

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Church visits

We sure hope you had a pleasant and stimulating trip to Washington. We thought the day was super, and you made it so special.

All week I've been savoring memories

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Personal

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every nation, in every city, in every neighborhood, you find sorrow, unhappiness, grief, distress and misery — the products of a wrong way of living, a way independent of God.

Out of this world of spiritual darkness, God has called a little flock to make up His Church. He gives each of us whom He calls — upon our true repentance and baptism — a small portion of His "divine nature" in the form of His Holy Spirit (II Peter 1:4). As we stir up that spiritual gift (II Timothy 1:6-7), we grow spiritually according to His purpose and grace.

He refers to us as "the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). We are to shine as lights in a dark world as we become solidly rooted *living examples* of the way of life Jesus Christ taught and lived. We are His servants, His true followers — because we really believe and obey Him!

We AGREE with Him! We believe His way is the best way. We are so convinced and convicted that we are wholeheartedly committed to LIVING that way, according to "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

We are the "salt of the earth." We are envoys or ambassadors of a NEW WAY OF LIFE — a way of life the world has not known or understood! We are not only to proclaim the message of the coming Kingdom of God, but also to be living examples of it now — in advance!

After the return of Christ and

the establishment of God's government on earth, humanity will live in a world governed according to the law of God. But brethren, let's understand that the Church of God, the body of true followers of Jesus Christ to which we have been called, is made up of those who are governed according to God's law today, in this Godless and faithless generation.

One day all mankind will benefit from the faith and character developed by God in His "firstfruits," as He refers to His Church. They will reign with Christ for a thousand years as priests, teaching the nations the ways of God so that all men who are willing to repent and grow spiritually may ultimately receive the gift of salvation God has in store for them (Revelation 20:6).

Can you imagine what a tragic shame it would be one day when those of this rebellious generation come to repentance in their time according to God's merciful plan, and find that some of you God had called to be His firstfruits had cast away your calling to join in with the society around us?

Can't you hear what they might say! "What?" they would surely ask. "You mean you preferred to follow our wicked, rebellious ways when you knew all about God's law and His purpose for man? Why, we didn't know where we were going or what we were doing. We were deceived. But you weren't! Why did you neglect your magnificent calling and follow us?"

The apostle Paul drew a vivid analogy to portray how much our calling means to God. "Because the creation itself also will be

delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. And not only they, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body" (Romans 8:21-23, New King James).

Brethren, God has seen fit to reveal to His firstfruits the way that is going to bring an end to the suffering of mankind. We need to take a good, long look at ourselves to see whether we are *living* and *thinking* the way Christ taught.

Are we growing in humility, or do we still have to prove our "rightness" at all costs? Are we learning how to accept correction without anger, bitterness or resentment?

Is our conversation really what it should be, or is it not really all that different from the world's? On the job, are you a fine example of hard work and honesty, or "just one of the guys"?

Do we "hunger and thirst after righteousness," or after pornography, alcohol, money and "importance"? Are we followers of Jesus Christ, or followers of our own habits, lusts and appetites?

Let's LIVE the way Jesus Christ taught and lived! Let's fulfill what God has given us to do! Let's make the most of the time that remains before Jesus Christ returns.

We are His sheep. He is the Good Shepherd. He will give us all the help we need to be successful. He will give us encouragement, support, strength and power.

At this very moment He is at the right hand of God, making intercession for us — IF WE ARE WILLING to repent, to grow, to overcome, to FOLLOW HIM!

Let us diligently employ God's help to be the example to the world that He has called us to be — a city set on a hill that cannot be hid (Matthew 5:14).

"As God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (II Corinthians 6:16-18).

Brethren, never fail to take this great calling SERIOUSLY! It is the most serious and important thing in our lives! Thank God for His mercy, and His infinite LOVE!

With deep love,
Joseph W. Tkach

College official tours foundation projects

Students' lives 'turned around'

By Thomas C. Hanson

PASADENA — Serving on international projects turns Ambassador students' lives around, said Gregory Albrecht, dean of students at Ambassador College here.

Serving on the projects is not only interesting, informative and enjoyable, it exposes students to different cultures and helps them understand where the world is and where it is going, Mr. Albrecht said.

Mr. Albrecht visited Ambassador students and graduates Jan. 2 to 13 serving on Ambassador Foundation projects in Jordan, Sri Lanka and Thailand after he attended the Winter Educational Program in Austria.

Jordan

Jan. 2 Mr. Albrecht flew from Frankfurt, West Germany, to Amman, Jordan, and spent four days visiting students teaching at schools for the physically and mentally handicapped.

The Ambassador students are loved by the students they teach, Mr. Albrecht said. Some speak lovingly of Ambassador students who taught at the schools in the past.

While there he and the Ambassador students visited Petra and the Beqqua Palestinian refugee camp. Mr. Albrecht conducted Sabbath services for the students Jan. 3.

Sri Lanka

After a one-day layover in Bangkok, Thailand, Mr. Albrecht arrived in Sri Lanka Jan. 7 and spent four days there.

First stop was the Waterfield Institute in Nuwara Eliya. There Ambassador College students and graduates teach English, typing, shorthand and computer keyboard to about 70 Sri Lankans who have

completed the equivalent of high school.

The students are also taught Ambassador College standards in conduct through the examples of the teachers. "The transformation in the students is remarkable," Mr. Albrecht said.



GREGORY ALBRECHT

The institute is totally funded by the Ambassador Foundation, and is administered and staffed by Ambassador College students and graduates, according to Mr. Albrecht.

An old building "that needed everything" was renovated to bring it up to Ambassador quality. The Sri Lankan government wants the school to serve as a model for the whole country, Mr. Albrecht said. They want it to serve as a post-high school finishing school.

David Baker, a 1985 graduate of Ambassador College, is the principal. Among the students are four children of Church members.

Mr. Albrecht then visited a Buddhist school in Mount Lavinia, where Ambassador graduate Don

Duchene teaches English.

Jan. 10 Mr. Albrecht spoke at Sabbath services in the Church's Colombo Office with Sri Lankan brethren and participants in the two projects in attendance.

Thailand

Mr. Albrecht left Sri Lanka for Bangkok Jan. 11. There he visited Ambassador students and graduates who teach English at three sites — the royal palace, where they teach children of royalty and government officials; a secondary school associated with Chulalongkorn University; and a Buddhist temple.

At the end of class Thai students rise and say, "Thank you teacher." Mr. Albrecht joked that he is proposing that the same custom be started at Ambassador College.

Jeffrey Caudle, a 1983 Ambassador College graduate, coordinates the programs in Bangkok.

Report from the Treasurer's Office

Jeroy Neff

PASADENA — The January increase was the highest for that month that we have had in many years. We were pleasantly surprised to have an increase of 22.8 percent.

This was caused primarily by the recent change in the U.S. tax law. Some taxpayers would receive a tax benefit by making contributions during 1986 rather than in 1987. Therefore, the large increase for the month came in the first few days, from mail sent during December that arrived in January.

Besides this increase, there was also a good increase in the special offerings sent for the purchase of the Office Facilities building. In addition to individual donations, there have been a number of local church donations from fund-raising projects. These additional amounts are greatly appreciated.

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IRON SHARPENS IRON

The Master Potter in action: yielding to His workmanship

By Edward W. Johnston

Have you ever watched a potter at work? On a visit to pottery studios in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., my family and I watched skilled potters transform shapeless lumps of clay into stunning works of art. It was exciting!

Do you know who the greatest potter of all is? God!

Edward W. Johnston is a local church elder in the Fort Collins, Colo., church.

In Isaiah 64:8, God compares Himself to a potter working with His people, the clay. A potter follows a step-by-step process in creating each beautiful piece of pottery. God, the Master Potter, follows similar steps spiritually as He molds us into His sons and daughters.

Let's review each step as we examine this potter-clay analogy between God and us.

Step-by-step process

• *Selecting the clay.* For the professional potter, this first step is

most important. The clay must be just the right type. The potential must be there!

God, the Master Potter, selects His clay — His potential sons — with the utmost care (John 6:44). He evaluates us according to our potential to occupy specific offices in His government in the world tomorrow.

When God calls us, we are, for all practical purposes, nothing more than seemingly useless hunks of clay. God, for the most part, calls the weak of the world (1 Corinthians 1:27). But in the Potter's hands, the clay soon takes on an entirely new character.

• *Preparing the clay.* Before forming the pottery, the clay must be prepared. During this step, things get a bit rough for the clay! The potter pounds it with his fists. He throws it to the floor or onto a work table. He squeezes it and tears at it.

All this makes the clay soft and pliable. This preparation also forces out air pockets that would cause flaws in the pottery.

Sound familiar? When God first

calls us we are unprepared for His purpose in our lives. So He sets out to soften us and to purge us of vanity (the "air pockets" in our character). God grants us repentance so we will



become moldable in His hands.

• *Adding water.* Before this step, most clays are dry and brittle. So the potter adds water. This step makes the clay easier to mold and shape.

Spiritually, water represents God's Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39). The continual replenishing of the Holy Spirit is critical to our devel-

opment. With God's Spirit in our minds, we can yield to God and let Him shape us as He desires.

• *Fashioning the pottery.* In James 4:10 we read that after we are humbled, through repentance, God will lift us up. That is exactly what the potter does. He takes the formless clay and "lifts it up" into a beautifully shaped piece of pottery.

At Pigeon Forge my family watched as one of the potters took the carefully prepared clay, threw it on a potter's wheel and, in minutes, turned the clay into a delicate vase of grace and beauty.

God promises to make of us a creation of the highest value. For that to happen we must present our bodies as living sacrifices in His hands (Romans 12:1). If we do, God, with His great creative power, will literally transform us (verse 2) from a worthless lump of mud into His glorified sons.

• *Firing the pottery.* The potter next takes his creation and subjects it to the heat of a furnace called a kiln. The higher the quality of the pottery, the higher the temperature of the kiln.

And so it is with us. God molds us, then He turns on the heat of trials. The Bible says we are to "count it all joy" when we are tried (James 1:2-3). Trials are designed to add character and quality to God's creation.

Trials from God are not badges of shame, as some might think, but in-

dicators of God's love and His determination to create in us His greatest masterpiece.

• *Decorating the pottery.* After the pottery is removed from the kiln, the potter applies the decoration that will give it a beautiful color and luster. He may paint on a geometric design or apply multiple layers of glaze, returning the pottery to the kiln to harden each layer before the next is applied.

God spares no effort in embellishing His creation. After He has formed us, then made us durable and steadfast through the heat of trials, He grants us even more of the beauty of His character.

What God is creating is not a physical piece of pottery, but holy, righteous character (Ephesians 2:10).

With that creation complete, there is yet one more step in the process.

God's workmanship

When the potter is through, he takes his work of art and displays it in a place of honor for all to see.

Likewise, God has a unique place for each of us in His coming Kingdom, where His glorious, ultimate creation will be revealed!

God is the Master Potter, and we are the clay. We must submit to His workmanship in our lives. Become the complete creation that has yielded to God every step of the way.

New law allows travel

East German visits Canadians

By Michael A. Guidolin

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Joerg Harz, one of eight members in East Germany, visited the Vancouver Regional Office Jan. 9. Mr. Harz, a single member who lives in Jena, East Germany, arrived in Montreal, Que., Dec. 22, and left from Toronto, Ont., Jan. 15 after visiting relatives and church areas in Canada.

Michael A. Guidolin is an employee in the Church's regional office in Vancouver, B.C.

This was Mr. Harz' first visit to Canada and his first trip outside Europe. He was allowed to come to Canada under a new East German law that permits citizens to apply to visit relatives in the West on their 65th, 70th and 75th birthdays and once each year after the 75th birthday. Mr. Harz' brother, Martin, also applied to visit, but was not granted permission.

The Harz brothers came into contact with the Church through their grandmother, Wilhelmine Hoffert, 83, who works in the



JOERG HARZ

Church's German Regional Office in Bonn, West Germany.

There is no full-time minister in East Germany, but Winfried Fritz, pastor of the Salzburg and Vienna,

Austria, and Munich and Nuremberg, West Germany, churches, visits the brethren there. Mr. Fritz also visits the two Church members in Poland.

Mr. Harz described his trip to Canada as "a fantastic experience." He also visited Winnipeg and Brandon, Man., Regina and Saskatoon, Sask., and Calgary, Alta. He stayed with Canadian brethren and went hunting, snowshoeing, participated in sing-alongs and gave a speech to the Calgary Spokesman Club.

