



**JORDANIAN GIFT** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong examines a mother-of-pearl relief sculpture given to him March 19 by Prince Hassan (right) at Diwan Palace in Amman, Jordan. [Photo by Aaron Dean]

## Mr. Armstrong's programs to be shown on Jordanian TV

**By Aaron Dean**  
PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong completed his 13-day trip to the Middle East and the United Kingdom March 25, during which he was offered air time in Jordan for a *World Tomorrow* telecast and Church-produced films.

*Aaron Dean, a local elder, is Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's personal aide.*

During the trip Mr. Armstrong met with Jordan's Prince Hassan, brother of King Hussein, the prince's wife, Princess Sarvath, officials in Israel, and members of the Church's regional office in the United Kingdom.

Beginning his trip March 13, the pastor general left the Burbank, Calif., airport at 10 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST) aboard the Work's G-II jet. With Mr. Armstrong were personal aide Aaron Dean and Mr. Dean's wife Michelle.

While flying to Luton airport in England, Mr. Armstrong viewed *World Tomorrow* videotapes and the 1981 and 1982 Young Ambassadors Festival films, using a videocassette recorder installed aboard the G-II.

The G-II landed at Luton airport at 5 a.m. local time March 14, where Mr. Armstrong was met by evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of the Work in the United Kingdom, and other members of the British Regional Office staff.

In England Mr. Armstrong was joined by David Hulme, director of media purchasing for the Work and Church. Mr. Hulme had flown in from Pasadena, hand carrying videotapes specially made for review by Jordanian officials.

Before the pastor general began his trip, he taped a special *World Tomorrow* telecast for possible airing on Jordanian television, which included parallel accounts of creation from the Bible and the Koran,

the Moslem holy book. The tapes, including copies of the Young Ambassadors Festival films, had to be transferred to European specifications for broadcast.

Tuesday, March 15, Mr. Armstrong and his group drove from the Dorchester Hotel in London to the Church's regional office in Borehamwood, England.

After discussing aspects of the Church and Work in the United Kingdom in meetings at the Regional Office, Mr. Brown brought up the possibility of publishing an edition of *The Plain Truth* in Norwegian.

Mr. Armstrong asked the staff of the British Office to explore the possibilities, adding he would discuss

the possible edition with Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the Work's publications, and Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services, before making a final decision.

The next day Mr. Brown, Paul Suckling, director of Ministerial Services for the British Regional Office, and Francis Bergin, business manager for the British Office, preceded Mr. Armstrong to the G-II to view tapes of Mr. Armstrong's *World Tomorrow* telecast. They expressed the hope of one day airing the telecast in the United Kingdom, but governmental regulations now prohibit it.

Mr. Armstrong arrived a little (See AIR TIME, page 3)

## Herbert W. Armstrong names three new Feast sites for 1983

**By Herbert W. Armstrong**  
It's that time again — to begin plans for the most joyous time of the year — the 1983 Feast of Tabernacles.

Once again we're going to say — "Best Feast ever!" For truly each Festival seems to become better, happier, more invigorating and inspiring than the year before.

This year we shall be one year NEARER to the glorious Kingdom of God, with Christ here in person, and Satan BANISHED!

I am writing high over the Atlantic Ocean, 39,000 feet up, in my office section of our G-II

aircraft, returning from Amman, Jordan, and Jerusalem.

We have a TV set on board, equipped to play TV tapes. I have just finished viewing and hearing, once again, the 1982 Festival "Young Ambassadors" film — for perhaps about the 10th time. I never tire of it. I

*This article was mailed to brethren in letter form March 31. A summary of 1983 Feast sites appears on pages 5, 6 and 7.*

hope you all enjoyed it at last fall's Feast.

Jordan TV is going to broadcast both the Festival 81 and Festival 82 films. They will be viewed all over Jordan, Israel, and even into Egypt and Cyprus.

Our students who, with our TV crew produced it, seem so wholesome, clean-cut, intelligent and talented — I feel no other college or university could produce such fine entertainment.

This year, because of budget expansions in greatly increased TV and radio coverage, and vastly increased *Plain Truth* circulation, we shall not produce another completely new Festival film, but will combine some of the best of the 1981 and 1982 films, with some needed update material.

If you enjoy these as I do, you'll look forward to a most enjoyable evening's entertainment again this autumn.

I played the 1982 film for a very distinguished small audience of Israeli leaders in my hotel suite while in Jerusalem,

and they thoroughly enjoyed it.

Brethren, WHY should we look forward so eagerly to this coming Feast of Tabernacles? And, even more eagerly to the coming of Jesus Christ, and Kingdom of God? WHY has He called us OUT of this world, to be separate in the way we live?

The answer lies in the answer to another question: "DO WE REALLY UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT GOD'S WORLD?" It is SATAN'S world.

(See SITES, page 4)

## Festival Planner completed

**By Mark McCulley**  
PASADENA — This year, for the first time, the *Festival Planner* will be distributed separately from *The Worldwide News*. The *Festival Planner*, which gives a list of housing available at all U.S. and Canadian Feast sites, has since 1980, been a supplement to *The Worldwide News* in April of each year.

*Mark McCulley is Festival planning coordinator.*

"All of those involved in planning the Festival felt that distributing the *Festival Planner* separately would increase its impact," explained evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a member of the Festival Team. "This will also enable all members in the U.S. and Canada to receive their information on housing at the same time."

The *Festival Planner* will be shipped in bulk to the pastors of all United States and Canadian churches, and distributed to the membership on a Sabbath in mid-April.

Members are encouraged to read thoroughly and make use of all the material in the *Festival Planner*, according to Mr. La Ravia.

"We have spent many hours of planning and effort in preparing the (See FESTIVAL, page 12)



**YOUTHFUL ROYALTY** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong greets 3-year-old Prince Rashad, son of Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath of Jordan, during a March 17 meeting with the princess in her Amman, Jordan, residence. Because of his royal birth, the 3-year-old prince is a commissioned captain in the Jordanian armed forces. [Photo by Aaron Dean]



**FEAST INFORMATION** — Above is the 1983 *Festival Planner*, prepared by the Festival Office and Publishing Services in Pasadena.

# How Vietnam's ghost paralyzes America

PASADENA—El Salvador has leaped into the news again. Guerrilla successes in the field against a Salvadoran army that evidently lacks both the skill and will to fight effectively have prompted renewed requests for military aid to El Salvador by a worried U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

What brought the Central American problem to the crisis stage was a grim report given to the President by U.N. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick. In February Mrs. Kirkpatrick toured the embattled region, receiving information firsthand from leaders in the countries involved that things were going from bad to worse.

Shortly afterward, the President outlined U.S. Central American policy in a March 10 speech before the National Association of Manufacturers in Washington.

"I know a good many people wonder," Mr. Reagan said, "why we should care about whether Communist governments come into power

in Nicaragua, El Salvador or other such countries as Costa Rica and Honduras, Guatemala and the islands of the Caribbean . . .

"People who make these arguments," continued the President, "haven't taken a good look at a map lately or followed the extraordinary buildup of Soviet and Cuban military power in the region . . . It isn't nutmeg that's at stake in the Caribbean and Central America; it is the United States' national security."

Soviet military planners, added Mr. Reagan, want to destroy America's capacity to resupply Western Europe in case of an emergency. "They want to tie down our attention and forces on our own southern border," he said, "and so limit our capacity to act in more distant places such as Europe, the Persian Gulf, the Indian Ocean, the Sea of Japan."

The March 21 *U.S. News & World Report* summarized the concerns of the President—not shared by many members of Congress—in

this fashion: "Behind the Salvadoran struggle, Reagan believes, is a Communist threat aimed at the very heart of the Western Hemisphere and eventually at us." At stake, in the President's view, are the vital sea-lanes of the Panama Canal, the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico, through which pass half of U.S. imports, including large quantities of oil . . .

"Equally central to the Reagan policy is a fear that victory by the insurgents in El Salvador would expose the governments of other Central American countries, including oil-rich Mexico, to similar subversion."

Echoing the President's concern is Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger. Secretary Weinberger has expressed his view that the ultimate aim of the Soviets in the Western Hemisphere is to bring revolution right up to the southern border of the United States.

This will cause the United States, Mr. Weinberger says, to bring mili-

tary forces back from Western Europe and Asia to defend the national integrity of the United States. Europe and Asia would then be exposed to the full military and political leverage of the Soviets.

It would also force Western Europe and Japan to develop their own independent nuclear forces.

After the March 6 West German elections, Moscow probably realizes

friends of the people and governments of Cuba and Nicaragua, and we're not ashamed of it. To the contrary, it makes us proud to maintain relations with these nations," Venceremos said. "Our war is and will continue to be national, but . . . we view our plans in the framework of a regional conflict in which there are interests of the people of Central America, the Caribbean and Latin America."

The curse of Vietnam, which crushed America's pride in its power (Leviticus 26:19), stalks the halls of Congress and the corridors

## WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOGBERG



that the "main front" in Europe will not be broken for some time. Under the time-honored Marxist tactic of "avoid strength, attack weakness," the Communists will probe Western — meaning mainly U.S. — weaknesses in other vital, but subordinate areas, such as central America.

### Vietnam ghost stalks America

President Reagan finds himself face to face with the paralyzing ghost of Vietnam, which in essence says that it is useless for the United States to resist "national liberation" movements in other countries and areas, whether Communist-supported or not. This reasoning, of course, provides a clear path to the enemy, even though in most cases it may start out from an inferior position.

The Salvadoran insurgents, for example, notes *U.S. News & World Report*, "do not claim victory. Their stated objective they say, is not to defeat the Salvadoran army on the battlefield, but to force its disintegration through loss of morale and will to fight."

Breaking the enemy's will to resist is the aim of all warfare. This principle seems lost on many of President Reagan's critics in Congress who urge him to put pressure on the Salvadoran government to negotiate with the insurgents — despite the fact that the latter, fully aware of their numerical disadvantage, repeatedly reject such offers.

Those paralyzed by the ghost of Vietnam were surprised, but probably not dissuaded, when on March 13, El Salvador's leftist guerrillas declared on their Radio Venceremos (we shall overcome) station in Managua, Nicaragua, that they were "proud" to be linked to Cuba and Nicaragua in a regional struggle.

"We are and will continue to be

of editorial offices all over America. Vietnam, editorialized the March 28 issue of *The New Republic*, "will continue for many years to weigh like a nightmare upon the foreign policy of the living . . .

"The endurance of the Salvadoran insurgency," added *The New Republic*, "has persuaded many Americans, commentators and Congressmen, that it is time for negotiations."

"The most commonly espoused goal of such negotiations is 'power-sharing.' Now, if there is one thing in the world that Leninists do not do, it is share power. How many revolutions will have to ruin how many countries before this is clear?"

### Disaster ahead

One gets the distinct impression that, like in Vietnam, the United States will act haltingly, halfheartedly, fearfully — unsure of itself and of public opinion on the home front — until El Salvador and other dominoes to its north, south and east eventually topple one by one.

If—or when—Central America and ultimately Mexico falls, just think of the millions of refugees who will flee their Communist "liberators" — all seeking asylum in the United States. This would further convulse American society, a "side benefit" for Moscow, an expert told this author.

A perfect example of American halfhearted measures is the covert funding and supplying of anti-Sandinista forces operating from Honduras against Nicaragua. This is likely doomed to failure.

The Soviets and Cubans are not afraid to pour in enough power in Nicaragua to meet the challenge, (See VIETNAM, page 11)



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## Dust, guns, roadblocks

A few weeks ago I received a dramatic and gripping report from one of our ministers after an assignment in a Third World country.

