



ROYAL AWARD — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, King Bhumibol (center) and Queen Sirikit of Thailand examine the Order of the White Elephant conferred on Mr. Armstrong by the King Jan. 23. The order is the equivalent of knighting in English culture. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Church prints first PTs for Scandinavian area

By Amy E. Paul

RADLETT, England — The first copies of *Den Enkle Sannhet* (Scandinavian Plain Truth) rolled off the press at the Ambassador Press here Jan. 31. The February 50th anniversary number is the first issue of the seventh-language edition to be printed.

Amy E. Paul is the print buyer and publishing liaison officer for the British Regional Office in Borehamwood, England.

Evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of the British Office; Roy Ostensen, Scandinavian regional editor of *The Plain Truth*; David Gunn, British publishing coordinator and *Plain Truth* circulation manager for the British Office; and Amy E. Paul, print buyer; viewed the first sections of the 25,000 copies printed Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.

The group toured the press, formerly owned by the Church and now owned by Alabaster Passmore Ltd. After the tour and viewing the press-run, Ambassador Press provided champagne, and Colin Passmore, managing director of the press, offered a toast to the continued success of *The Plain Truth* and the Scandinavian edition in particular.

The press prints the British, Dutch, Italian, Scandinavian and German editions of *The Plain Truth*, and beginning with the March issue, the French.

In the latter half of 1984, the Pasadena Publishing Services Department plans to have computer terminals installed at Elstree House to be linked by telephone and satellite with the Editorial and Publishing Services departments in Pasadena. This is expected to speed up production of *Den Enkle Sannhet* and lessen the load on the composing area of Publishing Services.

During the production of the first issue, six members in Norway donated time to translate literature

offered in the magazine. Diedrik Zernichow, a local church elder, translated and edited booklets, while Einar Faaberg, Thorbjorn Skaug, Bjorn Inge Holand and Olav Johansen assisted in proofreading and Turid Dalby typed the booklets.

Booklets printed in Norwegian and available for distribution are *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?*, *The Seven Laws of Success*, *Why Were You Born?*, *Never Before Understood — Why Humanity Cannot Solve Its Evils* and *The Ten Commandments*.

The anniversary edition of *The Plain Truth* will be used as the introductory issue sent to new subscribers. A pressrun of 10,000 is scheduled for the next issue, to be printed in April.

Evangelist makes tour of Central, South America

By Tom Delamater

PASADENA — Evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking areas, returned here Jan. 25 after a monthlong trip to Puerto Rico and parts of South and Central America.

Mr. Walker and his wife, Reba, left Dec. 26 for visits to Puerto Rico, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Belize and Mexico. According to Mr. Walker, the main purpose of the trip was to meet with several ministers serving in those countries. He also handled some business matters for the Spanish Department and attended Sabbath services with his wife in four of the countries they visited.

"These trips allow for many things that cannot be readily conveyed in a letter," said Mr. Walker.

King of Thailand confers award on pastor general at royal palace

By Aaron Dean

BANGKOK, Thailand — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong arrived here at noon, Jan. 22, continuing a trip that took him to New Zealand, Australia, Singapore and Malaysia.

Traveling with the pastor general on the G-III jet from Singapore were Robert Morton, regional director of the Church in Australia and Asia, and his wife, Sandy; Mr. Armstrong's aide, Aaron Dean, and his wife, Michelle; Kevin Dean, director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU), and his wife, Carol; nurse Elaine Brown; and Judith Omasta, wife of Larry Omasta, manager of the Church's Media Services Department.

Aaron Dean, a pastor-rank minister and an aide to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, submitted this account about Mr. Armstrong's trip to Thailand, Hong Kong and Japan. Mr. Armstrong returned to Pasadena Feb. 1. For coverage of previous portions of the trip please see the Jan. 16 and Jan. 30 issues of The Worldwide News.

When Mr. Armstrong left the airplane he was presented with flowers and greeted by the Abbot Phra-Thepson of Wat Thai (Thai temple) in Los Angeles, Calif.; Suvit Yodmani of Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda's office; Leon Sexton, a representative of the Ambassador Foundation; and Jeff Caudle, a 1983 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, and senior Chris Crawford, who both teach English in Thailand.

Mr. Armstrong was taken to the VIP lounge where the group was given more flowers and refreshments. Mr. Armstrong received some Queen Sirikit Orchids, a hybrid named after Thailand's queen. The orchid, developed in 1974, has a yellow center surrounded by white petals that seemed trimmed with French lace.

At 12:30 the group was chauffeured amid a police escort from the airport to the Montien Hotel in cars provided by the prime minister's office. After being presented with more flowers, Mr. Armstrong was formally received in his hotel suite by Dr. Suvit, the Abbot Phra-Thepson and others.

Although a lunch had been planned with the group, Mr. Armstrong was forced to decline. With a slight fever, a head cold and a sore throat, the pastor general decided to conserve his strength for the other planned events.

That evening Mr. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Morton and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Dean drove to the residence of former Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn. Mr. Armstrong looked forward to seeing the former prime minister, whom he met in the 1970s.

At the residence Mr. Armstrong greeted his longtime acquaintance and several guests, including former Prime Minister Pote Sarasin and several government officials. Although it was a dinner invitation the hosts understood that Mr. Armstrong needed to leave early, and everyone felt honored that he came.

On to Chiang Mai

Monday morning, Jan. 23, the Armstrong party left Bangkok for the smaller city of Chiang Mai, 300 miles to the north. It is just below the hills where King Bhumibol Adulyadej has his northern palace. Chiang Mai has a much drier climate.

On board the G-III with Mr. Armstrong and his party were Dr. Suvit and two Thai newspaper reporters who were covering Mr. Armstrong's visit.

In Thai style Mr. Armstrong was once again greeted with flowers

when he arrived at the airport and the hotel in Chiang Mai. Local government officials sponsored a performance of traditional Thai dance in honor of the pastor general. The crew from the Church's Media Service (See THAILAND, page 4)

PASTOR GENERAL'S ITINERARY

Jan. 22: Flies to Bangkok, Thailand, from Singapore. Visits former Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn.

Jan. 23: Flies to Chiang Mai, Thailand. Has dinner with King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit.

Jan. 24: Visits Khob Dong, Thailand, to see one of Her Majesty's projects.

Jan. 25: Returns to Bangkok. Speaks at a banquet in his honor.

Jan. 26: Leaves for Hong Kong.

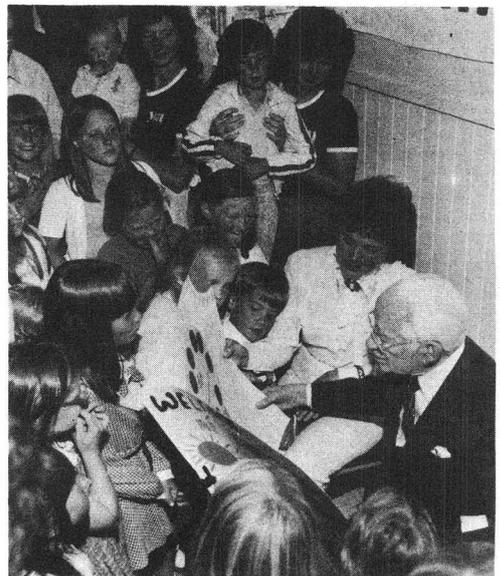
Jan. 27: Views carpet being handwoven for the Ambassador Auditorium.

Jan. 28: Conducts Bible study for three Hong Kong members, the television crew, one prospective member and other members of the group.

Jan. 29: Departs for Tokyo, Japan.

Jan. 30: Illness forces cancellation of lunch with Israeli ambassador and dinner with Japanese "sons."