Colin Adair, regional director for the Church in Canada, welcomed Mr. Harz to Canada and to the Vancouver Office. Mr. Adair said that it was an opportunity not only for Mr. Harz, but also for the Canadians to meet a Church member from behind the Iron Curtain.

Mr. Harz, when asked if he wanted to return to East Germany, said: "Yes, I want to go back! There is only one way of life. It is not important where you live, but how you live."



WIDOWS' MIGHT — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach visits two women in the Martinique church during his January visit to the Caribbean. The church in Martinique met in the home of Louis Jubert (now deceased) and his wife, Suzanne (left). Simone Dehon (right) donated the profits from the sale of her home to a fund for the new building in which the church meets. [Photo by John Halford]

Widows in Martinique aid in founding island church

By John Halford

PASADENA — While visiting the island of Martinique, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach met two women whose lives have had a big effect on the work in that region.

John Halford is an associate producer of The World Tomorrow. He accompanied Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach on his January trip to the Caribbean.

Suzanne Jubert is the widow of Louis Jubert, founding member of the Church in Martinique. In 1961

Mr. and Mrs. Jubert resigned their position in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

For many years God's Church in Martinique met in the Juberts' house. Mr. Jubert died in 1970.

When it became necessary for the church to have a new building, Simone Dehon donated the profits from the sale of her home to the fund for the new building. A sprightly 86 years old, and a member since 1970, Mrs. Dehon still plays an active part in the congregation. Mrs. Dehon has an apartment on the ground floor of the church office building.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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of special moments from your visit. We do want to extend heartfelt thanks to you and your staff for providing such an elegant buffet and memorable evening. Everyone was so warm and open. Even the way the seating was arranged in your suite made us feel comfortable. . . .

Thanks again for your Sabbath message, the meeting with deacons and elders, and the dinner in your suite. May God continue to grant you wisdom, understanding and energy to do His will. Washington, D.C.

As you travel to various church areas and share these trips with us we are gaining a greater understanding of how worldwide this Church is. Although we are a diverse people in race, nationality and daily life-style, we are also seeing how united we are in purpose and belief. Thank you for taking the time to unite us in this manner.

Orland, Calif.

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Devours truth

I am nearly 70 years old, bad health — husband in nursing home to be visited, clothes laundered and returned, bills to take care of, errands to run — yet, I do take . . . the Bible Correspondence Course — our college work . . . I do get a little behind in these — there is so much to devour. But I don't think any unmarked pages [of the] GN, WN, PT

and Youth exist in my house. I hunger. I fear missing something that the Father has sent for me.

Edna Frey
Mobile, Ala.

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New member writes

Thank you so much for the letter you sent me and welcomed me in your growing family. I will treasure the first letter you sent me for the rest of my life.

It means so very much to me when I know I am wanted into the growing family of "God's team."

I rejoice in my heart and thank God when you mention this in your letter: that you believe I am one of God's called who wants to have a part with Christ and you in this Work.

M. Nel
Durban, South Africa

Worldwide Festival Sites for 1987

PASADENA — The Festival Office, in cooperation with all 12 regional offices, has released a list of sites for the Feast of Tabernacles worldwide. This list covers more than 90 sites in 50 countries, with services in seven languages.

Application forms are available from church pastors. "Members should be careful to fill in the form accurately, and to be sure to seek their pastor's permission to transfer," said evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration. "The regional offices want to be assured that the local pastor approves of the plans of those requesting an overseas site."

Instructions for applying to attend each site are on pages 5 to 8. Before applying, please read carefully the list of sites and the descriptions of each, and study the costs and other factors involved in transferring outside of your home country. (See box, this page, for further hints.)

After applying for an overseas site, members are instructed to wait for approval before making firm travel or lodging plans for the Feast. The approval packets from the regional offices will contain additional information and give details about the booking of hotel rooms and other such matters.

Questions may be referred to your pastor, or in writing along with the application form to the regional office, according to Mr. Salyer.

UNITED STATES

Members outside the United States and Canada: Send completed applications to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Pasadena, Calif., 91129, U.S.A. Housing at all U.S. sites (except Wisconsin Dells, Wis.) is reserved by the individual member, but restricted to an approved list that will be sent with the approval packet.

Americans remaining in the United States or transferring to Canada, and Canadians remaining in Canada or transferring to the United States, should wait until the Festival Planner is distributed in late April before applying to transfer.

Food costs will average \$25 a day for adults, although this varies widely. Many sites have apartment-style housing in which members may prepare their own meals.

Rental cars are recommended at most sites, but many have housing within walking distance of the convention centers.

Anchorage, Alaska

Sight-seeing is plentiful in Anchorage, where 500 Feastgoers are expected to attend services in the Hotel Captain Cook. The Captain Cook has four dining rooms, a heated indoor pool and a health club. Room rates are \$72 to \$82 a night. A few rooms will be available at a nearby hotel with kitchenettes for \$60 a night. Budget more than normal for food costs at this site.

Anchorage international airport is four miles from the Hotel Captain Cook. Rental cars are available, but not necessary. Temperatures are expected to range from 25 to 50 Fahrenheit (minus 4 to 10 Celsius).

Big Sandy

Big Sandy will be host to about 6,000 Feastgoers this year. A majority of those attending camp in the Piney Woods on the Ambassador College campus. Hotels and motels ranging from \$20 to \$75 a night are available in surrounding communities. With temperatures in the upper 60s Fahrenheit (20 to 21 Cel-



PAIGNTON, ENGLAND

sus), fishing, swimming and barbecues in the campgrounds are excellent ways to fellowship.

Big Sandy is 120 miles east of the Dallas-Fort Worth international airport.

Biloxi, Miss.

Feastgoers are welcomed to Biloxi to enjoy the mild climate (56 to 81 Fahrenheit, 13 to 27 Celsius), and the world's longest manmade beach. Being one of the oldest cities in the southern United States, Biloxi is rich in history. Four thousand are expected to attend. Housing ranges from \$25 to \$90 a night. The nearest international airport is in New Orleans, La., 81 miles southwest of Biloxi. Rental cars, as well as bus transportation, are available in Biloxi.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Chattanooga, home of the Chattanooga Choo-Choo, will welcome 4,500 Feastgoers. Hotels range from \$25 to \$60 a night. Area attractions include riverboat rides, cable-car rides and fall foliage. Temperatures are expected to range from 50 to 70 Fahrenheit (10 to 21 Celsius), with rain possible.

The Atlanta, Ga., international airport, 125 miles south of Chattanooga, is the nearest international airport, but connecting flights are available into Chattanooga's airport, Lovell Field.

Corpus Christi, Tex.

Corpus Christi is on a wide bay connected to the Gulf of Mexico. Water sports are popular in this area of warm sun and sea breezes with temperatures ranging from 60 to 90 Fahrenheit (16 to 32 Celsius). Six thousand are expected to attend. Housing ranges from \$25 to \$75 a night. Houston, Tex., Intercontinental Airport is 215 miles from Corpus Christi, with connecting flights available.

Dayton, Ohio

Dayton offers fishing, golfing, canoeing, horseback riding and tennis to the 5,000 Feastgoers expected. Temperatures are expected to be in the upper 50s Fahrenheit (14 to 15 Celsius). Housing ranges from \$25 to \$78 a night. The nearest international airport is in Chicago, Ill., with commuter flights available into Dayton.

Daytona Beach, Fla.

Set on the Atlantic Coast, Daytona is the third site in Florida for the Feast, with an expected attendance of 5,000 to 6,000. Hotels and efficiency apartments are widely available, and some condominiums should be available as well. Prices should be comparable to St. Petersburg, Fla. Air service is available through Jacksonville, Fla., 95 miles away, or Orlando, Fla., 55 miles

away. A rental car is advised, although bus service is available.

Eugene, Ore.

It was here in the lush Willamette Valley that the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong began broadcasting the *World Tomorrow* program, and the pioneer congregation of this era of the Church of God was established.

Eugene maintains several jogging and bicycle trails and an abundance of other outdoor facilities. Temperatures should be about 60 Fahrenheit (16 Celsius), with rain possible.

Housing ranges from \$20 to \$50 a night. About 3,000 are expected in attendance. The Eugene airport can be reached from the Seattle, Wash., or San Francisco, Calif., international airports.

Jekyll Island, Ga.

Jekyll Island, off the coast of

Planning for Overseas Travel

By Mark McCulley

So you're planning to travel outside your home country for the Feast of Tabernacles? Before filling out the application for transferring to a Festival

Mark McCulley is Festival planning coordinator.

site outside the jurisdiction of your regional office, be sure to make careful plans.

Can you afford it?

Money is a big consideration when planning such a trip. Use the budget figures given in the site descriptions to plan for housing and food costs, and be sure to budget generously in these areas. The Feast is a time of rejoicing, and we should be able to rejoice, not pinch pennies.

Consult a reputable travel agent regarding flights and other transportation from your home to the Festival area. Take into account the day of the week you will travel and the ages of children. Do not make irrevocable plans regarding transportation until you receive approval to transfer from the regional office in charge of the site to which you have applied.

Travel time

If you travel to an overseas site, try to arrive close to the site at least a day or two before the first Holy Day. If you do not, jet lag may catch up with you and you may miss (or fall asleep during) services. Be sure to figure this extra cost in your budget.

Worldwide Festival Site List

This list of worldwide Festival sites is published to help members who plan to transfer to a site outside the jurisdiction of their regional office. (If you plan to attend a site under the jurisdiction of your country's regional office, follow procedures from the regional office.) Americans remaining in the United States or transferring to Canada, and Canadians remaining in Canada or transferring to the United States, should wait until the Festival Planner is distributed in late April before applying to transfer.

Georgia, will be host for about 3,300 Feastgoers. Temperatures in the mid to upper 60s Fahrenheit (18 to 21 Celsius) make outdoor recreational activities enjoyable. Housing ranges from \$160 to \$460 for eight nights.

The airport in Jacksonville, Fla., is a one-hour drive from Jekyll Island. International flights arrive at either the Atlanta, Ga., or the Miami, Fla., airports.

Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii

Lihue, on the Garden Isle of Kauai, offers year-round temperatures averaging 75 Fahrenheit (24 Celsius), tropical scenery, historic attractions and oceanside activities. Fifteen hundred are expected to attend.

Hotels, motels and condominiums range from \$400 to \$1,400 for eight nights. Budget more than normal for food costs at this site. Inter-island flights are available to Kauai from Honolulu, Hawaii, international airport.

Mount Pocono, Pa.

Blazing fall colors are expected in the Pocono Mountains, site of the Church-owned Mount Pocono facility. Temperatures should range from 50 to 70 Fahrenheit (10 to 21 Celsius), and 5,000 are expected

at this site. The wide variety of housing ranges from \$25 to \$75 a night.

International flights can be booked to New York City or Philadelphia, Pa., with a connecting flight to Scranton or Allentown, Pa.

Norfolk, Va.

Brethren can sample more than 300 years of American history within an afternoon's drive of Norfolk, where 6,000 are expected to attend. Harbor tours and dock and deep-sea fishing are also available.

Temperatures should be in the mid to upper 60s Fahrenheit (18 to 19 Celsius). Housing ranges from \$25 to \$50 a night. Connecting flights are available to Norfolk from the nearest international airport in Washington, D.C.

Pasadena

Center of the Pasadena Festival site is the Ambassador Auditorium, with more than 4,000 brethren attending services in the Auditorium and other campus facilities. Tours of Ambassador College and the work's facilities will be available during the Feast. Average temperature in October is 70 Fahrenheit (21 Celsius), with cooler evenings. Hotels and motels range from \$30 to \$90 a night. Los Angeles International Airport is 25 miles from Pasadena, with bus service available.

Pensacola, Fla.

Warm sun, sea breezes and white sand beaches await the 8,000 Feastgoers expected in Pensacola this year. Temperatures should be in the mid-70s Fahrenheit (24 to 25 Celsius). Hotels, motels and condominiums are abundant, ranging from \$28 to \$100 a night. Connecting flights are available to Pensacola from Atlanta, Ga., where the nearest international airport is located.

Rapid City, S.D.

Rapid City offers 3,000 Feastgoers a variety of natural beauty, Western heritage and historic attractions. Temperatures range from 40 to 60 Fahrenheit (5 to 16 Celsius). Housing ranges from \$160 to \$800 for eight nights. Rapid City Regional Airport has connecting flights available to and from the major U.S. international airports.

Sacramento, Calif.

