



BALANCING ACT — Members of the Peking National Acrobats of China perform April 19 for Pasadena Ambassador College students and faculty, Imperial Schools students and faculty, and guests in the college gymnasium. [Photo by Craig Clark]

Peking National Acrobats make exclusive Pasadena appearance

By Thomas C. Hanson
PASADENA — The Peking National Acrobats performed before a sellout crowd in the Ambassador College Auditorium April 21, the group's only performance in the United States, according to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

The group left the next day for an eight-week tour of Canada.

Acts included 12 people on a bicycle, two women juggling umbrellas and carpets with their feet, balancing on a stationary bicycle on a platform and an act where a woman used her feet to put a stack of bowls on her head while standing on one hand on another acrobat's head.

"I have never seen such a spectacular, and at times breathtaking, performance by any acrobats... It was an incredible feat to behold," said evangelist Raymond F. McNair, Pasadena Ambassador College deputy chancellor.

"A performance like this enhances the Work's reputation and credibility with the People's Republic of China," said Mr. La Ravia.

Known in China as the China Railway Acrobatic Troupe, the group divides into smaller groups to perform in railway towns there. In addition to traveling throughout China the group makes international tours. It is supported by the Ministry of Railway Transport.

Some of the acrobats have been with the group since it was formed

in the 1950s. They range in age from 18 to 50. An average day includes six hours of training.

The acrobatic performance took place amid strains in Chinese-U.S. relations after the United States granted asylum to 20-year-old Chinese tennis star Hu Na, who defected last summer. China responded by canceling official cultural and athletic exchanges with this country.

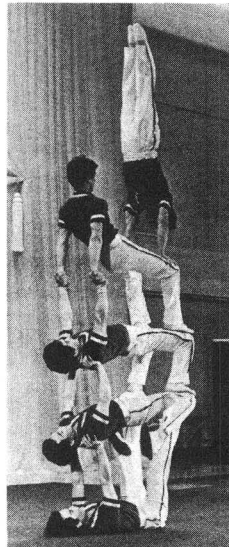
Since the performance was not government sponsored and because the appearance at the Auditorium

was a stopover on the way to Canada, the performance was allowed to take place.

The Chinese troupe received U.S. visas just three days before their April 16 departure, according to Richard Liu, executive director of the Chinese-Canadian Cultural Association, who along with John Dyck, a Church member and executive director of the McPherson Foundation of Victoria, B.C., arranged the tour.

After the Auditorium appearance Pasadena mayor Loretta Glickman and Bee Canterbury Lavery, chief of protocol from the office of Los Angeles, Calif., mayor Tom Bradley, made presentations to the group. The acrobatic troupe responded with gifts to the two cities.

At a reception in the lower lobby (See ACROBATS, page 3)



CHINESE PERFORMANCE — Members of the Peking National Acrobats perform in the Pasadena Ambassador College gymnasium April 19. The troupe gave an exclusive public performance in the Ambassador Auditorium April 21. [Photo by Craig Clark]

Church names Feast site

PASADENA — The Festival Team announced April 15 that Sacramento, the capital of California, will replace Squaw Valley, Calif., as a Feast site for 1983.

Services will take place at the Sacramento Community Convention Center.

The site, approved by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, is in the heart of northern California, with the wine counties of Napa and Sonoma within a one-hour drive.

San Francisco is 90 miles (144 kilometers) to the west, Lake Tahoe 104 miles (166 kilometers) east and Los Angeles 385 miles (616 kilometers) to the south. Sacramento was the gateway to Old California after the 1849 Gold Rush.

In Old Sacramento cobblestone streets are lined with reconstructed historic buildings and wooden sidewalks shaded by overhanging galleries.

Restoring the flavor of an early California Gold Rush town, this 28-acre riverfront area offers something for everyone, with more than 200 shops, five museums, daytime tours and 27 restaurants.

Here you can dine at an original fire station or a 19th-century bank vault, eat ribs underneath the original city or sample Mexican food at a tortilla factory — all amid the Chinese influence on the Transcontinental Railroad.

In 1863 workers broke ground in Sacramento for laying the first tracks of the transcontinental railroad, signaling one of the great achievements in American history.

In Sacramento are two elaborate railroad buildings. In the Passenger Station, destination calls join the hiss of steam engines. Reconstructed waiting rooms, a ticket office and a baggage room are being viewed.

The Building of Railroad History, billed as the world's largest of its type, contains historic locomotives (See FEAST SITE, page 3)

'Phenomenal' response from brethren HWA speaks in Tucson, Arizona

TUCSON, Ariz. — After an absence of more than three years, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong returned here to address 1,200 brethren in the Rincon High School Auditorium April 23, according to Larry Neff, pastor of the Tucson church.

"It was sort of like a 'homecoming' for the brethren here, as Mr. Armstrong frequently spoke at Tucson services when he lived here," Mr. Neff said.

Brethren from the Tucson, Phoenix East and West, Mesa, Flagstaff and Prescott, Ariz., churches comprised the capacity audience, with some members traveling from as far away as El Paso, Tex., to hear the pastor general.

"The response of the brethren was really phenomenal," Mr. Neff continued. "I believe their enthusiasm for Mr. Armstrong was clearly manifested in the efforts of the people to attend."

He added that he was impressed when he arrived an hour and 10 minutes before services to find that many of the brethren had already arrived. "People wanted to make sure they heard Mr. Armstrong," he said.

"The Tucson area is one of the Church areas that Mr. Armstrong had not yet visited in his series of church visits," said Aaron Dean, the pastor general's personal aide. "He prefers visiting areas to speak in the southern United States while the weather is still cold and damp in the

north." Evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, updated the brethren on the financial condition of the Church and gave a sermonette on sowing bountifully, before Mr. Armstrong's sermon.

Mr. Armstrong then spoke about an hour and 45 minutes on "the Church that nobody knows," the Tucson pastor said. "He showed the difference between God's Church and other churches."

Mr. Neff added that the sermon was an opportunity to preach Christ's Gospel, as the audience included a newspaper reporter.

"It was a powerful and cogent address... he heavily emphasized that there is only one true Church of God," Mr. Neff continued. "He later talked about how members of these other churches will eventually have an opportunity to understand God's truth, and that eventually most will actually be saved."

The 1,200 brethren applauded the pastor general before his sermon and gave him a standing ovation afterward. Mr. Armstrong then walked to a classroom to address 38 ministers and wives.

In his 45-minute talk, the pastor general spoke at length about the Church's opportunity to preach the Gospel over Jordanian television (see "Mr. Armstrong's Programs to Be Shown on Jordanian TV," W/N, April 5). "He was quite excited about reaching the Jewish people with the Gospel and the possible ful-

fillment of prophecy," Mr. Neff said, referring to Isaiah 40:9-10.

"He also spoke of the Elijah commission and the minister's responsibility to help and teach the brethren in their local churches," the Tucson pastor continued.

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Trip mementos displayed in Hall of Administration

By Aaron Dean
PASADENA — At the personal request of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, four glass-paned display cases were placed in the east area of the ground floor in the Pasadena campus' Hall of Administration.

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

The display cases were constructed by craftsmen from the Church's carpentry shop to prominently display the gifts and items presented to Mr. Armstrong during his Church visits and world travels.

On his visits to church areas in the past three years, the pastor general has often received handcrafted

items presented as tokens or mementos marking the occasion.

The cases also display gifts and awards given to Mr. Armstrong by officials and dignitaries of countries around the world.

Mr. Armstrong asked that the gifts be displayed to share with thousands of campus visitors a taste of Church life and quality. In glass cases across the campus mall in the college student center, guests can often view dozens of cards and letters written to Mr. Armstrong from the various Summer Educational Programs (SEP), churches and brethren around the world.

Mr. Armstrong is sent as a representative of God's Church announcing the coming Kingdom of God. As an ambassador for peace, gifts are presented to Mr. Armstrong

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The blind secular guides of today's society

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — U.S. President Ronald Reagan delivered a major address March 31 at a special Los Angeles World Affairs Council luncheon. *Plain Truth* editor Herman L. Hoeh and I attended.

The President's address was primarily intended as a follow-up to his announcement the previous day in which he called upon the Soviet Union to negotiate an "interim agreement" with Washington regarding intermediate-range nuclear missiles in Europe. (Moscow declined immediately.)

In his Los Angeles address the President spoke eloquently of the "challenge that history has left us" in the United States and the Western world — how to "defend freedom and preserve peace."

Taking on some of his critics, the President said that a nuclear freeze, if implemented, would "lock the U.S. into obsolescence" in view of Moscow's far greater arms buildup and renewal. He described the pressure for a nuclear freeze succinctly, quoting the late journalist H.L. Mencken: "For every problem there is one answer that is simple, neat — and wrong."

What struck both Dr. Hoeh and me, however, was the reaction of the audience to an answer Mr. Reagan gave during the question-and-answer period after the speech.

A newsman complained that new White House guidelines to plug news leaks were restrictive. The President replied that "the press must recognize it, too, has a respon-

sibility for the welfare of the nation." The audience erupted with a thunderous ovation — indicative of the public's growing impatience with the attitude of the news media.

Attitudes of the media

The American public as a whole supports President Reagan. His chief adversaries are the highly influential opinion molders in the news media, education, entertainment and mainstream religion, to say nothing of many members of Congress, who are predominantly liberal — and secular — in outlook. Opinion polls indicate that only about one-fourth of the general public professes to be liberal.

Both the "media elite" in the United States as well as leading lights in the entertainment industry reflect not only a definite leftist anti-American bias in foreign affairs, but an overwhelmingly liberal, secular approach on social issues.

An extraordinary in-depth study of the national media elite was made by S. Robert Lichter and Stanley Rothman and published more than a year ago in the magazine *Public Opinion*. Their findings were based on hour-long interviews with 240 journalists and broadcasters of the most influential American newspapers, magazines and television news staffs.

