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Trip strengthens bonds with brethren in Calgary

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA — "The greatest romance and love story is Christ to the Church, and these end-time days are the real golden days of what God is doing," said Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach to 1,925 brethren assembled in the Roundup Centre of the Calgary, Alta., Exhibition and Stampede grounds May 9.

"We need to be involved in the work, bonded in the family and growing in God's mind," Mr. Tkach said in his sermon.

Brethren, one of whom drove eight hours to hear God's apostle, represented churches in Calgary, Edmonton, Evansburg, Athabasca, Bonnyville, Fort McMurray, Lethbridge, Red Deer, Wetaskiwin and Westlock, Alta.; and Maple Creek, Sask.

"It was the first time since 1981 that an apostle of the Church has come to Calgary," said Alan Redmond, Evansburg pastor. "And people are quite willing to drive five to eight hours to see Mr. Tkach."

"The member who did drive eight hours said, 'I'm all tanked up for next year,'" Mr. Redmond continued.

Kenneth Webster, pastor of the Lethbridge and Maple Creek churches, said that brethren appreciated Mr. Tkach traveling so far himself, "to take of his time to visit with scattered brethren. It matters to people."

Flying out of the Burbank, Calif., airport at noon May 8, the pastor general was accompanied by Joseph Locke, his personal assistant; Ellen Escat, Mr. Tkach's administrative assistant; Michael Rasmussen, staff aide; Julie Stocker, an administrative assistant; guest Creston Dorothy, a member who attends the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church; and the Gulfstream III crew: Captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich and steward Jay Brothers.

The group was met by Colin Adair, Canadian regional director; his wife, Margaret; Graeme Marshall, pastor of the Calgary North and South churches; and his wife, Lynn.

Before Mr. Tkach's Sabbath address, the Alberta Festival Chorale presented "How Good and How Pleasant" and "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Brethren give gifts

The Calgary brethren gave Mr. Tkach a beaver-fur Smithbilt Western hat, as a symbol of Calgary hos-

pitality and similar to what Calgary townspeople wear during the annual Calgary Stampede in July, according to Mrs. Marshall.

The Stampede was started in 1912 to preserve vanishing skills of riding, roping, steer wrestling and branding. By 1932 it had become the biggest Western outdoor show in North America, according to Barry Bondar, author of *Calgary: The Story and the Sights*.

Mr. Tkach was also given a limited-edition framed plate picturing a Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman, "as a symbol of law and order and peace for a new world," Mr. Marshall said.

After Mr. Tkach spoke, he shook hands for almost two hours. Many asked for autographs, and others gave children's drawings and gifts.

"Of all the places I have traveled I have never met any bone crushers — as far as handshakes are concerned — like in Calgary," Mr. Tkach told Pasadena Auditorium P.M. brethren May 16.

"It just shows how enthusiastic they were and appreciative of my trip up there," he added. "They wanted me to be sure to convey their greetings and their love to all of you."

"As I've said on all these trips," Mr. Locke related, "it's a worldwide work. No matter who the people are, it's all the same spirit, the same attitude and the same mind there."

"Even though I've never met these people before, it's like you've known them all your life," Mr. Locke added. "Of course, that's because of the abundance of God's Spirit."

"Reading in *The Worldwide News* about Mr. Tkach shaking hands with x number of people didn't really sink in until I saw that line," said Mr. Dorothy. "Mr. Tkach kept a smile on and greeted every single one who came up to meet him!"

"After watching people shake



CANADIAN VISIT — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's activities in Calgary, Alta., May 8 to 10 include (clockwise from top left) explaining good management and stewardship of God's work to 120 ministers, deacons and wives at a meeting after services May 9; meeting brethren; donning a beaver-fur Western hat given to him by Calgary brethren; and being welcomed by Colin Adair (center), Canadian regional director, and his wife, Margaret (far right), at Calgary international airport May 8. [Photos by K. Bruce Fraser, Eric Meadows and Michael Rasmussen]

hands with Mr. Tkach and walk away with a big smile on their faces, I knew that it really meant something special to them."

Afterward the pastor general conducted a meeting and question-and-answer session for 120 ministers, deacons and wives in the Roundup Centre's Exhibitors Lounge.

"He discussed good management (See CALGARY, page 8)

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

It seems that Pasadena and Big Sandy are like beehives of activity at this time of year!

With all the final exams, end-of-year activities, weddings and graduation, another academic year for Ambassador College has come to an end.

But the 1987 graduation ceremony is a special one, marking an important milestone — the end of the 40th academic year at Ambassador College in Pasadena.

Forty years ago, Herbert W. Armstrong founded a *unique* college institution — one not based on human reasoning or mankind's higher learning, but one based on God's revealed knowledge.

It was his goal to establish an institution where all the elements of a liberal arts education would be taught in the light of God's Word, the Bible. He called that concept the "missing dimension in education."

Mr. Armstrong saw the college as a training ground for individual excellence. But more than that, he saw it as an "academy for world peace" — a fitting description of Ambassador College but even more so the *entirety* of the Church of God. Because world peace will only come when human beings begin to *live* according to true values, that is, "every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

Of course, that will begin to happen on a global scale only (See PERSONAL, page 3)

Regional directors visit Europe, Australia, Mideast

PASADENA — Following are visits made by regional directors and other ministers during the Spring Festival season.

France

Evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for French-speaking areas, and his wife, Shirley, spent the Holy Days with brethren in France.

Arriving in Paris April 9, Mr. Apartian conducted services April 11 and a *Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*) Bible lecture that evening.

In Bordeaux he conducted the Passover for 42 members in a hall permanently leased and remodeled by the Church.

He gave a lecture in Bordeaux April 15. Some who attended said they listen to him at 4:30 a.m. on the French *World Tomorrow* broadcast.

Mr. Apartian also kept the Night to Be Much Observed in Bordeaux and led services on the first day of Unleavened Bread.

His sermons were videotaped and will be sent to French-speaking brethren worldwide.

That week the regional director conducted "very promising" Bible lectures in Toulouse and Marseille.

April 18 Mr. Apartian addressed a combined Sabbath service of brethren from French- and German-speaking Switzerland in Neuchatel, Switzerland. "This is our annual general assembly."

Sunday he conducted a lecture in Lausanne, Switzerland, attended by

57 new people — "pretty good for Easter Sunday," he said.

On the last day of Unleavened Bread he preached to brethren in Geneva, Switzerland.

April 21 to 23, ministers from France, Belgium and Switzerland gathered in Paris for an annual ministerial conference.

April 24 the Apartians left for Boston, Mass., where he conducted combined services and an etiquette dinner.

Italy

Carn Catherwood, regional director for Italian-speaking areas, conducted the Passover in Rome. Throughout Italy 70 people took the Passover, compared to 35 last year. "That's good growth," Mr. Catherwood said.

Brethren also assembled for the Holy Days in Milan and Catania.

Mr. Catherwood conducted services on the first day of Unleavened Bread in Milan and spent the last Holy Day in England, where *La Pura Verita* (Italian *Plain Truth*) is printed.

Malta

Robert Boraker, director of the Personal Correspondence Department in England, his wife, Margaret, daughter Esther and David Gunn, *Plain Truth* circulation manager in England, kept the Holy Days in Malta.

Twenty-four kept the Passover. (See DIRECTORS, page 3)

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European unity: looking into the 1990s

PASADENA — Events of the past several days indicate that the early 1990s, especially the years turning from 1992 to 1993, may prove to be decisive ones on the world scene. Of course, much will happen between now and then, setting the stage.

First, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, sensing the time was politically expedient, decided to run for a third term. Elections are set for June 11.

If Mrs. Thatcher wins as expected, her residency at No. 10 Downing Street would extend a maximum of five additional years until the spring of 1992.

But the prime minister must not be considered a shoo-in. Wrote British political analyst Geoffrey Smith: "British political history has quite a few examples of dominating prime ministers who were denied apparently certain victories through overconfidence. Thatcher is not so popular at home as she is abroad . . .

"But as she seeks to become the first British party leader this century to win three general elections in a row, she has one great asset: She looks more capable of running a strong government than any of her challengers."

In the United States, the chance for the Republicans to hold onto the White House until January, 1993, appears brighter, providing no serious damage to the Reagan administration arises from the intensifying Iran-*contra* probe.

With front-runner Gary Hart

now out of the race, the Democrats are left with no clear favorites at the moment.

EEC unity thrust

As we have repeatedly written in this column, the period rounding 1992 into 1993 shows signs of being significant in continental European affairs as well. By the end of 1992 the final phases of the economic union of the European Community should be completed, forming a "Europe without frontiers."

We may also see a President of Europe in office. Also, sometime in 1993 the rail tunnel under the English Channel, Britain's first fixed link to the Continent, could be completed. The project has cleared all of its hurdles so far.

By the early 1990s we will likely see greater progress being made not only in consolidating the European Community as it now exists but in the expansion of the European ideal farther east. The role of the Vatican will be essential to this process.

Illustrating this, Pope John Paul II, at the end of his five-day visit to West Germany that began April 30, called for the union of divided Christian churches and for "a new united Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals."

In a series of farewell speeches in Augsburg, which figured prominently in the Protestant Reformation, and in Speyer, where the word *Protestant* was used for the first time in 1530, the pontiff linked the prospect of a free and united Europe

with a Christian unity that would bring moral and religious forces to bear on European governments.

"Christian roots in Europe, world peace, the reunification of Christians — these are all major challenges of our times," he said.

It is significant that the pope linked the prospect of a politically united Europe with that of Chris-

sides, east and west, from them.

To say a united Europe should stretch from the Atlantic to the Urals is really to say that it should stretch from the Atlantic, past the Urals, all the way to the Pacific Ocean in the Soviet Far East, to the cities of Vladivostok and Khabarovsk. These and other cities in Siberia are overwhelmingly pop-

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By Gene H. Hogberg



tian unity in a way more complete than he had before. In the past his calls for a united Europe have been more vague and philosophical; he would often describe the need for the spiritual unity of Europe.

Now the appeal is more direct: "A new united Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals."