Sacramento, the state capital of California, is a short drive from a number of lakes, streams and mountains, where many types of outdoor recreation are available. Temperatures are likely to be in the 70s Fahrenheit (21 to 26 Celsius), with 4,000 expected to attend. Housing ranges from \$25 to \$80 a night. San Francisco, Calif., international airport is 90 miles from Sacramento.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

With more than 30 miles of scenic shorelines, St. Petersburg will offer 8,000 Feastgoers a wide variety of outdoor activities. Temperatures are expected to be in the

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mid-70s Fahrenheit (24 to 25 Celsius). The wide variety of hotels, motels and condominiums range from \$115 to \$1,000 for eight nights. Connecting flights are available from Miami, Fla., international airport to Tampa, Fla., 18 miles from St. Petersburg.

Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Saratoga Springs, noted for its beauty and natural mineral springs, will welcome 2,500 Feastgoers. Fall foliage should be in abundant color at Feast time, with fishing and hiking being popular activities. Temperatures are expected to range from 50 to 60 Fahrenheit (10 to 15 Celsius) during the daytime.

Housing ranges from \$28 to \$90 a night. Connecting flights can be made to Albany, N.Y., 28 miles from Saratoga Springs.

Spokane, Wash.

Three thousand Feastgoers are expected in Spokane, where golfing, fishing, hiking, river expeditions and lake cruises are popular activities. The temperature should be in the mid-60s Fahrenheit (18 to 19 Celsius). Housing ranges from \$120 to \$550 for eight nights. Connecting flights are available to Spokane from Seattle, Wash.

Tucson, Ariz.

Eight thousand brethren are expected to attend in Tucson, which offers a warm, dry climate, with a variety of scenery a short drive away. Temperatures should be in the mid-70s Fahrenheit (24 to 25 Celsius). Housing, which includes some suites with cooking facilities, ranges from \$160 to \$560 for eight nights. Flights are available to Tucson from Los Angeles, Calif.

Tulsa, Okla.

Tulsa will be host to about 4,500 Feastgoers. Several lakes and rivers are close by, as well as museums, art galleries, a zoo and a nature center. Temperatures are expected to range from 50 to 70 Fahrenheit (10 to 21 Celsius). Housing ranges from \$25 to \$65 a night. Flights are available to Tulsa from the major U.S. international airports.

Vail, Colo.

Vail, a European-style alpine village, will be host to 2,500 Feastgoers in Dobson Arena. The altitude in Vail is 8,500 feet. Members with heart or breathing impairments should consult a physician before planning to attend this site. Temperatures are expected to range from 32 to 50 Fahrenheit (0 to 10 Celsius). A variety of hotels and condominiums range from \$260 to \$1,500 for eight nights. The Denver airport is 100 miles from Vail with bus service available. Free city-owned transit buses can take people to any point in Vail. A rental car is not needed.

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

The Wisconsin Dells offers fall colors, fishing, boat rides and amusement parks to the 6,000 Feastgoers expected at this Church-owned site. Plan on daytime temperatures in the high 50s Fahrenheit (14 to 15 Celsius), with rain possible.

Housing, ranging from \$15 to \$65 a night, is reserved for you by the Church. Those applying to this site will receive a housing application with their acceptance letter. From Chicago, Ill., connecting flights are available to Madison, Wis., 41 miles from Wisconsin Dells.

Amman, Jordan

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach approved a Feast site in Amman, Jordan, with optional tours of Israel and Egypt. Group travel will begin Oct. 4 and end Oct. 16.

Deluxe accommodations will be available in Amman's Marriott Ho-

tel, with first-class accommodations in the Regency Palace Hotel.

Tours in Jordan include King's Highway (a major travel route from Damascus to the Red Sea, along which ancient capitals were located), Petra, Jerash (preserved ruins of a Hellenistic Roman city from the time of Christ) and the Ambassador Foundation projects where Ambassador College students teach physically and mentally handicapped children.

Optional tour extensions at extra cost are offered to Cairo, Egypt, through Oct. 21, and to Israel, through Oct. 23.

Prices are not confirmed yet, but full tour from New York City will be about \$1,300 to \$1,400 for each person.

Further details will be announced in *The Worldwide News* once preliminary arrangements are made.

Send application to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Pasadena, Calif., 91129, U.S.A.

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Mr. Tkach has approved Chiang Mai, Thailand, as a Festival site for 1987. This year is the official "Visit Thailand" year, and the Thais are rolling out the welcome mat.

This year is the 40th anniversary of the coronation of King Bhumibol Adulyadej. Oct. 16 (the day after the Last Great Day) Feastgoers will view a procession on the river, a once-in-a-lifetime spectacle.

Also planned are tours of Bangkok and its canals, a visit to the "Bridge Over the River Kwai" and many cultural and social events to acquaint visitors with Thailand. Accommodations will be at the five-star Orchid Hotel. All hotel accommodations throughout the tour will be five-star international standard.

The expected cost is between \$1,600 and \$1,900 for each person. This will include round-trip air travel from the West Coast of the United States to Bangkok, all hotels and tour expenses and some meals.

The tour will probably leave the United States the day after Atone-ment (Oct. 4) and return about Oct. 21. If there is sufficient interest from other areas (such as Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Europe) the Church may be able to arrange group air travel to and from Bangkok from other cities.

The maximum attendance will be 250. If you are interested please let your pastor know as soon as possible. Your initial response will not be considered a firm commitment (nor should it be considered an acceptance). However, the Church needs this preliminary count to begin making firm bookings.

CANADA

Members outside Canada and the United States: Send completed applications to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Box 44 Station A, Vancouver B.C., Canada V6C 2M2. All prices are quoted in Canadian dollars. Food costs average \$25 to \$30 a day for each adult. Reserve your own housing from the approved list that will be sent with the approval packet.

Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Charlottetown, capital of Canada's smallest province, Prince Edward Island, will be host to 1,200 Feastgoers. Daytime temperatures of 50 to 60 Fahrenheit (10 to 15 Celsius) are expected, with cooler and sometimes rainy evenings making warm clothing necessary.

The city boasts fine restaurants and accommodations ranging from \$30 to \$80 a night. Connecting flights are available to Halifax, N.S., from the international airports in Toronto, Ont., and Montreal, Que. A rental car is recommended.

Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Niagara Falls offers plentiful

sight-seeing and numerous activities for the whole family, including a boat trip in front of the cascading waters. Services will take place in the Niagara Falls Convention Center, on the U.S. side of the border, with an expected attendance of 5,500.

Temperatures should range from 50 to 60 Fahrenheit (10 to 15 Celsius). It is recommended that those transferring into Niagara from overseas book their accommodations on the U.S. side to avoid daily border crossings. Prices range from US\$20 to US\$60 a night.

The nearest air service is available in Buffalo, N.Y., a half-hour drive away. Bus service is available to Niagara Falls. A rental car is recommended for those not within walking distance of the convention center.

Penticton, B.C.

Penticton sits between two lakes at the end of the Okanagan Valley. Recreational opportunities for the 2,300 Feastgoers include boating, horseback riding, golf, tennis and hiking. A recreation center adjacent to the auditorium offers swimming, basketball and racquet sports, as well as an indoor ice-skating rink. Temperatures should be in the mid-60s Fahrenheit (18 to 19 Celsius).

Penticton may be reached from the international airports in Vancouver, B.C., and Toronto, Ont. Housing ranges from \$20 to \$70 a night. A rental car is recommended.

Regina, Sask.

Regina, the capital of Saskatchewan, will welcome 1,800 Feastgoers. Temperatures are expected to range from 30 to 55 Fahrenheit (1 below to 13 Celsius). Regina may be reached from Winnipeg, Man., international airport. Housing ranges from \$26 to \$56 a night. A rental car is recommended.

Victoria, B.C.

A touch of Britain flavors this harbor town with an abundance of public parks and private gardens. Temperatures should range in the mid-50s Fahrenheit (12 to 13 Celsius). The site expects to have 1,500 Feastgoers. Victoria may be reached from Vancouver, B.C., or Seattle, Wash., by airplane or ferry. Housing ranges from \$150 to \$950 for eight nights.

CARIBBEAN

Members outside the jurisdiction of the Caribbean Office: Send completed applications to the Caribbean Festival Office, G.P.O. Box 6063, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00936-6063. Please bear in mind that Puerto Rico is part of the U.S. Postal System and therefore U.S. domestic postal rates apply.

The Caribbean Festival Office advises, but does not require you to use, the professional travel services offered by Travel, Inc. If you need price information to solidify your Caribbean travel plans, please call toll free from the United States 1-800-468-2494. Outside the United States please dial 809-725-2332 or 809-725-3429.

Housing is arranged by the Caribbean Regional Office. Details will be sent with your approval letter. Prearranged airport transfers are recommended for all Caribbean sites.

Paradise Island, Bahamas

Paradise Island, with an expected attendance of about 750, is about 270 miles east-southeast of Miami, Fla. Feastgoers will experience some of the best beaches and weather the Caribbean has to offer. Public transportation, readily available, will be strictly a matter of convenience at this site because the Holiday Inn Beach Resort Hotel will serve as both convention and housing center.

Room rates range between

US\$38 and US\$72 a night for each adult. Restaurant meals range between US\$30 and US\$55 a day for each adult. However, the thrifty-minded will find fast-food eateries and grocery stores nearby. Rental cars available.

Christ Church, Barbados

With year-round temperatures between 75 to 85 Fahrenheit (24 to 30 Celsius), Barbados is a favorite of those bracing for the cold winter days ahead. Christ Church, Barbados, 1,675 miles southeast of Miami, will be host to 675 of God's people. The Best Western Sandy Beach Apartment complex (one-fourth mile from the convention center), will serve as housing center for overseas guests. One bedroom apartments cost US\$70 a night, and two bedroom apartments cost US\$105 a night. Restaurant meals range between US\$15 and US\$35 a day for adults, with fast food eateries and supermarkets nearby. Rental cars available.

Hamilton, Bermuda

Luxury, sunshine and beaches make up Bermuda, an island some consider to be the "showcase of the Caribbean." Bermuda is the region's northernmost Festival site, but the 400 brethren in attendance should experience average temperatures of 70 Fahrenheit (21 Celsius).

Hotel and guest-house rates range between US\$40 and US\$80 a day for each adult. Restaurant meals range between US\$30 and US\$60 a day for adults, but fast food and supermarket shopping are available. No rental cars are available, but taxis and scooters are abundant.

Roseau, Dominica

For the first time in three years, brethren in Dominica will warmly open convention center doors to welcome international Feastgoers. Applicants must bear in mind that spiritual food and fellowship are the major attractions here because physical accoutrements are much more spartan than at most other Caribbean sites.

The meeting hall is in central Roseau and will seat 160 people. Dominica is about 1,450 miles southeast of Miami, and temperatures average 70 to 85 Fahrenheit (21 to 30 Celsius). Rates at the Anchorage Hotel (1½ miles from site) average US\$25 to US\$40 a day for each adult. Restaurant meals average US\$19 to US\$28 a day for each adult. Public transport and rental cars are available.

Georgetown, Guyana

On the northeastern corner of South America, Guyana is the southernmost of the Caribbean English-language Feast sites. Guyana is 2,100 miles southeast of Miami. It is recommended for the Feastgoer who, besides hearty spiritual food and fellowship, desires hardy outdoor adventure. Spartan, perhaps even by Caribbean standards, 150 of God's people will attend this delightful site with 80 Fahrenheit (27 Celsius) weather.

The Park Hotel will be used for visitors. Rooms are US\$35 a night, and meals are US\$20 to US\$40 a day for adults. Public transport is available; rental cars are not.

Ocho Rios, Jamaica

A perennial favorite for warm-weather Feastgoers, the "Garden Parish" of St. Ann will once again be the host for the Feast in Jamaica. The Americana Hotel will serve as guest housing and convention center, enabling 850 brethren to enjoy warm fellowship as well as warm weather.

Room rates range between US\$35 and US\$68 a night for each adult. Restaurant meals range between US\$35 and US\$60 a day for each adult. Public transport and taxis are available.

Castries, St. Lucia

With its natural beauty and sim-

ilarity, St. Lucia offers the sight-seeing and beach activities that make the Caribbean islands so popular. A close-knit family environment prevails here since meeting facilities allow for an attendance of only 200. Temperatures are expected to be about 80 Fahrenheit (27 Celsius).

The St. Lucian Hotel will serve as guest housing and convention center. Rooms run US\$50 a night. Restaurant meals range between US\$30 and US\$45 a day for each adult. Less expensive fast food dining is available. Taxis and rental cars are available.