In commenting on this study syndicated writer Phyllis Schlafly wrote early last year:

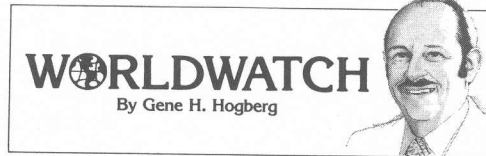
"The most striking and predominant characteristic of the media elite is what Lichter and Rothman called their 'secular outlook.' Another way of expressing that observation would be to call it an antireligious outlook. It's no wonder they oppose prayer in the schools; most of the media don't even believe in prayer in church or synagogue."

"Exactly 50 percent say that they have no religious affiliation what-

successful in telling Americans what to think, but they are stunningly successful in telling them what to think about."

'Far out' Hollywood

A year later, the same researchers published a report on the attitudes of Hollywood's most influential TV writers, producers and executives. The results were roughly the same, only more secular and liberal.



soever, and 86 percent admit that they seldom or never attend religious services."

This lack of even superficial religious exposure shows up in the attitudes of media powers regarding the main social and moral issues of the day.

Continued Mrs. Schlafly: "The survey shows that the media elite are strong supporters of sexual permissiveness, 90 percent agree that abortion should be legal, 54 percent believe that adultery is not wrong, 76 percent believe that homosexuality is not wrong; 85 percent believe that homosexuals should be permitted to teach in private schools."

"The media elite are not always

Here is a summary of the report, as received over our Associated Press wire Feb. 15: "Top Hollywood creators of the entertainment fare on television are predominantly secular in outlook, politically liberal and shun religion, a new study finds. It also finds that they seek to reform society toward their views . . . says the report of findings about Hollywood's most influential TV writers, producers and executives.

"Their value orientation is fundamentally different from that of the general public," says the report published in *Public Opinion*, a magazine of the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research in Washington. "On such issues as abortion, homosexual rights and extramarital sex their views diverge sharply from traditional values."

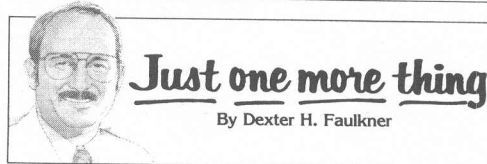
"Ninety-three percent of the Hollywood professionals turning out the main TV entertainment seldom or never attend religious services the findings show, compared to 41 percent of Americans who attend weekly or more often."

The study found that the entertainment people were even more liberal on nearly all social issues than the media elite.

Continued the AP report: "Among the TV entertainment makers 80 percent do not regard homosexual relations as wrong and 51 percent do not regard adultery as wrong. Of the 49 percent who do, only 17 percent feel that way strongly. Nearly all — 97 percent — believe a woman has a right to decide for herself about having an abortion, 91 percent holding that view 'strongly.'"

"In comparison to those views, studies find 85 percent of Americans consider adultery wrong and 71 percent consider homosexual activity wrong. Among the TV entertainment makers 75 percent call them-

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Turn events into ideas

A friend asked me where and how I come up with my ideas for this column issue after issue. "It's easy," I said. "First of all, I read a lot."

"Read a lot? How do you find time to read?" he asked. "With all the Work's publications, personal Bible study and prayer, I can hardly find time to even look at a new magazine."

I had to agree with him, but that's a topic for another column. I reminded him that reading is an important part of my job. I read all of the articles submitted to *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News*, *Youth 83* and *The Worldwide News* before they are printed in the Work's publications.

I am constantly on the lookout for ideas that will make strong, helpful and encouraging pieces in the publications. Some of my ideas come right off page 1 and 2 of the daily newspapers. I try to read two a day — *The International Herald Tribune* (a combination of *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*), also *USA Today*.

Sometimes I sneak in *The Wall Street Journal* just for fun. A paragraph, a sentence, even a phrase has told me there might be a good story behind a headline.

Editorial Services, including the News Bureau, subscribes to more than 100 news and human-interest magazines. I try to at least peruse all of these each month. The only way I can accomplish this is during coffee (or tea) breaks, lunch or those off moments in the early evenings before the evening news.

Many valuable ideas come from time spent with these magazines. I also pass on editorial and graphic ideas to the staff that result in future articles.

But, here is my personal secret for finding article ideas for "Just One More Thing." I like to say that I support my family, but this isn't altogether true; in a certain respect, my family supports me. We have two sons, a house in the suburbs and problems.

Every day in the week we live article ideas. I figure that if a problem puzzles our little basic unit, our family, then perhaps it may also puzzle all the other little units that make up God's Church.

Families with children find many situations to solve, with the fascinations, complexities and sometimes headaches that accompany them. Observation of my own family is just one step toward understanding the problems of others.

I also figure that if I discover a solution to my problem with God's help — other persons might be interested in applying it to themselves. This to me is the give way and I find it really works.

I cannot count the number of articles I have mined from my own family's positive, and negative, experiences as well as those of my friends and neighbors. And these are not likely to be stereotyped problems or examples either. More than one article has been sparked by a living room discussion, at a party or with a weekend outing with students.

A couple of weeks ago, for example, a member of the staff and spouse told me of the following experience: They entered a restaurant here in Pasadena just behind a thin, graying woman in her 60s. As they waited to be seated, the wily little woman began to shrilly warn the restaurant's clientele that Los Angeles was going to be inundated with a flood. She went on with her

rapid-fire message "from God" until she was gently escorted out by the manager.

After seating my friends, the manager said: "Well, they laughed at Noah too. Tomorrow we may well all be doing the backstroke." An amusing, but thought-provoking, incident.

I try to keep my ears wide open no matter what the occasion. Since we never run out of life's experiences — problems, happy situations and unhappy ones — neither should we run out of usable ideas.

Let me share another example of a situation that led to a column idea:

A friend in Australia who had moved to a new house wrote me: "I was praying the other morning when my 2-year-old daughter came into the bedroom and in a matter-of-fact way announced to me, 'Pappa, you are wasting our time praying to God.' 'How come?' I asked. 'He can't hear you. He's still back in the other house' was her reply!" Great opportunity to teach why we pray.

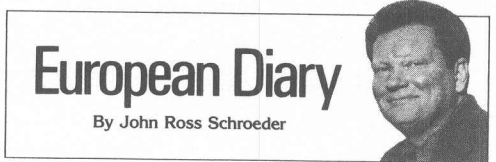
I also get good ideas from you readers of my column, and I really appreciate them. One member wrote: "It's a pretty good idea to be patient with a boy, not to judge him too harshly for what he has done. It's better to try to find out what he was trying to do."

"Tom's neighbor gave him a sound chew out because he broke his ladder and fell into his flower garden. But actually Tom was trying to put a tiny bird back into the nest from which it had fallen. His first nature was at work, yet he got punished for it." Lesson: As parents we should be sure of a body's intention.

Another member recalled boot camp in a conversation: "In the Marines they told us when we get through with you, you aren't going to be anything for the rest of your life but a Marine."

God says when I get through with you, you will be God. Or else you will be nothing!

So, as you can see, there is no end to ideas. With my family, friends, you, faithful readers and especially God's Word to draw from, there is always just one more thing . . .



The Continental paradox

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Spin the globe, point your finger anywhere and you've got yourself a problem. Europe is no exception. Within 25 years two world wars began on this Continent and a third is in incubation.

With this issue *The Worldwide News* begins a new column by John Ross Schroeder, a Plain Truth senior writer and regional editor at the Work's Borehamwood, England, Office. He has served in the Work since 1963, the past seven years in England.

It's all a matter of perspective. Everybody views the world through a different prism. Where a person has his feet on the globe makes all the difference. Europeans are far more afraid of the Russian SS-20s than their American friends thousands of miles across the Atlantic Ocean.

The purpose of this column is to make the European scene more understandable to our worldwide readership. Standing on the spot is a big help all by itself. Spending seven years in residence gives one some little historical perspective. The big key, however, was, is and remains the application of biblical prophecy.

In this introductory column we will view Europe from above — from an airplane coming in from America over the Atlantic. The pilot senses that he is approaching the rim of another world — a world of rocky cliffs and strange languages — in one word *Europe*.

First there are the British Isles. Britain stands apart from the Continent both in fact and in spirit. That narrow strip of water called the English Channel has protected the British from possible subjugation for many centuries.

The so-called "channel gap" is a keystone of both British and Continental politics. Now that she has

joined Europe through her membership in the European Economic Community, the United Kingdom has an identity problem. Her historical ties to the English-speaking Commonwealth of nations tugs on one end with the Continent pulling on the other.

But Paris is less than an hour's flying time from London. The breadbasket of Europe is almost as large as Texas. Once the leading nation in the world in the Napoleonic Age, France is embroiled in some severe economic cutbacks. A two-year socialist experiment simply has not worked. President Francois Mitterand has had to employ near-draconian budget measures far

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Acrobats

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of the Auditorium, Dr. Liu presented a painting of Pastor General Herbert Armstrong to Mr. La Ravia, who accepted on behalf of Mr. Armstrong and the foundation.

The painting was a personal gift from Dr. Liu and Mr. Dyck.

Dr. Liu said: "The Ambassador Foundation, through the vision of its founder and chairman, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, has for many years

fostered the highest quality and excellence in the performing arts in what is perhaps the finest performing arts center in the world, the Ambassador Auditorium. As a gesture of our appreciation for the vision shown by Mr. Armstrong and to show our love and esteem for him, we would like to personally present to the Ambassador Foundation this painting of Mr. Armstrong by the famous Chinese painter Y.X. Yao."

The troupe arrived on campus April 16 and left April 22. They performed in the Ambassador College gymnasium April 19 for Ambassador College and Imperial Schools students and other guests.

During the week they toured Disneyland, Universal Studios and the Norton Simon Museum, accompanied by Imperial School students.