Jan. 31: Aide Aaron Dean attends opening of Israeli artifacts exhibit at the Middle Eastern Culture Center on behalf of Mr. Armstrong. **Feb. 1:** Returns to Burbank, Calif.



NEW ZEALAND SEP — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong looks over a picture of the tree of life Jan. 6 that was painted by children of staff members at the New Zealand Summer Educational Program (SEP). He used the illustration in an address. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Scandal rocks NATO's northern keystone

OSLO, Norway — This lovely country in the "quiet corner of Europe" has been shaken by a spy scandal, the consequences of which could be far reaching.

The rude national awakening comes on the eve of the launch of the Norwegian-language version of *The Plain Truth, Den Enkle Sannhet*.

Gene H. Hogberg visited Norway after attending the first phase of the Conference on Confidence- and Security-building Measures and Disarmament in Europe in Stockholm, Sweden.

As I arrived in Norway's capital from Stockholm, Sweden, Jan. 23, I found the newspapers filled with accounts concerning the arrest, three days earlier, of Arne Trehold, chief of information at the Norwegian Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Trehold was apprehended as he was attempting to leave Oslo's Fornebu Airport, his briefcase full of secret documents. He admitted to Norwegian security police that he intended to fly to Vienna, Austria, where he was to meet a Soviet KGB officer.

It was reported in the Norwegian press that the personable and industrious 41-year-old official probably had been serving the Soviet cause for up to 10 years, if not longer.

In his various responsibilities down through the years, Mr. Trehold has had access to secret NATO and Norwegian defense materials.

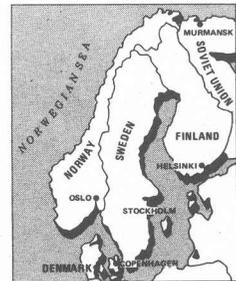
Some Norwegians were already labeling Mr. Trehold "the worst traitor since Quisling," a reference to Norway's defense minister in the 1930s, Vidkun Quisling, who proclaimed himself Norway's *Fører* (Fuhrer) during the 1940 to 1945 Nazi occupation.

The alarming spy scandal emphasizes once again Norway's extremely important geographical location in the world today.

This was made evident during World War II when Norway's neutrality was rudely shattered by the Nazi blitzkrieg invasion begun April 9, 1940. Norway's critical maritime position, facing the North Atlantic Ocean on the west and the entrance to the Baltic Sea on the south, made it a prime target.

After World War II Norway assumed even greater strategic value. In Oslo, I talked to Johan Jorgen Holst, director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs. Norway, reported Mr. Holst, "was in fact catapulted rather abruptly into a pivotal area as the Cold War enveloped East-West relations."

Because of a remote border change in the Arctic region, Norway became a front-line state overnight. This was because a narrow



FRONT-LINE NATION — Norway's geographical position makes it the northern front line of NATO's defensive perimeter. [Map by Ron Grove]

strip of Finland that previously divided the northeastern extreme limit of Norway from the Soviet Union, was absorbed by the U.S.S.R.

This quirk of geography meant that Norway's most remote and least populated county — Finnmark

Next, the formation of a joint Scandinavian defense league was explored. It was soon obvious, however, that Norway, Sweden and Denmark all held divergent views, especially Sweden and Norway.

The Scandinavian defense league idea went nowhere, and shortly



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

— was suddenly neighbor, along a 120-mile (about 192 kilometers) front, to the Soviet Union's Kola Military District, the area in and around Murmansk, the U.S.S.R.'s only year-round ice-free port.

This region, with its 200 submarines (with many missiles targeted on North America) plus 400 other warships, along with a base for long-range bombers is, according to some estimates, the densest regional concentration of military power in human history.

Which way Norway?

How best to preserve Norway's independence and security was a matter of intense national debate in the immediate postwar years.

For a while Norway used her membership in the United Nations to try to act as a bridge-builder in overcoming differences between the West and the Soviet Union. But as the world's ideological gap widened, it became obvious that security provided by the United Nations was as illusory as that offered by the old League of Nations.

afterward Norway joined NATO as a charter member April 4, 1949.

Norway, because of the sensitive relations with its powerful neighbor to the extreme north, has placed several self-imposed limits on its NATO ties, all with the understanding of its fellow NATO allies. The most important limit is that

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Berlin claustrophobia

BOREHAMWOOD, England — West Berlin's population peaked at 2,229,000 in 1957. It has since declined to about 1.7 million. That's a drop of more than 500,000 people in less than three decades. Why?

A form of claustrophobia called wallsickness is probably the main factor. You see, West Berliners are not only cut off from East Berliners by a 28-mile (about 45 kilometers) wall separating the two cities, but they are also isolated from the Federal Republic of Germany by about 100 miles (160 kilometers) of East German territory.

The wall separating East Germany from West Berlin is an additional 72 miles (115 kilometers) in length,

making a 100-mile demarcation line all around the western sector of the city.

How would you like to be surrounded on all sides by a country with a life-style alien to your own? How would you like to be encircled by a solid wall with barbed wire at the top? No matter how many acres of freedom you have within the confines of that wall, you know you can only travel so far — and no farther, without permission.

Real psychological damage has been inflicted on many. Of course, the hurt varies from person to person in intensity and seriousness. Some react in a frenzied, hysterical manner. One West Berliner committed suicide by driving his car directly into the old, long-since-closed Brandenburg Gate at a high speed. Others just suffer from long-term effects manifested by depression, alcoholism and other emotional problems.

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

'Local Church' section

Now that you've reorganized the "Local Church News" format to include most beneficial, uplifting and pertinent events useful to us all, I can now say I read *The Worldwide News* 100 percent through and through! You know I even reread some of those local events a second and third time. Great ideas in there! Edward A. Laberge
Winnipeg, Man.

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Applying 'Keys to Contentment'

Thank you so much for your "Keys to Contentment" article in the Dec. 19 *W.N.* It answered my prayers and questions I had in my life. I tend to forget just how powerful God is at times and how He really does know what we go through.

Lavonne Herman
Salem, Ore.

I have been a widow for 6½ years. It is lonely, yes, but I know I am never alone, always there is God, through Jesus, to talk to, and so many, many things to study and read through the Church literature sent out and the Bible study. Never enough time; I am 72 years old and very busy.

The article "Keys to Contentment" in the Dec. 19 issue is great. To program our minds to positive thinking, and the knowledge that God is with us, means we are never alone.

Helen Sutherland
Carbondale, Colo.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Too close to the edge

Some years ago an army general needed to replace his staff driver, who was being discharged from the service. The general asked his driver to test the driving abilities of several applicants and then recommend three who could replace him.

So the driver tested several people and recommended three men. And the general asked each of the men an important question:

"Suppose we were going to the front of a battle zone," the general said, "and as we went up a mountain road, part of the road was bombed out. On the right is a sheer cliff, on the left is the mountain, and there is just enough room for the car to get through. How close do you think you could come to the edge of the cliff as you drove along the road?"

The first man answered confidently: "I'm a good driver. I could put my right wheel right against the edge and take you on through without any problem."

The second man said, "Well, I know I'm a good driver, but I would give myself a foot or so and then go through."

The last man said, "I don't know how close I could come to the edge, but I'd stay as close to the mountain as I could — as far from the cliff as possible."

The general selected the third man as his new driver. It was his life that was at stake! He was interested in someone who would get him there safely, not someone who was only interested in demonstrating his

driving skill every chance he got.

We can't compromise

In our Christian lives we have to have that same attitude. The safe side of the road is keeping God's law. The other side of the road — the cliff — is where the danger lies. That's the world's way. We have to avoid seeing how close we can get to the world's way and still make it into the Kingdom of God.