The account describes a trip made to visit members and conduct Sabbath services in a remote area. Names of all concerned have been omitted as well as identification of geographical sites to protect the ministers and their wives and families and members in the country. The report follows:

The first thing I noticed was the dust.

Dust. Fine dust. It was tossed into the air by the vehicles bouncing along the road in front of us. The tiny grains of desert irritation were too light to settle to the ground. And so they floated in a cloud above the sun-scorched landscape.

At times the visibility was so bad that we could see no farther than the front of our four-wheel drive vehicle. We soon learned that it was impossible to defeat the dust. If we opened the windows the dust would swirl inside, settling onto our perspiring, sticky bodies. If we kept the windows closed, the heat was unbearable.

Hot, sticky and slow, we made our way through the long dust cloud. The 145-kilometer journey (about 90 miles) took us 5½ hours. During that time, I may have set a world record for the number of times I blew my nose.

However, the dust was not our main problem.

The road is bad. The multitudinous potholes caused me, my wife and the two ministers of the Worldwide Church of God traveling with us to bounce in our seats. If our vehicle had been damaged, there were no phones, no pickup trucks and no ambulances in the area. People who have accidents are left to bleed without help beside the road.

Even so, the road was not our main problem.

Driving standards are bad. People buy their drivers' licenses without training or testing, and drunkenness and drug addiction are common. One doesn't know whether the vehicle approaching is driven by someone under the influence of hallucinogens.

On a previous occasion the vehicle of the two area ministers was

destroyed when it was hit by a bus driven by a drunken driver who was half out of his seat, dancing in the aisle at the time of the collision.

However, the low standard of driving was not our main problem.

Every few kilometers are army blocks. The undisciplined, scruffy-looking troops stop all vehicles. Sometimes they force the drivers to give them a ride. This has happened several times to our ministers in the area. Other times they confiscate vehicles for military use. Often they beat travelers with steel rods for who knows what.

Two of our ministers were taken out of their vehicles to be shot, but the shooting was prevented by a more senior officer who just "happened" to come on the scene a second or two before the killings were to take place.

Even so, the roadblocks themselves and fear of deliberate action by the soldiers were not our main problem.

The main problem was the way the soldiers casually pointed their machine guns into our vehicle at the roadblocks. The guns did not look clean and in good condition. And there is little that is more frightening than to have guns pointed at you by people of another race and culture.

We didn't know when a gun might go off accidentally. It was a joke in the area that everybody was in danger except someone the troops would be aiming at — they'd most likely hit someone else. On a journey like this one does not know whether the trip will be one way or a round trip.

After many roadblocks, we eventually arrived at our destination. There we learned that no Church literature had made it through the postal system for the last four months. The brethren were surprised and happy to see us.

The telephone system was not working, so we had not been able to pass a message to the deacon who usually conducts the Sabbath services.

We learned that a Church member had made an attempt to travel to see us a few days before. He had not been successful. Along the way, three men forced themselves into his car. At the

next roadblock the army asked the men if they were paying the driver for the ride. Since the soldiers had been beating people for paying for a ride, they replied, "No."

It wasn't their day. On this occasion the troops were beating anyone who was not paying for the journey. And so the men were taken out of the car and beaten before the road until their backs were bleeding. They were then dragged away.

It was miraculous that the Church member was not beaten. His wife was let go, but he was taken to the army barracks and confined there for two days. While there, all the others in the cells were beaten.

It was a harrowing experience for him. He was not hurt, but his hair was shaved to humiliate him and his car confiscated. It is hoped his vehicle will soon be returned.

We conducted the Church services, and the service passed without incident. Just a few weeks before, the army burst into the service of a different church, and massacred the minister and the congregation that Sunday morning.

My wife and I were only in the area for a short time. But it was long enough to begin to adjust to the culture shock and appreciate the problems our ministers and members are experiencing in some of the Third World areas. As the world economy worsens, Third World governments are becoming desperate. And desperate people do desperate things.

An experience like this helps us to be prepared for when the Third World problems come to us in the West. As Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong has said for more than 50 years, the economy is going to collapse.

We may now be on the verge of that collapse. Soon the postal systems will no longer be operative in many parts of the globe. Also, religious persecutions will come. When that happens, there will be no more *Good News* magazines, *Plain Truths*, Bible Correspondence Courses or *Worldwide News* issues.

Thank God we have them now.

I believe you will agree with the deep-felt sincerity of that last statement. But, just how thankful are we for what freedoms and blessings we have? They won't be there for us to complacently take for granted forever.

Are we going to have to personally experience some of these hardships before we appreciate what we have? The writer of this report hopes not. He hopes by sharing his experiences with us we will be that much more concerned for the needs of those of our brethren living under dangerous conditions and lacking many times even some of the basic necessities of life.

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### Asian trip

I'm so very happy to hear about your four-week Asian tour in *The Worldwide News* [Feb. 21]. I'm so glad that I can help get the message out to all the world as a witness no matter how small my efforts are. God gives the increase.

Helen M. Frenzel  
Karnes City, Tex.

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### Night to Be Much Observed

I just want to thank you so much for the article on the Night to Be Much Observed [Feb. 21].

My husband and I have hosted it almost every year for over 10 years. I was feeling very humdrum about yet another year of the same thing, when my husband asked me to be sure and take special notice of this particular article.

Your article inspired me to see it fresh and new again, with so many possibilities to make it a memorable occasion.

Mrs. Daniel Alderfer  
Carbondale, Colo.

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**COURTESY CALL** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong pays a courtesy call on Richard N. Viets, the U.S. ambassador to Jordan, March 17 in the ambassador's Amman, Jordan, residence, above. Right, Mr. Armstrong and evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of the British Office, examine the March 7 *Worldwide News* in the Church's Borehamwood, England, Office March 15. [Photos by Aaron Dean and Paul Suckling]



## Air time

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before 10 a.m., and he and his party took off for Amman, Jordan.

The G-II arrived at the Amman airport at 5 p.m. local time, March 16, where the pastor general was met by Mohammed Kamal, director of Jordanian television; Ghusoon Karah, principal of the Bunyat Center for Special Education in Amman; and Richard Weber, local director of the Ambassador Foundation's project with the Bunyat Center, and his wife Patricia.

March 17, Mr. Armstrong and his group were invited to tea by Princess Sarvath. Present at the informal affair were Khawla Abu-Odeh, wife of Adnan Abu-Odeh, the Jordanian minister of information; Mrs. Kalifeh, vice president of the Amman YWMA (Young Women's Moslem Association); Sirsa Hikmat, a professor at the Princess Sarvath Community College for Women in Amman; Mr. and Mrs. Dean; and Mr. and Mrs. Weber.

The princess' face beamed when Mr. Armstrong asked her how "our school" was progressing, referring to the Bunyat Center. The center is one of the princess' special projects.

The warm and cordial meeting included the princess telling Mr. Armstrong how she met Prince Hassan. The princess attended college in Cambridge, England, while the prince was enrolled at college in Oxford, England, the traditional rival of Cambridge.

Mr. Armstrong spoke of the goals of Ambassador College and discussed education in general. During the gathering the princess introduced two of her four children to Mr. Armstrong and his group, and

the pastor general had his picture taken with 3-year-old Prince Rashad.

Before returning to his suite at the Amman Marriott Hotel, Mr. Armstrong called on Richard N. Viets, the American ambassador to Jordan, and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Weber had become acquainted with the ambassador, and Mr. Viets had expressed a desire to meet Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Viets expressed his appreciation for the work that the college and foundation had done in the Middle East. After the meeting the ambassador accompanied the pastor general in the ambassador's official vehicle back to his hotel.

Back at the hotel, Mr. Armstrong met with Dr. Kamal and gave him the tapes prepared for Jordanian television. Dr. Kamal told Mr. Armstrong that they would review the tapes and inform him later whether they would be accepted for broadcast. Dr. Kamal left Mr. Armstrong's suite with the *World Tomorrow* tape and copies of the 1981 and 1982 Young Ambassadors Festival films.

On Friday, March 18, an official of Prince Hassan's office called Mr. Armstrong to request the pastor general's presence at the Diwan Palace in Amman at 10:30 a.m. the next day. The prince wished to see Mr. Armstrong.

### Discussions with the prince

Mr. Armstrong arrived at the Diwan Palace and was quickly ushered in to meet the prince. Prince Hassan cordially greeted the pastor general and presented him with an ornate mother-of-pearl relief sculpture.

The prince conveyed apologies that his brother, King Hussein, could not meet with the pastor general because of official engagements

in Bonn, West Germany, and London.

The prince asked Mr. Armstrong if he was still flying aboard the G-II jet. The prince was guest of the pastor general aboard the G-II during a June, 1974, flight to Aqaba, Jordan. Mr. Armstrong and the prince briefly discussed the merits of the newly designed G-III aircraft.

Before ending the meeting the prince and Mr. Armstrong discussed the involvement of the Ambassador Foundation with the Bunyat Center, and the pastor general related the meeting with Princess Sarvath and meeting the princess' son Rashad. Mr. Armstrong also mentioned that Dr. Kamal had picked up the *World Tomorrow* videocassette.

After the meeting Mr. Armstrong and his group drove to the Bunyat Center to view the school in session. Because of the Moslem observance of a Friday sabbath, the

Bunyat Center is closed Thursday and Friday.

The pastor general briefly toured the school and the adjacent vocational school being organized by Mr. Weber. Mr. Armstrong was accompanied on the tour by Bunyat principal Karah, Mr. Hulme, Mr. and Mrs. Weber, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean.

At 3 p.m., after arriving back at the hotel, Mr. Hulme received the news from Dr. Kamal that the *World Tomorrow* telecast and the Young Ambassadors films had been accepted for broadcast on Jordanian television. They would be aired as specials in prime time sometime before July.

Later Mr. Armstrong conducted a Sabbath Bible study for the group in his hotel suite. The pastor general expounded an in-depth study on the origin of God's Sabbath, detailing how and why

Israel lost the knowledge of the Sabbath, and, subsequently, their national identity.

### On to Jerusalem

The next official stop on the tour was Jerusalem, Israel, where Mr. Armstrong met with several of his friends, including Moshe Kol, former Israeli government minister; Yosef Aviram, a professor at Hebrew University in Jerusalem; Binyamin Mazar, archaeologist; Michael Ravid, former Israeli general consul for Los Angeles, Calif.; and other friends of the Ambassador Foundation and Ambassador College.

While in Jerusalem, Mr. Armstrong talked with Sylvia Owen, a 1982 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate who participated in the City of David archaeological excavations and now lives in Israel.

On Tuesday, March 22, Mr. Armstrong played the 1982 Young Ambassadors film for the Ravids; Allen Freeman, a representative of Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek; Professor Mazar; Professor Aviram; and others. They were impressed with the quality of the production.

Thursday, March 24, at noon, Mr. Armstrong and his group boarded the G-II for the return flight to England. Mr. Armstrong was developing a sore throat and had canceled most of his engagements because he didn't feel up to par. Rather than take chances with his health, the pastor general decided to leave early to ease the trip back to Church headquarters in Pasadena.

The G-II landed at Luton airport at 3 p.m. local time, and Mr. Armstrong and his party went on to London. Mr. Hulme had returned by a commercial airplane to Pasadena from the Middle East.

Mr. Armstrong was host to a dinner meeting in his hotel suite for Mr. Brown and his wife Sharon that evening.

The next day, Mr. Armstrong and his group took off from Luton airport at noon. En route to Pasadena, Mr. Armstrong wrote the March 25 Festival letter to brethren, which is reprinted in this issue of *The Worldwide News*, and prepared his sermon for afternoon services on the first day of Unleavened Bread.

Clear, windy skies greeted the G-II as it touched down at the Burbank airport at 5:03 p.m. PST. On hand to greet the pastor general were evangelists Ellis La Ravia, Leroy Neff, Joseph Tkach Sr., Raymond McNair, counsel Ralph Helge, Italian regional director Carn Catherwood and others.