Liana Graham, a 17-year-old Imperial junior who accompanied the troupe to Disneyland, said: "It was an experience I'll never forget... It was like stepping into a different culture."

They were honored at a reception by the Ambassador College faculty April 17 and by the students April 19.

Mou Pinqing, the leader of the troupe, said of Ambassador College: "When we arrived at the college the students warmly received us and showed much hospitality. This afternoon [April 19] we toured around the whole college campus. We all found the campus very beautiful. The students, I believe, will have good achievement."

About 250 students were on hand to see the troupe off as it departed April 22, according to Mr. McNair.

Feast site

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tives, cars and exhibits (open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

A feel for the West can be found in the Pony Express Monument and Museum, headquarters for the Pony Express in 1860 when riders braved the wilderness to carry the mail between California and St. Joseph, Mo.

The Eagle, California's first theater, is recreated as it originally stood as a wood and canvas wall structure. Plays and musicals, many reminiscent of the 1849 era, are still performed on the theater's gaslit stage.

Visits can be made to the Governor's Mansion (hourly tours), Sutter's Fort, Victorian homes, art museums and William Land Park, a six-acre playground for children.

Folsom Lake, an 18,000-acre state park, offers camping, picnicking and boating. Surrounding lakes teem with striped and black bass, trout, salmon, perch, bluegill and crappie, all from Folsom Lake and the Sacramento and American Rivers.

Visitors can explore lakes or hundreds of miles of delta region by houseboat or skiboat, or leisurely float down the lower American River or enjoy whitewater adventure rafting on the Upper American River.

Visitors may purchase Indian jewelry, a fashionably designed leather outfit, gourmet kitchen antiques or original pieces of art by world-renowned artists.

Golf and tennis are practically year-round sports in this area of California with its temperate climate, much sunshine and low humidity. Average annual rainfall is less than 18 inches (46 centimeters).

Information about accommodations at the Sacramento site is being compiled by the Festival Office in Pasadena. Information will be sent to all local church pastors in the United States and Canada.



OPENING ACT — Members of the Peking National Acrobats begin their April 19 performance in the Ambassador College gymnasium. [Photo by Craig Clark]

Mementos

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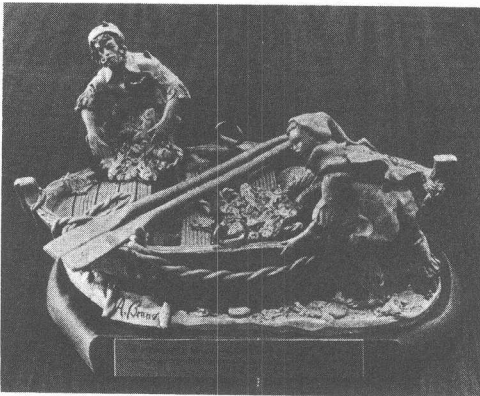
because of his office in the Church, in the same way that gifts are given to presidents and prime ministers in other countries. Thus they become property of the Church.

These gifts include a rare coin dating from 100 B.C. given by Moshe Kol, former minister of tourism in Israel; a coin minted in A.D. 29 and given by Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek; a set of silver candelabra presented on the occasion of Mr. Armstrong's church visit to

Washington, D.C.; a Steuben piece, Salmon Pool, presented by the churches in Alaska; and several handcrafted items from brethren in Nigeria, Sicily and other parts of the world.

Some of these items, purchased by members of local churches, are of high quality crystal, porcelain, gold

or silver. The Church also purchased a fine Steuben piece called the Cup of Elijah. The piece, especially suited to the end-time Elijah Work, was presented by the Advisory Council of Elders and is displayed in the Social Center. The workmanship in such gifts provides a witness to the quality of God's way of life.



ON DISPLAY — Clockwise from above: one of four display cases in the Pasadena Hall of Administration; the Steuben Cup of Elijah; and a 1981 token of appreciation presented to Herbert W. Armstrong by members in Sicily. [Photos by Michael Snyder and Steuben Glassworks]

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Worldwide reports

This morning I received the April 5 edition of the *WN* and would like to thank Mr. [Dexter] Faulkner for making his column available for the report from the Third World. Also very much appreciated is the intensive information on Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's travels and Mr. [Gene] Hogberg's column.

In fact, the *WN* from beginning to end is invaluable to all the brethren worldwide. Thank you for sharing the paper with us and letting us have an active part in the "Local" columns...

Eddie Clemens
Saskatoon, Sask.

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Tasmanian brushfires

Just wish to bring to your attention an omission concerning the mapping on the front page of the latest edition of *The Worldwide News*, March 7, 1983, being the island of Tasmania, only 200 miles south of the mainland.

I feel our island warrants recognition as it is a state of Australia, as well as being quite relevant to the recent bushfire situation. Last year (1982) saw I believe 180,000 hectares burned out, some of it irreplaceable world heritage rain forest.

John Klassek
Coocoo, Tasmania

Bible baseball?

A friend of mine, whom I will call Sparky, which closely approximates what his friends call him, reads *The Plain Truth* and goes faithfully to church every Sunday morning.

He told his pastor one day that he watched Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong on TV. The pastor said: "Oh no! That guy's way out in left field."

Sparky replied, "He may be out in left field, but he catches a lot of flies."

Sparky is past 80 years old. Thank you much for *The Worldwide News*. It is both inspirational and informative. I always rejoice to find it in my mailbox.

Beth Linehan
Hudson, Wis.

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Article on cynics

Your article on cynics in the recent *WN* ["Just One More Thing," March 7] was a masterpiece before Passover.

I wonder how God has been able to stand me all these years.

I have a feeling that article has had a similar impact on many others.

Your articles have a knack of getting to the heart of many of my problems, and I'm grateful you are close enough to God for Him to reveal so much to you.

Mrs. A.C. Terry
Irving, Tex.

Paradox

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more compatible with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's thinking.

Our next flight takes us across the Maginot Line into the Fatherland. According to at least one prominent journalist, "Germany [Is] Still a Worry For Us All."

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Adolf Hitler's ascension to power. While enjoying relative prosperity in spite of growing unemploy-

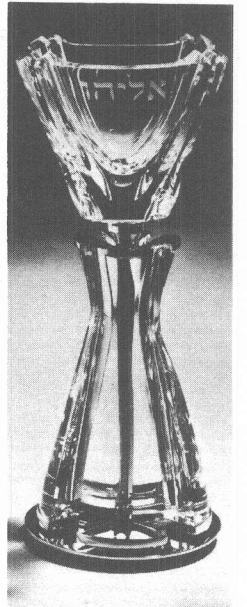
ment problems, the vow is still "No More Hitlers." But economic woes, concern about Soviet political pressure and potential neutralism still spark grim memories of Hitlerism.

And, of course, Germany is really more than one. Paradoxically, prospects for improved relations with East Germany seem better with a more rightist party in power. The question of German reunification will not stay on the backburner forever.

No, we have not forgotten the Benelux nations, Italy, Spain and Scandinavia. In Western Europe alone reside about 350 million people governed by about 25 nations that range from Vatican City (population: about 1,000) to West Germany (population: about 61 million).

From our airborne position we see more than conflict, strife and party politics. We see millions of human beings who, spiritually, "cannot discern between their right hand and their left."

God was deeply concerned about the welfare of 120,000 people in ancient Nineveh (Jonah 4:11). How much more is He concerned about the manifold millions ready to perish in a European conflagration perhaps not many years hence! Can we afford to let ourselves slip into the spirit of Jonah?



Tucson

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He added that Mr. Armstrong's sermon delivery was "good and strong," and that the pastor general was "very well received" by brethren here.

"After Mr. Armstrong's sermon, brethren lingered in the hall for quite a long time," Mr. Neff concluded. "The preparation for the event was reminiscent of a miniature Feast of Tabernacles."

Mr. Armstrong returned to Pasadena April 27.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

THE ALBUQUERQUE and SANTA FE, N.M., churches enjoyed a night at the movies March 19. YOU members sold candy and popcorn for their fundraising project. *David Ortiz.*

ANNISTON, Ala., brethren enjoyed a potluck supper after Sabbath services March 19. An evening of fun and fellowship followed. Adults and teens played buncos, while the children played games. Afterward Jerry York showed several movies. *Tiny Verna Johnson.*

A variety of flags and travel posters displayed the theme at the **APTOS, Calif.**, church's international night March 19. Potluck dishes were identified by miniature flags and cards showing the country of origin. Bill Mason as "Black Bear" entertained the children after dinner. An international variety show was presented by the brethren. Under the general direction of Al Jacobson, the presentation included performances by Joyce Jacobson and Mark Regnier, Frank Canepa, Betty Hyles and Dorothy Henriquez, Eloise Lear and Eileen Schofield, Laurie Jacobson and Gail Berggren, Cheryl Jacobson, Bill Lear and Sam Butler. Piano accompaniment was provided by Kathy Berggren. Food preparation was coordinated by Betty Hyles, and table decorations were provided by Helen Lear. The evening concluded with the cast and audience singing "America the Beautiful." *William K. Lear.*

THE BINGHAMTON, N.Y., church met in Endicott, N.Y., March 12 for services and a potluck. After the meal members were entertained by a talent show coordinated by Eldon and Sally Trapp and performed by the church's junior YOU members. The 32-act show included poetry, songs, skits, instrumentals, dancing and a trampoline act. The show ended with all 38 children singing a song from the musical *Mary Poppins*. *Georgianna Borgna.*

THE CHARLOTTE, N.C., church enjoyed the last of a series of "Winter Family Nights" March 5. Afternoon services were followed by a covered-dish meal. After dinner the YES and YOU groups had a talent show. Among the performances were clarinet, flute, piano and trumpet solos, ballet, a children's choir and an appearance by Kermit and Miss Piggy. After the talent show, pastor George Pinckney, his wife Mickie and daughter Sally were given a hand-stitched quilt as a gift of appreciation from the brethren. Embroidered throughout the quilt are the family names of each of the members. *Kevin Phillips and Annie Spher.*