We can't compromise. God says to do it His way. We can't say to ourselves, "I know what God says, but I think I can work just a bit on the Sabbath" or "It's OK to repeat that you did, but He will not approve your breaking of His law."

Remember Jesus' parable of the sower (Mark 4:2-9, 13-20)? Some of the seed fell among thorns, and the thorns choked the seeds (verse 7). These seeds, verse 18 says, are "the ones who hear the word" (Revised Authorized Version throughout).

Yes, they hear the Word of God — the warning — the truth about God's way, and it takes root. But "the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful" (verse 19).

Notice! They get their eyes off the Kingdom of God. They don't concentrate foremost on building holy, righteous character and mak-

ing it into God's Kingdom. They stray from the way God lays out before them.

Some people today hear the broadcast, are visited, start attending Sabbath services, maybe even are baptized. But then something comes up and snares them. They say, "Well, I know God says to do this, but I want to do that." They begin rationalizing and convince themselves that what they want to do is all right. Well, it won't work. We can't compromise God's way with the way of the world.

No middle ground

Why do some leave God's Church after many years of faithful service and overcoming? Many times, they first think: This is a small matter. I know I shouldn't work on the Sabbath, but this time I'll just go in for an hour or two, and then I'll go to Sabbath services.

Without realizing it, they begin chipping away, weakening and eventually destroying that character they have built, with the help of God's Spirit, over so many years.

Notice II Corinthians 6:14-15: "For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?"

There is no middle ground. Now notice verse 17: "Therefore 'Come out from among them and be separate.'"

We must not be longing to be like the world and adopt its standards. We must be like the general's driver. We must seek the safety and protection of God's law instead of seeing how close we can get to the cliff and the disaster that will follow if we get too close.

As Paul said, we are to build God's character in our lives "till we all come . . . to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13). That's our objective. Don't compromise with it.



KENYAN FESTIVAL — Feastgoers enjoy a light moment during the 1983 Feast of Tabernacles in Naro Moru, Kenya, which is scheduled to be a Feast site in 1984. (Photo by Owen Willis)

Applications available for Caribbean transfers

By Stan Bass

Attending an English-language Feast in the Caribbean offers six island settings and one site on the South American mainland to choose from — the Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia and Tobago.

English-speaking Caribbean Feast site information was compiled by Stan Bass, regional director of the Church's San Juan, Puerto Rico, Office.

A Caribbean Festival Planner, providing information on all sites, will be sent to those who request application forms. This year, processing of the applications for all sites will take place in the San Juan, Puerto Rico, Regional Office, which is intended to speed and improve the service to North American brethren.

Since U.S. and Canadian members are required to provide Festival attendance information in the Festival sign up conducted in their church areas, it is imperative that potential transferees know whether they are accepted to transfer to another site as soon as possible.

The planner and application forms will be mailed promptly from Pasadena when requests are received, and the San Juan Office will respond quickly upon receipt of completed applications.

The Caribbean Planner, modeled after the U.S. Festival Planner, is designed to provide information and instructions that potential transferees will need to confidently select and apply for a suitable Caribbean Festival site.

Should you find that a Feast of Tabernacles in the Caribbean appeals to you, and your second-tithe budget can accommodate the expense, call or write for a Caribbean Festival Packet.

Call 800-423-4444 from the continental U.S. (from Alaska and Hawaii, call collect, 818-304-6111) or write to:

Worldwide Church of God
Ministerial Services
Caribbean Festival Packet
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129

Just ask for the Caribbean Festival Packet. It will include the Caribbean Festival Planner, an application and a return mail envelope.

Below are excerpts from the Caribbean Festival Planner. This information will expose readers to the seven Caribbean Feast sites. It also provides some round-figure food and housing costs. All costs are

shown in U.S. dollars.

Freeport, Bahamas

The Commonwealth of the Bahamas, an independent member of the British Commonwealth, consists of more than 700 islands and cays, about 30 of which are inhabited. This chain of islands lies southeast of Florida and extends to just north of the eastern tip of Cuba. The population of the Bahamas is about 200,000.

This year's Feast will be at the Bahamas Princess Resort in Freeport-Lucaya, Grand Bahama. The distance from Miami, Fla., to the site is about 200 miles (320 kilometers).

(See CARIBBEAN, page 12)

By Rod Matthews

For the first time in this era of the Church, the Feast of Tabernacles will be celebrated in Belgium. Hengelhof, a vacation and conference village 40 miles (64 kilometers) northeast of Brussels, replaces Praz-sur-Arly, France, as the French-speaking European site. Simultaneous translations into English will be provided.

Hengelhof is set in 771 acres of woods and ponds in the rural beauty of the Flemish section of Belgium, near Genk. Growth forced the Church to move from Praz-sur-Arly, at least until an expansion program is completed there.

Rod Matthews of Ministerial Services submitted this information about the Hengelhof, Belgium, Feast site.

The Hengelhof management describes the site as "where man, animal and nature form a perfect harmony." The grounds include a bee farm, fish ponds, water-bird reservation and animal park. Sporting facilities close by serve those enjoying basketball, volleyball, tennis, swimming (including several children's pools) and field sports. Children can enjoy a recreation ground designed for them.

Three marked walks through the grounds and woods let you sample a little of the peace to be experienced in the Kingdom to come.

Two hundred seventy-four modern, comfortably furnished apartments surround the conference facility where services will take place. The units each have their own dining room, fully equipped kitchen, bathroom facilities with shower, and sleep two, four or six people. Five dining rooms serve meals, and a

Church plans five Festival sites in United Kingdom, Italy in '84

BOREHAMWOOD, England — For brethren from the United Kingdom and Ireland, as well as those visiting from abroad, 1984 offers a variety of Festival sites. The sites are St. Helier, Jersey, in the Channel Islands; Torquay in southwestern England; Tenby in south Wales; and Scarborough, in north-eastern England.

This information about Feast sites in the United Kingdom, Denmark, Italy and East and West Africa was compiled by David Gunn of the Borehamwood, England, Office. Conversions from British pounds to U.S. dollars are based on Feb. 8 exchange rates.

For those living in Scandinavia or transferring, the Feast will be kept at the Vingstedcentre in Bredsten, Denmark, for the second time. Italian and Maltese brethren will attend a new site at Fuggi, Italy, south of Rome, Italy. This site is organized in conjunction with the Italian Department in Pasadena.

As in previous years, visitors are welcome from other countries. The variety in accommodations, in terms of price and type, mean that if members can afford it they can enjoy the best accommodations, or if a family wants to come on a more moderate budget it is still possible. Members should have extra money in reserve in case of emergency.

International brethren should apply immediately for a specific site. Attendance at each site is limited by the size of the hall, so approval must be obtained before accom-

modations are booked. Once you receive an approval form from the British Office you can book accommodations.

One agency is handling accommodations in Jersey, Torquay and Scarborough, and another in Fuggi. The British Office has organized accommodations in Tenby and Bredsten. Details of available accommodations will be sent with approval documentation.

But please remember, *don't book accommodations at a particular site until you get approval from the British Office.*

Price information on flights to Europe will be sent with the approval form.

If you want to come to one of these sites write to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Elstree House, Elstree Way, Borehamwood, Herts., WD6 1LU, England, or telephone 01 953 1633.

After the Feast a four-day tour of London and Windsor is offered. This tour is designed to interest Church members and offers a combination of activities unavailable through any commercial tour company. The tour will be conducted by an Ambassador College graduate who is a professional tour guide in London.

St. Helier, Jersey

St. Helier is on the island of Jersey, measuring 45 square miles, much closer to France than it is to England. It is south of the French port of Cherbourg. Often the climate in October is mild compared to the mainland, and the flowers still bloom.