After discussing the trip, Mr. Armstrong climbed into his car for the 20-minute trip to Pasadena and his campus residence. Another trip, to carry Christ's Gospel was completed.



**JORDAN VISIT** — Richard Weber (second from left) gives Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong a tour of the vocational school next to the Bunyat Center in Amman, Jordan, March 19, above. Below, Mr. Armstrong and Princess Sarvath enjoy a light moment with the princess' son, Prince Rashad, in her Amman residence March 17. [Photos by Aaron Dean]



**BACK HOME AGAIN** — Members of the Church's Advisory Council of Elders and department heads converse with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong March 25 after his arrival aboard the G-II jet at the Burbank, Calif., airport. [Photo by Michael Snyder]



# Festival tithe: God's command to finance festival attendance

By Leroy Neff

One major concern in planning for and attending the Feast is finances.

Thankfully, God has shown us the way to handle the financial aspect of attending His annual feast days.

*This article appeared in the September, 1981, Good News. Leroy Neff is treasurer of the Worldwide Church of God.*

God explains feast finances for us in Deuteronomy 14:22-27: "You shall tithe all the yield of your seed, which comes forth from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place which he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstlings of your herd and flock; that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.

"And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to bring the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money, and bind up the money in your hand, and go to the place which the Lord your God chooses, and spend the money for whatever you desire, oxen, or sheep, or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves;

"And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not forsake the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you" (Revised Standard Version).

We have called this tithe or 10th part of our income a second tithe; however, the Bible nowhere calls it by a specific name. We have more commonly referred to it in recent years as the festival tithe, as that is what it is used for.

This 10th of our income is not used for God's Work or the preaching of the Gospel, as the festival tithe belongs to us, to use in the way God specifies. God provides for the needs of His Work by His first tithe. The first tithe belongs to God and is not for personal use.

Here are some commonly asked questions about the festival tithe and their answers, based on biblical principles.

## What is the festival tithe?

Simply stated, the festival tithe is a 10th of one's increase (income from personal effort), which is set aside for use in attending the annual festivals ordained by God.

## How is the amount of the festival tithe calculated?

It is a 10th of your gross income, exactly the same amount as God's first tithe or 10th.

## Is this amount commanded, or is it optional?

As the previous quote from Deuteronomy showed, saving the festival tithe is commanded by God, just as much as God's first tithe is commanded. Since it is a part of God's law, it is sin not to set a full 10th aside for the specified purpose.

## How is it to be used?

The basic use of this money is to finance attendance at God's festivals, including (as specifically mentioned) food and beverages. The festival tithe would also cover travel expenses to and from the feast site, motel or hotel expenses and other related costs.

## May any of this money be used to buy clothing?

The primary use of the funds is

for travel, lodging and food.

However, in some cases, people may not have sufficient or proper clothing to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. In such cases, where there is sufficient money to take care of the other needs as well, it would be permissible for a person to use some funds to buy proper clothing so that he might be better able to go to the Feast and rejoice as God commands (Deuteronomy 16:11).

This permission in unusual circumstances, however, has been used by some to justify large or expensive purchases of clothing or even whole wardrobes. Using the festival tithe in this way violates the basic spiritual intent of the law.

## What about using some of the funds for car repairs?

In some cases the family or personal car is not in condition to make the trip, or to safely make the trip, to the Feast site. Under such rare circumstances, if sufficient funds are available for the other necessities as well as minor car repairs, it would be within the spirit of the law to make repairs. In other cases it would be wiser to consider alternate transportation.

## What about purchasing gifts?

Some members have purchased gifts for their children so that the children might better enjoy the Feast. Gifts for small children at Feast time help make the Feast special for them — a time to look forward to each year.

But in other cases, some people have overdone the giving of gifts at Feast time, sometimes buying expensive items they couldn't really afford. Usually such items are used during the rest of the year as well. This goes far beyond the principle of using the festival funds to provide a joyous, happy Feast.

## Is it proper to use the festival tithe for side trips?

The use of this money to visit natural wonders or special scenic areas or places of historical interest on the way to or from the Feast certainly could make the Feast more enjoyable as well as profitable.

Some scenic wonders, such as the Grand Canyon or Carlsbad Caverns, can preach eloquent sermons to the glory and magnificence of the God who created them. Limited funds for even short side trips to such areas would certainly be well spent.

However, long trips involving excessive costs and time and taking you away from the direction of the Feast site should not be paid for with festival funds. If in doubt, counsel with your minister about this or any other questionable expense.

## I have heard that it is permissible to borrow from the festival tithe if I pay back an additional one fifth.

This mistaken idea comes from a misunderstanding of Leviticus 27. This chapter has nothing to do with the festival tithe, but an altogether different matter.

Borrowing from the festival tithe is not borrowing but stealing. Quite a number have learned the hard way that this "borrowing" does not work. Here is a letter pointing out this very thing from a member who wrote after the last Feast of Tabernacles:

"Dear Mr. Armstrong, "This has been the most spiritually enriching Feast of Tabernacles. "I learned the hard way not to 'borrow' second tithe for my own use. Soon after I did so, my work 'dried up' and God showed me that without His blessing I could not replace the stolen second tithe. "When I finally appealed to Him to help me replace the second tithe I

took, I again had work, but all my sources of income did not pay until after the Feast, so I didn't have the money to use during the Feast.

"I had enough second tithe to enjoy the Feast, but with the amount I had stolen the Feast could have been even more enjoyable. I am now able to restore the second tithe I stole, but the Feast is over and I can only send it in to you as excess second tithe. I have learned my lesson. I will never steal second tithe for my personal use again."

## I have more festival tithe than I need. What should I do with the excess?

There are always those who have insufficient tithe to attend the Feast, or not enough to go and pay for normal expenses.

To provide for this need, it has always been the practice of the Church members who have more than they need to turn in this excess to the Church. The Church then, through the local church pastors, uses these funds to take care of such needs.

In the past, unfortunately, there have often been insufficient funds to send every less-fortunate person every year. It would be wonderful if everyone could attend every year. The following scripture indicates that such people should be provided for:

"You shall keep the feast of booths seven days, when you make your ingathering from your threshing floor and your wine press; you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your manservant and your maidservant, the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns" (Deuteronomy 16:13-14, RSV).

The only way some of these people would be able to attend would be for others who have excess funds to assist them. Jesus said that it was more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). Those who do give for this purpose will have the special joy that comes from being generous and having an unselfish attitude.

## What about new people in the Church, who have not been tithing



**FESTIVAL PLANNING** — Wise planning for the Feast of Tabernacles involves planning what route to take and saving the festival tithe, as God has commanded. (Good News photo)

## long enough to save enough festival tithe to attend?

Such people ought to talk with their pastors. In some cases, it may be possible to assist them with enough funds for this one year, so that they can go. In other cases they should save their tithe and plan on attending the next year.

## If someone does not have enough festival tithe to go to the Feast this year, may he stay at home and use his tithe there?

Let's let the Bible answer: "You may not eat within your towns the tithe of your grain or of your wine or of your oil, or the firstlings of your herd or of your flock, or any of your votive offerings which you vow, or your freewill offerings, or the offering that you present; but you shall eat them before the Lord your God in the place which the Lord your God will choose, you and your son and your daughter, your manservant and your maidservant, and the Levite who is within your towns; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God in all that you undertake" (Deuteronomy 12:17-18, RSV).

## I have heard some members talking about the tithe of the tithe. What is this?

Several years ago, because of the considerable expenses of providing

the facilities and handling year-round administrative needs for the Feast, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong directed all members of the Church to send in one tenth of their festival tithe to cover these costs. This is commonly referred to as the tithe of the tithe.

It pays for all the festival facilities, whether Church-owned or rented; operation of the Fall Festival; and other year-round festival-related expenses.

These questions and answers should help you use your festival tithe and to rejoice before God at the Feast. Your pastor should be able to answer other questions.

When you go to the Feast, remember two things. First, God's Work must continue even while you are away at the Feast. Most people who attend the Feast have income continuing during this time. Don't forget to send God's tithe as well as offerings during this time.

Second, remember Nehemiah's words concerning the festival: "This day is holy to the Lord your God... Go your way, eat the fat [good things, not animal fat] and drink sweet wine and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:9-10, RSV).

## Sites

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But we have not, most of us, let so much Protestantism rub off on us, that we just sort of take for granted that this is GOD's world — GOD's civilization? But it is SATAN's civilization, and always has been. I think we are the only church that knows that TRUTH. God is NOT trying to save this world — NOT trying to make it a better world.

Rather, Jesus came to start a NEW, a DIFFERENT world — an entire NEW civilization that will be GOD's world.

Long before MAN was created, God put angels on earth, with the superangel, the cherub Lucifer, on earth's throne to administer GOD's government based on GOD'S WAY OF LIFE — GOD'S LAW! Lucifer rebelled and became Satan the devil. His angels followed him and became demons.

Then, with SATAN on earth's throne, ruling the earth CONTRARY to God's Law, God created MAN in His very image — capable of being begotten and then BORN into the very GOD

Family.

But to be born into the GOD Family, man had to acquire the very righteous and holy CHARACTER of God — to live like God lives. And God's LAW is simply God's way of life — the way of LOVE to God and to fellowman.

But the first created man, Adam, had to make a choice — to follow GOD'S way of LOVE, or Satan's way of rebellion, competition, animosity. Adam allowed his wife Eve to lead him into rebellion, SELF-centeredness, instead of LOVE and GOD-centeredness.

On Adam's decision for his human family, GOD CLOSED OFF the tree of LIFE from humanity — until Christ, the "SECOND ADAM" should come. God delivered humanity over to Satan's ways of SELF-motivation, UNTIL man would learn by experience that such ways lead ONLY to sorrow, pain, suffering, unhappiness, frustration, agony and DEATH!

At the same time God closed off eternal LIFE. He also decreed that the "Word" — the Logos, who also was God (John 1:1-4, 14) should come as man's SIN-BEARER — the "Lamb [of God]

slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8).

When Adam made his fateful decision and God shut off the Holy Spirit, that was the "foundation of this world" — Satan's world. Also at that time, God decreed that it is appointed for all men once to die, BUT, after that good death, a resurrection to JUDGMENT (Hebrews 9:27).

At the same time it was decreed, from that foundation of this world — Satan's civilization, that, as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall the same ALL be made alive a resurrection — to judgment (1 Corinthians 15:22).

So this world was founded in Adam — Satan's world. More than 1,959 years ago, Jesus Christ came — GOD in human flesh. As Satan's world was started, by one man, Adam, so God's world was started in embryo, by one man, Jesus Christ.

Satan's world consists of the children of Adam, starting with one man. Jesus called them the children of Satan the devil (see John 8:30-45, especially verse 44).

(See SITES, page 12)



# Church announces Feast sites for 1983 Feast of Tabernacles

By Rod Matthews

PASADENA — Tongan, Danish, Kimeru, Italian, Burmese and Chichewa will be but a few of the languages used in fellowshiping at the Feast of Tabernacles. The Feast will gather those God has called from a multitude of backgrounds, races, languages and cultures to more than 80 sites in 46 countries.

Rod Matthews works in the international area of Ministerial Services in Pasadena.

The anticipation of the excitement, new friends and the foretaste of a new world has started already. Many sites can accommodate transfers from overseas, and this article shows how to apply. (All sites are included even though some cannot accept transfers.)

Please note: All services will be conducted in English unless it is stated otherwise. In most cases, permission to attend must be granted by the Festival Office of the site you wish to attend (especially Caribbean sites, and Brno, Czechoslovakia), although international transfers will be given priority in most areas.