THE COLUMBUS, Ga., church had a formal dance March 12 at the Columbus Hilton. The dancers were entertained by a band from the Atlanta, Ga., church area. There was a cash bar, and hors d'oeuvres were served. *Bob Spurlin.*

THE annual talent show of the CONCORD, N.H., church March 19 featured singing, dancing, instrumentals and skits. Several members were busy with their cameras throughout the show, including pastor Ken Williams. Many, including YOU members, assisted in the stage, lighting and microphone crews. Numerous acts were performed by the children. The adults added their talents with a vocal duet by Lana Kangas and Faye Limanni, a jazz piano solo by Gary Densmore and a comedy skit by John Mohs and his family. Barbara Clark and Doris Ledger contributed as well with a dance routine, complete with costumes. *Jim Herrick.*

EDMONTON, Alta., members 18 to 30 years old met at West Edmonton Village March 19 for an informal evening of fun and fellowship. Coffee, tea and snacks were served while music and entertainment were provided by Nigel Goodisr, Brian Haley and Jerry Ozipko. *Gerry Sinkler.*

An evening of family fun was enjoyed by brethren of the **EUGENE, Ore.**, church March 19. A potluck was followed by a program organized by minister Glenn Harmon. Acts included vocal and instrumental numbers, dance routines, a jump rope act, a children's choir and comedy featuring comedian J.J. Dugan, 11. *Tim and Lin Rhy.*

Rod Matthews, who works in the international area of Ministerial Services in Pasadena, presented a slide show to members of the **FRESNO and VISALIA, Calif.**, churches April 2, introducing them to members worldwide.

He mentioned that of the 208 countries and territories of the world, about 203 of them are receiving at least one copy of *The Plain Truth*. *Sandy O'Malley.*

A Western hoodown for brethren of the **KENOSHA, Wis.**, church took place after services March 19. The gym was decorated with Western gear, and a potluck dinner was served before the square dancing began. The professional caller invited the children to do a bird dance, and then they left to play games in another room. The nondancers participated in games in the back of the gym. The dance ended with a friendship circle and song. The children drew pictures of their parents, and the parents guessed which ones were of them. A prize was given to the Rick Sorrentinos for the best likeness. John Chandler captured the prize for the best-attired Westerner, and his daughter Ida for best-dressed child. *Conni McClure.*

Nineteen YAP members of the **PHOENIX EAST, MESA and PRESCOTT, Ariz.**, churches traveled to the snow-covered hills at the Telluride, Colo., ski resort March 3. The remainder of the week was spent frolicking in the snow, as well as sliding down the slopes. Marvin Davis, a minister in the Phoenix East church, provided entertainment with his videotape player. The group headed home the following Sunday afternoon. *David Rose.*

Families attended the first square dance arranged for the **PLYMOUTH, England**, church March 12. The evening began with a buffet provided by the women. Frank Steer took charge of the dancing, and he gave basic instruction to taped music. During a break Bill Deakins organized games for the children. *Kasey Jones.*

RENO and CARLIN, Nev., members enjoyed a semiformal dance to the music of Ross Jutsum's band and the Young Ambassadors in the Skyline Room of the Holiday Inn April 2. Door prizes were won by Tim Fike and Al Springmeyer. The band members and students traveled from Pasadena for the event, and they were housed in the homes of the Reno brethren. The group played special music at Sabbath services and on the Holy Day April 4. They divided into groups on Sunday to go skiing and sightseeing. *Naomi Yutzy.*

The annual spring potluck picnic of the **ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.**, church took place March 13 at Ft. Desoto Park. An outdoor breakfast for the early crew began the day's activities, which expanded to include volleyball, horseshoes and table games. After lunch the group enjoyed dodge ball games, egg tosses and tug-of-war for all age groups. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

The March 19 social of the **SPRINGFIELD, Mass.**, church was a cabaret night. Salad, pizza and ice cream were served by the YOU members. A band comprised of Lionel Gingras, Wayne Giguere, Roger Warner, Terry Provencher and Ken Blanchard opened the show and introduced the master of ceremonies, Tom Manion. Acts included a puppet show-pantomime by Ann-Marie Freeman and Tina Lawrence; harmonica solos by Louise Opanelik and Wally Prest; the barbershop quartet of Lou Marino, Ron Shartrand and Ray LeQuin (the fourth member was ab-

sent); gymnastics by Melissa Mislak; and vocals by Dean Frenzots, Ed Rising, Tina Marino and Mr. Giguere and daughter Dawn. *Ken Blanchard.*

THE TIVERTON, England, brethren had a social evening March 19. Master of ceremonies was John Swain. Food and drinks were served by the YOU members. Afterward games were played and contests took place, all organized by families. Mike and Sue Lee's current affairs game was won by Arthur Hart. The Mr. and Mrs. game by Mary and Heather Swain was won by Mr. and Mrs. Lee, with Ernest and Janet Spiller as runners-up. A baby photo contest by Sandra Moore was won by Hazel Batten. The Pitman advertisement contest was won by Mrs. Lee. A where-is-it photo game by Mr. and Mrs. Spiller was won by Mr. Lee, and Angus Robertson won Heather Swain's sweets-in-the-jar guessing contest. *Francis Cann.*

THE TORONTO, Ont., EAST and WEST churches' talent night was March 19. Talents ranged from the singing of 4-year-old Jody Faulkner to the paintings of professional artist Patricia Stephens. A high point of the evening was the Dixieland jazz band with Barrie, Ont., pastor George Lee on drums. Master of ceremonies was Richard Pinelli. *Sally Parker.*

The annual dinner-dance of the **TUCSON, Ariz.**, church was April 2 at the Holiday Inn Holiday ballroom. Dance music was furnished for the semiformal affair by the four-piece band Topaz. *Ruth VanBlair.*

Colin Adair, regional director of the Work in Canada, gave the first of a series of Bible lectures in **VANCOUVER, B.C.**, March 13. Some 78 nonmembers attended the lecture, which was followed by refreshments.

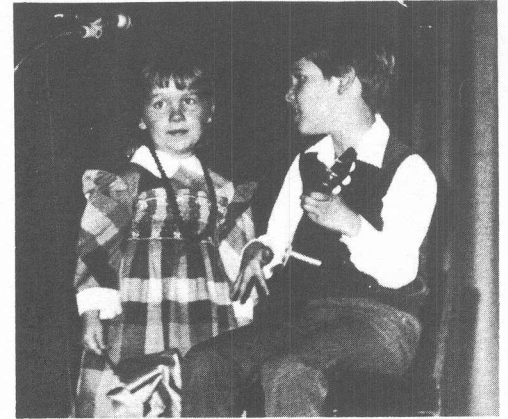
After services March 19 the Vancouver brethren enjoyed a meal and then viewed the movie *Seven Alone*. *Fred Whitehead.*

Movie night was March 19 for the **WINDSOR, Ont.**, members and their families. Brian Brown and his social committee organized the event, which began with a potluck dinner. After the meal four movies were shown. *Nancy Tait.*

CLUB MEETINGS

THE BATON ROUGE, La., Ladies' Friendship Club had its regular monthly meeting March 19. Pastor Alton Billingsley opened the meeting, and President Roddy Grice welcomed the members and guests and conducted the business session. After topics led by Carol Thibodeaux the group recessed for a fiesta of Mexican refreshments and treats. Evelyn McGaha was in charge of decorations. Hostess for the speaking session, Mary Breechen, introduced the speakers. Judy Simpson, Alma Higgins, Kim Howell, Robin French and Bea Breaux gave their icebreakers. Mr. Billingsley spoke to the group before dismissing the meeting. *Robert D. Vernon.*

The Spokesman Club of **BILOXI, Miss.**, had its first ladies' night of the year



FAULKNER FAMILY SINGERS — Jody and David Faulkner sing "Dum dum diddle dee dum etc." during the Toronto, Ont., East-West talent night March 19. Members performed 27 acts. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

March 20. Directors were pastor Steve Moody and minister Don Thomas. William A. Walker was toastmaster; Ken Thacker, toastmaster; and Steve Trehern, timer. Speakers and evaluators were Ray Hartman and Steve Mulvaney, George Donald and Frederick Moore, Robin Bruning and Ronnie Bell, H.H. Burnett and Roger Mills and Willie Williams and Morris Walters. The Most Effective Speech was by Mr. Hartman, the Most Improved Speaker was Mr. Bruning and the Most Helpful Evaluation was given by Mr. Bell. As an expression of appreciation for his direction, the club presented Mr. Moody with a Bible atlas. *William A. Walker.*

CANBERRA, Australia, Spokesman Club members met March 27 and de-leavened the Urambi Hills bakery owned by deacon Fritz Sonderegger. They also painted the bakery and the apparatus used within the bakery. *David John Simpson.*

THE CORNING, N.Y., Women's Club had its last meeting of the year March 20. Decorations by hostess Linda Carl and cohostess Alice Palmer centered on the theme of "Rejoice and Prepare to Rule." Following opening comments by the hostess, a breakfast buffet was served. The business session was conducted by coordinator Hazel Lambert. Jean Fraley gave an icebreaker, and Janet Powers led tabletopics. Karen VanDyke presented a biographical sketch of Abigail. Marilyn Phelps served as acting secretary. Pastor Britton Taylor concluded the meeting with a lecture that was the third of a three-part series entitled "The Uniqueness of Women," which was the club theme for the year. *Nancy Saylor.*

THE FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., B Spokesman Club had a ladies' night April 2. A meal of salad, steak, baked potato, wine and dessert was prepared and served by the men. Each member personally served his guest. The topics session was conducted by Bill Latham, and Ed Wrench served as toastmaster. After dinner club members and their guests participated in a game called Dictionary. The evening concluded with the men cleaning the hall and washing the dishes. *Earl Jones.*