Plans set for Feast in Belgium

cafe with terrace and bar adjoin. Camping sites are also available.

Festival services will take place at the site in a hall that seats about 900. Modern translation equipment is installed to provide simultaneous translations from French into English.

It isn't often that the cost is good news. For a room and three meals a day, including wine with the main meal: ages under 2, free; 2 to 6, \$10 per person; 7 to 11, \$13 per person; 12 and over, \$25 per person.

These rates will be 10 percent higher if single persons want to occupy a two-bed studio (unit) by themselves.

Some staff members speak English, as do Church Festival organizers.

The nearest airport is Brussels,

where rental cars are available if you want the flexibility of touring in the area. Of course, it is also only several hours' drive from both Amsterdam, Netherlands, and Frankfurt, West Germany. An efficient train service also operates from Brussels, and the Church will arrange bus transfers from Brussels as well.

If you would like to sample a little of the peace of the Belgian countryside, yet be within easy traveling distance of the heart of Europe, including the headquarters of the European Economic Community in Brussels, with the history of the Netherlands, West Germany, France and Luxembourg within reach, send for an application form. Write to the French Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

The island has a mixture of French and English culture, and picturesque scenery.

The island is full of interesting places to visit, particularly since it was occupied by the German army in World War II. The Germans left behind them an underground hospital and various defense fortifications. A few years ago a television series was based on this situation where the British people were administered by the Third Reich.

There are excellent beaches and, since Jersey is close to France, visitors can take a hydrofoil or boat to the ancient fortified port of St. Malo and also go to the Normandy beaches. Passports will be required to go to France.

Services will be in the entertainment complex site inside the walls of Ft. Regent — originally built to repel French invaders. This overlooks the capital city of St. Helier.

A variety of accommodations are available, from guest houses to the best hotels. A number of members will be able to stay at the Jersey Holiday Village, which overlooks the sea. Meals (breakfast and evening) are included, and there is opportunity for social life at the village since the Church will be the sole user of this facility.

Here are some sample prices. The prices include crossing by sea from Weymouth or Portsmouth in the south of England, plus bed, breakfast and evening meals and return transfers from the harbor for the nine-night period.

The Holiday Village works out from just more than 130 pounds (\$182) to about 143 pounds (\$200) per person depending on the type of chalet or apartment. The hotels range from 137 pounds (\$191) up to 254 pounds (\$355.60) per person.

Though getting to the island is a little more expensive than staying on the mainland, once members are there they might be surprised by the prices. There is no purchase tax on goods sold in Jersey, and only a small duty on alcohol, jewelry and watches.

Torquay

Torquay, an elegant resort in Devon, is the largest in southwest England. It is about 150 miles (240 kilometers) southwest of London and is well-connected by road and rail to all parts of the country.

Services will be at the Town Hall in the center of the town, and about 1,000 people are expected to attend.

Varied accommodations are available in and around Torquay, with self-catering (you can prepare meals yourself), guest houses and hotels up to the five-star Imperial.

(See FESTIVAL, page 5)



FEAST IN DENMARK — Most of the 292 people who attended the 1983 Feast of Tabernacles in Bredsten, Denmark, gather after one of the services at the Vingstedcentre sporting and conference center. The Feast will take place at the Vingstedcentre again in 1984. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)

Thailand

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vices Department, who flew up Sunday, Jan. 22, from Bangkok, videotaped the performance.

Mr. Armstrong went to his hotel suite to freshen up before a scheduled meeting and dinner at the Phuping Palace of the royal Thai family.

He was gratified to learn that the royal family was pleased with the conduct of the Church's television crew and would allow them to tape the evening meeting. This was not permitted on previous visits with members of the royal family.

Mr. Armstrong's group learned that the royal family was impressed with an article about Thailand that was published in the July-August, 1983, *Plain Truth* ("The Other Land of the Free"). The royal family asked the Ambassador Foundation to help document what was being accomplished in Thailand.

To do this, Mr. Omasta split his crew up on this trip. One crew covered Mr. Armstrong's trip through New Zealand and Australia, while the other went to Thailand to tape their Majesties' projects.

Like other Ambassador Foundation programs conducted here, people who came into contact with the television crew came to respect what is becoming known as "Ambassador quality." This respect came to the attention of the royal family.

As a result the Church's television crew was assigned ground transportation and the use of three helicopters to transport them to remote projects. While taping, the crew spent one full day with the royal family as they worked with their Thai subjects on projects.

The two television crews were brought together again, with one videotaping the palace gardens with the youngest princess of the royal family, while the other awaited Mr. Armstrong's arrival.

Meeting Thai royalty

At 6 p.m., palace vehicles arrived to take Mr. Armstrong to the palace. The pastor general was scheduled to meet Queen Sirikit, but the group received reports that King Bhumibol might be present. This would be unusual, as protocol standards deem it a rare exception that both king and queen meet formally with a private, non-head of state.

At 6:50 p.m., Mr. Armstrong and his party arrived at the palace. There he was told that both the king and queen and Princess Sirindhorn would receive him and be hosts for the evening.

In a warm and friendly atmosphere, the pastor general was introduced to King Bhumibol first and then his wife, Queen Sirikit. In the introduction Mr. Armstrong passed a personal message to the queen from Princess Liliane of Belgium that he had carried since 1973. Then he was formally introduced to Princess Sirindhorn.

After a discussion an aide brought a red case to King Bhumibol. The royal family and guests then rose and the king decorated Mr. Armstrong with the Order of the White Elephant, the equivalent of knighting in English culture.

After the ceremony everyone went to another room for dinner.

The room had one rectangular table set in the center and smaller tables around the room. The king and queen were seated at the ends of the center table with Mr. Armstrong to the king's right and Mr. Dean seated to the king's left, next to Princess Sirindhorn. Mrs. Dean sat on the queen's right and on the other side of Princess Sirindhorn.

Dr. Suvit and Mr. Sexton were seated at the remaining two places.

After the meal began, aides, top military staff and members of the Church's television crew (Mr. Morton was temporarily added to the television crew so he could attend the dinner) were seated at other

tables in the room and served dinner.

Mr. Armstrong's group was later told that this was unusual and revealed the degree of respect the Church's television crew had earned in their short exposure to the royal family.

The meal was a beautifully prepared assortment of soup, salad, a chicken dish and area vegetables. The king commented that 10 years ago the guests could not have eaten area vegetables, as nearly all were imported.

The group was actually eating some of the literal fruit borne by agricultural projects of the royal family that the Ambassador Foundation helps sponsor.

The royal family revealed their enthusiasm and excitement for the various humanitarian projects and the welfare of the Thai people as they discussed the scope of the projects.

The king explained how he had slowly converted land from the golf course at the palace into agricultural experiments, which Mr. Armstrong had noticed when he arrived. The king has only one putting green left from the full-sized course.

Queen Sirikit had products from her personal projects brought to the table for Mr. Armstrong to view. The items ranged from woven baskets to solid gold statues standing more than a foot (30 centimeters) tall.

Mr. Armstrong's group was impressed with the workmanship. Both the king and queen stress quality in the skills they are helping their people develop. Mr. Armstrong was pleased to learn that they insist there is no room for shoddy workmanship.

Queen Sirikit then asked Mr. Armstrong if he would accompany her and Princess Sirindhorn to see one of the projects. The pastor general accepted.

The queen then discussed in the Thai language with the king which project would show Mr. Armstrong the scope of the people's development and not be too strenuous for the pastor general. It was getting close to midnight, and the royal family said good-night to the group.

Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m., Mr. Armstrong again traveled up the mountain road to the Phuping Palace. He and the group waited in a guest residence for the queen to arrive.

Outside the residence was a tent where pounding could be heard. It was a project of working on gold objects. The project was conducted on the palace grounds where the guards could protect both the finished products and the raw materials.