Crown Point, Tobago

This smaller component of the two-island country of Trinidad and Tobago is acclaimed to be the "Gem of the Caribbean." Seven hundred fifty Feastgoers can enjoy the pleasant scenery as well as the other fun-in-the-sun amenities that abound here.

Tobago's temperature averages 80 Fahrenheit (27 Celsius) year-round. The rates at the housing-convention center (Crown Reef Hotel) include two meals a day and range between US\$35 and US\$50 a day for each adult. Public transport, taxis and rental cars are available.

FRENCH-SPEAKING SITES

For each of the five sites, the accommodations are within walking distance of the meeting hall. Members outside the jurisdiction of the French Office: Send completed applications to the addresses listed.

Port d'Albret, France

Port d'Albret is on the coastal plain, about 30 miles from Biarritz, 90 miles from Bordeaux and 50 miles from the border of Spain. Direct flights are available from Paris to Biarritz-Parme, the closest airport to Port d'Albret. The expected attendance is 1,300.

Prices for meals and lodging for each day range from US\$21 to US\$32. A nonrefundable fee of US\$30 for each family is required upon approval. Services are in French with simultaneous English translations. The weather is usually warm and humid 60 to 68 Fahrenheit (15 to 20 Celsius). However, when traveling to northern France during this period, daily temperatures can range from 50 to 60 Fahrenheit (10 to 16 Celsius). A visa for France is required and can be obtained at a French Consulate.

Send completed applications to the French Department, Pasadena, Calif., 91129, U.S.A.

Jonquiere, Que.

Jonquiere is in an area of fjords, mountains, turbulent rapids and waterfalls. A variety of recreational activities are available. Services will be in French with English translations. Most brethren there understand English. Montreal, Que., is six hours to the south by car or bus, and 50 minutes by air. Housing information is not yet confirmed. If interested, send completed applications to Donat Picard, 114 Pendenis Dr., Pointe-Claire, PQ, Canada H9R 1H6. Details will be sent to you when available.

St. Francois, Guadeloupe

The peaceful resort of St. Francois is located on the southeast coast of the French West Indian island of Guadeloupe. International flights arrive at the Raizet airport, near the main city of Pointe-a-Pitre, about 21 miles from St. Francois. It is recommended to take a taxi from the airport.

Attendance will be about 300, and services will be in French with no translations. The pastor, Gilbert Carbonnel, will arrange accommodations. The price of lodging is (See FEAST '87, page 7)

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about US\$18 a person for one day. Food costs average US\$20 an adult for one day. Kitchen facilities are available in each bungalow.

Daily temperatures range from 77 to 86 degrees Fahrenheit (25 to 30 Celsius). A visa is required and can be obtained at a French Consulate. Send completed applications to Gilbert Carbonnel, Le Monde A Venir, B P 418, 97163 Pointe-A-Pitre Cedex, Guadeloupe, West Indies.

Tartane, Martinique

Tartane is on the eastern side of Martinique, also called "l'île aux fleurs" (the island of flowers). The airport of Le Lamentin is about 12 miles from the Feast site. Taxis are available at the airport. The expected attendance is 320. Accommodations are arranged by pastor Erick Dubois. Lodging is about US\$15 a day for each adult. Food costs average US\$20 a day for each adult. Kitchen facilities are available in each apartment. October is the beginning of the rainy season, and the daily temperatures range from 73 to 81 Fahrenheit (23 to 27 Celsius). A visa is required and can be obtained at a French Consulate. Services are in French with no translations.

Send completed applications to Erick Dubois, Boite Postale 710, 97207 Fort-de-France Cedex, Martinique.

Jacmel, Haiti

La Jacmelienne Hotel is on the south coast of Haiti. The international airport of Port-au-Prince is a two-hour drive from the hotel. Transportation to the Feast site can be arranged with pastor Cyrille Richard. Attendance will be about 80.

Price for room and board averages US\$35 a day for each adult. The weather is warm and humid, with temperatures ranging from 79 to 88 Fahrenheit (26 to 31 Celsius). No visa is required. Services are in French with no translations.

Send applications to Cyrille Richard, c/o Le Monde A Venir, B P 1470, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

SPANISH-SPEAKING SITES

Members outside the jurisdiction of the Spanish Office should write to the address given for the site they want to attend. Eight Spanish-language sites are planned for the 1987 Feast of Tabernacles.

Acapulco, Mexico

The beach resort of Acapulco offers Feastgoers a tropical climate with temperatures in the 80s Fahrenheit (27 to 31 Celsius). Attendance is expected to be 1,700 (including 700 transfers).

Services (in Spanish with English translations) will take place in the five-star Acapulco Plaza Hotel where all visitors will stay. Standard rooms at the Plaza are \$50 a night. One-bedroom suites are \$70 a night. All rooms have a beach and sea view. Daily food costs average \$20 a person.

Buses and taxis are readily available, and a rental car is not advised. Acapulco has an international airport. Information on a travel package, including air fare, lodging, round-trip transfers, airport taxes and tips, will be sent along with the approval letters.

Send completed applications and a \$100 deposit for each application to the Worldwide Church of God, Ambassador College, Box 5057, San Ysidro, Calif., 92073.

Palmas del Mar, Puerto Rico

Palmas del Mar, Puerto Rico, in a secluded, millennial setting, will have space available for 200 trans-

fers. The site offers golf, tennis, aquatic sports and horseback riding. Services will be in Spanish with English translations.

Prices are not confirmed, but will probably be about \$58 a day double occupancy in the hotel, and \$137 a day for a two-bedroom villa. Buffet meals at the hotel will cost about \$30 a day for each adult. Send completed applications to the Spanish Department, Pasadena, Calif., 91129, U.S.A.

Discounted air fare is available from Travel, Inc. in Puerto Rico. Interested brethren should call toll free from the U.S. 1-800-468-2494. Outside U.S. please dial 809-725-2332 or 809-725-3429.

Cullera, Spain

Cullera will be the Feast site in Spain. Services and lodging will be in the secluded and modern three-star Hotel Sicania, which fronts the Mediterranean on the Costa de los Naranjos (Orange-groves' Coast), a 4½-hour drive from Madrid, Spain.

The international airport in Valencia is about 50 miles from the Feast site, which can also be reached by train from Madrid. Services are in Spanish with no translations. Expected attendance is 130.

Daily temperatures range from 70 to 75 Fahrenheit (21 to 24 Celsius), with rain possible. Accommodations are arranged by the Spanish Department at the Hotel Sicania. Rates are about \$30 a day, for lodging and meals, for anyone more than 5 years old. Send completed applications to the Spanish Department, Pasadena, Calif., 91129, U.S.A.

Melgar, Colombia

Melgar is a resort community 65 miles south of Bogota, where the nearest major airport is located. Services for the 300 brethren expected in attendance will be in Spanish with no translations. The Festival site has a hotel, cabins (with kitchen facilities) and recreational facilities. Prices are not yet available.

The average temperature is 85 Fahrenheit (30 Celsius). A rental car is not recommended, but bus services are available. Send completed applications to Eduardo Hernandez, APDO AEREO 11430, Bogota IDE, Colombia.

Additional sites

Festival sites are also tentatively planned in Argentina, Chile, Guatemala and Peru. There will be no translations. Spanish-speaking brethren may apply to the Spanish Department, Pasadena, Calif., 91129, U.S.A. Details will be sent when available.

GERMAN SITES

Members outside the jurisdiction of the German Office: Send completed applications to the Festival Office, Ambassador College, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, D-5300 Bonn 1, West Germany. Services will alternate in German and English with translations. Weather should be sunny, but cool, with colder nights and rain possible.

Brno, Czechoslovakia

Three hundred brethren from Eastern and Western Europe, and from overseas, will meet in Brno, Czechoslovakia, a historic city in the heart of Old Europe. In addition to regular services, a number of exciting activities are planned including a folklore evening and historical sight-seeing.

Accommodations and services will be in the Hotel Voronez. Transportation to official activities is provided and public transport is also available.

Bookings are made through the German Office, with a basic Festival package, including food (breakfast plus one hot meal daily), lodging and organized group activities,

costing for each adult about \$650 single occupancy, \$600 double, \$500 triple, with prices one third less for children 3 to 13. Children less than 3 are free.

Brno can be reached by rental car or train (10 to 12 hours from Frankfurt, West Germany, seven to nine hours from Munich, West Germany, two hours from Vienna, Austria), or by tours organized by the German Office. These include a three-day tour by bus from Frankfurt airport to Brno and return for \$400 single, \$350 double or \$335 triple occupancy, with children 3 to 13 slightly less; a round-trip train tour Frankfurt-Brno-Frankfurt for \$220 for adults, \$160 for children, (or partial tour from \$120 to \$170 for adults); or bus transfer Vienna-Brno-Vienna for \$25 a seat one way, \$45 both ways.

Also available is the Imperial Prague, Czechoslovakia, tour: two days of sight-seeing in Prague, Oct. 5 to 7, including meals, lodging and transport from Prague and return, costing \$190 single occupancy, \$140 double.

Bonndorf, West Germany

Set in the Black Forest of West Germany, a three-hour drive from Frankfurt, and 1½ hours from Zuerich, Switzerland, Bonndorf will have an attendance of 1,000. Accommodations are arranged by the German Office. Hotels and guest houses range from \$17 to more than \$40 a person for each night. Some apartments are available at \$20 to \$50 a night. Food costs average \$20 a day for each adult. Hotels are one to eight miles from the meeting site; taxis are available, but rental cars are suggested and most convenient.

ITALY

Nestled in the mountains north of Pisa — about 43½ miles (70 kilometers) from Florence — is the tiny village of Castelvecchio-Pascoli, site of the 1987 Feast of Tabernacles in Italy. The Church will use the facilities of a privately owned complex in an expanse of wooded hills and valleys. The complex offers sports activities such as tennis, swimming, skeet shooting, horseback riding and hiking, either at no charge or at minimal cost. A sauna, weight room, supermarket, shops and pizzeria are on the grounds.

Accommodations at an on-site, four-star hotel will cost, for room and three meals a day, about \$65 for each adult; for half board (room, breakfast and dinner), about \$55 for each adult. A limited number of apartments and bungalows will be available for families.

Services will be in English with translations into Italian. The nearest international airport is Pisa, accessible from most major European cities. Transportation from the airport to the site, about a one-hour trip, will be provided at minimal cost. An automobile will not be needed, as shuttle service around the grounds is provided.

Fall weather in Italy is usually mild; in previous years the Church has enjoyed Indian summers at the Italian Feast sites. An attendance of 600 to 700 people is expected, with about one third of those being Italian, Maltese and Greek.

Members outside the jurisdiction of the Italian Office: Send completed applications to the Italian Department, Pasadena, Calif., 91129, U.S.A.

HOOGEVEEN, NETHERLANDS

Hoogeveen is set amidst farm-lands and villages in the northern part of the Netherlands. One hundred visitors will be accepted to this site, where services will be in Dutch

with English translations. The weather is expected to be mild, but can be cold and rainy.

A number of quality bungalow parks are five to eight miles from the meeting hall. Price for each bungalow (one to six people) varies from 250 to 500 guilders for nine nights. A rental car is necessary for those staying in the bungalows.

The daily rate for the motel is 60 guilders single occupancy and 75 guilders double occupancy, including breakfast. Bus service is available to the motel.

A list of the bungalows will be sent with the approval letters for members to book their own accommodations. Food costs vary greatly with several restaurants and supermarkets nearby. Hoogeveen is a 2¼-hour train ride from the Amsterdam, Netherlands, airport. Rental cars are also available.

Members outside the jurisdiction of the Dutch Office: Send completed applications to the Festival Office, Ambassador College, Postbus 444, 3430 AK Nieuwegein, The Netherlands.

UNITED KINGDOM, DENMARK, EAST AND WEST AFRICA

Members outside the jurisdiction of the British Office: Send completed applications for British and East and West African sites and Denmark to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Elstree House, Elstree Way, Borehamwood, Herts., WD6 1LU, England.

London, England, tour: We have again hired the professional services of London Tourist Board registered guide, G.O. Marx, to provide a variety of tours. Four days of sight-seeing and entertainment in London and the surrounding English countryside are scheduled immediately after the Feast.

All services will be conducted in English.

Temperatures in the British Isles should be around 55 to 65 Fahrenheit (13 to 19 Celsius). Though the British Isles generally have mild sunny days in October, be prepared for rain and cold winds.

Food costs in the British Isles average 10 pounds a day for each adult.

Members are asked to make their own housing and travel arrangements after receiving approval.

Festival sites are tentatively planned for Malawi, two sites in Nigeria and Uganda. If interested in attending one of these sites, send an application and details will be sent to you when available.