It is good to keep in mind a few facts about the Ural Mountains. Geographers describe the Urals as dividing, rather conveniently, the great Eurasian landmass into two continents. But since they average only three to four thousand feet, they act as no real barrier to the movement of men and goods. Even more importantly, the Urals do not divide anything politically — the Soviet Union stretches out both

ulated by Soviets of Slavic and other European origins.

Church-state cooperation

In January I talked in Brussels, Belgium, with Jean Thiriart, long an outspoken advocate of what he calls a "unitary Europe" — a powerful, centralized, single European nation-state, standing apart from the United States, but increasingly linked with the power of the Soviet Union.

Many of you saw Mr. Thiriart at the tail end of part two of the *World Tomorrow* series "What Next for Europe," which aired in the United

States March 7 and 8.

Mr. Thiriart told us in our interview: "I do not conceive any more of a Europe apart from the Soviet Union . . . I spoke of 'Brest to Bucharest' 25 to 30 years ago. Today, you know, it's from Vladivostok to Dublin. The Ural Mountains are not a border. It's a border geographers chose two centuries ago. The Ural Mountains are not high, and do not cut anything . . .

"Just as the Urals are not a border, neither is the Mediterranean. On the contrary we consider it a lake, and we cannot conceive of making a historically viable Europe without including North Africa. That was the scheme of the Roman Empire and of Charles V much later, five centuries ago. And Europe, without the control of all coasts of the Mediterranean, is not conceivable, militarily speaking."

Mr. Thiriart and others who believe like him do not applaud the efforts of church leaders like John Paul II to bring about conditions of greater unity. (Mr. Thiriart told us that he is an atheist.) They seek a totally political objective.

But it will dawn on tomorrow's political leaders in Europe that they will need help from the ecclesiastical authorities to realize their goals. Both sides, ecclesiastical and secular, will need each other, much as did the pope and Holy Roman Emperors in the Middle Ages.

All in all, the world is destined to be quite a different place in five to six years.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Did I really say that?

On Aug. 11, 1984, U.S. President Ronald Reagan, testing the mike prior to a radio broadcast, spoke in jest about bombing Russia. Somehow a reporter got hold of this off-the-cuff remark, and published it. Before long the whole world knew what the President had said.

This reminds me of Christ's statement that "whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops" (Luke 12:3).

All of us have been hurt by the words of others — whether they meant us harm or not.

And, if we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that we hurt others with our words, too — maybe in ways we don't even know.

One of my staff members related a hurtful incident that happened to him several years ago.

He went to a restaurant counter to place an order, but both female employees were in back. He overheard one girl say, "There's a guy at the counter!"

"Is he cute?" the other girl asked.

"No," came the reply.

A student employee at the Ambassador Auditorium was giving another student a tour before a concert. When he came to the star's dressing room he read the name "Jean-Pierre Rampal" aloud in his best French accent as a joke. To the student's chagrin, he heard an expectant "Oui" emanate from inside the room. Jean-Pierre Rampal was there to perform that evening.

Sometimes voices carry farther than we think. Sometimes words hurt people deeply.

Don't put others on the spot

Have you ever been put on the

spot like this? You are talking with a friend and someone approaches and says that the person you are talking to is wearing a pretty dress (looks cute, did a great job on his Spokesman Club speech, sang well) and asks you if you agree.

If you wouldn't be caught dead in the dress (hadn't noticed whether he or she is cute, fell asleep during his speech or heard his or her voice above the entire chorale) you have two choices — either lie and say yes or tell the person no and offend him or her. Neither is the Christian thing to do.

If the person wearing the dress is several feet away and you say no, it is possible that the other person will not hear you. But now you are in a real quandary. Do you tell her, for instance, "I'm sorry I said I don't like your dress"? If she didn't hear you the first time, then by apologizing you will offend her.

The other person has put you in a situation where you will most likely offend someone. We must not put others in that situation.

Most of us are not quick-thinking enough to respond like the man in this fictitious story:

An employee was stocking produce at a grocery store when someone approached and asked for half a head of lettuce. The store employee laughed to himself and went into the back room and said to the store manager, "Some idiot out there wants half a head of lettuce!"

To his chagrin he turned to see that the man had followed him into the back room and heard what he said.

Calmly the store employee told the store manager, "And this fine gentleman would like to buy the other half."

Men and women seem quite

adept at saying hurtful things to the opposite sex. How many of you have heard the following:

"You look great, *but* . . . (you are putting on a little weight, you have no class, your hair is too short, too long, you're not feminine enough)."

Or, "You would look great if . . ."

"What happened to your hair?"

Or this classic from a 4-year-old boy when asked how he was: "I'm fine but my mother is fat."

"A brother [boss, employee, client, husband, wife] offended is harder to be won than a strong city" (Proverbs 18:19).

When others put you down

Offenses will occur. One defense we have is to not be easily offended. Remember what the Bible says in Ecclesiastes 7:21-22: "Take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee: for oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others."

If others say unkind things to or about us (and they will), we tend to remember them and periodically bring them into conscious thought. Like a tongue always going to the missing tooth, we tend to go to the negative things others have said about us.

Don't you hope others forget the inconsiderate things you've said to or about them? Then forget what they've said about you.

I remember how each spring my grandmother used to say, "Son, put out your tongue and let me see what it's like." Then, after a quick look, she would say, "Oh, no, you're not in good condition," and make me take some horrible-tasting concoction.

Did you know God can tell our spiritual status by examining our tongues? Christ Himself said, "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matthew 12:37).

Think twice before you speak, even in a joking manner. Paul wrote, "If we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged" (I Corinthians 11:31).

We need to pray daily, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips" (Psalm 141:3).

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Ireland: a last bastion against immoral society

BOREHAMWOOD, England — A snippet in the March 6 *Irish Independent* caught my eye. The title read: "Gays Condemn Irish Law."

Said the text: "Homosexual groups from 12 European countries condemned Ireland yesterday as the only [West] European state maintaining a legal ban on male homosexuality. Representatives from 51 Gay Rights groups, speaking at the opening of a two-day hearing at the European Parliament on discrimination against gays, urged Ireland to drop the law."

Good for Ireland for making a last stand against homosexuality. One of the functions of good human law in a civilized nation is to keep a lid on things. When man's law is based, at least partially, on God's law, it acts as a brake on the worst aspects of human behavior.

But woe to any nation that legalizes behavior that God forbids. In effect, it's calling evil good. This the United States did in its most populous and influential states.

But the legalizing of homosexuality opened Pandora's box — and America is now beginning to reap the deadly fruits. So did Britain legalize homosexuality in the mid-'60s. The same bitter fruits are spreading in the United Kingdom.

A stand against divorce

Make divorce easier! This has been the hue and cry of Anglo-American liberals for decades. This they did!

Divorce has exploded in Britain and the United States.

Said Britain's March 8 *Sunday Times Magazine*, "The total number of divorces in 1984 was 158,000 — nearly double the figure for 1971, when the Divorce

Reform Act came into force."

The little Republic of Ireland also holds the line on divorce. The Irish upheld stringent divorce laws in a June 26, 1986, referendum. The majority of Irish voters do not want divorce in Ireland.

Critics say there are many unhappy marriages in the Emerald Isle. And they are right. But what is the correct solution? Man's solution is to liberalize the laws to accommodate human behavior. No doubt, the pressure is temporarily relieved. But the end results are usually catastrophic.

The Republic of Ireland says, "No!" It has been a bastion against immoral human behavior.

Walk into any newsagent in the Republic of Ireland. You won't find *Playboy*, *Penthouse* or any of their genre. But your eyes will be assaulted almost anywhere else in Western Europe.

Pressure to conform

More and more pressure is going to be put on Ireland. This pressure will become relentless as the Republic is inexorably sucked into Europe. The peoples of Ireland will be asked to reform their divorce laws, to condone homosexuality, to liberalize their reading material. This is part of the price Europe exacts.

A nation may want to be in the European Economic Community without realizing the tremendous cost. That comes later. A nation may benefit economically on one hand — and lose its sovereignty on the other.

Meanwhile, plaudits to the Irish as long as they hold out. To many that's one of the reasons it's such an attractive place to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. An Irish Festival is a joy to be experienced.

Lectures just what we need, says minister about DELS series

By Thomas C. Hanson
PASADENA — The Deacon/Elder Lecture Series (DELS) is "exactly what we've needed in the field," said Melvin Dahlgren, pastor of the Tacoma and Olympia, Wash., churches.

"It's just paving the way for the growth that's coming," he said. The elders and deacons are "really excited about it."

DELS, launched in February for ordained men and their wives, and deaconesses, is "to better train the laborers God has provided to reap His harvest in these closing hours of this evil world," wrote Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach in announcing the program.

The new program will give pastors "greater opportunity to work closely with the leadership" in their congregations, said evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration.

DELS meetings are monthly, usually rotating among the homes of the pastor, elders and deacons, according to Joseph Tkach Jr., assistant director of Church Administration. "This standardizes the frequency of deacons and elders meetings."

Each month pastors receive a Lecture Outline, a Difficult Scripture and a Doctrinal Outline. Elders and deacons receive a Difficult Scripture and a Doctrinal Outline.

What takes place

Meetings last a little more than two hours. First, the pastor speaks for one to 1½ hours on the material from the Lecture Outline. These outlines cover a variety of topics, ranging from Church government to organizing one's life to serve God.

Next, the pastor reviews the difficult scripture with the group for about 20 minutes, and then summarizes the doctrinal material for another 20 minutes.

"Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong long ago saw the absolute need for an educated ministry in God's Church. That led to the founding of Ambassador College to provide solid leadership in the local congregations.

"Now, as Church growth again seems about to explode, we must

reemphasize the necessity of having capable, trained, well-grounded men to care for God's precious flock," Mr. Tkach wrote.

Unified instruction

DELS standardizes instruction and training for all ordained people, Mr. Tkach Jr. said.

Each month a sermonette is assigned to be given during services to cover the difficult scripture being studied in the class that month. The same scripture will be discussed in all congregations.

"In this way, all church areas will

receive the same material within the same time frame," Mr. Salyer said.