Trip by helicopter

Word soon came that the queen was ready, and Mr. Armstrong and his party were driven to an open area used as a heliport. There three helicopters were waiting.

Queen Sirikit and Princess Sirindhorn invited Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Dean to join them in the royal helicopter. The others climbed aboard two helicopters with some of the royal guards.

The Church's television crew and some Thai army troops were sent ahead of the group. The troops were for protection, as the project Mr. Armstrong was to see was only a few hundred yards from the Burmese border.

The flight to the project took 45 minutes. The queen's helicopter circled the camp while the other two inspected the area to ensure the safety of the queen. When all was secure the royal helicopter landed.

The Thai people were happy to see their queen. After greetings some of them, the queen and the Armstrong party got in an executive-style four-wheel-drive vehicle and were given a tour of the farm.

Through drip irrigation the local Hilltribe people are growing an assortment of citrus, peach, plum and nut trees. The people have been

successful in grafting branches from high-yield peach trees to less productive but stronger Chinese peach trees.

Vegetable production was plentiful. The people earned 10,000 bahts (about \$500) from land previously yielding 1,000 bahts worth of vegetables.

The group was interested to learn that this agricultural project was not placed in ideal growing land. The site was chosen because it lies directly on the opium trade route. The royal family is trying to discourage drug trade.

At luncheon Queen Sirikit took Mr. Armstrong on a walk up a decorative path to a table nestled among black limestone rocks. Box lunches were produced and served underneath a thatched grass canopy. Tribesmen performed music on native Thai instruments, which were acoustically strengthened by a natural orchestra shell.

The group saw why Princess Sirindhorn is favored by the Thai people. After lunch she knelt on the dirt floor, borrowed an instrument and joined in playing with the tribesmen.

After lunch Mr. Armstrong viewed a native dance performed by the tribe, and then was driven to the tribe's village. There he viewed how Queen Sirikit helps her people.

Kneeling down, the queen discussed matters with the tribe. She learned that a 12-day-old child was dying of malnutrition. The child's mother died four days earlier. The queen directed that the child be taken to hospital and be returned to the village when he recovered. (See article, page 5.)

The queen attributed the preservation of the child's life to Mr. Armstrong. If Mr. Armstrong had not accepted her invitation to visit the project, the queen would not have come, and the child probably would have died.

After this emotional experience the group boarded the helicopters for the return flight. Realizing how tiring the day had been, Queen Sirikit ordered the helicopters to land in the city of Chiang Mai instead of at the royal palace. This meant that Mr. Armstrong would get some extra rest while the queen made the long trip back to the palace by car.

This event surprised her aides, and Mr. Dean later learned that royal protocol standards were modified several times so Mr. Armstrong's trip would be more enjoyable and pleasant.

Back to Bangkok

The group returned to Bangkok the next morning, Jan. 25, where Mr. Armstrong renewed his long-time friendship with Madam Sunirat Telan.

That evening the pastor general addressed important business, civic and government leaders of Thailand at a banquet in honor of his royal decoration. Before he spoke performers from a Bangkok school of dance presented some Thai dances. A buffet dinner followed.

The pastor general then delivered the most powerful message he has yet given in Thailand. He warned the group of the troubles that would soon engulf them, and explained how the ultimate solution to humanity's problems will come with the reestablishment of the Kingdom of God on this earth. Video cameras recorded the powerful talk for a future *World Tomorrow* program.

Thursday, Jan. 26, the pastor general and his group prepared for the flight to Hong Kong. Formally escorted to the airport by Bangkok police, Mr. Armstrong said goodbye to friends gathered there before boarding the G-III.

At 4:30 p.m., local time, the G-III touched down in Hong Kong. Mr. Armstrong still suffered from a sore throat and fever, but felt God had granted physical reprieves at critical times during his busy schedule. The group welcomed the rest.

New carpet

The stop in Hong Kong was not

only for resting, though. Friday, Jan. 27, Mr. Armstrong was joined by Robert Smith, an interior decorator employed by the Church. Mr. Smith had flown from Pasadena to view a new carpet being handwoven for the Ambassador Auditorium.

A specially woven carpet with an abstract reflection of the crystal chandelier in the Grand Lobby has covered the floor since the opening of the Auditorium in 1974.

After 10 years of use, the carpet, though still in good condition, is beginning to show signs of wear. To maintain the superb quality, the carpet is being replaced. The old carpet is scheduled for use in the administration building of Big Sandy Ambassador College.

Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Smith and others from his party toured the Tai Ping carpet company, where the new carpet is being woven.

The pastor general found the carpet well into production. Made of pure New Zealand and Australian wool, the Auditorium carpet is being dyed to various colors according to the crystal design.

Made without seams, the new carpet is identical to the old with one exception: the abstract crystal reflection will be sculpted into the carpet instead of drawn like the original carpet. The added detail of sculpting defines the crystal design more precisely.

Sabbath, Jan. 28, Mr. Armstrong conducted a Bible study for the three members living in Hong Kong, a prospective member, the Church's television crew and members of Mr. Armstrong's group. Sixteen attended in Mr. Armstrong's suite.

Sunday, Jan. 29, Mr. Armstrong said good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Morton. The Mortons thanked the pastor general for the experience and the contacts they had made as a result of traveling with Mr. Armstrong. These contacts hold promise for helping the Church in its end-time mission to preach the Gospel.

The Mortons boarded a flight back to Australia, while the Armstrong party left Hong Kong aboard the G-III for Tokyo, Japan, the final stop.

Illness in Tokyo

The G-III landed in Tokyo at 3 p.m., local time. After clearing customs, the group drove to the Imperial Hotel for the scheduled three-day stay.

In Tokyo the rigors of the trip

caught up with Mr. Armstrong. His fever worsened and he contracted the flu, forcing him to rest in bed.

A scheduled luncheon with the Israeli ambassador and a dinner with Mr. Armstrong's Japanese "sons," members of the Japanese Diet, was canceled because of the illness. They all sent flowers and best wishes for a quick recovery. Some visited Mr. Armstrong in his hotel suite.

Tuesday, Jan. 31, Mr. Armstrong was too ill to attend the formal opening of the Israeli artifacts exhibit at the Middle Eastern Culture Center in Tokyo.

Mr. Armstrong was instrumental in arranging for the ancient artifacts to be sent to Japan, and sent Mr. Dean to represent him on behalf of the Ambassador Foundation.

Described by Mrs. Peled of the Israeli Exploration Society (IES), the artifacts included glass and clay pottery and jewelry from the Canaanite and Israelite periods, and script in ancient Hebrew. There were boxes of wheat and barley grains excavated in Israel, and some olive and date pits showing produce of the past.

In a speech delivered at the center, Prince Mikasa asked that thanks be given to Mr. Armstrong and the Ambassador Foundation for helping arrange the display. He wished his longtime friend the best of health and asked that Mr. Dean convey an invitation for Mr. Armstrong to return and see the exhibit he helped arrange.

Wednesday, Feb. 1, the G-III left for the Burbank, Calif., airport, attaining ground speeds of 798 miles an hour because of strong tail winds.

The G-III landed in Hawaii after a six-hour flight, where everyone cleared U.S. customs. A few hours later at 8:30 a.m., Pacific Standard Time, the pastor general stepped from the G-III at the Burbank airport, where a group of headquarters ministers and department heads waited to greet him.

Most would be extremely tired after such a long trip, but if *Worldwide News* readers could have been at Ambassador Hall or Manor Del Mar on the Pasadena campus at 4 p.m. the same day, they would have seen Mr. Armstrong conducting a campus tour for the Gulfstream Aerospace pilot and crew chief that accompanied him on the trip. Such is our apostle.