STITCH IN TIME — Women of the Charlotte, N.C., church display a quilt made for pastor George Pinckney, his wife Mickie and daughter Sally. The quilters embroidered into the quilt the family names of members of the Charlotte church. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

The March 20 meeting of the newly formed **FORT WORTH, Tex.**, Ladies' Club was at the Brookside Recreation Center. Director is Bob Smith, and coordinator is Ken Woodbridge. Hostesses were Burdette Woodbridge and Mara Collins, and toastmistresses were Sondra Rose and Beauland Denton. Giving their icebreakers were Gloria Elam, Charlotte Gutrey, Robbie Slinkard, Sharon McGee, Beth Bradford, Diana Keener, Elizabeth Boston, Lois Ripple and Val Hawks. *Diana Keener.*

THE LENOIR and BOONE, N.C., Ladies' Club met March 20. Susan Miller led vocal exercises, and the Miss Manners portion was given by Shirley Triplett. Debbie Jones led the topics session, and speeches were given by Gail Blackburn, Lynette Webb, Martha Fox, Judy Bauman and Alene Medford on different chapters of the book *Manners and Customs of Bible Lands*. Closing comments were made by director Ken Smylie. *Ethel Baker.*

THE MIDLAND-CADILLAC, Mich., Ladies' Club had a seminar on wine tasting March 19. Pastor Gerald Weston gave the first part of the seminar, and Carol Weston gave the second part on learning the different types and classes of wine. Unleavened desserts and coffee were served afterward. *Barbara Crandall.*

The theme of the March 8 meeting of the **NASSAU, Bahamas**, Spokesman Club was "Focus on World War II." A number of guests were present at the meeting. Frank Clarke led topics related to the war, and Michael Clarke was chairman for the speech session. Five graduates of the club — Edward Robinson, Kirk Ardley, Archie Harper, Clifford Barton and Greg Ritchie — presented speeches on various aspects of World War II. The speakers answered questions during a panel discussion after the speeches. Club director was pastor Kingsley Mather. *Cyril G. Thompson.*

THE PEORIA and MACOMB, Ill., Spokesman Clubs rented a dorm at Monmouth College March 19 and 20 for a weekend of games, fellowship and a practice club session. Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cortelyou directed games and activities to help the men and their wives from the two clubs become acquainted. Sunday, pastor Jess Ernest presented a lecture, and after a catered lunch by Bill Smith, minister Bob Druen gave the clubs the mechanics of a good speech. During the practice session Mr. Cortelyou, president of the Macomb club, presided over the meeting. Associate pastor Gary Smith evaluated the meeting. The outing concluded with games led by Mr. and Mrs. Dave Keyster and David Davison. Mr. Smith coordinated the event. *David Davison.*

THE PHILADELPHIA, Pa., A Spokesman Club met March 19 with the YOU members as guests. The theme for the evening was youths, and the topics and speeches were designed to be of particular interest to that age category. Several YOU members made contributions during the topics session. A potluck was served during the break. *Amy Stewart.*

THE PIKEVILLE, Ky., Spokesman Club was host to a ladies' night March 21 at the Log Cabin restaurant. Luke Cline served as toastmaster, and Jim Hall led tabletopics. Speakers were Eddie Bailey, Larry Griffith, Eugene Hogston, Mike Stewart and Lestil Wright. Closing comments and evaluations were given by pastor Warren Heaton III. *Debby Bailey.*

"Heroines of the Bible" was the theme (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 5)

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for the March 26 meeting of the **RENO**, Nev., Women's Club. Four groups of women gave presentations on a biblical heroine. Clara Miller's group presented Esther; Michelle Wendt's team chose Ruth; Clara Wright's team talked about Deborah; and Florence Fletcher's group presented the story of Abigail. The presentations included speeches and skits with costumes and props. Pastor James Chapman asked each member to submit a paragraph on what was learned from the study of the heroines. The meeting concluded with refreshments served by hostess Judy Raum and cohostess Jackie Foster. *Michelle Wendt and Naomi Yutz.*

The Spokesman Club of **SAN ANTONIO**, Tex., met March 20 at Earl Able's Restaurant. Fifteen widows of the church were in attendance as honored guests. Topicmaster for the evening was Frank Verdecana. Toastmaster Ron Davis introduced the speakers: Harvey Frenzel, Hector Diaz, Tim Alexander, Ken Simms and Rick Barta. Pastor and director Gregory Sargent evaluated the speeches and gave a lecture. *David Orth.*

The Manasota Women's Club of the **SARASOTA**, Fla., church met March 24 at the home of Janice Walworth. Tabletopics were given by Becky Hutchins. The education committee presented a program with questions on geography, current events and world history. A world almanac was the door prize. *Helen Walworth.*

SASKATOON, Sask., Spokesmen chose the Battleford Room of the Hotel Bessborough as the setting for their final meeting of the season March 20. President Colin Ward welcomed the men and their guests, and sergeant at arms Jake Friesen introduced the invited guests. Topicmaster was Merv Olson. Toastmaster Al Levitt presented speakers Ray Bichon, evaluated by Henry Trischuk; Rob Glendenning, evaluated by Jake Enns; and Norman Strunk, evaluated by Carmelo Sansalone. The toastmaster then gave a rendition of "The Prodigal Son." Director Maurice Yurkiw expressed his satisfaction with this year's club. Vice president was Richard Gillis; secretary, Mr. Olson; and treasurer, Hans Friedrich Tamke. A brunch ended the morning activity. *Edie Clemens.*

Members of the **WETASKIWIN**, Alta., Ladies' Club met March 22 at the home of Hilda Toban. The theme for the evening was "Preparing for the Spring Holy Days." Decorations were provided by Hilda Toban and Donna Kneller. Acting as hostess was Shuzelle Fontaine, and secretary was Eugenia Schettle. Selma Clarke led tabletopics. Speeches were given by Carol Schettle, Shuzelle Fontaine and Judy Buchanan. Anna Grahn arranged the refreshments and provided copies of the recipes of the uncleaned refreshments. Pastor Will Wooster directed the club. *Jeanette Engblom.*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Thirty-four members and guests of the **NEW ORLEANS**, La., Over-50 Group had an outing at Bellingrath Gardens in Theodore, Ala., March 20. An outdoor potluck picnic was rained out, but the sky was clear and sunny for the afternoon tour of the gardens. Judy Servidio and Evelyn Daniels toured Bellingrath Home and viewed the antique collections. A picture book of the various plants of the gardens was won as a door prize by Eunice Lane. *Maurice Ledet.*

The Young At Heart Seniors of the **SPOKANE**, Wash., church met March 20 for brunch at the Country Cousin Restaurant to fellowship and discuss ideas for future events. Verne Enos led the discussion, and the group decided to be a service-for-others club.

Twenty-five YAH Seniors traveled to the Special Events Pavilion on the Eastern Washington University campus April 5 to attend a concert presented by the United States Air Force Band and the Singing Sergeants. *Margaret R. Lay.*

SPORTS

The **CALGARY**, Alta., **NORTH** and **SOUTH** churches ended their regular curling season March 20. Two 12-team divisions curled on alternate Sundays over a 22-week period. Division A was won by Doug Magnuson and his team of

Danny Thompson, Laurie Poffenroth and Lori Gordon. Mike Desrosiers, Warren Poffenroth, Anna Cottrell and Kim Brown won Division B.

The 15th annual curling bonspiel took place March 19 and 20 at the Big 4 Building. The tournament was a double elimination series. The A event was won by Moe McBain, Mike Kearns, Larry Ritco and Sheila Raessler. Dale Trenery and his team of Warren Poffenroth, Linda Christiansen and Ron Gardner won the B event. The C event went to Stan Kitt, John Borax, Merv Siedman and Muriel Jay. Jim Kulchisky won the D event helped by Lloyd Dafeo, Walter Vaughn and Karen Brauer. Curling trophies were presented after a potluck at the home of Roy and Pat Olney. The regular curling season and the bonspiel were organized by Ken Kerr and Willard Roelofs. *Emily Lukacik.*

The **GOLD COAST** and **GRAFTON**, Australia, churches played a cricket match March 13. The action was fast and the contest was close. After the game most stayed for a barbecue and an impromptu softball game. *Cliff Worthing.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

ATHENS and **GAINESVILLE**, Ga., YOU members took part in the YOU basketball district family weekend in Atlanta, Ga., March 12 and 13. Home-baked refreshments were available at the snack bar. *Carol Hamilton.*

Some 1,121 brethren from seven church areas in Alabama attended the annual District 33 YOU family weekend and basketball tournament in **BIRMINGHAM** March 12 and 13. Huntsville teens Julie Holladay, Jennifer Montana, Darren Keith, Jeff Brothers, Jan Holladay, Daniel Phillips and Mike Keith took first place in the Bible bowl that began the weekend's activities. Sabbath services were conducted by Gadsden pastor Steve Smith and district coordinator Kenneth Martin. A cheerleading presentation took place after sunset, and the day was capped off with a family sock hop. The results of the basketball tournament were as follows: Division A — Huntsville, first place, and Birmingham, second. Division B — Birmingham, first place, and Montgomery, second. *Jim Valekis.*

The YOU family district weekend in **BUFFALO**, N.Y., March 5 and 6 drew about 800 brethren from six churches. Les Schmedes, pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., churches, was the guest speaker at afternoon services. Six YOU teams played a Bible bowl, which was won by the Buffalo North team, consisting of Richard Alex, Brad Cole, Dave Craft and Erika Ferguson. As the weekend guests arrived they were greeted by welcome banners and drawings by Kim Johnson. A potluck was served at tables with centerpiece made by Garner and Olive Holdsworth. The meal was coordinated by Rick and Cindy Schmitt. At the YOU dance after dinner six dancing contests were featured.