According to Gilbert Gunderson, a local church elder in the Tacoma church, "I've spoken to many in the congregation about the [sermonettes on] difficult scriptures . . . and they are all glad to be updated on these things, because some of them have had problems in the past" explaining these scriptures.

About 20 monthly lessons are written now with four or five more to come, Mr. Tkach Jr. said. After the two- to three-year program ends it will start over.



DELS LECTURE — Dennis Wheatcroft, pastor of the Glendora, Calif., church, conducts a Deacon/Elder Lecture Series meeting at the home of Roger Lippross, production director at Publishing Services and a local elder. [Photo by Charles Feldbush]

PERSONAL

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when Jesus Christ returns to take rulership of all nations. In the meantime God has called a precious few, His Church, out of this world to learn a new way of life — a way of peace, based on the law of God.

Peace is infinitely more than just a word. It is indeed a way of life. In fact, not just a way of life, but the way — founded on love, which is the fulfilling of the law of God (Romans 13:10). The way of give, as opposed to the way of get, Mr. Armstrong described it.

The motto of Ambassador, "Recapture True Values," is a motto for all Christians. It emphasizes clinging to those lasting and permanent values that come from God, that have to do with eternal life, not just the temporal physical life we have now. The apostle Paul instructed in Colossians 3:1-2: "If ye then be risen with Christ: seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

Instruction in that new and different way of life underlies not only Ambassador College

but all aspects of God's Church.

Converted Christians are just that — converted. They are changed. Their manner of life, their way of life, is now going in a different direction than it was before. They are now following the way that leads to peace. They are being led by the Holy Spirit of God.

As they grow in God's grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ the fruits of the Spirit will become more and more evident in their lives. Indeed, their lives will be different (as shining lights) from the lives of those in the world around them.

In Matthew 5:14, Jesus said,

"Ye are the light of the world." I have sometimes compared that to being a walking and talking advertisement, or in television language, a living commercial. The world is our TV screen, the product is the Kingdom of God and the commercial runs for our entire lifetimes.

I have often told the Ambassador students that no instruction is of value unless it is put into action! Life is in the doing! It won't do to be a mere spectator of God's way of life. We must be participants. We must be involved in actively pursuing that way of life! "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:17).

It is to be a hands-on experience. As Jesus pointed out, what good is a light if it is kept under a basket?

My dear brethren, let's put our hearts into fulfilling the wonderful calling God has given us to be among His firstfruits — pioneers of a new world! If God be for us, who can be against us?

As Ambassador College finishes its 40th year and prepares to begin its 41st, remember to pray for the success of these young graduates as they leave college to begin their careers.

With love, in Jesus' name
 Joseph W. Tkach

Topics range from unity to leading services

Ministers meet for conferences

PASADENA — Ministerial conferences took place in Borehamwood, England, May 3 and 4, in Lake Moogerah, Australia, April 6 to 8, and in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Feb. 2 to 5.

In England a wide range of topics, including instruction from the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena, was discussed at a two-day conference for 25 local church elders, including Scandinavian ministers Carl Aas and Diedrik Zernichow, according to Edward Smith, *Worldwide News* correspondent.

The sessions, conducted in the Elstree House offices, were directed by evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East.

Mr. Brown expressed his gratitude for the time and effort spent by the local church elders in Britain and Ireland.

"Most local church elders in these islands carry an increasing load of regular speaking, clubs, anointings and visitings, as well as holding down a full-time job of work outside the Church," said Mr. Smith.

The elders were instructed in counseling teens, singles and cancer

sufferers, helping members with finances, conducting the Passover and Sabbath services, preparing sermons and sermonettes, explaining evolution and the Bible and being good stewards.

Australia

A three-day conference for ministers in Australia and Asia took place at the Church-owned Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp at Lake Moogerah, according to John Curry, an assistant to regional director Robert Fahey.

Mr. Fahey opened the conference by stressing the importance of unity within God's Church and the need to fully rely on God, His Word, His Spirit and His government to have a truly successful ministry.

At the conference Mr. Fahey also gave a visual presentation of God's work in Australia and Southeast Asia, spoke on the ministers' stewardship and conducted a question-and-answer session.

Other sessions were conducted by William Winner, director of Church Administration here, and William Bradford, pastor of the Melbourne East and South churches.

Passover, Night to Be Much Observed and the first three days of Unleavened Bread with members in Athens. Seven members (including four Greek members) took the Passover, and 10 attended Holy Day services.

Australia

Robert Fahey, regional director for Australia and Asia, his wife, Evelyn, and their son Bobby visited churches in Gold Coast, Brisbane, Caboolture, Melbourne and Morwell during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Mr. Fahey and Rodney King, Gold Coast pastor, conducted the

Mr. Fahey asked the ministers serving in Asia to give a report on the churches in their areas. Yong Chin Gee, pastor of the Johor Baharu and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, churches, spoke on Malaysia and Singapore, and Mohan Jayasekera, pastor of the Colombo, Sri Lanka, church, described conditions in Sri Lanka. Colin Kelly, pastor of the Grafton, Australia, church, reported on Burma and Thailand. The ministers explained some of the difficulties members face and how the Gospel is being preached in each region.

Caribbean

Ministers, trainees and wives from Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, were on hand for the 1987 Caribbean regional conference.

According to evangelist Stan Bass, Caribbean regional director, some of the topics covered included feeding the flock, the role of a minister's wife, *Plain Truth* lectures, budgeting and plans for the Feast of Tabernacles.

The sessions took place in the new regional office, giving the group a chance to view the surroundings.

Passover in Gold Coast.

Mr. Fahey conducted combined morning services on the first day of Unleavened Bread in Caboolture. He drove to Brisbane South for afternoon services.

Mr. Fahey stopped to visit a member before conducting Sabbath services in Morwell April 18.

Mr. Fahey conducted morning services for the Melbourne churches on the last day of Unleavened Bread.

In the afternoon he presented Geoff and Aileen O'Neill, who served on the Ambassador Foundation project in Sri Lanka, with a gift from Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

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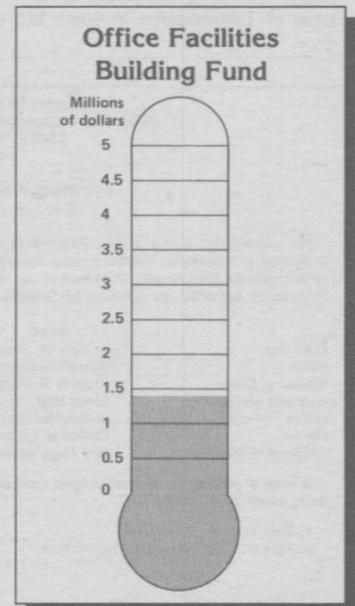
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Most members stayed in a holiday complex for the last four days of Unleavened Bread, according to Edward Smith, *Worldwide News* correspondent in the Borehamwood, England, Office.

Greece

Brethren in Greece welcomed visiting minister Jeremy Rapson, a local elder who works in the Borehamwood Office and assists in the Birmingham, England, church.

Mr. Rapson observed the



MITE BY MITE — As of May 20 individuals and church areas donated \$1,417,227.22 to the Office Facilities Building fund, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center.

Today's Kenya: Pastor traces growth during past 10 years

By Owen Willis

NAIROBI, Kenya — From snowcapped peaks to coral reefs, from highland forests to endless savannah, from Nairobi's modern skyscrapers to traditional mud-hut villages, Kenya is an exciting country.

Owen Willis pastors the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches.

Although less than 20 percent of the country is arable, agriculture is the backbone of the economy with coffee and tea the main export crops.

Politically, the country maintains stability through the wise leadership of the late President Jomo Kenyatta and his successor President Daniel arap Moi.

However, its rapid population growth raises fears of social problems in the future.

Church history

Richard Frankel, Harold Jackson and Robert Morton were the first ministers to visit Kenya while on baptizing tours throughout Africa in the early 1970s.

But the real breakthrough came when Herbert W. Armstrong visited Kenya in 1975. A public campaign in Nairobi spurred interest and greatly increased *Plain Truth* subscriptions. Mr. Armstrong made several subsequent visits to Kenya, developing a friendly relationship with the country's first president, Mr. Kenyatta.

In 1977 I was transferred to Nairobi with responsibility for the church in Kenya and neighboring countries. Before then I visited the country on an irregular basis. At that time there were only four members in Kenya though growth was soon to come. Small congregations were soon established in Nairobi and Kibirichia. Fifty-eight baptized members live in Kenya.

Mr. Armstrong visited Kenya for the last time in 1982, meeting with President Moi and addressing the church.

The Kenyan brethren felt especially honored to be included on Pastor General Joseph Tkach's first international visit in August, 1986.

Steven LeBlanc served as a min-

ister in the area in 1984 and 1985, being succeeded by John Andrews, who serves as a ministerial trainee. Mr. Andrews married Ana Maria Zambelli, a 1986 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, Feb. 22. They live in Nairobi.

Kenya is administered by the regional office in Borehamwood, England, by evangelist Frank Brown, regional director, and David Stirk, business manager.

Nairobi Office

In June, 1984, a mailing office was opened on the 15th floor of a prominent office block in downtown Nairobi.

This speeds mail service to subscribers in Kenya and surrounding countries. Now literature takes days rather than months to reach its destination.

In addition to Kenya, mail is processed from Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Seychelles, Ethiopia and Sudan.

Since the opening of the office almost three years ago, more than 150,000 letters have been received and more than 100,000 letters and packages have been sent out.

The office has two employees — Clement Obuba and Kimani Ndungu.

Although the *World Tomorrow* program is not aired in Kenya, and circulation of *The Plain Truth* is limited for financial reasons, news about the work and its publications often spreads rapidly by word of mouth to Church members and the general public.

Nairobi church

Attendance in Nairobi averages just more than 100 each Sabbath. The brethren face many of the usual problems of living in a large city in the developing world. Such problems as crime, immorality, unemployment and cramped living conditions with little privacy can often combine to make life difficult.

It is common for many families to be divided, with the husband working and living in the city, while the wife and children stay in the country working on the land. The percentage of divided families is not as great in the church as in the world.