Scandal

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strong, helped by the fact that there are more Americans of Norwegian blood living today than there are Norwegians.

However, the "umbilical cord" to America, as Mark E. Austad, U.S. ambassador to Norway, said in a speech in Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 9, "is thinner than the past."

The Trehold affair, in fact, provides a disturbing look into the generation that first came to political awareness in Scandinavia—as elsewhere in Europe—in the 1960s, cutting its teeth on the anti-American wave generated by opposition to the Vietnam War and encouraged by Soviet propaganda.

A sea-gate country

Though neither the Norwegians nor the Anglo-Saxon powers realize it, our peoples are indeed kindred folk. Norway has shared in the birthright promise that she would "possess the gates of those who hate them" (Genesis 24:60, Revised Authorized Version).

In the booklet *The Nuclear North Atlantic*, British author E.P. Thompson writes that "in NATO's strategic thinking, the Soviet navy is waiting to press through 'the gate' between Norway and Iceland while Soviet backfire bombers might slip through the same 'gate.'"

Other experts expand this vital stretch of the North Atlantic to

include an area all the way to Greenland. They refer to passageways through this sector as the "Greenland-Iceland-United Kingdom gap," or the "G-I-UK gap." NATO forces maintain antisubmarine warfare barriers in the gap. The entire region, then, is controlled by modern-day descendants of Israel (Greenland belongs to Denmark).

Thus the Soviet Union is partially bottled up at its only ice-free port. And together, Norway and Denmark control wartime access to the Baltic Sea, throttling the large Soviet fleet at Leningrad.

Since World War II, Norway has abandoned neutrality and placed her reliance upon the NATO alliance for its security.

It is for this reason that the shakiness of this organization today, with the loose talk of Europe and America going their separate ways, is disturbing to Norwegian strategists.

"Norway," notes Mr. Holst, "is likely to be the last party to leave the bridge in the event that NATO should capsize on her voyage through the next decade. The dissolution of NATO would cause the Nordic pattern to crumble as well."

We must not dissociate trends in world events from the ongoing progress in God's work.

It is evidently God's time to more directly warn the people of Norway and the whole Nordic area of prophetic events which will drastically affect the peoples of Israel living in the "quiet corner of Europe."



ROYAL CONCERN — Princess Sirindhorn of Thailand holds a malnourished baby whose mother died four days earlier. Queen Sirikit of Thailand ordered the child taken to a hospital after she learned of its plight during a visit with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong to a Thailand agricultural project Jan. 24. [Photo by Warren Watson]

The Queen, Mr. Armstrong — and Little Cha-Toi

By John Halford

CHIANG MAI, Thailand — It happened Jan. 24, the day Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, queen of Thailand, invited Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong to visit a royal agricultural project, high in the mountains behind Chiang Mai.

John Halford, a pastor-rank minister working in Media Services in Pasadena, accompanied Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong to Thailand.

Mr. Armstrong traveled with the Queen and Princess Sirindhorn in the royal helicopter. Others in Mr. Armstrong's party followed in Bell Huey helicopters provided by the Royal Thai Police, landing at an improvised landing ground among rice fields, after a 45-minute flight.

After a picnic lunch and a tour of the project, the Queen asked Mr. Armstrong if he would be able to visit Khob Dong, a native village of the Lahu tribe. He agreed.

The village was only about one mile from the research station, but the road was rough and twisting. The group traveled in four-wheel-drive vehicles. It is a poor village —

just a few bamboo huts — and the people seemed backward, but they were a good example of the kind of people that the King and Queen are trying to help with their projects.

The villagers gathered around to greet the Queen. Some of them brought examples of their handicrafts to show her.

Then the Queen noticed two baskets. In the bottom of each was a baby, apparently asleep. The Queen explained to Mr. Armstrong that this is how the people carry their babies while they are working in the fields, when suddenly her expression changed.

She noticed that one of the babies was ill. Carefully, she lifted the infant from the basket and held it. It was a boy, just a few days old. Her Majesty looked at us with great concern. "Look," she said, "he is dying."

The villagers told her what happened. The baby was born 12 days before. The mother died later from blood poisoning. The husband was in a daze, and hadn't known what to do.

The villagers tried to save the baby, but they seemed to be ignorant of basic hygiene. They filled a dirt-encrusted feeding bottle with stale milk, but the baby was not able to drink anything.

Cha-Toi — the name he was given — was dying of starvation and malnutrition. If he were to live, he needed skilled attention.

Preparations were made to fly him down to Chiang Mai in a helicopter.

During the bumpy ride back to the agricultural station, Queen Sirikit thanked Mr. Armstrong for helping save the baby's life. She explained that if he had not been willing to make the additional trip up to Khob Dong she would not have gone that day either, and Cha-Toi almost certainly would have died.

Mr. Armstrong shared the Queen's concern. As he reminded us later, even though this baby was born in tragic circumstances into one of the most backward tribes on earth, he nevertheless had human potential, and one day would have eternal life in the Family of God.

But, at the time, Cha-Toi didn't look as if he was going to live another five minutes — let alone forever.

The Queen quickly wrapped up her visit, and the fleet of helicopters departed once again for Chiang Mai. At the airport the Queen said good-bye to Mr. Armstrong and his traveling group. She had to return to her palace, and the group to the hotel. Little Cha-Toi, meanwhile was sped to the hospital.

Several times that evening, as Mr. Armstrong was discussing the events of the day, he wondered how the boy was doing. Others in the group promised to telephone the hospital first thing in the morning to find out. But there was no need.

Her Majesty sent her personal physician and private secretary to the hospital that same evening to check on Cha-Toi's progress.

She asked them to stop at the hotel before returning to the palace to give Mr. Armstrong the information personally. So, about 10 o'clock, we received the news that Cha-Toi was alive and out of danger.

Queen Sirikit and Mr. Armstrong are both busy people with important and pressing responsibilities. But they were not so busy that they could not stop to serve one of the most fragile little people on earth.

For a few hours that day Cha-Toi's well-being seemed to matter more than anything else to God's apostle and Thailand's gracious Queen.

He is alive today because they cared.

Festival

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To give you an idea of costs, a hotel — highly recommended by the travel agent working for the Church — that overlooks the sea, costs, for the nine nights, bed, breakfast and dinner, 207 pounds (\$290) per adult.

There is another hotel close to the Town Hall that costs about 90 pounds (\$126) on the same basis; and another around 80 pounds (\$112). Self-catering accommodations are about 100 pounds (\$140) per unit for the nine nights. (Towels are not usually provided in self-catering accommodations, although bed linen can normally be hired, if not provided.)

Torquay's attractions include theaters, a museum, art gallery and a golf course, as well as cliff walks and Cockington Village. Just east of Cockington are the ruins of 12th century Torre Abbey. On the edge of the town, about one mile east of the harbor, is Kents Cavern, one of the oldest human dwelling places in Britain.

Within easy driving distance is the town of Dartmouth, and, in the hinterland behind Torquay, is Dartmoor, with its magnificent scenery.

Social activities will be in the Town Hall, and outings to places of interest will be organized.

Scarborough

Scarborough is the best-known holiday seaside resort in Yorkshire with a beautiful coastline and heather-covered moors.

Services will be at the Spa Conference Centre, which overlooks the sea. This facility, on the southern side of the town, was completely renovated over the past two years and offers space for other social and catering activities.

The center also features restaurants and several licensed bars. It is the best facility available to the Church this year in Britain. About 1,400 people will attend this site.

Other features include an indoor swimming pool and a sports center nearby. Sightseeing can include visiting stately homes such as Castle Howard, where the popular "Brideshead Revisited," television series was enacted.