## United States and Canada

The 18 sites in the United States this year are: Anchorage, Alaska, Big Sandy, Tex., Biloxi, Miss., Cape Cod, Mass., Dayton, Ohio, Eugene, Ore., Jekyll Island, Ga., Johnson City, Tenn., Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., Mount Pocono, Pa., Norfolk, Va., Pasadena, Calif., Rapid City, S.D., Spokane, Wash., St. Petersburg, Fla., Tucson, Ariz., and Wisconsin Dells, Wis. (See "Update" on Squaw Valley, Calif., page 12.)

Details, including accommodations in each area, were made available to North American brethren in the *Festival Planner*, distributed at Sabbath services.

Brethren in other areas may receive the *Festival Planner* by writing to their regional office, or to the U.S. Festival Office. See box accompanying this article for application procedure.

For Canada the sites are: Charlottetown, P.E.I., Niagara Falls, N.Y., Penticton, B.C., Regina, Sask., and Victoria, B.C.

Jonquiere, Que., is a French-speaking site at which English translations will be provided. For Jonquiere (only) write to Bob Scott, 26 Des Tulipes, St. Etienne-de-Laugon, PQ, Canada, G0S 2L0. For all other Canadian sites, apply to George Patrickson, Box 44, Station A, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, V6C 2M2.

## Caribbean

The English-language sites were listed in the Feb. 21 *Worldwide News*. They are: Southampton, Bermuda; Nassau, Bahamas; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Christ Church, Barbados; Vieux Fort, St. Lucia; Crown Point, Tobago; Trinidad and Tobago; and Georgetown, Guyana.

It is mandatory to use a Caribbean application form for approval to transfer, because of space limitations. The form may be obtained from Ministerial Services, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, and will be returned with application procedures and addresses to which it should be mailed.

U.S. brethren may use the toll-free number, 800-423-4444 to request the form. All travel and lodging plans should remain tentative until approval is received by letter from the site coordinator.

Three French-language sites are Tartane, Martinique, St. Francois, Guadeloupe, and Les Cayes, Haiti (site tentative). No translations are planned.

A Spanish-language Puerto Rican Festival site is tentative, and details will follow in a later issue of *The Worldwide News*.

## Europe

United Kingdom sites are Eastbourne, England, Dunoon, Scotland, and the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea. (March 7 *Worldwide News*.)

Information and applications can be obtained from the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Elstree House, Elstree Way, Borehamwood, Herts., England, WD6 1LU.

After a lapse of a year, the Feast in Ireland will again be in Galway. Use the English Festival Office address above.

This year Bredsten, Denmark, will be host to brethren from Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland. Write to the English Festival Office address above for applications and information.

The Church outgrew Exloo, Netherlands, so this year it is a short hop to Hoogeveen in the northeast of the Netherlands. Services will be in Dutch, but a simultaneous translation into English will be made (see March 7 *Worldwide News*). Apply to Bram de Bree, Ambassador College, Box 333, Utrecht, Netherlands.

The Feast site for French brethren in Europe is Praz-sur-Arly at the foot of Mt. Blanc and one hour from Geneva, Switzerland. Simultaneous translation into English will be provided. For details and applications write to Dibar Apartian, French Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Bonnendorf in the Black Forest of southern West Germany (one hour's drive from Zurich, Switzerland) will again be the West German Feast site. Most sermons will be in German with simultaneous English translations, and a couple of sermons will be in English. Applications may be made through Ministerial Services, Attention Rod Matthews, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, or Ambassador College, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, 5300 Bonn 1, West Germany.

Brno, Czechoslovakia, will again be the only Eastern European site. Sermons will alternate between English with a German translation at one service and German with English translation the next. (See Bonnendorf above for address of where to apply.)

Cullera, Spain (near Valencia), on the Mediterranean coast will again be a Feast site. All services will be in Spanish, with no translations provided. Only those fluent in

## Transferring to United States?

Those wishing to transfer to U.S. Feast sites from outside the United States or Canada should write to the U.S. Festival Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129. The letter should clearly state: full name, site of first preference, two other choices in order of preference, full mailing address, number of adults (19 and over) and names and ages of children.

Please state whether you plan to make your own arrangements by a travel agent, or if additional information or help is needed.

The U.S. Festival Office will accept as many international brethren as possible. Applicants will be notified by letter of acceptance as soon as possible. Travel and lodging plans should remain tentative until final acceptance is received.

Spanish may transfer there. Requests to transfer should be sent to Spanish Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

For a third year, the Feast will be observed by Mediterranean brethren and visitors on the historic island of Malta. Translations for Italian brethren will be available (see March 7 *Worldwide News*). Malta will be host to several hundred transfers, and requests should be directed to Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Elstree Way, Borehamwood, Herts., England, WD6 1LU.

## Jerusalem

Arrangements for members to keep the Feast in Jerusalem have been expanded this year. Please refer to the article in the March 21 *Worldwide News*.

## Africa

In West Africa, the Ghanaian brethren will meet in Accra, Ghana, (transfers not recommended) and

Nigerian members in Kano, Nigeria (site is subject to confirmation).

In East Africa, brethren from Kenya and Uganda will meet at Naro Moru, Kenya, at the foot of Mt. Kenya, and those from Malawi and Tanzania will meet at Cape Maclear in Malawi.

Write to Owen Willis, Box 47135, Nairobi, Kenya, for transfer information.

Further south, a new Feast site will be opened in Zambia at Livingstone. In Zimbabwe, the site will be moved for reasons of traveling safety to Mutare in the eastern highlands.

South Africa's sites are Durban, Port Elizabeth and Sonesta, all on the southeast coast.

The island nation of Mauritius, 600 miles (960 kilometers) east of Madagascar, will have a site at Centre de Peche.

For Mauritius and sites in southern Africa, write to Bryan Mathie, Ambassador College Agency, Box (See ANNOUNCES, page 11)

# Worldwide News completes first decade

PASADENA — With the Vol. XI, No. 7 issue you hold in your hands, *The Worldwide News* passes its first decade of continuous publishing.

Since its first issue, published in Big Sandy April 1, 1973, the *WN* has rolled off presses carrying news of God's Work 218 times. That figure includes the 13 issues produced under the *Good News* masthead from June 5 to Dec. 18, 1978.

"*The Worldwide News* has always been the 'eyes and ears' of God's Church," said Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the Work's publications. "Its guiding principles are not that of newspapers in the world that try to dig and burrow into gossip and expand 'high voltage' expose-type stories to sell subscriptions."

"Rather," he said, "the *WN* editorial staff views *The Worldwide News* as Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's personal vehicle to communicate on an official plane with members. He used it almost exclusively for several months as a major tool to correct previous doctrinal errors or misunderstandings, and to convey new truths God revealed to him."

"*The Worldwide News* can be used as a massive prayer list. We don't repetitiously request prayers for every single incident we report on. Instead, we try to objectively report both the relevant successes and problems of the Work and Church at large faces," Mr. Faulkner said.

He noted that brethren, for example, could use the front page and "Update" section to pray about specific ongoing projects the Church is involved in. "We try to give in-depth, diary-like accounts of Mr. Armstrong's trips from Mr. [Aaron] Dean, his assistant, as soon as possible to allow brethren to 'beat small' their prayers," he said, referring to Leviticus 16:12 and Revelation 8:4.

During the *WN*'s decade of publication, coverage of Mr. Armstrong's trips to carry Christ's Gospel to the nations has always been of top priority. The first issue carried as its lead sentence in the lead article: "PASADENA — Chancellor

Herbert W. Armstrong returned Feb. 18 [1973] from his latest trip to the Orient, during which he conferred with top officials in Japan and Thailand."

The May 28, 1973, *WN* covered the presentation of the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Second Class, to Mr. Armstrong on behalf of Japan's Emperor Hirohito and then-Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka.

Beginning soon after the first issue, the *WN* also covered the construction and later, the first concert in the Ambassador Auditorium.

While continuing its news format after more than five years of publication, *The Worldwide News* temporarily became *The Good News* tabloid June 5, 1978. In addition to reporting news of the Church, the

publication began featuring strong spiritual articles written by Mr. Armstrong and other leading ministers in the Work.

It was at this time that Mr. Armstrong designated the tabloid publication as primarily a members-only product. On April 6, 1981, he made it exclusively a members' publication.

Mr. Faulkner noted that *The Worldwide News* has the advantage of flexibility. "Because of its tabloid nature, the *WN* can quickly be reworked to include significant late-breaking news, or special inserts like the information that was included during the receivership crisis," he said.

Asked what *The Worldwide News* could expect in the next

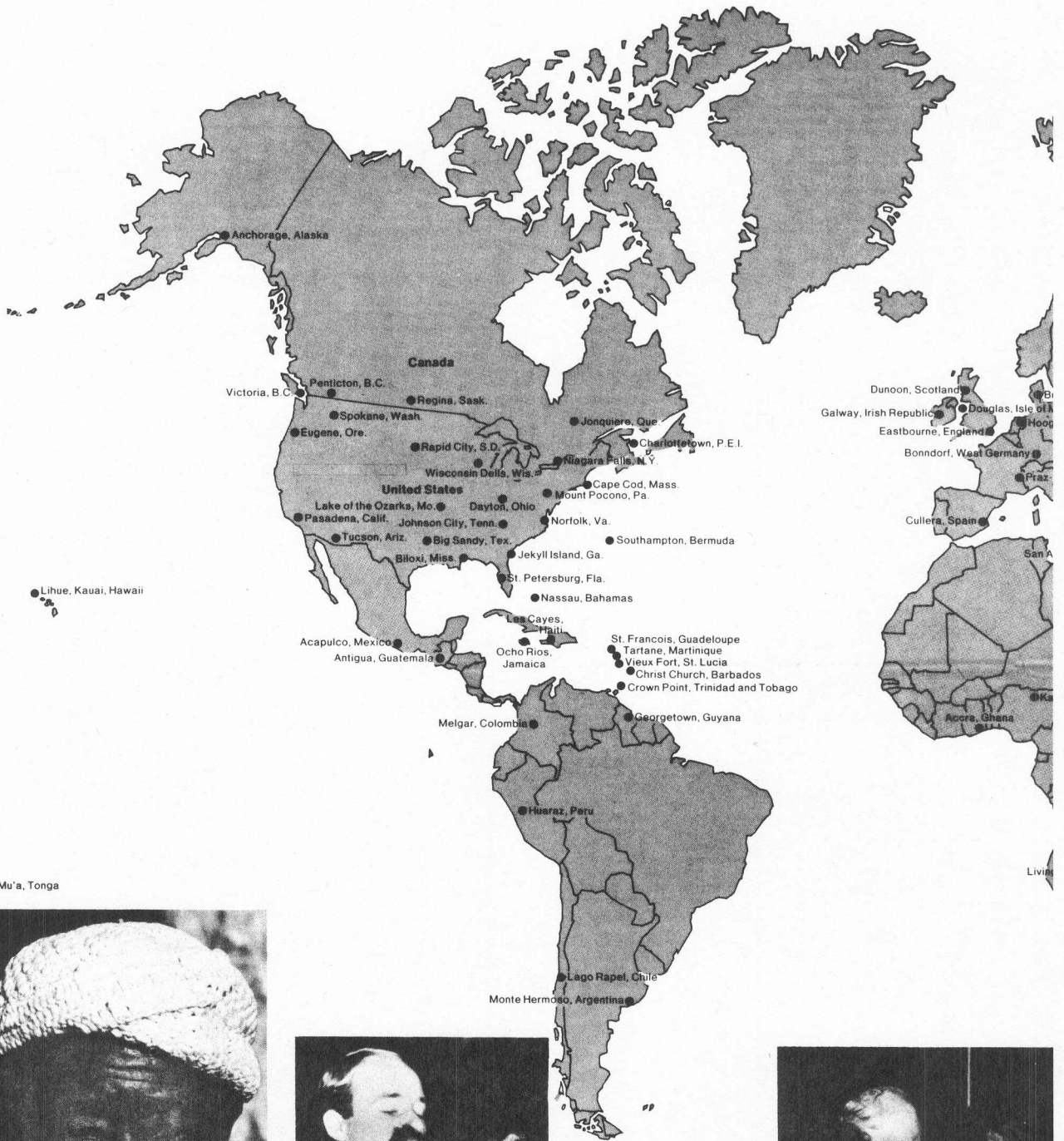
decade, Mr. Faulkner replied: "Greater growth, if recent trends continue. We've had the privilege to report the growth of *The Plain Truth's* circulation above 5.5 million, the rebirth and growth of *The Good News*, the victory of the Church in the receivership, the birth of *Youth 81* [now *Youth 83*], the Work's financial stability in the middle of a terrible worldwide recession and dozens of other remarkable events.