The brethren strive to overcome such situations as well as tribal cus-



KENYA MINISTER — Owen Willis and his wife, Christina, serve the brethren in Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya; Blantyre, Malawi; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; and Tororo, Uganda. Their children are from left: David Joe, 8; Suzanna, 2; and Natasha, 10. Mr. Willis was born in Kenya and completed his primary education there before moving to England. [Photo by I. Mose]

toms in order to develop the family unity emphasized by the Church. For the singles the concept of dating is an unfamiliar practice in traditional African society.

Kibirichia church

"In Kibirichia, one can feel he is at the end of the world. We flew in on a light plane and landed on a tiny airstrip in the midst of a real wilderness. But as soon as we arrived at the church's meeting hall, we were home!" So wrote Mr. Tkach after his visit to Kibirichia in August, 1986.

Situated some 170 miles north of Nairobi across the equator, Kibirichia is a rural farming community on the northern slopes of snowcapped Mt. Kenya.

Here around 70 brethren attend services twice a month. Most are subsistence farmers and are poor by Western standards. Some of the members live at an altitude of more than 8,000 feet.

Some members do not understand English, so a translation is provided into the area tribal language, Kimeru, by James Marete. A number of the hymns are sung in Kimeru.

In addition to the two services each month, brethren meet on an additional Sabbath to view the telecasts using a generator-powered video in the village.

Without doubt the most significant event in the Kibirichia church's history was the visit by Mr. Tkach last year. The pastor general addressed the church and

afterward visited a member's home. Members were moved by his obvious warmth, friendliness and sincerity.

Feast sites

Since 1978 the Feast of Tabernacles has been conducted at Naro Moru River Lodge. By 1985 the site reached capacity necessitating the addition of a site near Mombasa. These sites illustrate the contrasts of the country — Naro Moru with the peaceful environment of a riverine forest in the shadow of Mt. Kenya, and Mombasa with the lure of dazzling white beaches fringed by swaying palm trees beside the Indian Ocean. In 1986 Feast attendance was 206, equally divided between both sites.

Youth activities

Because of their contact with the Church, the young people have many opportunities that they would otherwise not have had. Imagine the thrill of touching snow or seeing an ocean for the first time! The youths have visited game parks, and most have climbed Mt. Kenya.

Since 1984 SEP has taken place near Mombasa. Activities include soccer, volleyball, basketball, softball, swimming, obstacle course, basket weaving, sewing, cooking, camel riding, parasailing and catamaran sailing.

For the younger children, Youth Bible Lessons not only develop Bible knowledge, but help the children with English — essential for progress in today's Kenya.



RICH COUNTRY — About 170 people meet for services in Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, both visited by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach in August, 1986. [Map by Ronald Grove]



KENYAN SHAMBA — From his 2½-acre shamba (farm) in Nanyuki, Kenya, Geoffrey Mukindia selects a goat for roasting during the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles in Naro Moru, Kenya. [Photo by Greg S. Smith]

Senior Kenyan member knows no English

His smile transcends language

By Owen Willis

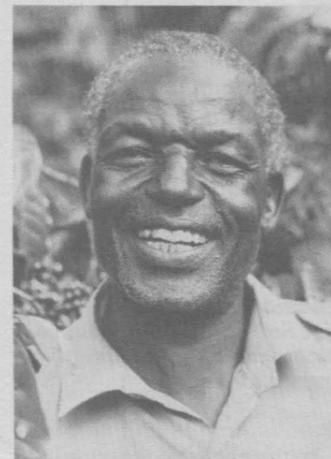
KIBIRICHIA, Kenya — Known as "mzee" — a respectful Swahili term for an old man — Isaka Kubai Nabeba, 51, is probably the oldest Church member in Kenya. (Many people do not know their exact birthdate as records were seldom kept in those days. Life expectancy at birth in 1983 for a male was 56.3 years.)

Although he does not understand English, Mr. Nabeba has not allowed this to prevent his growth in the Christian life. Listening intently to the Kimeru translation during services, he is one of the first to find scriptures in his Kimeru translation of the Bible. When visitors meet him, his broad smile transcends the language barrier.

Baptized Jan. 6, 1978, in a mountain stream near the town of Meru, Mr. Nabeba seldom misses a meeting of the church, though he lives the farthest distance away from Kibirichia. The 34-mile journey from his home in Mikinduri to Kibirichia usually takes 2½ hours

with a change of vehicles en route.

In rainy seasons, when roads become rivers of mud, he often leaves home Friday to give himself time to



ISAKA KUBAI NABEBA

overcome all obstacles on the way to Sabbath services. If his Land Rover transport gets stuck, he continues on the back of a tractor. If that gets

stuck, he walks. But he always makes it on time to services.

Mr. Nabeba often pauses a moment to think when asked how many children he has. Formerly a polygamist, he has 17 children. The oldest is 30; the youngest just 1 year old.

In an area of the world where children often go hungry, his children do not. He owns 13 acres of land — a large farm by area standards — in a fertile area set in rolling hills with a rushing stream forming the lower boundary.

He grows maize, beans, onions, carrots, cassava, sweet potatoes, egg plants, zucchini, cabbage, kale, tomatoes and sunflowers. Fruits include bananas, mangoes, papayas, pineapples, oranges, melons, guavas and passion fruit. Four acres of coffee are his main cash crop. He also keeps cattle, goats and chickens and collects honey from his hives. With such an abundance of food, he only needs to make infrequent visits to the store to buy salt, tea, cooking oil and paraffin.

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IRON SHARPENS IRON

Can you overlook annoyances, or will you become offended?

By Keith W. Stump

Satan knows his time is short! He is stepping up his efforts to subvert the construction of God's spiritual Temple — the Body of Christ, God's Church.

Keith W. Stump, a local elder, is a senior writer for The Plain Truth.

Satan is an expert in spiritual warfare. He employs many insidious devices of which the apostle Paul warns us not to be ignorant (II Corinthians 2:11).

One of Satan's devices is stirring up offenses among brethren — and then using those offenses to cause doubts about God's Church itself. Jesus warned of this when He prophesied, "And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another" (Matthew 24:10).

It's sad, but true. Some have left the Church of God over relatively minor offenses that they allowed to grow out of all proportion. Let's notice how this happens.

Taking offense

"How can *this* be the Church of God?" a disgruntled member once demanded. This person had been asked "once too often" to serve in a local congregation in a "menial" capacity. Moreover, he had allegedly been "told, not asked" to serve in the job. "God's true Church would never operate this way!" the of-

fended party declared. Regrettably, he left "in a huff" and never came back to services.

This person was offended, and then came to doubt God's Church because of the offense. Getting Christians to doubt God's Church is one of Satan's major objectives. How can we guard against this happening to us?

We have often been instructed in the biblical principles on how to deal with offenses that inevitably will arise. The important instructions in Matthew 18:15-17 should not be neglected. We must also realize that there are "two sides of the coin" when it comes to offenses. Yes, someone might do something offensive toward us. But do we always have to take offense?

Jesus was never offended by the actions of others — ever! Of all people who have ever lived, He certainly had the most right to be offended, humanly speaking. He daily encountered "offensive" people, people who maligned and mistreated Him. Yet He never once took offense.

"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them," declares Psalm 119:165. Those who really love God's law and are obeying it will overlook the irritating and annoying things that others do. They will not easily get their feelings hurt, will not easily feel slighted or wronged. They will not bear grudges or seek revenge.

The apostle Paul describes the ideal Christian attitude in this regard. We should be "forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye" (Colossians 3:13).

This is not as hard as it may sound — if we maintain the right perspective.

The right perspective

The person who asked, "How can



this be the Church of God?" was not viewing things in perspective. He could not see beyond the *now* — the immediate circumstance, with all its highly charged emotional connotations.

The offended party undoubtedly considered himself to be a Christian, despite his personal faults and shortcomings. Yet he apparently

never asked himself why, then, the existence of faults in others should mean they are *not* Christians!

Lost to this person was the perspective that problems are not unique to our era of the Church. Remember, one of the most problem-ridden churches — the early Church of God at Corinth — was, despite its many serious shortcomings, still God's Church! From its inception, God's Church has been composed of imperfect members. We should not expect it to be otherwise.

Getting Christians to lose this perspective is one of Satan's most effective devices. When one's mind is narrowly focused on the present — the here and now — it becomes easy prey for "seducing spirits" who stir up animosities and offenses and foster attitudes of doubt. One sees only the offending party's actions, and may then go on to judge the entire Church on that basis, as in the above example.

The offended person suffers from spiritual myopia (nearsightedness). He fails to see and appreciate the magnificent panorama of God's Church spread out through the ages — the dynamic spiritual organism built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and actively fulfilling God's purpose on earth.

Rather, he sees only the offense, the slight, the wrong that was done to him — and is then manipulated by Satan into doubting the entire Church because of it.

See the big picture

To successfully fight against this satanic device, we must strive constantly to keep our eyes on the big picture. To do this, we must be seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33), growing in love for God's law (Psalm 119:165) and maintaining

Christlike humility of mind (Philippians 2:5). And we must also be growing in appreciation for our spiritual roots.

Many have never stopped to deeply reflect on their spiritual roots. Many are asleep to the reality of their calling!

We are members of God's one true Church — the one and only place on earth where the government of God is being administered today. Do we comprehend the deep meaning and significance of this?

Do we clearly see the direct link from the Worldwide Church of God back through the centuries to the days of the first apostles? Do we appreciate that the apostolic power originally entrusted by Jesus Christ to Peter has come down through the ages to our own day? Do we realize that in supporting God's present-day apostle, Joseph W. Tkach, we are actually contributing to the on-going book of Acts?

What a great and an awe-inspiring honor and privilege! But to one whose mind is on the *now* and on the *self*, all this is quite invisible — often with disastrous consequences.

There is great power in seeing ourselves within the context of the vast, centuries-long panorama of God's Church. If we really grasp what we are a part of — if we allow it to penetrate deeply into our hearts and minds — we will not be so quick to focus on the small irritants and annoyances of the *now*. They will pale into insignificance in comparison with the overwhelming appreciation of who we are and of what we are a part.

We will then be so absorbed in the task of going forward with God's great end-time work that we will simply not have time for the petty offenses and doubts with which Satan seeks to sidetrack us!

AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

CHANCELLOR HONORS SENIORS AT DINNER

PASADENA — Ambassador College Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach was host to seniors, the Advisory Council of Elders and the college administration at the senior dinner May 11. The dinner took place outdoors on the Academic Center mall.

Ellen Escat, administrative assistant to Mr. Tkach, said Mr. Tkach wanted to honor the seniors with a special occasion during their last weeks of school and give them a chance to reflect on their Ambassador years.

"It's one of the most elegant evenings I've ever had," said senior Terri Black. "Everything was just the highest quality possible."

Tables were set with gold-rimmed china, crystal and fresh flowers. Old-style lamp posts, carts of flowers, palm trees and twinkle lights decorated the mall area. The Italian Gardens, behind the mall area, were decorated with lights.

During the dinner Ross Jutsum, director of Music Services, played the piano with the Ambassador Ensemble on a circular rotating stage surrounded by lights.

Mr. Tkach talked and was pho-

tographed with students at a reception in front of the Ambassador Auditorium for an hour before the dinner, according to Mrs. Escat.

A slide show of seniors, some



CLASS ACT — The Ambassador Ensemble, Tom Crabb on bass, sophomore Michael Snellgrove on percussion and Ross Jutsum, director of Music Services, at the piano, plays on a rotating stage surrounded by lights on the Academic Center mall during the senior dinner May 11. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

photographed at the reception with instant slide film, was shown on two suspended screens. Entertainment by the Young Ambassadors concluded the evening.

YOUNG AMBASSADORS TOUR CHURCH AREAS

BIG SANDY — The Big Sandy Young Ambassadors performed in six church areas in the southern United States during spring break, April 13 to 26.

The 1½-hour performances included "Americana," a medley of songs about the United States, and a medley of Walt Disney musical hits, according to Russell Duke, Young Ambassadors director.

In each church area, faculty and group members answered questions from high school students about Ambassador College, according to Mr. Duke.

"One of the benefits of the trip was that Church members got to see Ambassador College students performing as a group."

"One purpose of the trip was to provide quality entertainment for the Church members. We received tremendous response from the brethren," he said.

The group spent the first day of Unleavened Bread with Church members in Jackson, Miss., and performed that evening. April 15, the students toured antebellum homes (plantation mansions built before the American Civil War) in Natchez, Miss., and traveled to Birmingham, Ala., April 16, and per-

formed that evening.

Richard Thompson, dean of students, met the group in Atlanta, Ga., April 18, and gave the sermon to brethren from the Rome, Ga., and Atlanta North congregations. The group performed that evening for more than 1,000 brethren from six church areas, according to Mr. Duke.

The group was greeted by members in Charlotte, N.C., April 19, at a reception. After the last day of Unleavened Bread the Young Ambassadors performed for brethren from eight church areas.

April 21 the group traveled to Nashville, Tenn. They hiked through Mammoth Cave, near Bowling Green, Ky., before performing in Nashville April 22. April 25 the group performed in Shreveport, La., and returned to the Big Sandy campus April 26.

Stephanie Smith, sophomore, said the trip was encouraging to the group. "A lot of [the Church members] didn't even know Big Sandy has Young Ambassadors," she said.

"We stayed with Church members in every area. For me that was the highlight of the trip — getting to know the brethren."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ALADE, Samuel and Olufunmilayo (Adegoke), of Lagos, Nigeria, boy, Armstrong Olorunboloba, March 13, 3 kilograms, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

BAYER, Robert and Cheryl (Lippold), of Buffalo, N.Y., girl, Brittany Elizabeth, March 27, 6:35 p.m., 7 pounds, now 4 boys, 3 girls.

BEAM, Gary and Rhonda (Smith), of Golden, Miss., girl, Natalie Gean, April 1, 5:31 a.m., 5 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

BEDWELL, Tim and Wanda (Luis), of Sacramento, Calif., boy, Curtis Brock, April 15, 1:37 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

BERKEY, Ronald and Sally (Oliver), of Salem, Ore., girl, Heather Michelle, April 10, 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

BURLESON, Doug and Debra (Dinger), of Hill City, S.D., boy, Brett Michael, April 9, 11:40 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

COSBEY, Bill and Jeanna (Potvin), of Santa Barbara, Calif., boy, Benjamin Robert, Jan. 31, 7:22 a.m., 7 pounds 11 1/4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CREAMER, William and Gretchen (Vernon), of Tehachapi, Calif., girl, Kamryn Elise, Jan. 13, 4:25 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

DEAN, Bob and Christine (Paz), of Albuquerque, N.M., girl, Melissa Sharon, April 18, 8:30 p.m., 3 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 girls.

DEAN, John and Terry (Brown), of Lafayette, Ind., boy, Michael John, March 16, 9:30 p.m., 10 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DeVILBISS, David and Shelly (Florence), of Dayton, Ohio, girl, Megan Rachele, Feb. 10, 2 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DUNN, Stephen and Connie (Schuetz), of Indianola, Okla., girl, Chelsea Summer, March 25, 2:07 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

EDDINGTON, Peter and Terri (Butterbaugh), of Pasadena, boy, Matthew Braden, April 6, 8:07 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys.

ESIEVO, George and Julie (Evin), of Lagos, Nigeria, boy, Frank Keine, March 3, 2.3 kilograms, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GAUTHIER, Brian and Sandi (Rodgers), of Providence, R.I., girl, Amber Nicole, March 28, 12:05 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

GAYHEART, Lester and Sheila (Pennington), of Dayton, Ohio, boy, Kyle Christopher, Jan. 10, 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

GOOD, Scott and Raabe (Wallace), of Tacoma, Wash., boy, James Emmitt, Feb. 25, 10 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys.

GRIGALANZ, Michael and Deborah (Olyphant), of Portage, Ind., boy, Daniel Joseph, April 7, 6:37 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 3 boys.

HOWARD, Robert and Veronica (Carlisle), of Fort Worth, Tex., boy, Brandon Earl, April 6, 1:28 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

KNOTT, James and Reta (Kelley), of Auburn, Wash., boy, Paul James, April 4, 5:45 a.m., 10 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys.

KUYKENDALL, William and Cheryl (Kleppinger), of Fredericktown, Ohio, boy, Zechariah Wellington, Feb. 14, 2:20 p.m., 5 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, first child.

LAMBERT, Craig and Jennifer (Wile), of Greenville, Pa., boy, Jared Michael, April 10, 12:09 p.m., 7 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LORIMER, John and Mandy (Attwood), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Jodie Leanne, March 27, 2 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

MAHON, Dan and Ellen (Logan), of Philadelphia, Pa., boy, Stephen James, April 5, 9

pounds 9 ounces, now 3 boys.

MAXWELL, Wayne and Donna (Humphries), of Beckley, W.Va., girl, Abigail Elizabeth, April 19, 10:02 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MILLER, Dan and Martha (Miller), of Canton, Ohio, boy, Marty D., April 11, 7:06 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

MOSS, Scott and Peggy (Nelson), of Fort Wayne, Ind., boy, Mitchell Ellis, April 23, 7:15 p.m., 7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

NEAL, Edwin and Sharon (Bunch), of Louisville, Ky., girl, Rachel Elizabeth, April 9, 8:53 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

OSBORN, Dale and Crystal (Schellenger), of Newton, Kan., girl, Aubrey Lynn, April 11, 8:28 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PARKER, Steven and Laura (Lee), of Barrie, Ont., girl, Cheryl Ashley, March 11, 8:03 p.m., 8 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PROKOSCH, Micheal and Susan (Edwards), of Oakland, Calif., boy, Gregory Brandon, April 20, 9:52 a.m., 7 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

RIORDAN, Paul and Donna (Francis), of Adelaide, Australia, girl, Jessica Eleanor Margaret, March 16, 8:57 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

RISSINGER, Joel and Karen (Wallbridge), of Trenton, N.J., boy, David Robert Joel, March 10, 12:43 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

ROBERTS, Dennis and Elizabeth (Brownson), of Portland, Ore., boy, Orren Charles-Clement, April 23, 3:45 a.m., 8 pounds, now 4 boys.

RUTTER, Martin and Bonny (Garey), of Seaford, Del., boy, Martin Samuel, March 23, 10:19 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SCHOFIELD, Randy and Balinda (McCardie), of Salt Lake City, Utah, girl, Jamie, March 28, 1:04 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SHOWERS, Mitchell and Anita (Sexton), of Canton, Ohio, girl, Shannon Mariah, April 9, 4 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SPIRY, Mark and Mitsy (Brackett), of Auburn, Wash., boy, Jonathan LaReine, Feb. 20, 7:21 a.m., 9 pound 8 ounces, first child.

STEPHENS, Wilbrod and Ida (Mwananganga), of Lusaka, Zambia, girl, Aubrey Mwape, March 5, 5:39 a.m., 2.86 kilograms, first child.

STEVENS, Randy and Angela (Hollis), of Greenville, S.C., girl, Rachel Gabrielle, March 31, 12:02 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

STIGLIANO, Dennis and Lydia (Dudzik), of Southington, Conn., girl, Talia Lynn, April 29, 4:51 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

STREET, Rick and Lyn (Walker), of Phoenix, Ariz., girl, Stacia Reanne, April 14, 2:26 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

TREIBER, Jerry and Sherry (Kieran), of Racine, Wis., boy, Ryan William, April 6, 8:17 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WILSON, Johnny and Shirley (Roe), of Dallas, Tex., girl, Christina Renee, Jan. 13, 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

WYLIE, Jim and Debbie (Dickson), of Big Sandy, girl, Krista Leigh, April 9, 5:55 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Friddle of Greensboro, N.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Carson Grabbe of Pasadena, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Harvey Ellis and Ruth Elaine. An Aug. 2 wedding on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Derstine of Wilmington, N.C., would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa to Robert Bapst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bapst of Columbus, Ohio. A Sept. 13 wedding in Wilmington is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrance L. Ware of Prairie Grove, Ark., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tammy to Neil Andrew Reynoudt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Reynoudt Jr. of West Palm Beach, Fla. A July 5 wedding in Fayetteville, Ark., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley R. Mills of Oakland, Calif., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Twyla Jeanette to Randolph Neal Chesler of Lawrenceville, Ga., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Chesler. An Oct. 4 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cagle are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Rhonda to Michael T. Dupree of Fresno, Calif. A June 14 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Thomas of Melbourne, Australia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Anne Elizabeth to Douglas Neil Rouliston of Warwick, Australia.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES NEAL III

Lynda Diane Wiggins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Wiggins Jr. of Lake City, Fla., and Charles Thomas Neal III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas Neal Jr. of North Tonawanda, N.Y., were united in marriage March 25, in Lake City. The ceremony was performed by Steven Brown, associate pastor of the Jacksonville, Gainesville and Ocala, Fla., churches. Deborah Rendall, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and John Barber was best man. The couple reside in Newfane, N.Y.