The North Yorkshire Moors Railway Preservation Society operates from the Vale of Pickering

through some of the most beautiful parts of the North Yorkshire Moors National Park. The historic city of York is 40 miles (about 64 kilometers) away.

Accommodations are either self-catering or in hotels and guest houses. A holiday village with bungalows, villas and caravans (trailers) for self-catering will cost about 75 pounds (\$105) a unit for the nine-night period, and there is a limited number of flatlets (small apartments) at 35 pounds (\$49) a person for the period. Hotels range from 83 pounds (\$116) to 145 pounds (\$203) a person for the period.

Most activities will take place in the Spa complex so brethren can be together and meet old friends and make new ones. All family members should find plenty to do.

Tenby

Because Tenby was popular in 1982, the Feast will take place there again this year. Tenby is on the southern coast of western Wales and is 243 miles (389 kilometers) west of London. It is well-connected by road and rail to all parts of the country.

The Festival at Tenby is at the Kih Park Holiday Caravan Camp. This is where services and social activities will be. It is also where most members will stay.

The caravans are all modern, with up to eight berths, and the overwhelming majority have their own toilet and shower or bath facilities. Most have color television. The cost per caravan is 70 pounds (\$98), which includes electricity. The Church would like families to use the caravans, and asks singles to share caravans.

The camp has shops, a swimming pool, sports field, lounges, game rooms and licensed bars. There is a den for teenagers, and adults can relax in the elegant Tudor Bar or Atlantic Bar.

A great deal of history surrounds Tenby, which is tightly packed inside 15th century walls. Shops almost touch across narrow streets grouped about a 12th century Norman focal point. The picturesque harbor is guarded by the remains of a 13th century Norman castle, site of the Welsh castle of Dinbych-y-Pysgod (Little Fort of the Fish) mentioned in a 1,000-year-old poem.

Tenby is the only site in the Brit-

ish Isles where most people can stay on the site where services take place. It is also an area rich in history and is set in a rural and pleasant location.

Bredsten, Denmark

After a successful Feast in Denmark last year, this year's Festival will again take place at the Vingstedcentre sporting and conference center. It is on the eastern side of central Jutland outside the village of Bredsten, which is 13 kilometers (about 8.5 miles) from the city of Vejle, Denmark.

Services and social activities take place in the center and a little more than 200 people can stay there with about another 50 able to be accommodated in guest houses and private homes. At present exchange rates, the nine-day period would cost about 200 pounds (\$280) for full board per person or 162 pounds (\$227) for half board (this excludes lunch). Children under 12 sharing with their parents are half price and infants under 3 are free.

Use of all facilities at the center is included, except for the hire of certain sporting equipment. For those staying off the site there is free transportation to the center. However, for car drivers and their passengers, there will be a reduction in their overall charge of about 15 pounds (\$21) per adult, 7 pounds (\$9.80) per child.

The Vingstedcentre consists of a 200-bed hotel with library, television room, a billiard and darts room and bars. The Danes provide an abundance of food, including smorgasbords — as much good quality food as you can eat.

Adjoining the hotel is a 25-meter Olympic swimming pool and children's pool and saunas. There are two 1,000-square-meter gymnasiums equipped for indoor soccer, handball, basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis and squash. On the grounds are a running track, trampolines, football pitches, a pistol-shooting gallery and rifle ranges.

Brethren can fish in the river and hike on marked nature trails. Opposite the hotel is a camping area for those wishing to take their own caravans.

For those traveling to Denmark from England there are two basic options — sea or air.

By sea, group rates are being brought about by the unusual status

Berlin

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Historian Gordon A. Craig pointed to the problem of claustrophobia as one probable reason for some of these difficulties disturbing West Berlin. He wrote in his book, *The Germans*: "It was estimated in 1971 that every third person who was drawn to the city by these advantages [tax and travel inducements] changed his mind sooner or later and left it, either because he was dissatisfied with his working or living conditions or because he was affected by the Berlin form of claustrophobia, the fear of being caught without hope of escape, if they fell to the forces of the East."

Naturally, West Berliners have different views of what it's like to live there. I met a French immigrant on a train — a true-blue Berliner who would live in no other city.

Many do not share his feelings. More and more young West Berliners are opting for the Federal Republic as a permanent place of residence.

West Berliners are a courageous lot. They have coped with crisis after crisis — faced and conquered many obstacles since the war. But there is such a thing as a cumulative effect wearing down one's resistance over a period of years.

Fortunately, there are some encouraging signs, especially of late. For instance, West Berlin took control of the S-Bahn — the municipal overground railway line, which has been in a shabby and run-down state. Before that, East Germany owned and operated the S-Bahn in West Berlin — a peculiarity brought about by the unusual status

of Berlin after World War II.

Berlin in 1945 was divided by the Quadrupartite Agreement into four sectors, with the Soviet Union, the United States, Britain and France ruling one sector each. Soon the latter three merged into the city of West Berlin, leaving East Berlin under the aegis of the Soviets.

In a spirit of cooperation the two Berlins negotiated a purchase agreement that will solve this long-time railway paradox. Extensive modernization is in the works.

Tensions between the two cities have eased. Travel is easier. Elderly people may emigrate from East to West after retirement age — one of the reasons why West Berlin sports the most age profile in West Germany, socially speaking. Thus a part of the social burden is shifted from East Berlin to West Berlin.

As Britain is to Northern Ireland, so is the Federal Republic to West Berlin in terms of finances. Without the billions of deutsche marks that pour in from Bonn, West Berlin would be virtually bankrupt.

For some in West Berlin this may be the best of times — and getting better. But for many others, it is still the worst of times. These latter suffer from frustration, alienation and a sense of helplessness. As one resident reportedly remarked: "I feel as though I don't belong anywhere. I want to bridge that wall and really see what it is like over there so I can understand myself over here."

That's going to happen. The wall will not only be bridged — it will come down. The Berlin Wall has a limited life. In God's good time all peoples everywhere will learn to understand each other and solve their differences peacefully. Wall-sickness will be forever forgotten.



CHRIST'S APOSTLE TRAVELS

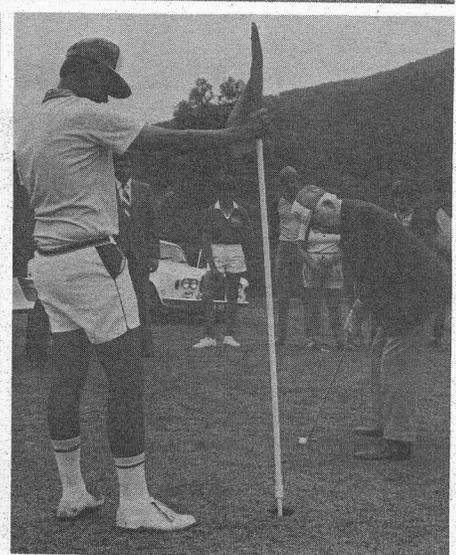
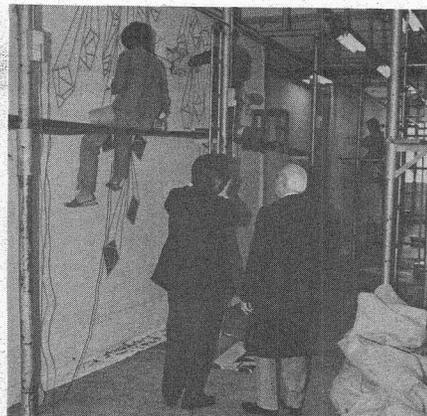
ACTIVE APOSTLE — Clockwise from upper left: King Bhumibol (center) and Queen Sirikit of Thailand greet Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong upon his arrival at the Phuping Palace near Chiang Mai, Thailand, Jan. 23; well-wishers congratulate Mr. Armstrong at a Jan. 25 banquet in Bangkok, Thailand, honoring him for receiving the Order of the White Elephant; Mr. Armstrong presents a photo of himself and Abbot PhraThepsopon to the Abbot in Bangkok Jan. 22; Queen Sirikit explains details of an agricultural project to Mr. Armstrong and his aide, Aaron Dean, Jan. 24; Mr. Armstrong greets children of ministers working at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Australia Jan. 12; the pastor general sinks a putt at the SEP in Australia Jan. 12; Mr. Armstrong waves to onlookers as he steps off Queen Sirikit's helicopter at Khob Dong, Thailand, Jan. 24; Robert Morton, regional director of the Church in Australia and Asia, explains the state of the Church there to Mr.