"After all," he concluded, "as God calls more people and they become members of His Church, that means we have to produce more copies of *The Worldwide News* to send to them. I hope we will continue to have that privilege as we near the close of this age."



FACES BEHIND THE NAMES — Full-time and student members of the *Worldwide News* staff pause for a photo in the Editorial Services Office in Pasadena. Seated, from left: Ronald Grove; Eileen Dennis; Tom Hanson; Dexter H. Faulkner, managing editor; and Sheila Graham. Standing, from left: George Hague; Debbie Yavelak; Sandi Borax; Jeff Zhorne and Michael Snyder. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

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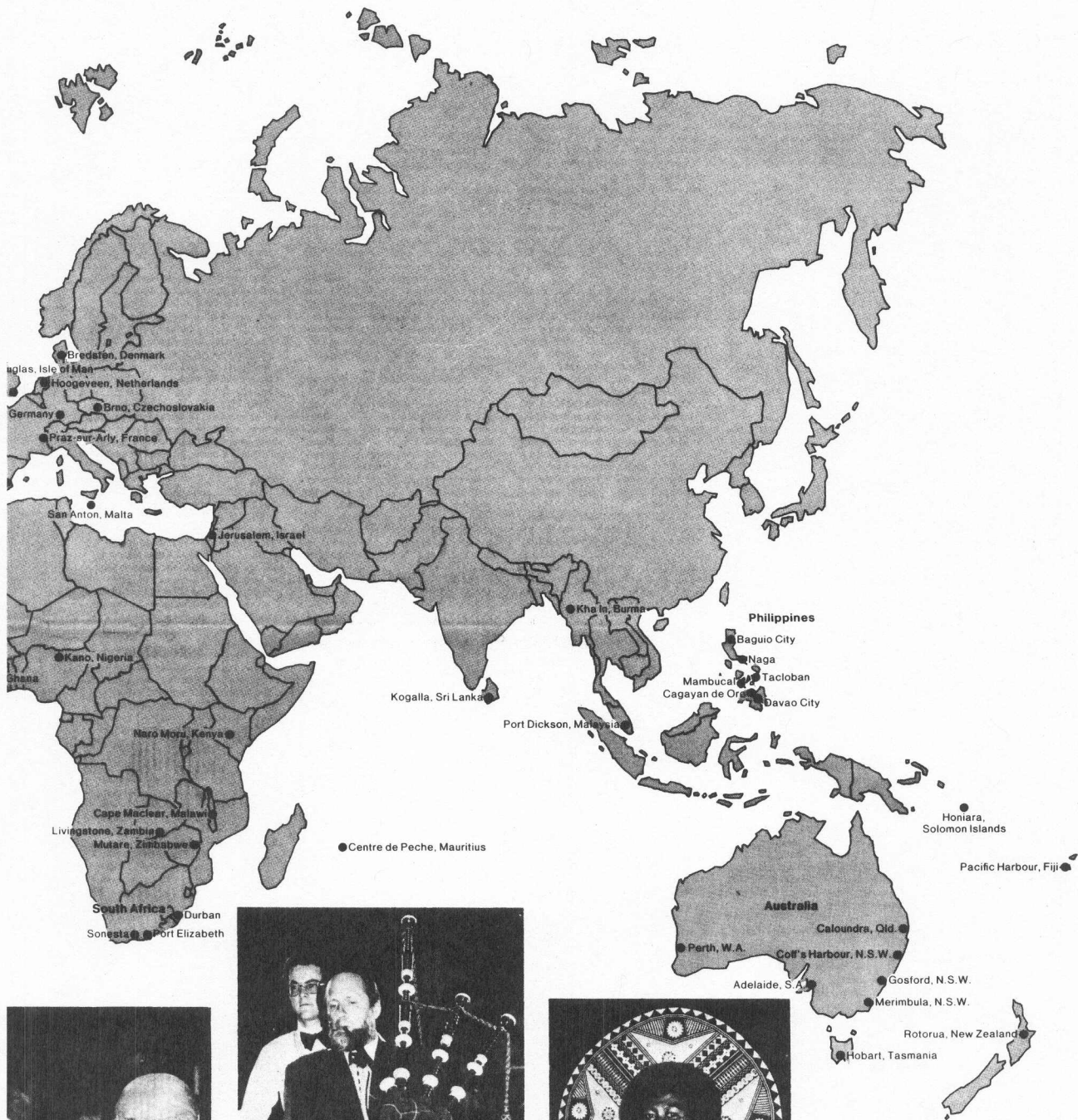
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# LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

A social evening for the **AMARILLO**, Tex., brethren Feb. 26 featured a potluck and a movie, *Faith V. Williams*.

A cordial welcome was extended by the **AUGUSTA**, Ga., brethren to Keith Thomas, their new pastor, and his wife Avis Feb. 26. Associate pastor Carlos Nieto and his wife Shirley were in attendance. Refreshments were served at a get-acquainted social following services. *Lynn Day*.

The young and young-at-heart enjoyed the **AUSTIN**, Tex., church's family dance social Feb. 19. A variety of music was provided by a band from the San Antonio, Tex., church area. For entertainment Laura Bryant sang her YOU district talent show award-winning number and Jeff and Donna Tucker performed two songs. Hors d'oeuvres and punch were provided by several women of the church. *John Jarrett*.

The annual talent show of the **BAKERSFIELD**, Calif., church occurred Feb. 26. The show was organized by Debs Thompson and Jackie Jones, with Allen Hambleton as stage manager. The entertainment included performances by Frank Wellbon, Eileen Fritz, Art King, the Joneses and Jacksoms with their children, Sammy Hambleton and Lisa Fritz. Ruthie Johnson sang Israeli folk songs and led the audience in a folk dance. The grand finale was a song by the church chorale. *Craig Jackson*.

The **BALLYMENA**, Northern Ireland, church had its annual social Feb. 26. The evening began with a buffet, which was followed by a session of games for the children. Entertainment was provided by Lorraine Speers, Anthea Campbell, Jack Wilkinson, Claire Jewell and Dorothea Harris. Harry Gault conducted a Mr. and Mrs. quiz, and the evening concluded with a dance. *Hugh Carton*.

The **BALTIMORE**, Md., church had a dinner-dance extravaganza Feb. 5. Some 320 brethren enjoyed a catered meal. Members danced to the music of professional disc jockey Clem Scardino of the Hammononton, N.J., church. Mr. Scardino and his wife Loretta brought their sound equipment and part of their collection of more than 4,000 records. Betty Oakley, wife of associate pastor Tom Oakley, led a group in a few lesser-known dances. *Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan D. Cook*.

Women of the **BEAUMONT**, Tex., church met Feb. 16 at the Marion cafeteria in Nederland, Tex., for a luncheon and the opportunity to become better acquainted. *Pauline Earl*.

Forty-four people from the **BENDIGO**, Australia, church headed north to Echuca Feb. 27 for a "munch-in" at Betty Meyer's home and then moved in a convoy to Alinta Farm, where the children enjoyed pony rides, swimming, a train ride, rowing or a quiet stroll to see the animals and birds. Ice cold drinks were served under shady trees. *Rosemary Piery*.

The talent night of the **BETHLEHEM**, Pa., church Feb. 19 produced an array of 22 acts. Following a barbecue dinner the cheerleaders opened the evening's activities with several routines. Each of the variety acts was introduced by masters of ceremonies Gordon Long and John Hochadel. *Margaret Fritts*.

The 21st anniversary of the **BIRMINGHAM**, Ala., churches was commemorated with a dance Feb. 26. The meeting hall was transformed into a winter wonderland, and tables were loaded with hors d'oeuvres and punch. Pastor Ken Martin served as master of ceremonies for a program during intermission. He introduced those present at the church's inception: Robert Collins, Doris Doss, Pat and Dot Freeman, Glenn and Dixie Holladay, Phillip Holladay, Mary Parham, R.C. Pritchett, Starr Pritchett, Pat Travis Wren, Becky Beasley Welshans, L.D. and Nadine Pritchett, Sam Smitherman and James Studdard. *Helen F. Garrison*.

Activities at the **BISMARCK**, N.D., church's family fun night Feb. 26 included games for the children, a puppet show, table and card games and a sing-along. A high point was the novelty olympics for the grown-ups. Refreshments were supplied by those attending. *Ronald L. Geismann*.

About 75 **BOSTON**, Mass., and

**PROVIDENCE**, R.I., brethren took part in fund-raising activities Feb. 20 and 27. The members met at a printing factory in Westwood, Mass., and placed inserts into some 174,000 magazines. Their labors netted \$4,100 for funding of future socials and activities.

Feb. 26 about 160 brethren from both churches met for a social at the Racquetball International Club facilities. Besides racquetball there were pool games, video games, saunas and a movie. Hors d'oeuvres were served after the games. *Ray Blount*.

The **CANTON**, Ohio, church had a social after Sabbath services Feb. 26. Following a potluck dinner, a Bible bowl was played in the classifications by pre-teen, teen and young adult and adult. Teams were determined by the geographical location of residence. The East team won in all the categories. Following the Bible bowl three Ambassador College films and a Walt Disney movie were shown. *Norma Costello*.

The 20th anniversary dinner-dance of the **CHICAGO**, Ill., **SOUTHSIDE** church took place Feb. 13. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jackson from Pasadena, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Basso from Puerto Rico, Mr. and Mrs. Maceo Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Schmides and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Marrs. Mr. and Mrs. John Ritenbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holladay, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Barr, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bellamy, Lowell Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Dolphus Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dumas of the Chicago area were also present. The Metropolitan band played for a dance. During dinner a taped message from Carlos Perkins, who was unable to attend, was played. A slide show narrated by Mr. Jackson depicted the beginning of the church. During the evening Mr. Jackson was presented with a cake by the Singles' Club. *Barbara Williamson*.

Feb. 26 members of the **CLARKSBURG**, W. Va., church enjoyed a potluck and a social with the theme "Man's Flight Through History." The evening included entertainment, games for the youths and dancing. *Carol Johnston*.

Following afternoon services Feb. 12 **CLEVELAND**, Ohio, **EAST** members enjoyed a potluck and a talent show. Master of ceremonies Gary Nubacher introduced the 22 acts. The show ended with the cast and audience singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth." *Andrew W. Diemer*.

Larry Richardson and Kermit the Frog were masters of ceremonies at the **COLUMBIA**, Mo., church social Feb. 26. The social included an evening meal, a variety show and a dance. Pastor Richard Rand and his wife Florence were honored with a cake and a bottle of champagne for their 10 years of service. *Johnny M. Ernst*.