MR. AND MRS. B. MITCHELL

Kathleen Marie Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. Lewis of Fresno, Calif., and Bradley Joseph Mitchell of Glendale, Calif., were united in marriage Feb. 8 in Mariposa, Calif. The ceremony was performed by Glen White, pastor of the Fresno and Visalia, Calif., churches. Rhonda Cagle was maid of honor, and Michael Dupree was best man. The couple reside in Glendale.



MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN GLOVER

Tracy Ann Downer and Stephen Irl Glover were united in marriage Aug. 18, 1986, on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. The ceremony was performed by Clint Zimmerman, pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church. The couple reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD BREDLO

Catharine Elizabeth Kutt and Richard Bredlo were united in marriage Feb. 1 in Kitchener, Ont. The ceremony was performed by Terry Johnson, pastor of the Kitchener church. Richard Eisenbach was best man, and Rhonda Hayes was maid of honor. The couple reside in Kitchener.



MR. AND MRS. JOSHUA GRIFFIN

Jennifer Swihart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swihart, and Joshua Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin, were united in marriage Dec. 28, 1986. The ceremony took place in the Lower Gardens at Pasadena Ambassador College, and was performed by Robert Swihart, father of the bride and a minister in the Dayton, Ohio, A.M. church. Kristal Griffin was maid of honor, and Paul McClure was best man. The couple reside in Arcadia, Calif.

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack and Joan Johnson of Durban, South Africa, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary March 10. Together with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Bill and Hazel Cross (who observed their 49th anniversary), the Johnsons invited Durban members to a party March 7. One hundred thirty people



MR. AND MRS. JACK JOHNSON

attended, including the Johnsons' sons Michael and Greg. Mr. Johnson is a deacon in the Durban church.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. T. DES JARDINS

Truman and Edith Des Jardins celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary after services Feb. 28. Harold Smith, pastor of the Pasco, Quincy, Tonasket and Yakima, Wash., churches, presented the couple with golden wind chimes and a cake. Mr. and Mrs. Des Jardins were baptized in 1967. They have five children, six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

OBITUARIES

LILLY, Mildred May, 76, of St. John's, Nfld., died April 26. She was baptized in 1980. Mrs. Lilly is survived by her husband, Reginald; a son, Edward, and his wife, Lillian; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Terrence Roth, pastor of the St. John's and Corner Brook, Nfld., churches.

DAY, Lola, 86, of Oklahoma City, Okla., died March 30 after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1976.

KNIGHT, Ora Pearl, 92, of Oklahoma City, Okla., died April 7 after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1959. Miss Knight is survived by two sisters and 18 nieces and nephews. A graveside service was conducted by Charles Holladay, associate pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., churches, and Wilton Adams, a minister in the Oklahoma City church.

HYDEN, Clifford, 77, of Jackson, Ohio, died April 20 of cancer. He has been a Church member for eight years. Mr. Hyden is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Waverly; three sons, Norman, Larry and Roger; and five grandchildren. A memorial service was conducted by Kenneth Christopher, a minister in the Chillicothe, Ohio, church.

JOHNSON, Elzie, 71, of Meridian, Miss., died Jan. 15 after a long bout with cancer. She was baptized in 1972. Miss Johnson is survived by one sister, Mrs. Tommy T.

Caraway, and one brother, Clayburn. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted Jan. 16 by Thomas Damour, pastor of the Meridian and Laurel, Miss., churches.

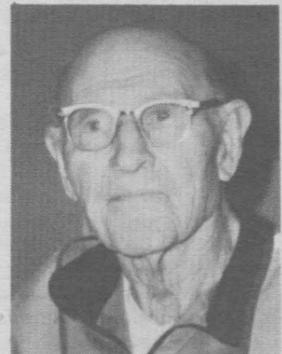
ROBINSON, John J., 63, of Noblesville, Ind., died April 14 after a long struggle with cancer. He was baptized in 1964. Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife, Grace, a Church member, three brothers, four sisters and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted by Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind., churches.

HERR, Dianna, 39, of Lincoln, N.D., died April 11 of cancer. She has been a Church member since 1975. Mrs. Herr is survived by her husband, James; two sons, Todd and Mark; and three daughters, Theresa, Michelle and Kimberly. Jeffrey Barnes, pastor of the Bismarck, Minot and Dickinson, N.D., churches, conducted a funeral service in Bismarck.

WOOD, Betty, 58, of Brazil, Ind., died April 3. She has been a Church member since 1962. Mrs. Wood is survived by her husband of 35 years, one son, two granddaughters, her mother, four sisters and four brothers. Funeral services were conducted by Daniel Fricke, pastor of the Terre Haute and Lafayette, Ind., churches.

PRIEST, Gwendolyn Moore, 29, of Savannah, Ga., died March 31 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Also killed in the accident were two of her daughters, Katherine, 2 months, and Monica, 7. Mrs. Priest has been a Church member since 1965. She is survived by her husband, Henry; a daughter, Patricia; her parents; a brother; and a sister. Funeral services were conducted by Roosevelt Smith, a minister in the Savannah church.

KING, Dorothy, 85, of Wichita, Kan., died April 22 after a two-week illness. She has been a Church member since 1960. She is survived by nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted April 24 by Judd Kirk, pastor of the Wichita church.



HENRY JESSEN

JESSEN, Henry, 89, of Watertown, S.D., died April 14. He has been a Church member since 1969. Mr. Jessen is survived by his wife, Helena, five children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. John Elliott, pastor of the Watertown, Sioux Falls and Yankton, S.D., churches, conducted funeral services April 17 in Clarkfield, Minn.

WILSON, Warren, 91, of Beulah, N.D., died April 5. He has been a Church member since 1969. Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife, Eva, and several children. Jeffrey Barnes, pastor of the Bismarck, Minot and Dickinson, N.D., churches, conducted funeral services in Beulah.

STOEBNER, Agnes L., 72, of Brandon, S.D., died March 22 after suffering a stroke. She has been a Church member for 18 years. Mrs. Stoebner is survived by nine children, Donna, Gloria, Roger, Marian, Charlotte, Joseph (a Church member), Elizabeth (a Church member), Susan and Thomas; 18 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her mother; one sister; and one brother. Funeral and graveside services were conducted by her son-in-law, Terry Johnson, pastor of the Kitchener, Ont., church, and John Elliott, pastor of the Sioux Falls, Yankton and Watertown, S.D., churches.

BROOKS, Mary Jane, 66, of Cupertino, Calif., died March 11. She has been a Church member since 1961. Mrs. Brooks is survived by a son, Robert O., a daughter, Christa, and a brother, Ralph A. Robbins, all Church members. Funeral services were conducted March 13 by Larry Shamus, a minister in the San Jose, Calif., church.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Brethren renovate building for services

The Houston, Tex., North church conducted its first church service April 25 in a building the church renovated in about five weeks. John Ogwyn, church pastor, dedicated the building.

Mr. Ogwyn said that the congregation of about 630 members had trouble retaining a suitable building for services. The church relocated several times and had been locked out when building managers failed to unlock doors for services.

"I had asked the members to pray about it for several years," Mr. Ogwyn said. The project began in March when a Church member saw a building-for-rent advertisement in a newspaper.

Mr. Ogwyn looked at the building, a machine shop 75 feet by 60 feet, on two acres of property. It had metal walls, a cement floor with holes in it, no air conditioning and two three-ton cranes hanging from suspension beams. There was no parking lot.

"I saw it had potential," Mr. Ogwyn said. After receiving permission from Church Administration in Pasadena, he began negotiations.

The owner agreed to pay a \$3,400 fee to the city for parking lot engineering plans, and give the church the equipment that was in the building, if a 25-foot extension would be added to the building.

Because of the number of Church members and the size of the building, "we needed the extension," Mr. Ogwyn said. The cranes and equipment were sold, giving the church enough money to build the extension.

The contract was signed March 13, and members were assigned to crews for electrical, plumbing, carpentry, landscaping, ceiling, walls and stage.

The first work party was Sunday, March 15. Metal sheeting was torn off the end of the building, and holes in the floor were filled with concrete. A concrete foundation

was laid for the extension.

The next weekend 125 brethren installed steel framework, erected sheetrock walls and installed plumbing. The extension and sheetrock walls were finished Sunday, March 29. Inside walls were painted and a ceiling was hung.

Church celebrates 25 years

More than 500 members gathered March 7 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Mobile, Ala., church.

The church first met March 17, 1962, in Opp, Ala. Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse was pastor, assisted by Carn Catherwood, now regional director for Italian-speaking areas. Services moved to Mobile May 11, 1963.

Ministers who served in Mobile spoke at Sabbath services. Mark Cardona, pastor of the Phoenix, Ariz., East church, and Robert

The Spokesman Club had a pancake breakfast and work party in the building April 12. Floor tiles were laid, lights were installed and the parking lot and stage were finished.

Several elderly members donated plants for the landscaping. "Most of the landscaping was done by the Golden Agers [senior citizens club]," Mr. Ogwyn said. The congregation obtained chairs from Big

Dick, pastor of the Elkhart and Plymouth, Ind., churches, gave split sermons in the morning. At afternoon services Edwin Marrs, associate pastor of the New Orleans, La., church, gave the sermon.

Visiting evangelist Harold Jackson gave the sermon.