St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands

Situated off the coast of France, Jersey is an island with a rich mixture of English and French history and culture. One thousand people are expected to attend in St. Helier. Hotels and guest-house prices range from 15 to 59 pounds a night for each person, including breakfast and dinner. Some apartments are available from around 12 pounds a night. We will offer a sea-air travel and accommodation package, which will include bus transfers to hotels. Car rentals are available but not necessary.

Flights to Jersey are available from London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports and most other major British airports. Bus shuttle services, taxis and car rentals are available at Jersey airport to take members to their hotels. Trains and buses from London provide a connecting service with the ferries from Portsmouth, England, for the eight-hour crossing to Jersey.

Paignton, England

The Devonshire coast in southwest England provides the setting for the Feast of Tabernacles in Paignton, 225 miles from London.

Train and bus services run to Paignton from London.

Many of the 1,200 members expected at Paignton will stay in the Beverley Park Holiday Centre, about five minutes drive from the Torbay Leisure Centre, where services and social activities will take place. Cost for each caravan (trailer) for the nine nights is 64 to 119 pounds, depending on the type. Hotels and guest houses (from 15 to 60 pounds a night for each person, including dinner, bed and breakfast) are also available. Apartments are available from 10 pounds a day. Car rental is not necessary if you stay at Beverley Park as a bus service will be provided.

Eastbourne, England

Situated on the sunny south coast of England, 84 minutes by train from central London and 40 miles from Gatwick Airport, Eastbourne provides an easy-to-reach location for overseas visitors. Services will take place at the King's Holiday Park and Country Club, where many of the 1,200 people expected at Eastbourne will stay.

Trailers and apartments at King's will probably be between 80 to 120 pounds for nine days. Hotel and guest-house accommodations range from 15 to 60 pounds a night for each person (dinner, bed and breakfast). Apartments are from around 10 pounds a night. Car rental is recommended for those not resident at or near King's.

Southport, England

This coastal resort in northwest England will be host for 1,100 brethren. Southport is about 230 miles from London and is accessible by road and rail. Trains and buses and car rental services are available to those flying into Manchester, England, international airport (about 40 miles from Southport). Hotel and guest-house prices range from 15 to 60 pounds a night for each person (dinner, bed and breakfast), and apartments can be obtained from around 10 pounds a night. Car rental is recommended for those not within walking distance of the Southport Theatre, where services will take place.

Trabolgan, Ireland

Trabolgan Holiday Centre will be the location for the southern Irish site this year. Situated near Cork, the Holiday Centre is a self-contained complex containing 147 modern apartments, halls and sports facilities.

Members can fly to Cork airport (25 miles away) and those traveling by sea should arrive at Cork Ferryport (34 miles away).

Around 700 are expected to attend this coastal site. Because of the size of the site, a limit is placed on the number of overseas transfers. Rates are still to be negotiated. If interested in attending, send application, and details will be sent to you when available.

Bredsten, Denmark

The Feast in Denmark will be in the Vingstedcentre sporting and conference center on the eastern side of central Jutland outside the village of Bredsten. Bredsten is 13 kilometers (about 8½ miles) from the city of Vejle.

The center consists of hotel accommodations for the 300 Feastgoers expected to attend in Denmark, and a sports complex. Opposite the hotel is a camping area for those wishing to take their own caravans.

Services are in English with Danish translations. The cost for each night will be about 362 Danish kroner for full board for each person or 280 kroner for half board (breakfast and evening meal only). Children younger than 14 sharing with their parents are half price, and infants younger than 3 are free. Use of all facilities at the center is included, except the hire of certain sporting equipment.

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For those traveling by sea (overnight voyage), group rates have been negotiated with Danish Seaways from Harwich, England, to Esbjerg, Denmark, for passengers, cars and caravans (trailers). Overseas visitors traveling through London can take the boat train from London direct to the ship in Harwich with connecting bus transfer to the site in Denmark. By air there are flights from London (Heathrow) and Manchester to Copenhagen, Denmark, to connect with flights to Billund, 20 kilometers (about 12½ miles) from the Vingstedcentre.

Mombasa, Kenya

A camp on the Indian Ocean will be one of the Feast sites in Kenya this year. Overseas visitors will be accommodated in one of the several hotels in the area, ranging from \$50 to \$70 a night. Weather will be warm and humid. Further information will be sent upon request.

Naro Moru, Kenya

A resort at the base of Mt. Kenya, second-highest peak in Africa, will be used again for the Feast of Tabernacles. This site in the midst of the Kenyan wilderness is more for hardy visitors than the site in Mombasa. About 100 brethren are expected to attend this site.

Lodging and meals cost about US\$200 a person for eight days. Various means of transportation are available from the international airport in Nairobi to the site.

Winneba, Ghana

The Sir Charles Tourist Centre will be the site for the Feast in Ghana this year. Winneba is a resort area only a few miles from Accra, the capital of Ghana. Hotel and meals for the week will cost about US\$300. An automobile will not be necessary for visitors.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Members outside the jurisdiction of the South African Office: Send completed applications to the Festival Office, Ambassador College Agency, Box 5644, Cape Town, 8000 South Africa. An accommodation brochure and booking card will be sent with each approval letter. Members will be responsible for sending the booking card and deposit to the hotel of their choice. All services will be in English.

Food costs vary greatly and could range from 27 to 52 rand (\$12 to \$23) a person daily. Prices quoted are at an exchange rate of one rand equal to 45 cents, subject to 12 percent government sales tax.

Durban, South Africa

South Africa's main Festival site, Durban, is one of the country's top holiday resorts. Services for the 1,600 Feastgoers will be in the City Hall, opposite the five-star Royal Hotel.

The Royal Hotel offers a variety of amenities, and rooms have a view of the harbor or seafront.

Double room rates are 45 rand (\$20) a person each night including full English breakfast. Single occupancy is 65 rand (\$30). Children 2 to 12 are 50 percent of adult rate. Beachfront hotels (one mile from City Hall) are also available ranging from 30 to 60 rand (\$14 to \$27) a person each night, including three full meals daily.

Durban is 400 miles from Johannesburg, South Africa. Adequate bus service is available. A rental car is optional. Temperatures vary from 24 to 32 Celsius (75 to 90 Fahrenheit).

George, South Africa

George is about 450 miles from

Cape Town and 850 miles from Johannesburg (1½ hours by air). This is the lake district of South Africa and enjoys a mild to warm climate in October. Eight hundred are expected to attend.

Accommodations range from 32 to 60 rand (\$15 to \$27) a person each night including full English breakfast. A rental car is necessary.

Mutare, Zimbabwe

Mutare is situated in the highlands in eastern Zimbabwe, 200 miles from Harare. Temperatures will vary from 28 to 36 Celsius (82 to 97 Fahrenheit). Four hundred are expected to attend. Room rates range from 40 to 60 rand (\$18 to \$27) a person each night. A rental car is necessary.

Other sites

Festival sites are also planned in Mauritius; Hawston, South Africa; and Livingstone, Zambia; but transfers will not be accepted.

AUSTRALIA AND ASIA

Members outside the jurisdiction of the Australian Office: Send completed applications to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Box 202, Burleigh Heads, Qld., 4220, Australia.

Members are asked to make their own housing and travel arrangements. Recommendations will be sent with the approval packets.

All services in Australia will be conducted in English. A site is tentatively planned in Gold Coast, Australia. If interested, send applications and details will be sent to you when available.

Caloundra, Australia

Caloundra is a family oriented holiday center on the southern end of the Sunshine Coast, 96 kilometers (60 miles) north of Brisbane. About 1,300 will attend this site. Temperatures in the mid-20s Celsius (high 70s Fahrenheit) are expected. A rental car is advised both from the Brisbane airport to the site and during the Feast, unless you will be staying within walking distance of the meeting hall.

Self-contained holiday apartments are available for A\$170 to A\$300 a unit for one week (un-serviced). Motels are also available at about A\$35 to A\$60 a room for one night. Average food costs for each person would be about A\$25 daily, depending on whether meals are prepared by members themselves or purchased in restaurants.

Gosford, Australia

Gosford is in the heart of the Central Coast tourist area of New South Wales, just 75 minutes north of Sydney. This beautiful area of white sandy beaches and inland waterways sits in the midst of 300,000 acres of national park and rain forest. Temperatures of around 23 Celsius (73 Fahrenheit) are expected. Attendance will be about 950.

Sydney airport is a two-hour drive from the site. A rental car is recommended during the Feast. You can also take a bus to Central Station and a train to Gosford. Self-contained holiday apartments along the coastal beaches, about 20 minutes from the hall by car, cost about A\$300 a week for a family unit. Average food costs for each person are about A\$20 daily, depending on whether meals are prepared by members themselves or purchased in restaurants.

Hobart, Tasmania

The island state of Tasmania is aptly called the Holiday Isle — abounding in natural beauty and historical landmarks. A family of four would expect to pay at least A\$60 a night for accommodations,

which are mostly hotels and motels. Average food costs for each person will be about A\$30 daily.

Hobart airport is just a few minutes by car from the Feast site. Rental cars and taxis are available. Temperatures are expected to be in the high teens Celsius (mid-60s Fahrenheit), but with cooler weather possible. Bring warm clothing. Four hundred are expected to attend this site.

Merimbula, Australia

Merimbula is a holiday resort on the southeast coast of New South Wales. The weather should be mild and pleasant, with daytime temperatures about 20 Celsius (68 Fahrenheit). Expected attendance is 700.

Merimbula has its own airport, with commuter services to both Sydney and Melbourne international airports. Sydney is 450 kilometers (about 280 miles) from Merimbula, and Melbourne is 600 kilometers (about 375 miles) away. A rental car is recommended for those not staying within walking distance of the hall.

Self-contained holiday apartments cost about A\$280 a week for a two-bedroom unit (un-serviced). Daily food costs average A\$25 for each person, depending on whether meals are prepared by members themselves or purchased in restaurants.

Perth, Australia

Perth, the capital city of Western Australia, is a clean, modern city with pockets of history, hundreds of acres of blue water and a backdrop of natural bushland in the form of King's Park. A special attraction at Feast time is the display of wild flowers. Expected attendance is 600.

Perth has its own international airport. Rental cars and taxis are available during the Feast. Hotels and motels range in price from A\$30 to more than A\$80 a night for each person. Some self-contained holiday apartments are available at A\$40 to A\$60 a night for each unit. Daily food costs average A\$30 for each adult, depending on whether meals are prepared by members themselves or purchased in restaurants.

Perth has a Mediterranean climate, with temperatures in the low 20s Celsius (low 70s Fahrenheit).

Ulladulla, Australia

Ulladulla, a fishing town on the southeast coast of New South Wales, is a holiday resort. The weather should be mild and pleasant, with daytime temperatures about 20 Celsius (68 Fahrenheit). Expected attendance is 850.

The international airport in Sydney is 220 kilometers (about 135 miles) from the site. A rental car is recommended during the Feast. Self-contained holiday apartments cost about A\$280 a week for a two-bedroom unit (un-serviced). Motels and on-site caravans (trailers) are also available.

Daily food costs average A\$25 for each person, depending on whether meals are prepared by members themselves or purchased in restaurants.

Warrnambool, Australia

Warrnambool is a provincial city (population 21,414) on the shore of Lady Bay in the rich southwest of Victoria. The weather can be variable with temperatures usually in the high teens Celsius (mid-60s Fahrenheit). Expected attendance is 500.

Melbourne international airport is 263 kilometers (163 miles) from the Feast site, with connecting flights available to Warrnambool. A rental car is recommended during the Feast.

Self-contained holiday apartments range from A\$280 a week, motels from A\$25 a night for each person. On-site caravans (trailers) are available. Daily food costs average A\$20 for each person, depend-

ing on whether meals are prepared by members themselves or purchased in restaurants.

Kuala Trengganu, Malaysia

The Pantai Primula Hotel in Kuala Trengganu rises above the white sands of Malaysia's east coast and looks out over the South China Sea. River cruises, scuba diving, snorkeling and jungle trips are just a few of the activities available. Temperatures should average 24 Celsius (75 Fahrenheit). We expect 450 to attend this site. Services are conducted in English.

From Singapore (Friday and Sunday only), fly to Kuantan, Malaysia. From Pinang, Malaysia, fly to Kuantan (Monday and Thursday). Coach or taxi ride to Trengganu is about two hours and inexpensive.