The winners of a YOU essay contest were Richard Alex, senior division, and Jennifer Wolfe, junior division. Runners-up were Ginny Regoord and Erika Ferguson, senior division, and Kari Moses, junior division. During the dance YES children were entertained with movies and songs.

Twenty games were played in the bas-



YOUTHFUL TALENT — The junior YOU of the Binghamton, N.Y., church perform at a talent show March 12. The junior YOU performed 32 acts. (See "Church Activities," page 4.) [Photo by Russ Vidler.]

ketball tournament the next day. Eric Lasch provided the spark for the Buffalo men's team as they defeated Binghamton-Corning, N.Y., 76-59 and Rochester 81-50. Steve Lulkowski scored 43 points against the Buffalo South team, leading the Binghamton-Corning team to an 87-48 victory and the YOU Division I trophy. In the Division II contests, Rochester took the honors with a 49-20 win over Syracuse. Jason Kota's 12 points propelled the Buffalo boys' team to the pee-wee division trophy. The girls' pee-wee award went to Rochester. Between the morning and afternoon games the cheerleaders presented their dance routines. Lunch was coordinated by Rick and Pat Vogan. Ron Tracey coordinated the tournament, with assistance from Ron Wlozoga. *Gail Ann Biegalski and Val Matuszkiewicz.*

The weekend of March 12 and 13 was the date of the YOU District 25 family weekend and basketball tournament, with the **CINCINNATI**, Ohio, **NORTH** church as host. District coordinator Garvin Greene conducted Sabbath services, with Karl Beyersdorfer giving the sermonette, Kim Butz singing special music and Bob League giving the sermon. After services there were seminars for YOU members and interested parents on career planning, family communications, dating and peer pressure. A turkey dinner was served by the host church. The finals of the basketball tournament were on Sunday. The championship for the A teams went to Cincinnati North, with the team also winning the Sportsmanship award. The Cincinnati West B team took first place for the B teams, and the Indianapolis, Ind., B team won the Sportsmanship award. Ray Hiatt, Vernon Hargrove and Jack Terry served as referees. *Ralph Dowd.*

The **CLEVELAND**, Ohio, **EAST** Cub Scout Pack 425 had its first Blue and Gold Banquet Feb. 27. A court of honor took place before the pizza luncheon. Guests included scoutmaster Dan Weitzel, committee chairman Marty Fiorillo and tiger cubs Aaron Henry and Adam Masek and their families. Cubmaster Richard Masek received a collection of thank-you notes from the nine youths. Ruth Brown composed a humorous poem about the pack, and she provided guitar accompaniment as it was recited by the cub scouts. The banquet was organized by Bettye James. *Richard Masek.*

The **CONCORD**, N.H., church was host for the District II family weekend and

annual YOU basketball tournament March 5 and 6. The Montpelier, Vt., team took first place in the Bible bowl that followed Sabbath services. After the evening meal a movie was shown. Nine basketball games were played, resulting in a first-place award for the Boston, Mass.-Providence, R.I., team, with the Meriden, Conn., team placing second and the Concord team placing third. The Concord team received the Sportsmanship award, and one of its members, Jeff Parent, was judged the Most Valuable Player. The all-tournament team consisted of Jeff Parent, Tom Piasency, Marc Chevalier, Dan King and Joel Langlois. *Margie Welty.*

CROYDON, England, YOU members were hosts for a teen dance for 120 YOU members and their families from southeast England March 19. A light meal was served before dancing began to records provided by Wayne Tucker and Paul Doncheck. *Peter Francis.*

Host for the YOU District 53 family weekend March 12 and 13 was the **FAYETTEVILLE**, Ark., church. Youths and adults from 11 church areas joined in the two days of activities. The Sabbath sermon by Joplin, Mo., pastor Vince Szymkowiak was followed by a midday potluck and a Bible study by Fred Kellers, Little Rock, Ark., pastor. That evening pastor John Elliott was master of ceremonies for a talent show with participants from eight churches. Sunday's sports activities included volleyball and basketball. Trophies for Sportsmanship were presented to the Joplin No. 2 women's team, the Harrison, Ark., men's team, the Searcy, Ark., girls' team and the Springfield, Mo., boys' team. Also among the activities were a cheerleading exposition, a junior YOU checkers tournament, movies, soccer and table tennis. *Dora Brach and Roberta Pejic.*

Junior YOU members and parents of the **FORT PIERCE**, Fla., church enjoyed a day in West Palm Beach, Fla., March 13. The group visited the animals at the Dheear Park Zoo, had a picnic lunch and toured the Palm Beach County Science Museum and Planetarium. *David Freyman.*

The **GRANDE PRAIRIE**, Alta., YOU conducted a bottle drive March 13. The activity was coordinated by Terry Seniuk, Bob Vetsch and Ted Dageford. The youths netted \$975 toward the expenses of future activities.

The Grande Prairie YOU members enjoyed an active weekend Feb. 26 and 27. About 45 teenagers and adults filled the bowling lanes Saturday evening, and Shari Bircher made the highest score for the teenagers. Afterward the group went to Boston Pizza for refreshments. Sunday morning, pastor Pieter Michielsens conducted a Bible study, and the weekend concluded with lunch and card games. *Gerhard Richter.*

GREENSBORO, N.C., played host to the YOU District 31 basketball tournament and family weekend March 12 and 13. Pastor Dan Rogers and district coordinator Mike Booze gave split sermons. After services each church area was represented in a YOU Bible bowl, which Greensboro won, with Raleigh, N.C., placing second. Following dinner Fifth Avenue provided entertainment for a family dance. The basketball trophies were presented Sunday to the following: Division I — Greensboro first place, and Raleigh, second. Best Sportsmanship went to Raleigh, and John Benjamin won the Most Valuable Player award. Division II — Fayetteville, N.C., first place,

and Jacksonville, N.C., second and Sportsmanship. Ron Washington won the Most Valuable Player award. *Charles B. Edwards and Vicki Hart.*

The **HOUSTON**, Tex., **WEST** church honored its YOU members with a potluck dinner April 2. Bill Bartholomew played background music during dinner, and the men's quartet sang two selections. Pastor Dennis Van Deventer presented awards to outstanding members of the YOU. *Gale LaFlam.*

The **LEXINGTON**, Ky., YOU had a bowling activity March 13 at Eastland Bowling Lanes. Sixteen teens, along with their parents and friends, enjoyed two hours of fun and fellowship. *Randall Williams.*

MAIDSTONE, **CROYDON** and **BRIGHTON**, England, YOU members and their families met at Ashdown Forest March 13 for an exercise in orienteering organized by Mike Anderson and directed by Diane Allan. Groups were sent off equipped with a compass and map to spend the day trekking through marshes and over hills. *Louise Frohn.*

Senior citizens and YOU parents were invited to a potluck dinner and game night sponsored by the **MOBILE**, Ala., and **BLOXI**, Miss., YOU March 19. Food and board games were on the agenda for the social event at Bellingrath Hall in Mobile. *Treba Jackson.*

NAGA CITY, Philippines, YOU members had their second activity of the year March 6 at Buhí, Camarines Sur, where they enjoyed riding, fishing, boating, hiking and swimming. Accompanied by some parents and singles plus four children, they rode on a chartered passenger jeepney to Buhí. The fishing site was the Favoreal fish cage and fish pen project at Lake Buhí, which was the subject of the entry that won Ric Perez, who was in charge of the activity, first prize in the Regional KKK Livelihood Essay Photo Contest. Roasted tilapia, fresh from the water, were enjoyed during lunch. Afterward the group went boating on the lake. Crossing the lake they went ashore to hike to the Bureau of Forest Development nursery and Baybay Falls. Pastor Medardo Maninang and his two children joined in for part of the activities. *Ernesto O. Mistola.*

The **NASHVILLE**, Tenn., church played host to the District 32 family weekend March 12 and 13. YOU coordinator Dave Orban delivered the Sabbath sermon, and special music was presented by the Chattanooga, Tenn., YOU choir. Eight teams participated in YOU Bible baseball on the book of Luke. Trophies were presented to Nashville I, first place; Chattanooga, second; and Marion, N.C., third. Nashville II and Knoxville, Tenn., tied for fourth. Cheerleading exhibitions and basketball playoffs began that evening. Sunday morning seminars by area pastors took place for married couples, singles and YOU members. YES children viewed movies and played games during this time. In the afternoon first place basketball awards were presented to Nashville, YOU A; Murfreesboro, YOU B; and Chattanooga, junior YOU, women and men. Sportsmanship awards went to Chattanooga, YOU A, and Knoxville, YOU B. Gary Davis organized the event, and Lee and Frances Robinson and Genie McKinnon provided refreshments and decorations. *Mary Hutcheson.*

Round-robin basketball action took place during a district family weekend in **OKLAHOMA CITY**, Okla., March 12 and 13. Rod Matthews from Pasadena (See CHURCH NEWS, page 6)



CLUB OFFICERS — Officers of the newly formed Fort Worth, Tex., Ladies' Club are, from left, Jeannette Cooper, treasurer; Gloria Elam, recording secretary; and Diana Keener, historian. (See "Club Meetings," page 4.)

Church schedules Festival site at resort in Acapulco, Mexico

The 1983 Feast of Tabernacles site for Mexico is Acapulco, according to the Spanish Department. Transfers will be allowed, with preference given to Spanish-speaking individuals and families. A limited number of English-speaking transfers will be accepted for Acapulco, and translations for them will be provided.

The Worldwide News received this article from the Spanish Department.

Anyone (Spanish- or English-speaking) who wishes to transfer must follow these instructions:

(1) If you are English speaking, make alternate Feast arrangements, as there will be few spots for non-Spanish-speaking people. You will

be informed by July 20 if your application for Acapulco is accepted.