A dinner-dance took place that evening at the Airport Ramada Inn. Steve Moody, pastor of the Biloxi, Miss., and Mobile churches, presented plaques to guests and ministers who served the congregation through the years. *Ronnie Bell.*

Sandy Ambassador College. They hung framed pictures of Ambassador Auditorium for wall decorations.

Although the air conditioning wasn't yet installed, members met for morning services two weeks later.

Mr. Ogwyn said that about 200 members were directly involved with the renovation, "working day and night."

"We've looked at a lot of hours ... we will have put in a \$150,000 project for about \$15,000 in a fraction of the time."

Mr. Ogwyn said that God's hand in the project was evident throughout. "Time after time things have fallen in place." He said that permits that usually take weeks to be signed by city officials were approved in a few days.

"If there's one thing that's come home, it's the psalm 'Unless the Lord shall build the house.'"

He said the project had a unifying effect on the church. "It's been an opportunity to work together," Mr. Ogwyn said. *Marie Myers.*

Concert choir presents *Israel in Egypt* Oratorio 'capstone' of Holy Days

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA — The Ambassador College Concert Choir and Orchestra presented George Frederic Handel's oratorio *Israel in Egypt* April 18 and 19 in the Ambassador Auditorium. The performance was conducted by John D. Schroeder.

"It was, in a sense, a real capstone for the Days of Unleavened Bread here in Pasadena," said Robin Webber, an associate pastor of the Auditorium P.M. church. "Not only did we have meat in due season, but we also had music in due season."

"This was the first time the choir performed *Israel in Egypt*. It is very moving and never lets up for a moment. It gave the whole feel of Israel and Egypt, and through the music you get the feeling of the power and dynamism of God," Mr. Webber said.

The choir, composed of the Ambassador College Chorale and the Pasadena Church Choir, was divided into two choruses for the work. Featured soloists were sopranos Ingrid Helge and Celestine Olive, contralto Terry Henson, baritones Timothy O'Connor and Gerald Bieritz, and tenor William Daniels. Allen Andrews was choir manager.

"We performed the work with a few deletions due to time constraints," Mr. Schroeder said. "The strongest factor in choosing *Israel in Egypt* was that it has to do with this Holy Day season . . . The music was secondary. With Handel you can count on it being solid workmanship."

"There are other works we'd like to do that are most important to the Church of God; works written by good composers that go along with our ecclesiastical interests," he said. Mr. Schroeder said *Israel in*

Egypt would probably be more popular if the entire Christian community kept the Days of Unleavened Bread. "The professional musicians we hired were thrilled to do it because they'd never seen it before. They are bored with *The Messiah* because they have to play it twice a year."

"I regret that we didn't open the performances to the public because the choir sang so well. They are singing at a level that is 100 percent respectable in the music community in Los Angeles [Calif.], and that's saying something."

The Ambassador College Orchestra opened each performance with *Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in G* (First Movement, *Allegro*) by Johann Sebastian Bach with fea-

tured soloists Linh Duy Bui, violin; Rebecca Gilles, oboe; Andrew Lee, trumpet; and Armando Olvera, flute. The next selection was *Concerto No. 1 in G for Flute and Orchestra, K. 313* (First Movement, *Allegro Maestoso*) by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with Mr. Olvera as flute soloist. The third selection was Joaquin Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez for Guitar and Orchestra* (Second Movement, *Adagio*) with Darryl Harris, guitar soloist. Johannes Brahms' *Academic Festival Overture, Opus 80*, concluded the first half.

The orchestra featured some period instruments including a harpsichord and a positive organ.

Choir members performed in new blue formals and tuxedos.



SPRING CONCERT — John D. Schroeder conducts the Ambassador College Concert Choir and Orchestra in a performance of *Israel in Egypt* in the Ambassador Auditorium. [Photo by Susan Thomas]

Letters TO THE EDITOR

'Personal'

Thank you for your article in the March 23 *Worldwide News* on the meaning of Christ's broken body. I was overjoyed to see the new understanding on the fuller meaning of the bread in the New Testament Passover. This truth is truly from God.

The anticipation of taking into our bodies the bread representing Jesus Christ at the . . . Passover should bring to each the reality that Paul calls "Christ in us, the hope of glory." All too few understand this very important key which allows us to experience spiritual oneness with Jesus Christ and appreciate more fully the magnitude of God's plan of salvation in which He is bringing many sons and daughters into glory!

Robert Macdonald
Pasadena

Your "Personal" in the [Jan. 26] *WN* struck home harder and clearer than any

you've written. Your exhortation to come out of the world was very poignantly made. I pray that all young parents read and reread your instruction to be right examples to their children in the viewing of TV, movies and [not] listening to the rotten music so prevalent today. Our youths are facing the most horrible pulls and pressures in this world as never before.

Cynthia Cook
Corrigan, Tex.

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Office Facilities fund

Since two duties of [a Graduate] club president are leadership and resourcefulness, I felt motivated to try for an unselfish project for this year. The vital need and appeal from Mr. [Joseph] Tkach provides the opportunity for us to respond positively . . .

The proposal is that we collectively offer a tithe of our present club income

of 1987 toward the purchase of [the] building in Pasadena.

Milt Brown
Peachtree City, Ga.

After reading the "Mite is Mighty" letter from the member in Apple Valley, Calif. (*WN*, Feb. 23), we decided that, although I am currently unemployed and on a tight budget, we should set aside our "mite" for the building fund. We calculated this to be approximately \$14 per month for the both of us.

The following day I received a cheque from a neighbour for \$30 for helping clear his driveway of snow this winter. This was entirely unexpected as I had done that voluntarily.

We feel that this is a direct blessing from God for exercising faith in His ability to provide for this commitment to His work.

John and Marge Black
Orillia, Ont.

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Children donate to fund

After a recent sermonette by our local elder, Mr. Grover Petty, our 7-year-old

daughter came home and following his advice took her allowance money and wants it to go for the [Office Facilities] building . . . We're very happy that our daughter was listening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Sproul
Ohiopyle, Pa.

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Family newspaper

With the emphasis that Mr. Tkach is putting on harmony and unity among brethren in God's Church, I have been impressed how like a "letter from home" *The Worldwide News* is . . . I look forward to each issue with the announcements of their engagements, weddings, births and deaths, the news of various activities throughout the world . . .

It is a family newspaper, with something for everyone from everyone. It reminds me of a "round-robin" type of letter that some families use as a way of keeping in touch, only far superior. The suggestion to pray about the work and the family of God by Philip Stevens (Jan. 12 issue) is well taken and can be done before the next issue arrives.

L. Gleue
Washington, Kan.

Major's Golden Day

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

Harry came strutting through the gate in Grandfather's front yard, wearing a black cowboy shirt, jeans and holsters with two cap guns on his hips. He swaggered up to the picnic table under a cottonwood where Susie, Jim and Major were eating watermelon.

"Hi, Harry," Jim greeted.

"Hi, Harry," echoed Susie, nibbling at the juicy melon on the end of her fork. A bit of the pink melon dropped on the grass, and Major lapped it up. He liked watermelon very much.

"Howdy, pardners," Harry said. "I reckon you're sorry you didn't come to my birthday party this morning. Rob gave me these new guns. Freddie gave me a five-pound box of chocolates." His hands flashed downward to his holsters and he drew the guns. "Put 'em up, gringos."

Jim shook his head. "Don't do that. You shouldn't point guns at people."

Major took a step toward Harry, the fur on his neck rising.

Harry jammed both guns into their holsters. "They're not real guns. Don't be silly." He backed away from Major. "Easy, Major. You know me, old doggie. I'm your neighbor."

Major wagged his tail.

"Be careful," Jim warned. "Major's my bodyguard."

Harry swaggered around to the other side of the picnic table. "Sometimes I think Major doesn't like me."

"Do you want some watermelon?" Susie asked, putting down her fork.



Artwork by Bill Wilson

"I'll go in and ask Grandmother if I can cut a piece for you."

"Don't bother," Harry replied. "I'm full of birthday cake. And candy." Harry's shoulders sank, and he sat down hard beside Jim. "I feel a little sick, if you want to know the truth. But say, how come you didn't come to my party?"

"I told you last week I wasn't going to be there," Jim said lightly.

"You never told me why," Jim dug a seed out of his juicy

melon slice and looked up. "You know I don't celebrate birthdays."

"You would if you got the presents," Harry countered.

"Tell me one thing, Harry. What's good about that party you had?"

Harry grinned. "I got these keen guns. And a big box of candy. And a book about magic from Jason. And Dad gave me a miniature television set. I'm going to sit up all night and watch TV tonight. Want to stay overnight with me? Will you?"

"Thanks, but there's nothing good on TV tonight."

"We can read my magic book," Harry went on. "I've got to tell you, though, I looked over the first pages and they're kind of dumb. Really dumb ideas. I don't know why Jason picked up such a weird book." His shoulders slumped again.

"I wish you'd come home with me and eat the rest of my candy. I'm sick of it. I don't feel good at all." He rose unsteadily. "I'm going home. Why don't you come on with me for an hour or so?"

"I can't," Jim replied. "As soon as Grandfather gets the big old chain saw started down in the timber, I'm going down to watch him cut up wood for next winter. And help him stack it."

A far-off buzzing made Major lift his head.

"That's the saw going now!" Jim sprang up. "Come on, Susie and Major!" He motioned to Harry. "You're welcome to come with us."

"I wish I felt better and I would," Harry replied with fervor. "I wish I'd never had that old party." Turning, he shuffled toward the gate.

Jim and Susie called, "Good-bye," to Harry and followed Major, who had started to trot down the lane that led to the timber.

Soon they joined Grandfather beside a giant dead elm that he had felled.

Major spent the bright afternoon barking at squirrels high in the oaks, trotting beside Jim as he carried wood to a pile and leaning against Susie's knees as she stroked his strong back.

As the afternoon sun slanted down the sky, the hillside across the road turned to gold. Major smiled.

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

PASADENA — "There should be no effect on the members [in Fiji] unless there is some racial violence," said Ratu **Epeli Kanaimawi**, a local elder from Fiji in Pasadena for one year at Ambassador College.