Overseas visitors flying into Kuala Lumpur on Malaysian Airline System (MAS) can get a free flight to one destination in Malaysia if booked in advance. From Kuala Lumpur you can fly to Trengganu or take a coach for a fascinating seven-hour ride direct to Trengganu. While in Trengganu, taxis and buses are readily available and inexpensive.

Accommodations are arranged by the Australian Regional Office. All accommodations will be at the Festival site, Pantai Primula Hotel. Deluxe double rooms are M\$80 a night. Double rooms are M\$60 a night. An additional bed in the room is M\$15 a night. All prices include tax and service charges.

Average daily food costs are M\$45 a day in the hotel for each person and M\$15 a day in the town restaurants.

Lonauli, India

The five-star Fariyas Holiday Resort at Lonauli is the 1987 Feast site in India for the second consecutive year. It is in the Sahyadri Hills, 100 kilometers (62 miles) southeast of Bombay. The weather should be mostly sunny and warm. A light jacket is recommended for evenings and early mornings. Two hundred thirty are expected to attend this site.

Bombay airport is 100 kilometers (62 miles) from the site. From there, take a taxi to the Poona taxi stand. A taxi to Poona will cost about US\$30 for the three-hour journey to the Feast site. A rental car is not necessary, as accommodations, services and activities are all on site.

Accommodations are arranged at the Fariyas Holiday Resort by the Australian Regional Office for all overseas visitors. The costs vary according to the number of people in each room, but are not expected to exceed US\$25 a day for each person including meals. Single occupancy will be slightly higher.

Ahungalla, Sri Lanka

Nestled amidst coconut groves, 77 kilometers (48 miles) south of Colombo, the Triton Hotel in Ahungalla is again the site of the Feast in Sri Lanka, with 150 expected to attend. Weather at Feast time is usually sunny during the day with early-morning and late-evening showers to cool the air. Temperatures should be around 21 Celsius (70 Fahrenheit).

Colombo airport is 110 kilometers (68 miles) north of the Feast site. A bus will be provided to transfer members from Colombo to the Feast site Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Hotel space is arranged by the Australian Regional Office. Cost is about US\$18 a day for each adult and about US\$4 for children younger than 12 including all meals.

Honiara, Solomon Islands

The site uncertain as yet. If interested in attending, send application and details will be sent to you when available.

Honiara is the capital of the Solomon Islands, and is on the palm-fringed island of Guadalcanal. The climate is warm and pleasant

with temperatures in the mid-20s Celsius (upper 70s Fahrenheit). Expected attendance is 70.

Honiara airport is a short taxi ride from the site. We recommend the principal hotel in Honiara, the Mendana, to all overseas visitors. Taxi or rental car will be needed at the Feast.

NEW ZEALAND AND SOUTH PACIFIC

Members outside the jurisdiction of the New Zealand Office: Send completed applications to the Festival Office, Ambassador College, Box 2709, Auckland 1, New Zealand. A Festival site is planned in Tonga, but transfers will not be accepted.

Rotorua, New Zealand

Set in the geothermal region of the North Island of New Zealand, a 2¼-hour drive from the Auckland, New Zealand, international airport, Rotorua will have an attendance of 1,500.

Accommodations can be arranged by a travel agent or by writing to the New Zealand Tourist and Publicity Travel Office, Rotorua (telephone 070-85-179). Hotels and motels range from US\$12 to US\$40 a night for each person. Food costs average US\$20 a day for adults. Accommodations are one-half to 10 kilometers (up to six miles) from the meeting site, with taxis available. Services are conducted in English with facilities for the hard of hearing. Daily temperatures can reach up to 17 Celsius (63 Fahrenheit) with the possibility of rain.

Fiji

Set in the South Pacific, Fiji will have an attendance of about 240. Site details are not available at this time. If interested in attending, please send in an application. Details will be sent to you when available.

PHILIPPINES

Members outside of the Philippines: Send completed applications to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Box 1111, Makati 3117, Metro Manila, Philippines. All services will be conducted in English. International flights to the Philippines terminate in Manila. Discounts are sometimes available on domestic routes for international travelers, so it is advised to book your international and domestic flights at the same time.

The Manila Regional Office will arrange for all visitors to be met at the airport and escorted to their hotels (except possibly last day arrivals). Tours of Malacanang Palace (presidential palace) and Corregidor Island (site of World War II battle) may be arranged.

Accommodations may be arranged privately or through the Manila Office (which can offer discounts at main hotels).

Rental cars are available in Manila, Baguio and Cebu by prior arrangement, both with or without hired drivers, although self-drive is not recommended for international guests.

Prices at hotels (given in U.S. dollars) are likely to increase if the Philippine peso is devalued during the year from current rate of 20.5 pesos to the dollar.

Baguio

Baguio is a refreshing mountain resort city, at an altitude of 5,000 feet, in the Cordillera Mountains 160 miles north of Manila. The 1,600 expected Feastgoers can anticipate temperatures of about 12 to 25 Celsius (54 to 77 Fahrenheit) without the humidity of the low-

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French

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problem, because with God's help we overcome problems — but a difficulty we face is finances, because each country has its own currency. Some countries, like in Africa, have restrictions about taking money out of them."

Another difficulty is obtaining permission for brethren to meet in Zaire and Cameroon. Mr. Apartian said that Ralph Helge, the Church's legal counsel, "is working very hard to obtain permission" for the Church to meet in those two African countries.

If a minister is sent to those areas, "it will be very difficult for him to travel from country to country," the regional director remarked.

In French-speaking Canada there are seven churches. "Seven years ago we had only half the membership we have today. The work is growing very, very fast there, especially in Quebec," he said.

In the West Indies, where Mr. Tkach visited Jan. 2 to 12, the largest French-speaking church is Fort-de-France, Martinique, with more than 330 brethren meeting for Sabbath services each week.

"We have more members in Montreal [Que.], but it's divided into A.M. and P.M. services," said Mr. Apartian. He added that it is "hard to find meeting halls in these places."

In Haiti, pastor Cyrille Richard serves the Port-au-Prince church with his wife, Sophie. "We rent a small place there that serves as a meeting hall and a small office," Mr. Apartian said.

Although "well known for its poverty," Haiti is also known as the Island of Pearls, "and God's people there are pearls," Mr. Apartian said. "They are beautiful people. They are our brothers and our brethren.

"They think like us, they pray to the same God and they have a much more difficult time than we have, because it's much harder to be a Christian there than it is in this country," he continued.

In the South Pacific, many of the islands are French speaking. "Tahiti is French, and we have no access there," Mr. Apartian said. "If we could get on the air — on radio — I think we might be able to start something."

There are 15 churches in French-speaking Europe. "Since January we have lost our meeting hall in

Brussels, Belgium," he said. "For the past several weeks, they have been changing locations every Sabbath."

Publications

The regional director noted that 161,807 French-speaking people subscribe to *La Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*). Combined with newsstands, that figure exceeds 300,000.

More than 44,000 subscribe to the international *Good News* (titled *La Bonne Nouvelle du Monde A Venir* in French), which began five years ago. "This is a very important publication for us," said Mr. Apartian. "When we have strong meat in *The Good News* I think it does a lot of good."

The first six Youth Bible Lessons are photocopied in French, and Correspondence Course students number 6,615.

Mr. Apartian said, "In God's Church we have unity, and I'm sure that under Mr. Tkach's leadership we'll continue to have that unity until the end."

The following men gave reports at Bible study in Pasadena Jan. 30: Samuel Kneller, pastor of the Paris, France, church; Olivier Carion, pastor of the Strasbourg, Mulhouse and St. Avold, France, churches; Donat Picard, pastor of the Montreal North and South French-speaking churches; Paul Njamta, a deacon in Yaounde, Cameroon; and Cyrille Richard, pastor of the Port-au-Prince church. Excerpts of their reports follow.

Paris, France

We have an average Sabbath at-



SAMUEL & MARILYN KNELLER

tendance in Paris of 230. About two thirds of the members are from France itself; and about one third are from the West Indies — Mar-

tinique and Guadeloupe. And we have some members from Africa.

As of yet *The World Tomorrow* is not on television in Paris, but people respond to the program on a station in eastern France. The majority of the people who ask for a visit come because of Mr. Apartian's radio broadcasts.

We have two types of people — those who come from a Roman Catholic background — with practically no Bible knowledge — and those who have had contact with Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh-day Adventists and evangelicals.

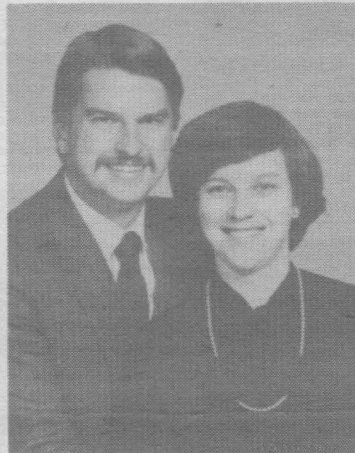
Regarding members' job situations, we're blessed not to have too many unemployed. Many people have to struggle with working on the Sabbath. It's something people have to face.

Shift work causes Sabbath problems. Some brethren are on hospital staffs, some are civil servants working at post offices or schoolteachers. All have shift work to contend with.

We have 40 prospective members and are looking forward to good growth in the months ahead. *Samuel Kneller.*

Strasbourg, Mulhouse, St. Avold, France

Because the telecast airs over Radio-Television Luxembourg (RTL) in the Lorraine region, the growth



OLIVIER & SUSAN CARION

there has been quite dramatic. We are trying to keep up with that growth in the Alsace region with the newsstand program.

Along with the growth of the Church, we are getting some persecution in France and Belgium. In Belgium a Protestant minister wrote a book against the Church criticizing our beliefs.

Somebody in the Belgian government said that many members of government read our publications and are quite impressed with our articles and the way we present world events.

The Association for Defense of the Family and Individual (ADFI) in Paris is against the Church and trying to get nonmember mates of our members to unite against us. They haven't been able to do much so far. We can expect more persecution, and, of course, this has been prophesied. *Olivier Carion.*

Quebec

Montreal is the second-largest French-speaking city in the world, after Paris. Quebec is the largest province of the 10 Canadian provinces, with a population of six million, and five million of them have French as their mother tongue.

Ninety-five percent of these are from Roman Catholic backgrounds.

In 1972 Carn Catherwood, now regional director for Italian-speaking areas, established the first French-speaking church in Montreal. We had 40 people then. From that time God has blessed the church there abundantly.

Today about 1,250 people meet in seven churches in Quebec and New Brunswick: Montreal North and South, Quebec City, Trois-Rivieres, Sherbrooke and Abitibi (formerly Val d'Or), Que., and Bathurst, N.B.

Unemployment in the Church is very low compared to the national rate, which is 10 to 12 percent. In

the Church we have a general rate of only about 2 percent.

Nineteen eighty-seven will be a good year for Youth Opportunities United (YOU), because we will have a full-fledged Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp for the first time in Quebec.



DONAT & MONIQUE PICARD

The churches are solid and dedicated. We form a very close-knit family. We are working hard to keep this unity in the Church. It is a guarantee for future growth. *Donat Picard.*

Cameroon

Cameroon is a bilingual country of 10 million inhabitants. Since 1969 we have grown to about 70 French-speaking members and about 10 English-speaking ones.

The Church is not registered there yet. I want to thank Mr. Tkach for what he is doing there. Since Mr. Tkach sent Mr. Helge there last August to take care of that situation, our members can be more confident. They send many thanks for your prayers.

We have three main groups of members — in Yaounde, Douala and Makak. We listen to tapes in our homes, and we also sing inside our homes. We have 15 prospective members, and we are waiting for the opening of doors.

Economically, the situation is better for brethren now than five years ago.

We are very happy for what Mr. Apartian is doing to help. So please keep praying for us, as we keep praying for all of you. We know that this work is getting bigger and bigger, but we in Africa know that there is still a lot to do. *Paul Njamta.*

Haiti

Greetings from 54 Haitian brethren.

Mr. Tkach's visit to Haiti early this year had a tremendous impact on the brethren. Mr. Tkach didn't

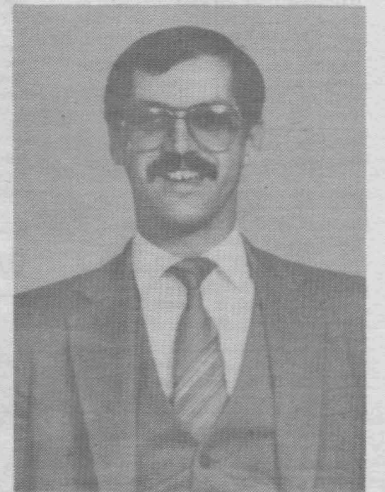
only show his love for them in words, but also in deeds. He showed his concern by visiting two of the members in their homes.