(2) Negotiations have provided excellent beachfront housing at low prices. The two hotels booked for transfers are: Acapulco Plaza, \$55 a day for a one-bedroom suite (double or triple occupancy) and \$45 a day for a double room, (\$50 for a triple), two children under 12 free for both the suite and double room; and the Acapulco Holiday Inn, \$35 a day for a double room (\$40 for a triple), two children under 12 free. The Holiday Inn is within walking distance of the meeting hall. Prices listed include taxes and processing fees.

(3) To apply for Acapulco, write to the Spanish Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, Attention: Acapulco Transfer Request. Include a check or money order made out to: Iglesia de Dios

Universal, for the entire amount of the hotel cost. Indicate your choice of hotel. Also indicate any extra nights before and after the Feast, and include the additional sum in the amount sent. If you are not accepted, your check or money order will be returned on or before July 20.

(4) Do not call the Spanish Department or the Mexico City, Mexico, Office about the Acapulco Feast site. All questions and requests must be handled strictly by mail.

(5) There will be a 10 percent charge for cancellations 30 days or more (Aug. 22) before the Feast. No refund will be made on any cancellation after that date.

(6) Indicate if you or others in your family will require translation. Also indicate the number of adults and children and their ages in your group.

(7) A passport or birth certificate is needed for U.S. and Canadian citizens for travel to Mexico. Please check with a travel agent about airline costs and any other details regarding tourism in Mexico. Note: single parents traveling with children need a notarized letter of approval from the nonattending mate.

(8) Please indicate one or more phone numbers at which you can be called weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time.

(9) Do not plan to drive to Acapulco from the United States. The distance and risks involved are too great.

(10) Please send in your transfer request before June 30 to give ample time for processing. It is advisable that you send in your request much sooner because of the limited space available. Examine each of the above instructions and provide all of the information required.

New Zealand site offers fishing, geysers, culture

For this, the 15th observance of the Festival in New Zealand, there will be just one site, Rotorua. Rotorua is 145 miles (234 kilometers) south of Auckland. It will be the fifth time the Festival has been celebrated there.

The Worldwide News received this article from the New Zealand Office.

Rotorua has geysers, crystal springs and bathing pools of hot mineral water, glittering silica terraces, richly colored craters and hissing fumaroles.

But thermal attractions are only some of the varied activities. Lakes surrounded by forests, placid trout pools, colorful mineral springs, scenic walks and bush tracks are there to be enjoyed.

The Rotorua region is an outstanding fishing area, and attracts anglers from all over the world to chase the fat fighting rainbow and brown trout that abound in its waters.

Rotorua is also an excellent place to get to know the people of New Zealand's native Maori race. The Maoris are renowned for their friendship, and even though they

have adopted certain aspects of the European way of life they have not lost the character, traditions and love of their heritage.

Visitors can experience the history of the Maori by visiting the Maori villages of Whakarewarewa and Ohinemutu, and be thrilled by the culture recreated at a *hangi* (Maori feast) and a traditional Maori concert.

A lively program of activities will be drawn up for more than 1,200 of God's people expected to attend. Services will be at the Sportsdrome at the rear of Tudor Towers in Government Gardens. This is near the shores of Lake Rotorua, and also close to the main streets and shopping center in the heart of the city. Fine motels are available near the hall.

Overseas visitors attending the Feast in Rotorua will benefit from an advantageous exchange rate. At the time of this writing, one U.S. dollar would buy 1.50 New Zealand dollars — a welcome boost to Festival Funds.

For more information, intending visitors should write as soon as possible to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Box 2709, Auckland 1, New Zealand.

Malaysian Festival open to accept 1983 transfers

Rubber and oil-palm plantations, Chinese temples and Malay kampongs (villages) are just some of the sights to see on the drive from Kuala Lumpur to Port Dickson, the Malaysian Feast site. Among the sight-seeing attractions near Port Dickson is the historic town of Melaka, where Portuguese settlers first arrived several hundred years ago.

The Worldwide News received this article from the Australian Office.

Accommodations for Feastgoers will be at the Ming Court Beach Hotel (formerly the Mui Beach Hotel) where church services will take place. The Ming Court Beach Hotel is on the beach and offers facilities for waterskiing, sailing, scuba diving, canoeing, windsurfing and tennis.

Feast activities will include a get-acquainted evening, family night, pool barbecue and a fishing contest. An international French restaurant is in the hotel complex, and a variety of Chinese, Indian and Western dishes is available within walking distance.

The climate is warm to hot at Port Dickson and only lightweight clothing is necessary. The meeting hall is air conditioned. Check with a travel agent for visa requirements, but immunizations are not necessary unless you are traveling from an infested area.

The power supply in the hotel is 220-240 volts. Adapters are necessary for 110-volt equipment. Irons, hairdryers and laundry services can also be arranged through the hotel.

For application forms write to Colin Kelly, Worldwide Church of God, Box 202, Burleigh Heads, Queensland 4220, Australia.



FESTIVAL CHOIR — Brethren from around the world sing special music during the 1982 Feast of Tabernacles in Bentota, Sri Lanka. [Photo by Jeff Zhorne]

Sri Lanka Feast site set

The brand-new Koggala Beach Hotel on the southern coast of Sri Lanka is a Feast site this year. Attractions include tea and rubber estates, gem mining, stilt and madel (draw-net) fishing and well-preserved Portuguese ruins at Galle, more than 400 years old.

The Worldwide News received this article from the Australian Office.

Koggala Beach is a nesting ground for turtles, which come ashore at night to lay their eggs. Half a mile from the hotel is Koggala Lake, where it is possible to go boating, fishing and sailing. A natural coral reef just yards from the hotel is home for a variety of corals and tropical fish.

A miniature zoo is maintained on the hotel grounds with a number of tame animals, including a baby elephant, to delight the children.

Brethren from about 15 countries will attend the Feast in Sri Lanka.

Feast activities include a get-acquainted evening and family beach day. Facilities at Koggala Beach Hotel include tennis courts, swimming pools, volleyball and badminton, game rooms (table tennis, chess, checkers) and shops offering a range of items from clothing to gemstones.

Dining includes Indian, Sri Lankan, Chinese, Italian and Western cuisine.

Check with a travel agent for visa requirements. Immunizations are necessary only if traveling from an infested area. Climate is warm to hot, so only light clothing is necessary.

Power supply is 220 volts. Adapters are needed for 110-volt electrical equipment.

Accommodations are \$15 a day, which include three meals. Laundry service is available at the hotel. For application forms write to Colin Kelly, Worldwide Church of God, Box 202, Burleigh Heads, Queensland 4220, Australia.

Brethren survive landslides, floods

'Freak' weather plagues Peru

By Reg Killingley

LIMA, Peru — Devastating torrential rains in Peru's central and northern coastal regions left scores of landslides, overflowing rivers and floods.

Reg Killingley is a minister serving in Peru.

Landslides blocked the Pan American Highway, Peru's main coastal artery, effectively cutting off land transportation and communication, water and food supplies and electricity to several coastal and inland communities. Combined with floods, landslides killed scores of people, while hundreds, maybe thousands, were injured and left homeless and destitute.

Church members in the northern town of Piura and the central town of Huaraz (last year's Feast of Tabernacles site), which were cut off by landslides, are reportedly safe and well. It has not yet been possible to confirm the well-being of our members in Tumbes, another northern town affected by these disasters.

In contrast, the southeastern high plateau crop-growing region of Puno, Bolivia, near Lake Titicaca, suffers from severe drought.

The capital city of Lima was also affected, with sweltering summer temperatures soaring to the high 80s Fahrenheit (about 31 degrees Celsius), the normal summer high is in the low 70s, 21 to 23 degrees Cel-

sius) with 95 percent humidity, temperatures not experienced here in 50 years.

The immediate cause of most of this destructive and upside down weather is a Pacific current known as *El Nino* (The Child), which this year has flowed much farther south than usual.

The normal current off the coast of Peru is the Humboldt, a cold-water current in which anchovies, a mainstay of the Peruvian fishing industry, thrive. As might be expected the warm water has killed

off thousands of these tiny fish.

Various theories have been proposed to explain this *El Nino* phenomenon, though none has done so satisfactorily. Although a return to more normal weather is expected in April, meteorologists are expecting another peak of freak weather around December.

Perhaps the most helpful information they could receive would be an analysis of the fundamental cause of these upset weather patterns as presented in the timely cover article of the April *Plain Truth*.

Fiji prepares for Feast

The unspoiled beauty of Fiji with its palm-fringed beaches protected by coral reefs, luxuriant countryside with flowering trees and shrubs, sugar plantations and banana groves all add up to a glorious millennial setting for rejoicing at the Feast.

The Worldwide News received this article from the New Zealand Office.

This will be the seventh year the Festival has been observed in Fiji and the third time at Pacific Harbour.

Visitors keeping the Festival in Fiji can meet hospitable and friend-

ly Fiji brethren and learn of their culture. They can feast each day on fresh coconut milk, pineapples, mangoes, bananas, papaws and other tropical fruits and vegetables.

Pacific Harbour is a resort area about 35 minutes drive west of Suva, the capital. Services will be at Sakura House near the Beachcomber Hotel at Pacific Harbour.

An afternoon during the Festival is set aside for a shopping trip to Suva. Suva's duty-free shops provide an amazing selection of luxury goods, but beware — it's customary to bargain.

Accommodations were arranged. (See FIJI FEAST, page 8)

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UPDATE

PASADENA — Four Feast of Tabernacles sites in the Caribbean are filled, according to Ministerial Services here, April 22.

The sites are Nassau, Bahamas; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Crown Point, Tobago, Trinidad and Tobago; and Christ Church, Barbados. Applications are no longer accepted for these sites.

The site in Brno, Czechoslovakia, also has reached capacity. The Bonn, West Germany, Office thanks all applicants for their interest and support for the Eastern European members. Declined requests will receive priority next year.

Rincon, Puerto Rico, will be a Feast site, according to the Spanish Department here. Those transferring must be fluent in Spanish.