A military coup took place in the Pacific island nation May 14. Lt. Col. **Sitiveni Rabuka** and about 10 soldiers raided Parliament and kidnapped newly elected Prime Minister **Timoci Bavadra** and 11 cabinet members, according to Associated Press reports.

If racial violence occurs "then we could expect some repercussions on certain of the members. From what we gather there is peace in the country," said Mr. Kanaimawi.

"I think the only thing anyone has suffered is anxiety. It has been fairly peaceful. To a large extent life has carried on as usual," said **Neville Fraser**, pastor of the Suva and Lautoka, Fiji, churches.

Two distinct races live in Fiji. The Indians outnumber the Fijians. The newly elected cabinet, for the first time, contained a majority of Indians and this upset the Fijian community, Mr. Fraser said.

Fijian tribal chiefs are paramount, Mr. Fraser said. The coun-

cil of chiefs is a government within the government.

"It seems that this coup was designed because they felt this power was being eroded away by the elected government," Mr. Fraser said.

"Most of the shops are now closed as a protest by the Indian community," Mr. Fraser said. The Indians are the "shopkeepers of the nation; they run most of the commercial businesses."

PASADENA — The latest Arbitron report shows that the *World Tomorrow* telecast's audience has grown 17 percent since November, 1986, and 27 percent since July, 1986, according to evangelist **David Hulme**, director of Communications & Public Affairs. Arbitron is a U.S. media rating service.

"What this means is that the *World Tomorrow* American audience — adjusted for previous growth — has increased approximately 48 percent since last summer. Looking at Arbitron's audience estimates, we have gone from an average weekend audience of 839,000 to 1.245 million," Mr. Hulme said.

The April Arbitron report is based on a survey in February.

PASADENA — The Festival Office here announced that Spanish translations will be available at the following Feast sites: Big Sandy and Corpus Christi, Tex.; Daytona

Beach, Fla.; Mount Pocono, Pa.; Pasadena and Sacramento, Calif.; and Tucson, Ariz.

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PASADENA — Sixteen hundred new outside *Plain Truth* dispensers were distributed to 12 cities across the United States in April, according to **Boyd Leeson**, *PT* circulation manager.

The dispensers are the same basic design as the older outside dispensers, but new decals give the dispensers a "totally different" look, according to **Robert Elliott**, *PT* newsstand manager.

The decals, similar to the ones used on inside *PT* stands, are red and yellow. *Free, Take One* is written in white, and *Plain Truth* is printed in black. The dispensers are royal blue.

"New decals on the side make them stand out tremendously," Mr. Elliott said. "They give us instant recognition. You know it's the *PT*."

About 200 have been distributed to each city. "If you placed each one a mile apart, you would have 200 miles of free advertising," said Mr. Elliott.

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PASADENA — **Dexter Faulkner**, editor of the Church's publications, and his wife, **Shirley**, returned May 15 from a tour of the Church's European offices.

The Faulkners also went into East Berlin. Berlin is celebrating its 750th anniversary.

"There are many ways to spread the Gospel," Mr. Faulkner said. "Some enthusiastic young German schoolboys approached us in Bonn, West Germany, and offered to sell us *The Plain Truths* they had taken off the newsstands. It was inspiring at Piccadilly Circus in London to see at least a dozen different nationalities stop at our newsstand and pick up our magazines."



'PTS' ON THE MOVE — Workers load *Plain Truth* newsstands April 27 as the blitz program moves from Pasadena to Glendale and Reseda, Calif. From left: Paul McClure and John Cooper. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

Mr. Faulkner said there was evidence of prosperity in the countries he and his wife visited. "There is a feeling of greater unity and a need to be independent from America's influence. It is obvious that they are enjoying their prosperity and want to protect it," he said.

"The predictions are that cable television will blossom there within five years. The work is bound to grow," he said.

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PASADENA — Church Administration released the following ordinations:

Victor Root, associate pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church, was raised in rank to pastor on the Sabbath, May 9.

William Bentley, pastor of the Harare and Chegutu, Zimbabwe, and Lusaka, Zambia, churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder April 22.

Cecil Pulley, pastor of the Hamilton, Bermuda, church, was raised in rank to preaching elder on the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 14.

John Stryker, associate pastor of the Courtenay and Victoria, B.C., churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder on the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 14.

John Anderson, Church Administration office manager, was ordained a local elder on the Sabbath, May 9.

Johnnie Timfichuk, a deacon in the Missoula, Mont., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, March 21.

Walter Warrington, a deacon in the Akron, Ohio, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, March 28.

David Zacharias of the Winnipeg, Man., West church was ordained a local church elder on the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 20.

Calgary

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and stewardship of God's work and its needs for the future," Mr. Marshall said.

"During the ministers meeting a local church elder commented to me that he was pleasantly surprised to find Mr. Tkach so approachable and personable," said Miss Stocker. "He said he liked the personal, heart-to-heart stories in Mr. Tkach's sermon and appreciated the fact that Mr. Tkach is a communicator."

God's people 'orderly'

That evening Mr. Tkach was host to a buffet for the ministry in his hotel room.

"I think the ministers buffet was the high point," said Mr. Rasmussen. "We had 47 ministers and wives gathered together in one room. It was a little crowded, but the fellowshiping was tremendous."

"I overheard one of the servers comment, 'It is amazing how orderly these people are.' Another server commented, 'Isn't it strange how well they all get along?'"

"Comments like these really make me think about how important it is to let your light shine at all times," Mr. Rasmussen added.

The next day, May 10, after brunch at the Skyline Hotel, Mr. Tkach and his party toured the Glenbow Museum to view displays of military uniforms, weapons and histories from the Boer War (or South African War, 1899 to 1902) to World War II.

The group then left Calgary at 3 p.m., arriving back into Burbank at 5 p.m.

"I was very impressed with the preparations by the Calgary congregation, as well as Mr. Tkach's staff. There is a lot of planning that goes on that I have never even thought about," Mr. Dorothy commented.

Mr. Tkach's staff is "truly an efficient team, and you can see God's Spirit working in them to accomplish the logistics of the trip and to support Mr. Tkach."

Douglas Smith, pastor of the Edmonton North and South churches, said, "The people appreciate personally what he does for the brethren, as well as what he does collectively for the whole Church."



"That also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

PASADENA — Guerrilla activity in Peru is continuing to increase.

"It is becoming common for guerrillas to stop vehicles on the highways and rob travelers of any valuables they might be carrying," said Donald Walls, managing editor of Spanish publications in Pasadena, after a phone conversation with Wilfredo Saenz, pastor of the Lima and Huaraz, Peru, churches.

"This type of activity is particularly prevalent in the coastal regions of the country, where Mr. Saenz must travel frequently," Mr. Walls said.

"Mr. Saenz asked for prayers for his safety and for the safety of the brethren in Peru."

Services in Finland

Finnish brethren assembled in Helsinki Feb. 14 for the first formal Sabbath service since 1982.

The service was conducted by Peter Shenton, pastor of the churches in Denmark, Norway and Sweden, during a visit to Scandinavia Feb. 11 to 15.

Normally four of the 10 Finnish brethren meet regularly in Helsinki to hear taped sermons.

To attend the service some brethren traveled from regions just 12 to 18 miles (20 to 30 kilometers) from the border of the Soviet Union.

One such member from Lieksa traveled by train, which was

stopped during the night because of a derailment farther up the track. After walking to another train, the member arrived in time for services.

A family of five drove more than six hours to attend the morning service.

Mr. Shenton conducted afternoon services in Stockholm, Sweden, and performed baptisms in Copenhagen, Denmark, and Oslo, Norway.

Mr. Shenton receives help with the increased visit requests from Carl Fredrik Aas, a local church elder in Oslo.

Holy Days in southern Africa

The Passover was observed at 19 locations in southern Africa by 1,699 brethren, according to evangelist Leslie McCullough, regional director.

"The remainder of the membership who are scattered kept it in their homes," Mr. McCullough said. "That is an increase of 149 people over last year, which represents a 10 percent increase."

On the first Holy Day, 2,509 brethren met for services in South Africa, 499 met in Zimbabwe, 103 in Zambia and 100 in Mauritius.

"The offerings were good with a total increase of 13.8 percent for the whole area," said the regional director.

Japan, Guam, Ponape

Rodney Matthews, Philippine office manager, and his wife, Ruth, took a pre-Passover trip to Japan in

March, visiting members and making contact with a number of people requesting personal contact with the Church.

"This trip proved to be one of the most productive ministerial visiting trips yet made there," Mr. Matthews said.

"Six new contacts were established, with several people considered excellent prospective members," he added. "These included a British professor of English at a Japanese university and an American couple of Mexican descent serving in the U.S. military."

The weeklong Japanese leg of the Matthews' trip, which started March 18 and included stops in Osaka, Kobe, Misawa and Tokyo, found the members "in good spirits and excited about the potential growth prospects for God's work in Japan."

Mr. Matthews attributed the higher level of interest to increased *Plain Truth* circulation, a result of advertising and promotion campaigns from Pasadena.

During the trip he also visited William Roberto, the Church's lone member in Guam. They were joined in Guam by John Yugumang, the lone member from Yap, in the Federated States of Micronesia.

"The island of Guam has had very few, if any, requests for personal contact with the Church," Mr. Matthews said. This in spite of the years of *World Tomorrow* telecasts, which aired there until March.

"Guam has a high concentration of transient military personnel, an easygoing approach to life in general and is remote from much of the world's trouble spots," Mr. Matthews observed.

"It seems that these factors contribute to a low response to the program." Because of minimal response the Church decided not to air the telecast there.

Mr. Matthews also made the first ministerial visit to the island of Ponape, also in the Federated States of

Micronesia, and 2½ hours flying time southeast of Guam.

A visit request was received from Kolonia, capital of the Federated States of Micronesia, by a man who "proved to be an excellent prospective member," Mr. Matthews said.

He works as an administrator in a municipality in Ponape, is already keeping the Sabbath and wants to observe the Feast of Tabernacles.

"He informs us that other work mates are also interested in the *Plain Truth* magazine and in God's truth," Mr. Matthews said.

Since Mr. Matthews returned to the Philippine Office, more visit requests have been received from Japan and one from a sailor on a U.S. warship in the Pacific.

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