Unemployment in Haiti is up to 70 percent. Eighty percent of the singles in the Church are not working. To find a job in Haiti is almost impossible. But Ambassador College taught me not only spiritual knowledge but also physical knowledge. While I was a student from 1979 to 1983 I worked for the painting shop and carpentry shop.

So I am using that physical knowledge to help the brethren create jobs. First, I taught them how to make and install window screens for half the price we pay in Haiti. Haiti has a lot of mosquitoes that carry malaria.

Second, I taught them how to paint. I also showed them how to install clotheslines with pulleys. We are also planning a project making handicrafts.

It is especially difficult for my wife, Sophie. She got sick quite a few times. Also over there we have some spiders and cockroaches, even a snake in the house. When I hear her yelling, I run with my shoes to kill it. But she has improved a lot:



CYRILLE RICHARD

Now she yells and takes her shoes. So everything is possible — even for a wife to adjust.

On behalf of all the brethren, your prayers are much appreciated. My wife and I have never forgotten the wise statement from Mr. Apartian when we left: "You will encounter some difficulties in Haiti. You will have to sacrifice. But God will compensate."

He was right. God has given us many compensations. One of them was Mr. Tkach's visit. Another is that we are now here on the refreshing program. We are enjoying every minute of it. *Cyrille Richard.*

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lands. Rain is possible.

Fifty-minute turboprop flights leave Manila in the mornings. Or you may take a picturesque five-hour road journey by car or air-conditioned bus.

A wide range of accommodations is available from the recommended four-star Hyatt Terraces Hotel (\$41 to \$95 a night) to rustic cabins and apartments (\$20 to \$50 a night). Taxis are readily available and inexpensive. Food costs vary greatly, with hotel meals averaging \$20 a person daily.

Cebu

Cebu is a port city in the central Visayas, a one-hour jet flight south of Manila. Beach resorts offer relaxing side trips. Services for the 900 people expected will be at the Cebu Plaza Hotel, on a hill overlooking the harbor and city. Temperatures will range from 20 to 32 Celsius (68 to 90 Fahrenheit), with rain possible.

Accommodations are available at the Cebu Plaza Hotel (\$44 to \$93 a night) or at several other hotels that would not be as convenient (\$26 to \$100). Food costs vary greatly, with hotel meals averaging

\$20 a person daily. Taxis and tricycles (motorcycle with sidecar) are available for minimal cost.

Cagayan de Oro

On the northern coast of Mindanao, Cagayan de Oro is a port city serving the inland agricultural area, including one of the prime pineapple growing areas of the country. It is south of Manila and served several times a day by Philippine Airlines jets.

Accommodations are available in several average hotels, with costs in the range of \$12 to \$25 a night for rooms sleeping two to four people. Food costs are cheaper than Baguio.

Taxis and tricycles provide transportation to and from the meeting hall, which is a college gymnasium, and is not air conditioned. Expected attendance is 1,100. Temperatures range from 23 to 35 Celsius (73 to 95 Fahrenheit), with high humidity and rain possible.

Manila area

Another site is being sought near Manila, or possibly in the city, with an expected attendance of 1,000. Temperatures range from 23 to 35 Celsius (73 to 95 Fahrenheit), with high humidity and showers possible. If interested in attending this site, send in an application and details will be sent to you when available.

The Work in French-speaking Areas

October, 1957 — First three booklets translated from English into French.

October, 1960 — First French-language *World Tomorrow* broadcast (*Le Monde A Venir*) is aired in Montreal, Que.

April, 1961 — Radio Luxembourg airs French broadcast three times weekly. A temporary French Office is opened in England.

July, 1962 — Eight baptized during regional director Dibar Apartian's first European tour.

June, 1963 — The first issue of *La Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*) is sent to 4,258 people.

July, 1963 — Herbert W. Armstrong flies to Geneva, Switzerland, with Mr. Apartian to choose an office.

Fall, 1967 — One hundred sixty attend the first French-speaking Feast of Tabernacles at Praz-sur-Arly, France.

February, 1968 — Mr. Armstrong visits Martinique and Barbados with Mr. Apartian.

July, 1973 — Newsstand program begins.

July, 1976 — First French Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp is conducted in Normandy, France.

June, 1979 — Church begins in Cameroon.

April, 1980 — Paris Office opens.

October, 1981 — First Feast of Tabernacles observed in Haiti.

January, 1982 — First issue of *La Bonne Nouvelle du Monde A Venir* (French international *Good News*) produced.

June, 1982 — First French-subtitled *World Tomorrow* telecast.

September, 1985 — First subtitled program of *The World Tomorrow* airs in Quebec.

August, 1986 — Opening of the French-Canadian SEP camp in Vendee, Que.

January, 1987 — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, accompanied by the Apartians, visits the French West Indies.

'He moved many people with his warmth'

Big Sandy associate pastor dies

BIG SANDY — Norvel V. Pyle, 75, associate pastor of the Big Sandy church, died Jan. 16. He had been in a coma for 32 days after a fall.

A Church member since 1953, Mr. Pyle was ordained a local elder in 1974 and a preaching elder in 1981.

Mr. Pyle was born in 1911 in



NORVEL V. PYLE

Yellville, Ark. He earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Arkansas and taught at Marshall, Ark., High School and coached basketball.

"One year . . . he took his girls' team to State, and the next year his boys' team won the State Championship," said Ellis Stewart, a Big Sandy local church elder and long-time family friend of the Pyles.

Mr. Pyle went on to become superintendent at Marshall.

Mr. Pyle earned a bachelor of arts degree from Ambassador College in 1967. He taught Bible classes at Imperial Schools in Pasadena and Big Sandy from 1957 to 1974, and helped pioneer the Spokesman Club in 1956. During the late '60s, as assistant principal of Imperial Schools in Big Sandy, he helped institute the Imperial Club, a club for

teens teaching the same speech and personality development skills as Spokesman Club.

A dream Mr. Pyle had to improve senior citizen's lives became a reality when he formed a nonprofit housing project, chartered as Hillcrest Manor, Inc. Mr. Stewart said, "This project has benefited scores of elderly over the years."

Mr. Pyle is survived by his wife, Alvah; three daughters, Natalie Hammer, Norva Kelly and Kay Kisse; three sons, Jack, Dennis and Ray; one brother, Hoyt; and 19 grandchildren.

"He was a warm and devoted husband, father and grandpa," said Mr.

Stewart. "He moved many people with his warmth and friendly counseling, his inspiring conversations and his sermons."

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, evangelists Ronald Kelly, Herman L. Hoeh and Dibar Apartian, and Ralph Helge, the Church's legal counsel, traveled from Pasadena to attend the funeral service Jan. 19. Evangelist Burk McNair, pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches, officiated.

When Mr. Pyle's death was announced social activities of the college, church and Hillcrest Manor were canceled out of respect for him.

Auto accident claims life of Belgian church elder

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Roland Verlegh, 42, a local church elder in the Brussels church, was killed instantly Dec. 27 when he lost control of his car and hit a lamp post.

Mr. Verlegh had taken his three children to a Youth Opportunities United (YOU) weekend in the Belgian Ardennes and was driving home when the accident took place. Witnesses following him said he was driving at a normal speed.

Mr. Verlegh, a Church member since 1968, worked as a carpenter and provided employment for several Church members when they faced hardship. Evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director in French-speaking areas, ordained Mr. Verlegh a local church elder during the Feast of Tabernacles in 1984 in Hengelhof, Belgium.

Mr. Verlegh is survived by his wife, Christiana; and their three children, Anthony, 15, Andrew,

14, and Ruth, 12.

Funeral services were conducted in Ciney, Belgium, by Olivier Carion, pastor of the Strasbourg, St. Avold and Mulhouse, France, churches.



ROLAND VERLEGH

Announcement Reminders

- Engagement announcements and obituaries require a ministerial signature.
- Please be sure name spellings are correct.
- In obituaries please include the age at the time of death.
- In filling out the "Birth Announcement" form, please count all children you now have, including the newborn. Also, under "Time of Day," put the time of birth and mark a.m. or p.m.
- If you would like your photos returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Photos may be color or black and white.

Michigan minister dies after 21 years of service

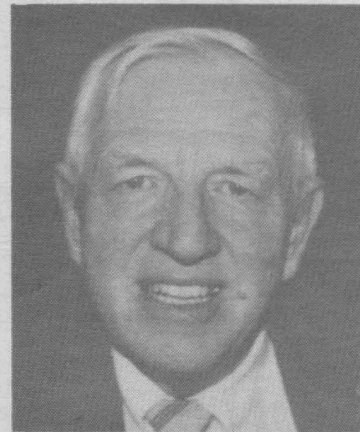
By George M. Kackos

GRANDVILLE, Mich. — We had just watched "Is There Life After Death?" on *The World Tomorrow* Jan. 11, when I was told that Roland W. Van Slooten, 68, the local church elder in Muskegon, Mich., died unexpectedly of a heart attack. Besides shock and sorrow, my response was to think about his outstanding example of character.

George M. Kackos pastors the Grand Rapids and Muskegon, Mich., churches.

Mr. Van Slooten, of Dutch descent, was reared on a farm in Holland, Mich. During World War II, he was an airplane mechanic, reaching the rank of master sergeant and squadron chief. His tour of duty took him to Brazil, North Africa, Italy, England and Germany. This training helped him at Lithibar Matik, where he worked for more than 30 years as a design engineer.

After the war he became interested in God's Church. In June, 1953, he was baptized as the first member in Michigan by George Meeker, now pastor of the Springfield, Mo., church. Then in 1960, he became a deacon. At the Feast of Tabernacles in 1965, he was ordained a local church elder by Herbert W. Armstrong.



ROLAND W. VAN SLOOTEN

When I became pastor of the Grand Rapids, Mich., church, I found that he had a yielded attitude, a deep love for the brethren and teaching skills. His desire was to unite, strengthen and uplift God's people.

His funeral was conducted by Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind., churches, and Mr. Meeker.

One minister said, "Mr. Van Slooten truly lived the give way of life that Mr. Armstrong talked so much about."

Mr. Van Slooten is survived by his wife, Amy; a son, Timothy; a brother, Lloyd; and sister, Marcia Mokma.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



BAY CRUISE — Legazpi, Naga and Manila, Philippines, singles take a cruise on a fishing vessel Jan. 1 during a camp-out.

Philippine singles attend camp-outs

Singles from **Philippines** churches attended camp-outs.

Forty-eight **Legazpi, Naga and Manila, Philippines**, singles attended a camp-out in a fishery school compound in a coastal area near Tabaco Bay Dec. 30 to Jan. 1.

Activities the first day included a Bible study on dating as an opportunity to serve, fishing and a sing-along. The second day featured a visit to a tourist lodge built on the slopes of Mayon Volcano, a tour of a paper plant and a film about fisheries technology.

The third day the group took a bay cruise on a commercial fishing vessel. An instructor gave swimming lessons and tips on safety and

survival at sea. After swimming and snorkeling in Angas Bay, the group returned to the camp for an evening dance and talent show.

Camp activities ended with a Bible study on the purposes of dating.

Ninety-five singles from 13 Philippines churches attended a camp-out Dec. 25 to 29 in **Barrio Puyao, San Nicolas, Philippines**.

Jeremiah Ortiguero, pastor of the Baguio, Philippines, church, gave a Bible study on the purpose of the singles camp — fun, food, friends and fellowship.

On the Sabbath, Dec. 27, Dionisio Catchillar, associate pastor of the Manila church, gave the sermonette, and Mr. Ortiguero gave a sermon on true Christian leadership. In the afternoon he gave a Bible study on dating, courtship and marriage.

Other activities during the camp-out included swimming, volleyball, games, a hike, a talent show, a semi-formal dance and an informal dance.

One hundred singles from various Philippines churches attended a five-day camp-out at a beach resort on Mactan Island in **Cebu, Philippines**, Dec. 24 to 28.

Sports, games, swimming, lectures, a sing-along, a dance clinic, formal and informal dances and boating were among the activities offered at the camp.

In a lecture and sermon Reynaldo

Taniajura, pastor of the Cebu, Tagbilaran and Toledo, Philippines, churches, emphasized the need to be realistic and have a mature approach to being a single in the Church.

"You are a fine group. God has already gone so far in accomplishing something in you," he said.