**COLUMBIA**, S.C., brethren welcomed their new pastor, Keith Thomas, and his wife Feb. 26 with a social after services. Food treats were available, and games were provided by Lee Olson. Mr. Thomas will pastor the Columbia and Augusta, Ga., churches and will be assisted by associate pastor Carlos Nieto. *Paul Nowlen*.

The **CORNING**, N.Y., brethren met for afternoon services Feb. 26, after which a potluck dinner was served. The evening concluded with the annual Junior YOU talent show. *Nancy Sylvor*.

After YES lessons, Sabbath services and a YOU Bible study Feb. 19, the **CUMBERLAND**, B.C., church had a Western night social, which began with a baking contest. Winners were Carol Thompson for the YOU girls, John Comeau for the YOU boys and John Beresford for the senior citizens. The brethren enjoyed a potluck dinner and the desserts from the baking contest. A professional caller and his wife taught the members to square dance. *Lynn Jonsson*.

Members of the **EVANSVILLE**, Ind., congregation and a number of guests from the Madisonville, Ky., church area enjoyed a Southern plantation-style formal dance Feb. 19. Couples danced to music prerecorded by Tom Bozakis. Chuck Eades was master of ceremonies for a three-hour program that included several mixer dances. Entertainment featured vocal solos and piano and guitar pieces interspersed throughout the evening. Rich and Henrietta Kissel, Tom and Nancy Miller and Bob and Dorothy Webb coordinated the setup and decorations.

A Southern plantation home painted on canvas by Violet Koller hung as a backdrop to the stage. Vicki Wilson set up a corner parlor scene, and another

corner featured a collage of silhouetted belles and beaux drawn and arranged by Lisa Cantrell, Lillie Debose and Gary Leffer. Nancy Miller designed magnolia blossoms for the collage area, and Earl Knick designed the welcome sign. Hors d'oeuvres, fruit punch and wines were served for refreshments. Virgil and Wanda Harper organized the supervision of the children in another room. *Dorothy A. Webb*.

Fun, food and fellowship were enjoyed by the **FLORENCE**, Ala., brethren at a social Feb. 19. A potluck was served after Sabbath services conducted by pastor Lawson J. Truck. A sing-along of hymns followed. *Jan Old*.

Brethren of the **FRESNO** and **VISALIA**, Calif., churches shared a day of sun and fun Feb. 20 at the annual family snow party at Quail Flat. Members careened down snowy slopes on inner tubes, and some of the YOU teens had a friendly snowball fight with pastor Glen White. Snowshoeing, coached by Bill Conway, wrapped up the day. *Rena Conway*.

The four Scottish churches, **GLASGOW**, **EDINBURGH**, **IRVINE** and **ABERDEEN**, combined for Sabbath services Feb. 19 at Glasgow to hear an address by regional director Frank Brown. Afterward refreshments were served as the brethren renewed old acquaintances and formed new ones. *James D. Murray*.

The **GRANDE PRAIRIE**, Alta., church had its first social activity of the year Feb. 13. The occasion was an international night, where the brethren chose from an array of ethnic foods of 12 countries. After supper the remainder of the evening was spent dancing, watching movies and playing table games. *Gerhard Richter*.

**HAGERSTOWN**, Md., brethren were joined by members from **CUMBERLAND**, Md., and **WINCHESTER**, Va., for the annual family night activities Feb. 26. Combined services were followed by a potluck, after which the brethren enjoyed a variety show with Grant Spang as master of ceremonies. After the show there were games for all ages organized by Wilmer Thompson. A sing-along concluded the evening. *Brian Drawbaugh*.

Excitement and enthusiasm filled the air at the country fair sponsored by the **HATTIESBURG**, Miss., church Feb. 19. The fair was coordinated by the Spokesman Club, with the support of the YOU, Boy Scout troop and the Ladies' Club. A country store and a country restaurant were featured, as well as game booths and a slice-of-cake walk. Prizes and gifts were donated by the merchants of the area, and the city residents were invited to attend for a cost of \$1 per person. A *Plain Truth* newsstand was placed at the door. Pastor Paul Kurts expressed his thanks for the effort and hard work that went into making the event a success. *Veronica E. Byrd*.

The semi-formal dance of the **JACKSON**, Miss., church Feb. 19 took place at



**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** — Naga City, Philippines, members pose for a group picture at the celebration of the church's 10th anniversary February 20. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Ric Perez]

the Battlefield Park Clubhouse. Music for the evening was provided by a band composed of Joe Van Etton and daughter Angela, Barry Herbert, Shelton Kennedy and Norman Ashcraft. Desserts and a variety of drinks prepared by the women were served. *Ann Quarles*.

A potluck supper followed combined Sabbath services of the **LAUREL** and **WILMINGTON**, Del., churches Feb. 19 in Dover, Del. In a Bible bowl between the YOU teams and adult teams of each church, the Wilmington teams won. Later the brethren were entertained by a talent show. *Barbara Culp*.

A combined social and Western square dance for the **MAIDSTONE**, **CROYDON** and **BRIGHTON**, England, brethren took place Feb. 19 at the Corn Exchange in Rochester, England. Pastor John Meakin, as well as Robin Jones, pastor of the London area churches, together with his family and a number of London members, attended. Some uninvited guests were 16 firemen who attended the function after being summoned by the automatic fire alarm set off by smouldering Kentucky Fried Chicken boxes placed in the ovens to keep hot. David Rowing organized the social. *Don Beard*.

The **MILWAUKEE**, **WEST BEND** and **KENOSHA**, Wis., churches combined for an all-church talent show Feb. 26. The show started with Milwaukee's 30-piece orchestra playing a fanfare medley. Following the orchestra was a variety of acts including singing, comedy, poetry reading, instrumental solos and dance. Dave Kroll served as host for the three-hour show. *Laurie Morstatter*.

Feb. 19 was carnival fair night for the **MONTREAL**, Que., English church following a potluck supper. The evening was organized by the Ladies' Club especially for the children of YES age. Booths were set up with different games, and handmade gifts by the club members were awarded. Every child left with a prize. *D. Matulaitis*.

The **NAGA CITY**, Philippines, church celebrated its 10th anniversary Feb. 20 at pastor Medardo Maninang's residence. A high point of the occasion was a historical overview of the church given by one of the longtime members. A

barbecue with some singing and dancing completed the day. *Ric Perez*.

After Sabbath services Feb. 26 **NEW ORLEANS**, La., brethren enjoyed a potluck dinner and the opportunity to become better acquainted. *Lois Halstead*.

Brethren of the **PEORIA**, Ill., church attended a square dance social Feb. 19. The cheerleaders performed their routines, and a joke contest resulted in prizes for Russ Mulvaney, first place; Mike Stanczak, second; and Jim Beck, third. Activities were provided for those under YOU age, and snacks and drinks were served throughout the evening. *Janice Keefer*.

**PIKEVILLE**, Ky., brethren enjoyed a chili supper Feb. 19. For entertainment several members presented a talent show. Afterward a documentary on Seal Island and a movie provided by pastor Warren Heaton III were shown. *Debby Bailey*.

Angus Robertson organized a 7-mile hike in the Dartmoor National Park for 20 **PLYMOUTH**, England, brethren Feb. 13. The hikers met at Shipley Bridge near South Brent and followed the river to the Avon Dam. Climbing onto the barren moor, the group viewed the remains of 3,000-year-old hut circles. The party then followed the Abbots Way, an ancient track used by the monks of the Middle Ages, and as they returned over the moor, snow began to fall. *Kasey Jones*.

The third annual dance of the **PORTLAND**, Ore., area churches was Feb. 19. Admission to the dance was to bring one of the refreshments assigned to each of the five churches participating in the dance. Brian and Joyce Wulf coordinated the refreshments and assigned serving duties. Vocal entertainment was provided by Sharon and Wally Browning, Carol Haug, Karen Hewitt, Gail Jarvi and Terri Maxwell. The Oasis Band and the Wulf Gang Brothers accompanied the vocalists and provided music for dancing. Steve Vink and his wife Nancy headed the decoration and cleanup crews. *Woody Corsi*.

Spanish-speaking brethren from New York and New Jersey attended a social activity in **QUEEN'S**, N.Y., Feb. 20. Assistant pastor Larry Hinkle gave a Bible study, after which the group enjoyed a potluck. The film *Behind the Work* was shown, and a musical comedy show was presented. The rest of the day was rounded out with games and dancing to Latin melodies. *Larry Hinkle*.

More than 200 **RICHMOND**, Va., brethren attended a potluck dinner and slide show March 5. Richard Frankel, former assistant pastor in Richmond and now pastor of the Washington, D.C., church, presented a slide show of Israel. *Chip Brockmeier*.

**SALT LAKE CITY**, Utah, members and guests enjoyed the church's annual snow party Feb. 27 at the Mountain Dell Golf Course in the mountains. Following a potluck the children and some adults covered up and down the slopes in a variety of conveyances. Several men engaged in a game of snow football, while others gathered in the clubhouse for card and parlor games and a sing-along with pastor Bill Swanson on the guitar. *Phyllis Taylor*.

Felipe Casing, pastor of the **SANTIAGO**, Philippines, church, with Tito Mina and Perfecto L. Dolojan, traveled to Difun, Philippines, Feb. 20 to visit church members Mr. and Mrs. Diosdado Aguyen, who live in the remote area of Baguio Village. Alicia Dolojan prepared a lunch for the team. From Difun it took the group more than an hour to reach the Aguyens' place, which is situated beside a river at the base of a mountain area planted with bananas. There Mr. and Mrs. Aguyen live with their five sons.

Inside the banana plantation Mr. Casing gave lectures and demonstrations on (See CHURCH NEWS, page 9)



**SENIOR CITIZENS' TEA** — Pasadena Auditorium P.M. Girls' Club members (from left) Ann Baker, Shawn Reynolds and Alyssa Olinger sing "Morning Has Broken" at a tea for senior citizens March 20. (See "Youth Activities," page 11.) [Photo by Barry Stahl]



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how to grow and control bananas. Mr. Aguyen is planning to engage in agriculture, with bananas as his main crop. At the Aguyens' home the group feasted on a Filipino dish, goat meat. The following morning, Mr. Casing borrowed spears and aquatic goggles for the team to enjoy a fishing game contest while bathing. Mr. Casing caught more fish than anyone else. *Perfecto L. Dolojan.*

The **SASKATOON**, Sask., church presented its third annual chorale concert Feb. 27 at Castle Theatre. Under the musical direction of Scott Friesen, accompanied by Clara Friesen on piano, the 45-member chorale performed in Western dress amid Western-style paraphernalia coordinated by Blanche Friesen. Master of ceremonies was Jerry Lucky. Al Levitt sang an encore at the end of the show. The performance was dedicated to the seniors of the church and community. A mini version of the concert was performed Feb. 23 for patients and residents at Stensrud Lodge, who served refreshments to the cast after the program. Thanks were expressed to Wayne Russell, sound and recording; Herm Friesen, program design; and to all who helped. *Edie Clemens.*

The **SIOUX FALLS**, S.D., brethren stayed after services Feb. 19 to enjoy a meal and a YES program in the evening. Children aged 5 to 11 gave a recital of memory work from their YES lessons, and the 3 to 5 year olds performed two dances and two songs and joined the children's choir in singing six songs. The older children entertained with an Israeli folk dance and three square dance numbers. At the close of the activities, the participants received favors and treats. *Nadine Van Laecken.*

**SMITHS FALLS**, Ont., brethren, as well as visitors from the Kingston, Ont., church, took a morning sleigh ride Feb. 13. Afterward the group went to the Phillips' home for a potluck and table games. *Joyce Pattemore.*

The Holiday Inn was the site of a semi-formal dance attended by more than 450 brethren of the **TORONTO**, Ont., **EAST** and **WEST** churches Feb. 12. The evening began with a buffet dinner, followed by dancing to the big band sounds of the Doug Robinson Orchestra and the music of disc jockey Wayne Woods. A movie was shown in an adjacent room for the non-dancers. *Ken Parker.*