Send transfer requests to **Pablo Gonzalez**, Apdo. Postal 3272, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00904. Mr. Gonzalez' office telephone number is 809-783-1230.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England — Seven brethren kept the Passover in Helsinki, Finland, "for the first time in this era of God's Work," said **David Stirk**, an assistant for administration to evangelist **Frank Brown** in the British Regional Office here.

Tony Goudie, a local church elder from the Luton, England, congregation, and his wife **Penelope** traveled to Helsinki to conduct March 26 Sabbath services, the Passover and services on the first day of Unleavened Bread for brethren there.

Services were in the Aurora Hotel in Helsinki.

"Previously, the few scattered members, some living just a few miles from the Russian border, would either take the Passover alone, or travel by ferry to Sweden to join in with the Stockholm church," Mr. Stirk added.

The brethren in Finland also viewed the film *Behind the Work* during the Holy Day season.

Total attendance at Passover services in Scandinavia was 59, an increase of 9.3 percent over 1982, Mr. Stirk said.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services here released the following ordinations April 15.

John D. Knaack of Monroe, La., was ordained a local elder employed by the Work April 4.

The following men were ordained local church elders: **Elroy Farah**, Portland, Ore., West, April 2; **Arthur A. Ferdig**, Garden Grove, Calif., March 29; **Richard Gerrard**, Vancouver, Wash., April 2; **Thomas J. Heap**, Modesto, Calif., April 4; **Arnold S. Lalum**, Great Falls, Mont., April 2; **Fred Lopez**, Pasadena Spanish, March 29; **Thomas M. Seltzer**, Harrisburg, Pa., March 29; and **Dick E. Stitt**, Medford,

Ore., March 29.

See "International Desk," on this page for international ordinations.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services here released the itinerary for evangelist **Gerald Waterhouse** for May.

Dayton, Ohio, A.M. and P.M., May 1; Richmond, Ind., May 2; Columbus, Ind., May 3; Terre Haute, Ind., May 4; Lafayette, Ind., May 5; Indianapolis, Ind., May 7; Muncie, Ind., May 8; Fort Wayne, Ind., May 9; Elkhart, Ind., May 10.

Michigan City, Ind., May 11; Champaign, Ill., May 12; Springfield, Ill., May 13; Macomb, Ill., May 14; Peoria, Ill., May 14; Davenport and Iowa City, Iowa, May 15; Ottumwa, Iowa, May 16; Des Moines, Iowa, May 17; Mason City, Iowa, May 18; Waterloo, Iowa, May 19.

Madison, Wis., May 21; Rockford, Ill., May 21; Chicago, Ill., North, Northwest, West, Southeast and Southside, Pentecost service May 22; Coldwater, Mich., May 24; Kalamazoo, Mich., May 25; Grand Rapids, Mich., May 26; Lansing, Mich., May 28; Flint, Mich., May 28; Midland, Mich., May 29; Cadillac, Mich., May 30; and Gaylord, Mich., May 31.

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CARACAS, Venezuela — *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) Bible lectures here April 24 and 25 yielded an excellent response, according to **Pablo Gonzalez**, pastor

of the San Juan, Puerto Rico, church.

Of nearly 2,200 *Pura Verdad* subscribers invited from Caracas and surrounding areas, 169 non-members met in the Anauco Hilton Hotel for lectures given by Mr. Gonzalez.

Devaluations in the long-stable Venezuelan *bolivar*, which has dropped to less than half of its former value, made the discussion of world problems especially timely, Mr. Gonzalez added.

After the first meeting three subscribers asked to attend the monthly Bible study conducted by Mr. Gonzalez in Caracas.

About 3,400 Venezuelans subscribe to *La Pura Verdad*, with 26 members living in the country.

Additional Bible lectures are being planned for May and June, Mr. Gonzalez said.

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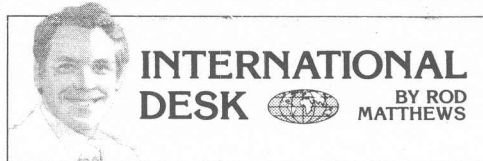
PASADENA — *The 1981 Envoy* of Ambassador College was awarded a certificate of merit March 31 in the Printing Industries of America (PIA) 1982 Graphic Arts Award Competition, said **Terry Warren**, manager of the design graphics area in Publishing Services here April 20.

Design graphics was responsible for production of the *Envoy*, working with the college Publications Department of Pasadena Ambassador College.

"This award is very encouraging for the numerous men and women involved in the production of the *Envoy*," said **Roger Lippross**, production director of Publishing Services. "It does mean, again, that under Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's direction, the Work is consistently producing publications of the highest quality that hold their own in the commercial publishing and printing world."



QUALITY OUTLET — Boyd Leeson (left), U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager, and John LaBissoniere, U.S. *Plain Truth* newsstand manager, pause by a *Plain Truth* newsstand in the Elson's gift shop in the Los Angeles, Calif., Hyatt Regency hotel. The Work distributes about 250,000 *Plain Truths* monthly through Elson's stores in the United States (See "Work Secures 'Quality' Outlets for Distribution to PT Audience," *WN*, April 18). [Photo by Michael Snyder]



PASADENA — John Halford, a pastor-rank minister in Pasadena, reported on his March 24 to March 26 and April 5 to April 9 visit to Haiti. (He conducted Passover and Unleavened Bread services in Martinique and Guadeloupe between stops in Haiti.)

"The little church in Haiti has had a difficult year. Their resident minister had to leave the country when his health broke down. Then several ex-members had been causing difficulties by spreading rumors. Also, the church needed a new meeting hall, and better facilities for the small office that we maintain in the country.

"All this, on top of the poverty and unemployment of Haiti, left the church rather discouraged.

"I am glad to report that the church is now settled and established once again. We were blessed to be able to find a fine new place to meet. This is almost miraculous — such places are extremely rare in Haiti.

"One of the members had found a house that could be rented. I was quite dubious, expecting to find a run-down ramshackle building. But on the contrary, it was a recently renovated, sparkling clean, four-bedroomed house, with a wall all around for privacy, a courtyard shaded by a huge mango tree and even a small pool for baptisms.

"And the rent was very reasonable, only a little more than we had been paying before for less adequate facilities...

"I reminded the congregation that this facility represented the Kingdom of God in Haiti. I exhorted them to take pride in the appearance and strive for an 'Am-

bassador College standard.'

"On our first official meeting in the new hall, we all made a special effort to start the Friday evening Bible study exactly on time, following the lead that Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong has set at Pasadena.

"Somebody had other ideas, however. A few minutes before we were to begin, all the lights in the neighborhood went out. This is quite common in Port-au-Prince—but why then?

"Well, we hunted around and got a small gas lamp working, and prepared to start again. Then the house next door caught fire. I am afraid that the punctual start will have to wait for another time."

Southern Africa

During March, the 20th anniversary of the Work in South Africa was celebrated. March 13, 1963, evangelist **Gerald Waterhouse** arrived to open an office.

The first church service was conducted March 23. Thirty-three attended that service, many of whom God called through the *World Tomorrow* program, which was broadcast since 1954 over Radio Lourenco Marques in the then Portuguese colony of Mozambique.

Forty-two members attended Passover services that year. Four years later, *Plain Truth* subscribers numbered 9,000. Growth remained steady over the years. More than 9,000 new subscribers were added in the first months of 1983.

At the end of March more than 95,000 subscribers received *The Plain Truth* in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Mauritius, the countries served by the Johannes-

burg Office.

In April, an advertising campaign using national magazines is expected to bring 15,000 responses by August.

An additional 43,000 copies of *The Plain Truth* are distributed on newsstands. More than 2,300 attend services each week in 17 churches.

Roy McCarthy, regional director, reports that February's mail was up 47 percent over last year, and in the first two months of this year, new co-workers added exceeded those of last year by 150 percent.

God is providing supporters for the growth expected in the year ahead, and to cover a sharp increase in postal rates in South Africa, which will add \$351,000 to postal costs this year.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread this year saw 2,021 people attend on the first Holy Day, up 5.5 percent. The offering was up 16.3 percent.

New Zealand

The ministry has received new visit requests at a rate that was up 100 percent in January and up 275 percent in February.

Income in New Zealand was up 28 percent in January and 23 percent in February in spite of a government wage freeze and depressed economy.

The World Tomorrow has been on four radio stations there for the past five months, and there are prospects of three more opening up. Responses to these programs are coming in well.

Ordinations

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, Gilberto Marin from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, was ordained a local elder by Tom Turk from the Mexico City, Mexico, Office. Mr. Marin pastors the Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua churches in northern Mexico.

In Canada, John Stryker was ordained a local elder in Winnipeg, Man., and Carl Burns was ordained a local church elder in Regina, Sask.

During the Feast, Jean Carion, pastor of the Brussels and Liege,

Belgium, and Lille, France, churches, was raised to pastor rank by evangelist **Dibar Aparian** at a French-speaking ministers meeting in Geneva, Switzerland.

On the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 4, **Pablo Dimakis** was raised in rank to preaching elder by evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director of the Work in Spanish-speaking areas. Mr. Dimakis pastors the churches in Guadalupe and Tepic, Mexico.

Mark Haywood was ordained a local church elder in Kitchener, Ont., April 6. Clyde Critchlow was ordained a local church elder in the Prince George, B.C., church. Peter Noon was ordained a local church elder in Southampton, England, March 29.

Fiji Feast

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ranged at special rates for overseas Feastgoers, in beautiful villas. Ten nights' accommodations, sharing a twin room in a two-bedroom villa with a private pool will cost \$162 a person.

A package tour including accommodations in Pacific Harbour villas plus a few days at other tourist attractions in Fiji after the Feast is also available. For more information on the 1983 Festival in Fiji, write as soon as possible to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Box 2709, Auckland 1, New Zealand.

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