Church youths from the Cebu and Toledo churches assisted with food preparation and meal service. *Limneo C. Narvaja, Sarah Loma Ortiguero and Saldy Cucharo.*

Weekend focuses on etiquette

"Etiquette: Good Manners and the Single Christian" was the theme for the seventh annual singles weekend sponsored by the **Waukesha, Wis., church** Dec. 24 to 28. About 260 singles attended.

The group attended Bible studies on etiquette in formal situations, dating manners and the cultured individual.

Other activities included an etiquette dinner, roller skating, an all-church social, dancing, a hayride, ice skating, a square dance and mixer games. *Cathy Folker.*

Brethren solve riddles in road rally

Greenville, S.C., singles were hosts for a road rally Saturday evening, Jan. 3. Fifteen carloads (75 people) of Greenville brethren participated.

Gerald Weston, pastor of the Asheville, N.C., and Greenville churches, explained the rally. People were assigned to cars, and the cars met at a beginning point. Each car received a map and an envelope containing a different riddle. The answer to the riddle was a number and the number corresponded to a location on the map.

The cars were to drive to the location. If the answer was correct, they

saw an R.R. (Road Rally) sign, and got out to look for another riddle with the number of their car on it. For example, at one stop there were birds nests in a tree. In one nest hollowed-out eggs, each labeled with the number of one of the cars, had riddles inside them.

"There were also bogus numbers on the map," Mr. Weston said. If a carload came up with the wrong answer to a riddle, they could end up at a wrong location. Each carload was given emergency envelopes containing the right answers to be opened if that happened.

"It's a very complicated activ-

ity," Mr. Weston said. "It's a lot of fun, but it takes a lot of planning." He said someone went ahead of time to set up signs and riddles at 20 locations.

The rally went from 7 to 11 p.m. At 11 all the cars met at a restaurant. Scores were tabulated and points were subtracted for opening emergency envelopes and for being late to the restaurant. The group who solved the most riddles in the least time were the winners. Winners were Ronnie and Margie Poole, Mark and Conchie Wilder and Christine Mann. *William A. Walker.*

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — The *World Tomorrow* telecast "Mystery of the Ages," aired Jan. 24 and 25, brought in 59,014 calls and set a new weekend record. The program was presented by evangelist **David Hulme**.

This is 30 percent higher than the previous record of 45,290 set by "The Middle East in Prophecy," which aired April 6, 1986. Church members took 12,047 of the calls in their homes, the highest response for the in-home program.

The telecast "The Plain Truth About the Devil," aired Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, brought in 48,601 calls. The program was presented by evangelist **Richard Ames**.

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PASADENA — The second edition of *Sound System Engineering*, by **Don and Carolyn Davis**, refers in several places to work done by **John Prohs** and **David Harris** of the Church's Technical Operations &

Engineering Department.

More than 16 pages cover a technique using a computer program developed by Mr. Prohs and Mr. Harris to plan and predict performance of a sound system. The department uses this for sound systems at some of the U.S. Feast sites.

Mr. Prohs, manager of the department, considers the husband-and-wife team as leaders in the audio engineering field and their book "the most comprehensive and up to date" on sound system design.

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PASADENA — Students from the Pasadena Unified School District attended performances by the Western Opera Theater in the Ambassador Auditorium Jan. 27 and 28, according to Ambassador Foundation's Performing Arts.

Western Opera Theater is a touring company of the San Francisco, Calif., Opera.

The performances, presented by

Ambassador College in association with the Pasadena Area Youth Music Council, "exposed the children to opera, so they can become familiar with it," said **Cindy Paxton**, assistant to **Wayne Shilkret**, Performing Arts director.

"Not many times do they get to visit a building like Ambassador Auditorium. It's another chance to expose them to quality," Mrs. Paxton said.

The Auditorium is regularly used for such youth events, according to Performing Arts, with the Pasadena Youth Music Council distributing the information and inviting the schools.

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PASADENA — About 5,500 U.S. military personnel stationed outside the United States receive Church literature, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center.

In addition to bases in such areas as Antarctica, Guam and Saudi Arabia, personnel on ships and nuclear ballistic missile submarines also receive literature.

Thirty-one *Plain Truths* are sent to personnel on the U.S.S. *Carl Vinson*, 14 to the U.S.S. *New Jersey* and 14 to the U.S.S. *Dwight D. Eisenhower*.



GIFT FROM CAMPERS — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (left) and Gregory Albrecht, Pasadena Ambassador College dean of students, hold a gift from Winter Educational Program (WEP) campers of handmade cutlery with handles made from Austrian stag antlers. The presentation was made Jan. 23 in Mr. Tkach's office. Also present were Kermit Nelson, who coordinates Youth Opportunities United (YOU) activities in Church Administration, and Joseph W. Tkach Jr., assistant director of Church Administration. [Photo by Warren Watson]

YOU begins journalism contest

PASADENA — Youth Opportunities United (YOU) announced that an international journalism contest will take the place of national essay contests. Church youths are asked to write magazine-style articles, and outstanding articles will be considered for publication in *Youth 87*. Family is the theme of the 1987 contest.

The fact that the articles may be published should provide incentive for the youths to participate, according to Kermit Nelson, who coordinates YOU activities in Church Administration.

The new contest does not limit the writers to a narrow topic, and a more journalistic style of writing has more application in day-to-day life than does the essay approach.

"The overall concept we are striving for is to encourage our teenagers to get involved with a meaningful writing activity. We want them to see it as an interesting, challenging, worthwhile and rewarding experience," said Aub Warren Jr., who assists in the YOU office in Church Administration and helped create the guidelines and format of the contest.

The contest officially began Feb. 1, and entries should be turned in to a contest coordinator in each church area by March 14. The coordinator will mail them to Pasadena.

Articles recommended for final consideration will be sent to Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications. Mr. Faulkner and Editorial Services staff members will determine winners. First-, second- and third-place awards will be given in four categories: senior boys, senior girls, junior boys and junior girls. Award-winning entries will be returned to the authors with evaluation comments.

Contest coordinators in church areas have a list of topics to provide ideas for writers and a letter from the judges that contains some writing guidelines.

Articles should be between three and four double-spaced, typed pages. A cover page should be attached giving the name, birthdate, address and church area of the author and the signature of the area pastor to verify YOU eligibility and that the articles are original.



PASADENA — If you consider yourself somewhat of an isolated Church member, meet Edra Pfeiffer, who lives in Dillingham, in Alaska's southwest corner.

In this issue, "From Our Scattered Brethren" highlights members in Alaska, with interviews from Earl Roemer, pastor of the Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer and Soldotna churches, and Fern Ballard, who with her husband, Leonard, attended the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena Jan. 7 to 20.

Mrs. Pfeiffer and her husband were baptized in 1959 in Pasadena. "Her husband died about 10 years ago, and she lives out there by herself. She has a general store and ran it herself until last year, when she finally hired someone to help," said pastor Earl Roemer.

There are no highways from Anchorage to Dillingham, so Mrs. Pfeiffer flies to Anchorage for Holy Days and special events like Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's visit to Anchorage in April, 1986.

Because distance prohibits regular Sabbath attendance, she receives sermon tapes from Anchorage. "All people living in the bush areas are involved in the tape program," said Mr. Roemer. To visit Mrs. Pfeiffer, he flies on a 737 aircraft.

Members in Yukon

Two Church members served by Mr. Roemer live in the Yukon Territory — in Haines Junction. They are Joel and Roxienne Prestone.

"I've been out there a number of times, but that's since they moved in closer." According to Mr. Roemer, "They were in Faro, a mining town" in Yukon Territory.

When he visited the Prestones in Faro, Mr. Roemer drove to Whitehorse, capital of the Yukon Territory, boarded a small aircraft and flew the rest of the way.

He said that today almost all the members in Whitehorse have moved farther south in Canada, "primarily because of economics." These members are involved in a variety of vocations, including appliance repair and electronics. A

"potpourri of talents and abilities" can be found among the Alaskan area brethren, said Mr. Roemer.

Mr. Roemer also said two prospective members live in Barrow, on Alaska's Arctic coast. "But you can only get there by plane," he said.

Besides Anchorage and outlying areas, Mr. Roemer also serves congregations in Fairbanks (at 65 degrees north latitude the northernmost congregation in the world), Palmer and Soldotna.

Not-so-isolated Soldotna

Soldotna, with a population of about 2,500, boasts a weekly Sabbath attendance of 150, said Mr. Roemer. "And that figure has dropped from past years."

According to Mr. Roemer's wife, Carol: "Years ago there was a huge influx of people who moved to Soldotna from Wisconsin and Oregon for construction and fishing. But economics have caused some of the

ones who moved in to leave. Some of the old-timers have left too."

About 20 Soldotna members live outside the city, and seven drive from Seward, about 120 miles (192 kilometers) southeast. Mr. Roemer flies to Soldotna by twin-engine aircraft.

Since many of Soldotna's business people are Church members, closing for the Sabbath causes "some pretty interesting things," said Mr. Roemer.

Some nonmember citizens have been disgruntled, because members' stores close on Friday afternoons and reopen on Sundays, he said.

For instance, a hardware store was owned and operated by Clay Ellington, a deacon in the Soldotna church, until he sold it shortly after the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles.

Leonard Ballard, a local church elder in the Soldotna church, and his wife, Fern, ran a lumberyard for many years, but sold it before last Feast. "The new sign says 'Now open on Saturday,'" Mrs. Ballard said.

"Everybody knows we meet on the Sabbath," she added, relating how a shopping center once had a gas leak and Mr. Ballard was asked to unlock a building for the repairmen.

"When my husband went out there ... he asked, 'How did you

find me?' 'Oh, everybody knows you're at church on Saturday,'" said Mrs. Ballard.

Church history

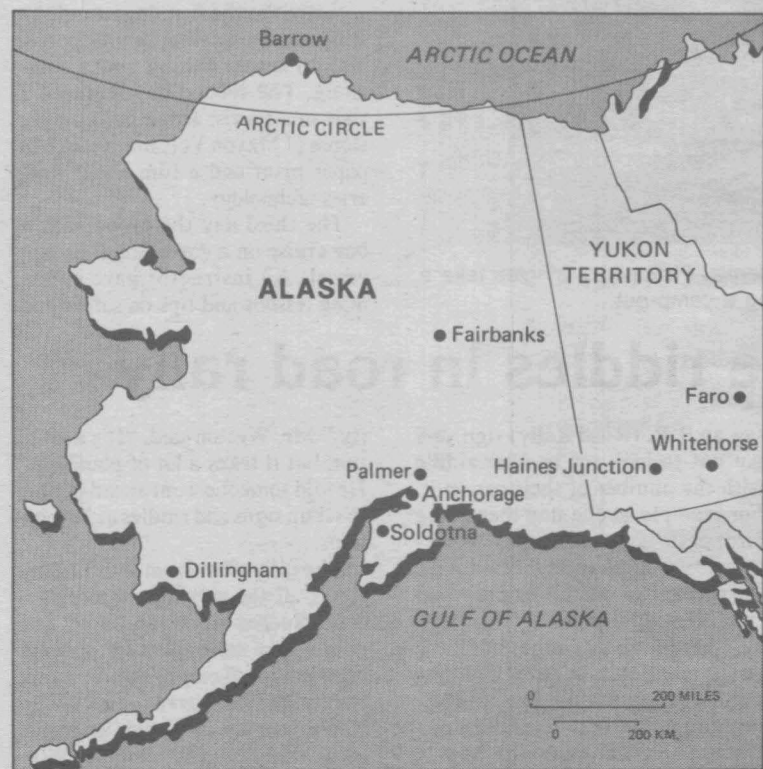
"We've been meeting in the Masonic Hall for many years," Mr. Roemer said. "It's a very young church. I'd say 65 percent are teenage or younger, and the kids are all great."

The Anchorage church was raised up in 1975 by William Gordon, now pastor of the Joplin, Mo., and Independence, Kan., churches. Mr. Roemer was named pastor in June, 1977.

"It's coming up on 10 years, and I am just as excited about it now as I was when I first came up here," Mr. Roemer told *The Worldwide News* Jan. 16.

But the winter months can dwindle the optimism, he said. "We are up to five and a half hours of daylight now, but we very much look forward to summer. The sun won't rise north of the Arctic Circle for another 45 days, after being down for 80 days."

He added: "Alaskans are just a super bunch of people to work with. They're very independent, optimistic people — 'The sun will rise again tomorrow.' And they are very converted."



49TH U.S. STATE — Earl Roemer's pastorship ranges from Dillingham and Soldotna in southern Alaska to Barrow (above the Arctic Circle) and the Yukon Territory. [Map by Ronald Grove]

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