The annual square dance for brethren of the **UNION** and **BRICK TOWN**, N.J., churches occurred Feb. 19. About 250 brethren from ages 1 to 71, led by pastor Jim Jenkins and his wife June, crowded onto the dance floor to do-si-do their partners. Carl Rupp and Gordon Rizzuti supervised basketball, kickball and volleyball for the children and interested adults. The evening was complemented by chili, fruit and beverages served by Pat and Robin Klink and Amy Reis. *Torney Van Acker.*

The **VANCOUVER**, B.C., church's Western night social was Feb. 19. A meal was prepared and served, after which a cake contest and auction took place. The first-prize cake, baked by Pat Groom, was sold for \$170 to Paul Popham after some excited bidding. Afterward most participated in square dancing with a professional caller. *Fred Whitehead.*

The **WATERLOO** and **MASON CITY**, Iowa, churches combined Feb. 12 to bid farewell to pastor and Mrs. Keith Thomas as they left for Columbia, S.C. After services the brethren presented the Thomases with appreciation gifts, and then the members fellowshipped over a potluck dinner. The new pastors will be John Bald, Mason City, and David Haver, Waterloo. *Cindy Brown.*

The **WAUSAU**, Wis., church's annual winter social took place Feb. 26. Festivities began with a potluck, followed by square dancing for the adults, a teen cake-baking contest, children's movies and door prizes throughout the evening. Winners of the cake contest were Nick Doescher, Deena Groholski, Mark Habeck, Heidi Lenz, Jerome Wendt, Sara Wendt and Mike Zastrow. Awards were presented by pastor Norm Strayer to 8-month-old Lucas Lane, youngest one attending; Merlyn Lindner, 76, oldest in attendance; Skip Myers, most recently baptized; and Tammy Hainz, longest member of the church. The final door prize was won by Marilyn Walker. A sing-along concluded the evening. *Louise Doescher.*

Willstead Manor was the setting for the **WINDSOR**, Ont., dance social Feb. 26. The catered meal was followed by dancing to music provided by a disc

jockey. *Patricia Klem.*

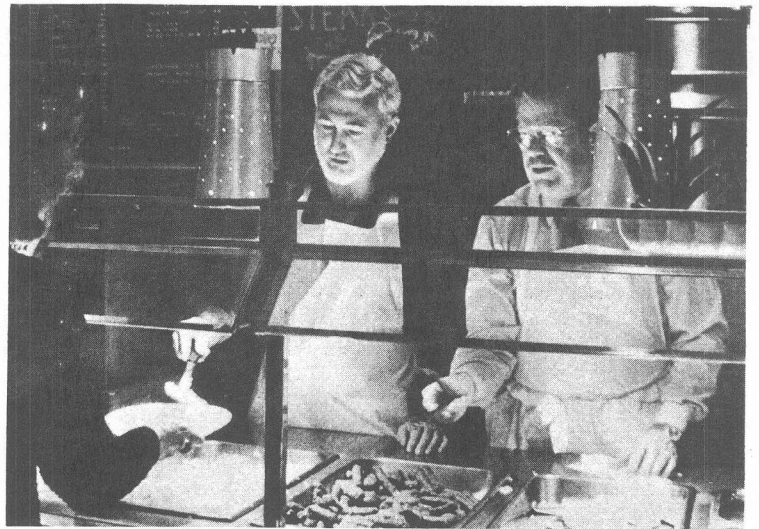
The **WINNIPEG**, Man., chorale presented a musical show during the fourth annual chorale benefit concert Feb. 19 and 20. A song by Jackie Laberge, Monica Laberge and Teri Cathro, with pianist Beth Stryker, opened the first half of the show. A variety of songs and a dance followed, including an original comic operetta with lyrics by chorale director Don Kane and starring Jackie Laberge, Arnold Solleved, Mr. Kane and Ed Laberge. The second half of the concert featured songs, poems and skits revolving around the four seasons theme. Seasonal backgrounds were painted by Tony Shennon, Sheila Page and Fernie Laberge. Songs specially written for the concert were by Gordon Cardno, Leah Gaundreau and Mr. Kane. About 50 YES members dressed in costumes sang a song under the direction of Nestor Guspodarchuk. The annual postconcert party took place at the home of Kerry and Nestor Guspodarchuk. *Teri Cathro.*

Members of the **YORKTON**, Sask., church enjoyed a potluck following services Feb. 26. After sunset the group went to the Holiday Inn swimming pool for a pool party. Many went swimming, while others relaxed in the whirlpool or played video games, pool and card games. *Elin Pedde.*

## CLUB MEETINGS

Members of the **ABBOTTSFORD**, B.C., Women's Club met Feb. 27. A new member, Brenda Fehr, was welcomed. Director Dan Hope spoke on how to give a speech. The theme of "Women's Role in Various Cultures Around the World" was introduced by hostess Barb Speck and presented in speeches by Dorothy Lawson, Linda Flynn, Florence Nodely, Mary Fehr, Marlene Blankers, Dehelia Messier, Bonnie Arnold, Shamton Ross and Anita Lazar. The cultures discussed were represented in a display, and refreshments of the foods representing the cultures were served. *Pamela C. Bailey.*

The first meeting of the year for the **ASHEVILLE**, N.C., Graduate Spokesman Club took place Feb. 23. The evening began with dinner for nine graduates and their wives. Pastor Charles Groce opened the meeting by stating the



**MINISTERING MINISTERS** — Evangelists Ronald D. Kelly (left) and Raymond F. McNair serve scrambled eggs, sausages and pancakes at the Auditorium P.M. pancake social in the Ambassador College Student Center March 13. [Photo by Tom Hanson]

goals of the club for the year. After a break the speaking portion was introduced by toastmaster Evan Williams. The speakers were Donald Jacques and his brother John. Their evaluators were Glenn Peery and Steve Ferenciak. The meeting concluded with final evaluations from Mr. Groce. *Kathy B. Williams.*

The first regular meeting of the **BANGOR**, Maine, Women's Club was Feb. 21 at the home of Ruby Fenelon. The theme for the evening was "Women of the Bible." Hostess was Kim Hansen, and the topics session was led by Gwen VanWarmerdam. Speakers were Vicky Rogers and Betty Bigney. Director and pastor Leonard Holladay gave closing comments. *Jeannine Jones.*

The **BARRIE**, Ont., Spokesman and Ladies' clubs combined for a brunch at the Highwayman Inn in Orillia, Ont. Feb. 27. President for the day was Phil Bailey. The topics session was conducted by Jeannette Petraschuk, and toastmaster Alf Jemmett introduced speakers Marg Demers, Bessie Russell, Bert Russell and Peter Pearcey. Closing comments were given by director and pastor George Lee. *Sharon Gosse.*

The first outing of the Olten, Switzer-

land, Graduate Club of the **BASEL** and **ZURICH**, Switzerland, churches took place Feb. 20 in Basel. After visiting a nautical museum, club members and their families enjoyed a meal at the Schifferhaus restaurant. In the club session, tabletops and speeches covered various aspects of the theme of Bible study. Director Tom Lapacka praised the general improvements. *Martin Rysler.*

The first meeting of the year for the **CANTON**, Ohio, Ladies' Club was Feb. 27. The 60 women spoke for about three minutes on their backgrounds and interests. Pastor John Foster outlined the purpose and the organization of the club. He assigned certain responsibilities and topics. Refreshments were served. *Norma Costello.*

The **CLEVELAND**, Ohio, **WEST** Spokesman Club played host to the Ladies' Club Feb. 22 at a meeting on marriage. Speeches were given by Dawn Lebanik, Mike Walsh, Becky Swope, Tim Swope, Carol Dute and Ron Mar- dis. Host and hostess for the evening were President Gene Webber and his wife Diane. Topicmaster was Dan Abbott and toastmistress was Betty Jean Thomas. The men served a flaming cherries jubilee dessert, and a wedding cake was made by Mrs. Webber and Carol Dute. First half of club was evaluated by Robley Evans, the second half by Greg Thomas. Overall director was pastor Tracey Rogers. *Renee Williams.*

The **DULUTH**, Minn., Spokesman Club had its first ladies' night of the season March 5. Assistant director Jim Williams began the evening with prayer. After dinner President Doug Fieldman opened the club meeting. Loren Matson led the topics session, and toastmaster was Ron Shields. Speeches were given by Bill Wells, Dale Kleinschmidt, Mark Springer, Gordy Lindquist and Fred Critari. Director and pastor Bill Gordon gave closing remarks. *Gordy Lindquist.*

Thirty-two members of the **EDMONTON**, Alta., Triple A (Active Adults Association) Club enjoyed an afternoon of curling Feb. 20. Teams were chosen at random for an afternoon of fun and exercise. The club is for those 18 to 30 years of age. A committee plans at least one activity a month, as well as a semiannual dinner and Bible study. *Laura Bos.*

The **ELKHART**, Ind., Spokesman Club played host to a card and game party at the home of Tom Mann Feb. 19. Finger foods were served potluck-style. Associate pastor and director Randy Stiver attributed the success of the party to the organization and planning by Jim Wine and Mr. Mann. *Ed Burns.*

Members and guests of the **EUREKA**, Calif., Spokesman Club attended a dinner meeting Feb. 26 and dined on roast beef and fried chicken and listened to five speeches. *Kathleen Ruck.*

"Growing Old Gracefully" was the theme of the Feb. 15 meeting of the **FORT LAUDERDALE**, Fla., Women's Club. Under the supervision of hostess Carol Rodberg, the hall was decorated with flowers and balloons and a poster created by Sheryl Shangler. Special guests were spiritual grandmothers Ruby Rexroad, Esther Schilt and Mary Wilkins, who were presented with bouquets and honored with a champagne toast led by Virginia Delmonico and a poetic tribute rendered by Anita Wil-

kins. Minutes were read by Jean Denzinger, and the topics session was conducted by Katie Bell, followed by a baby-photo guessing contest. Theme speeches were given by Jean Witte, Fannie Hall and Norma Edgeworth, and icebreakers were presented by Dolly Kobernat and Marcia Wakefield. Director Randall Kobernat capped off the meeting with an evaluation and poetry. *Cathy Ann Chase.*

The **FORT WAYNE**, Ind., Ladies' Club met Feb. 19. Carolyn Rudek led the topics session. Icebreaker speeches were given by Dianne Carr, Rose Meadows, Nancy Myers, Lucy Mason and Nadine Hancock. Director Steve Smith gave a lecture on Proverbs 31:22. *Carolyn Rudek.*

The **GREENSBORO**, N.C., Graduate Spokesman Club had a ladies' night Feb. 27. The theme for the evening was Bible study. Director Dan Rogers welcomed the guests and turned the meeting over to acting President George Hart, who introduced the remainder of the evening. Doyle Smith led the topics session, after which the main meal was served. Following dessert toastmaster George Lyons introduced speakers Lindsay McMillan, Marvin Page, Ken Rice and Herman Richardson. Mr. Rogers evaluated the speeches and gave closing comments. *Vicki Hart.*

The Ladies' Club of **KANSAS CITY**, Mo., EAST met Feb. 20, with Debbie Keesece presiding. Topics led by Sharon Whitehead related to the theme of safety in the home. Speakers were Wanda Levson, hostess Pauline Lacher and guest speaker Maggie Lindsey, who gave a slide presentation on cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Director Phyllis Duke made closing remarks. *Donna Reading.*

The **LAS VEGAS**, Nev., Women's Club had its second annual buffet and ballet Feb. 13. A buffet dinner at the Hacienda Hotel was followed by a ballet program at the Nevada Dance Theater. *Betty Phillips.*

Pastor David Carley called the Feb. 27 meeting of the **LAWTON**, Okla., Women's Club to order. President Virginia McNeely conducted the business meeting, and Sharon Meeck led tabletops. Leatus Wilcoxson introduced the speakers, who were Ruth Seward, Louise Pemberton, Mabel Fowler and Ellen Jackson. The Most Effective Speech award went to Ellen Jackson. Mr. Carley evaluated the meeting, and the group adjourned for a potluck. *Arla Berggren.*

The **LENOIR** and **BOONE**, N.C., Ladies' Club met Feb. 20. Lynette Webb presented points of etiquette, and Alicia Shockley led tabletops. The club members were successful in collecting several hundred Campbell's soup and Swanson labels for Imperial Schools. Director Ken Smylie presented a slide presentation on Jerusalem, after which an international meal was served. *Ethel Baker.*

The Feb. 28 meeting of the **LONGVIEW**, Tex., Ladies' Club marked the end of the first year under the direction of pastor Jim Lee and his wife Linda. The newly appointed officers were announced: Beverly Miller, president; Gladys Duke, vice president; Brenda Hogge, secretary; Sue Berger, treasurer; and Joyce Hewitt, historian. The club (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 10)



**SPIRITED AMERICANS** — Imperial High School students, from left, Mike Huse, senior; Jonathan Hopkinson, freshman; and Lisa Coffman, junior; have solo parts in the Imperial Choraliars' annual spring concert March 17 in the Ambassador Auditorium. The concert, "The Spirit of America," directed by Robert Vitale and narrated by David Albert, Ambassador College faculty member, was videotaped for Pastor General Herbster W. Armstrong's viewing after his return from Jordan. [Photo by Barry Stahl]







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

## UPDATE

**SQUAW VALLEY, Calif.** — An acre-size (about 4,047 square meters) section of the roof at Blyth Arena here collapsed shortly before 1 p.m. Pacific Standard Time March 29, according to an Associated Press report.

Blyth Arena, a scheduled Feast of Tabernacles site for 1983, was rendered unusable by the collapse, said evangelist **Ellis La Ravia**, a member of the Festival coordinating team under Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong**.

"We have contacted the owners of Blyth Arena, the Squaw Valley Ski Corp., and they said there was no possible way for the arena to be repaired in time for the Feast," Mr. La Ravia said.

"They are currently evaluating the state of the building and its future use," he added, noting that there was a possibility that the arena would not be rebuilt.

"We are now looking at possible replacement sites and hope to announce a new site for the area in about a month," the evangelist continued.

He said that press deadlines prohibited the removal of Squaw Valley housing information in the *Festival Planner*, and brethren should note that "the information is no longer applicable and should be ignored."

"We will be moving quickly to secure a new site," he said, "as the Festival is less than six months away." He stated that prayers of the brethren to resolve the matter would be appreciated.

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**PASADENA** — "We expected about 200 people to attend the four *Pura Verdad* [Spanish Plain Truth] Bible lectures in Santiago [Chile]," said **Keith D. Speaks**, *Pura Verdad* promotional director.

Instead, of the 3,300 *Pura Verdad* subscribers notified, 248 Chileans (nonmembers) packed Santiago's Tupahue Hotel March 12, the first night. By the time the fourth lecture finished March 20, 438 new people had attended, said Mr. Speaks.

**Mario Seigle**, pastor of the Santiago church, where more than 70 attend Sabbath services each week, conducted the four lectures.

"Mr. Seigle was very enthusiastic," said Mr. Speaks. "Never has the response [about 13 percent] been so high. A fifth lecture took place the 26th and a sixth is

scheduled."

Many are requesting booklets, Mr. Speaks added. As of March, about 9,500 Chileans were subscribing to *La Pura Verdad*.

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**PASADENA** — About 100 students from Bunkyo Women's Junior College in Tokyo, Japan, will study English at Pasadena Ambassador College this summer, according to **Arthur Suckling**, Pasadena faculty member and director of the program, March 25.

## Traveling speakers listed

**PASADENA** — Evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services, released to *The Worldwide News* March 23 the following itinerary of traveling speakers approved by Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** for the Passover season.

**Richard Rice**, March 26, Philadelphia, Pa.; Passover and first day of Unleavened Bread, Bethlehem, Pa.; evangelist **Herman L. Hoch**, March 26, Columbus, Ohio, A.M. and P.M.; Passover, Cleveland, Ohio, East, church; first Holy Day, combined services, Cleveland East and West churches.

**David Albert**, March 26, Bismarck and Minot, N.D., services; Passover, Bismarck; first Holy Day, combined services of Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D., churches; evangelist **Dean Blackwell**, March 26, Kalispell and Missoula, Mont.; Passover and first Holy Day, Helena and Great Falls, Mont.; April 2, Liberal, Kan.; last Holy Day, combined services, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colo.

Evangelist **Harold Jackson**, March 26, Mount Pocono, Pa.; Passover, Johnstown, Pa.; first Holy Day, combined services, Huntingdon and Johnstown, Pa.; April 2, combined services, Hood River and Portland East, West and South, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash., churches; last Holy Day, combined services, Klamath Falls and Medford, Ore.; **Ben Faulkner**, Passover, Missoula; first Holy Day, Kalispell and Missoula, combined services.

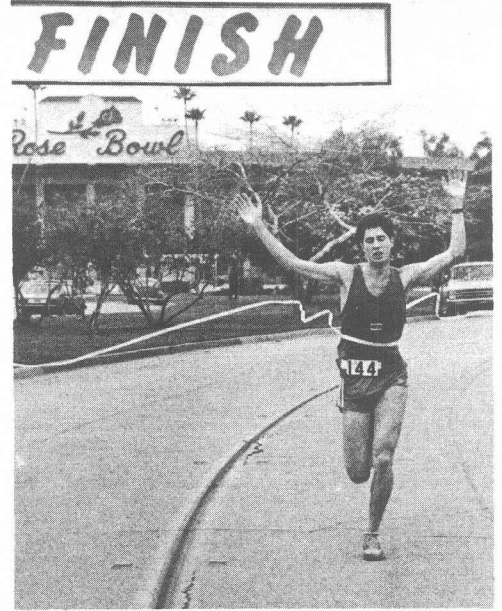
**Greg Albrecht**, April 2 and last Holy Day, Honolulu, Hawaii; evangelist **Ronald Kelly**, April 2, Sacramento, Calif.; last Holy Day, combined services, Modesto and Stock-

ton, Calif., churches. Evangelist **Roderick C. Meredith**, first Holy Day, Las Vegas, Nev.; last Holy Day, Vancouver, B.C.; evangelist **Ellis La Ravia**, April 2, combined services, Phoenix East and West, and Mesa, Ariz., churches; last Holy Day, combined services, Flagstaff and Prescott, Ariz., churches.

The program, the third time Bunkyo students have studied at Ambassador, will involve intensive classes in conversational English, said Mr. Suckling. It runs from July 18 to Aug. 11.

Mr. Suckling said that Bunkyo is one of the leading private schools in Japan. The faculty of Bunkyo, looking for an appropriate place for the program, asked Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** in 1979 to have the program at Ambassador.

The women will live on campus, attending classes in the morning and visiting Southern California attractions in the afternoon. Ambassador College faculty members **John Beaver**, **Mark Kaplan**, **Ralph Levy**, **David Maas** and **Eric Mohr** will teach the classes. **Dale Randolph**, former Ambassador College faculty member, will also teach.



**FIRST PLACE FINISH** — Junior Doug McKinney takes first place in the Pasadena Ambassador College 10-kilometer run in Pasadena March 20, with a time of 35:16. [Photo by Dominic Furlano]

## Sites

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JESUS DID NOT SET OUT TO CONVERT THIS WORLD OF SATAN'S. He CHOSE — virtually DRAFTED — 12 disciples and taught them GOD'S LAW and GOD'S WAY of life.

He ANNOUNCED the GOOD NEWS of the coming Kingdom of God — to be composed of the BORN children of God. He said NO ONE could come to Him, except such as GOD chose and drew (John 6:44). The promise of the Holy Spirit, even now, is ONLY to as many as the Lord our God shall call (Acts 2:39).

JUDGMENT is on us in God's Church TODAY (I Peter 4:17). All still living after Christ comes will be judged during the Millennium. All others, who shall have died, will be resurrected to judgment later.

So, brethren, Christ came to call us out from among them of the world, to live according to God's LAW — as a holy and right-

eous people. We are the START of a NEW WORLD — the WORLD TOMORROW — the KINGDOM OF GOD.

For eight days next autumn we shall be separated from the world, among ourselves, enjoying a FORETASTE of the WORLD TO COME, of which we are pioneers.

This year we shall have 25 Festival sites in the United States and Canada, including new sites in Johnson City, Tenn.; Eugene, Ore.; and Victoria, B.C. Worldwide, there are 84 sites in 46 countries. More information will be sent to you shortly in *The Worldwide News* and a *Festival Planner* sent to members in the United States and Canada.

Brethren, as God shows us the importance of attending the Feast, it is equally important that all have been saving the second tithe to pay your own expenses and enjoyment at the Festival.

Of course, part of that expense is for rental of auditoriums or halls or convention cen-

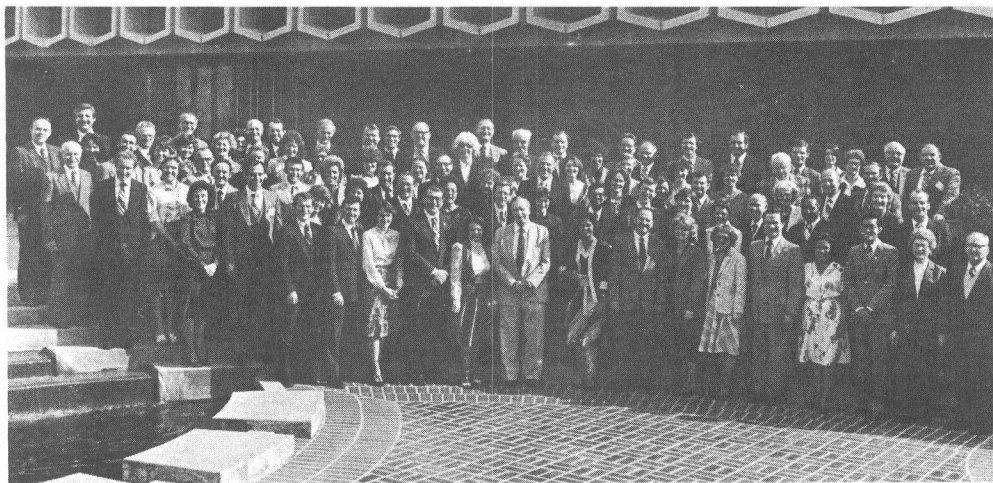
ters and other expenses the Church must pay. So, as always, be sure to send in a tithe of your entire year's second tithe by return mail. Mark or list it separately from your regular first tithe or offering.

## Festival

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instructional articles, as well as the housing information," he said. He explained further that "much valuable information is contained in this publication that will help the brethren make their housing and travel arrangements for the Feast of Tabernacles."

Worldwide Feast sites are discussed in a separate article in this issue of *The Worldwide News*. Sites in the Caribbean were described in the Feb. 21 issue, and the March 7 issue covered sites in the British Isles, Ireland, Malta, the Netherlands and Denmark. The March 21 issue contained information on Jerusalem, Czechoslovakia and West Germany.



**REFRESHING PROGRAM** — Ministers and wives attending the 15th session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program pause in front of the Pasadena Ambassador College Fine Arts Hall March 17. Countries represented include Tonga, England, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Canada, the Philippines, New Zealand, Australia and the United States. [Photo by Warren Watson]

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