TRAVELS TO SIX NATIONS

Armstrong and Mr. Dean during a tour of the Australian Office at Burleigh Heads Jan. 10; Premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen of Queensland asks the pastor general a question about the book of Isaiah in his private office in Brisbane, Australia, Jan. 13; Peter Nathan, regional director of the Church in New Zealand and the South Pacific, discusses activities of the regional office in Auckland, New Zealand, with Mr. Armstrong Jan. 5; and Mr. Armstrong greets Sir Edmund Hillary, the first man to climb Mt. Everest, at the New Zealand Regional Office Jan. 5. Below, from left: Mr. Armstrong is welcomed at the Bangkok airport Jan. 22; Mr. Morton and Mr. Armstrong converse with the three Church members and one prospective member in Hong Kong Jan. 28; the pastor general declares the solution to humanity's problems in Bangkok Jan. 25; and Mr. Armstrong inspects the new carpet being made in Hong Kong for the Ambassador Auditorium Jan. 27. [Photos by Aaron Dean and Warren Watson]



ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Singles' groups take year-end outings

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, singles were hosts to activities Dec. 23 to 27 at Crawfordsburn, Northern Ireland, for about 60 singles from the Republic of Ireland, Scotland, England and the United States. Accommodations were in scout camp dormitories surrounded by forests and hills and with views of Belfast Lough.

After viewing Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's videotaped broadcast "The Plain Truth About Christmas" Friday evening, Dec. 23, the singles became acquainted over drinks at Crawfordsburn Inn, Ireland's oldest hotel.

On the Sabbath, Dec. 24, they ate brunch at the Stormont Hotel, before attending services with the Belfast congregation, where the main message consisted of a videotaped ser-

mon by Mr. Armstrong. Afterward the singles fellowshipped at the Forum Hotel. Dinner that evening was at the Chinese Dragon restaurant.

In ideal weather conditions Sunday, Dec. 25, the singles set out on a tour of the County Down coast before climbing Scrabo Hill for a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside and the Irish Sea.

The next stop was the town of Hillsborough in County Antrim, where a treasure hunt took place. A barbecue followed in Hillsborough Forest Park adjacent to a Norman castle. Before dark the group returned to Crawfordsburn for an Irish night of dancing and singing provided by a church band.

Monday, Dec. 26, some of the singles went horseback riding, while

others walked along the coastal path. After another videotaped telecast, a candlelight dinner and dance topped off the evening. Master of ceremonies for an evening of dancing and singing was Morris McCabe, Belfast singles coordinator.

Prizes for winning the previous day's treasure hunt were presented by ministerial assistant Jeremy Rapson to Robert Gilks, Frank Gunning and Beverley and Linda Cargill.

The singles left Crawfordsburn Tuesday, Dec. 27, for the Culloden Hotel where they said their good-byes over coffee and cookies.

One hundred forty-six singles from throughout the Philippines attended the 1984 Metro Manila Singles' Camp Dec. 27 to Jan. 1 south of **MANILA**, Philippines. With Reynaldo Taniajura, pastor of the Quezon City, Bocaue and Marikina, Philippines, churches, serving as camp director, the group stayed at Volcano Lakeview Resort on the shores of Lake Taal.

Preparations for the camp began soon after the Feast. But up to two weeks before the camp only a few singles could afford to go. Thankfully, with God's help and the Metro Manila churches' voluntary financial support, the camp finally pushed through.

The lakeside resort proved suitable for many activities, including an acquaintance bonfire on the first evening, basketball, dance instruction, an obstacle course, swimming, volleyball, an impromptu talent show and Bible bowl and a semiformal dance on the last night.

Lectures on proper dating, true masculinity and femininity and marriage were given by Pedro Melendez, Ministerial Services assistant in the **Manila Office**, and Mr. Taniajura.

On the last day of the camp, some singles went on an expedition across the lake to Volcano island and up to the active crater of Taal volcano.

Twenty-six single members from the **DAET**, **NAGA CITY** and **LEGASPI CITY**, Philippines, churches enjoyed a three-day year-end social at the seaside Mayon View Resorts in Tabaco, Philippines, Dec. 30 to Jan. 1.

Medardo Maninang, pastor of the Legaspi City and Naga City churches and director of the event, scheduled the affair to include Bible study, Sabbath services, counseling, outdoor fun, fellowship, dancing and social activities to enhance relationships among the singles and for a balanced spiritual life.

The theme of the social was: "The strength, life and health of God's Church depends on every member's balanced spiritual life."

On the first day, the group hired a vehicle to climb the winding road to Mayon Rest House, a mountain resort lodged some 2,000 feet above sea level. The resort is near "the world's most perfect cone" — the



DAY OF FISHING — A three-day singles' social in Tabaco, Philippines, featured an angling contest. Prizes were awarded to the first pair who caught fish.

Mayon volcano, an active volcano with nine towns at its base.

Sabbath, Dec. 31, Mr. Maninang gave a sermon for singles about true masculinity, God's intended role for man, duties and characteristics of a real man and God's intentions for creating man and woman. A kaffeeklatsch and hymn-singing followed. That evening a sing-along and bonfire party took place on the beach.

The third day began with an early morning jog on the beach, after which singles in pairs competed in an angling contest. Prizes were awarded to the first pair who caught fish.

Mr. Maninang's wife, Henrietta, gave a lecture in the afternoon on dinner preparation, serving and formal dinner etiquette. A formal dinner was served after the lecture, demonstrating principles in the lecture.

A dance contest and games closed out the three days of activities.

A first-ever winter camp for singles from churches in the southern Philippines took place in **DAVAO CITY**, Philippines, Dec. 25 to Jan. 2. Bienvenido Macaraeg Jr., pastor of the Davao, Manikling, Monkayo and Tagum, Philippines, churches, served as camp director.

Clubs conduct special nights

Forty-one Spokesman Club members, wives and guests celebrated the first graduation night of the **IPSWICH**, Australia, club at the Penola Restaurant in Ipswich Dec. 18.

Pastor David Noller, who presented certificates to graduates Peter Korunich, John Lyons and Les Neilson, spoke of the "joy and feeling of accomplishment" in seeing club members achieving their potential.

The club participated in a topics session presented by Kraft Klaus. Speeches were given by Lex Drennan, Mr. Neilson, Mr. Korunich, Ray Wardle and Mr. Lyons. Brian Moreton was toastmaster.

The speaking session was preceded by a three-course meal coupled

with entertainment by a family of Swiss singers.

More than 100 **WHEELING**, W. Va., Spokesman Club members and guests met at Don's Restaurant in Brilliant, Ohio, Dec. 27 for a ladies' night meeting, which featured dinner and a salad bar.

Reinhold "Shorty" Fuesel, pastor of the Cambridge, Ohio, and Wheeling churches, and Ron Smith, associate pastor of the churches, were directors. President John Ruskak was the chairman.

The evening began with vocal exercises led by Mr. Smith. Vice President Tim Houston gave five tabletopics that drew comments from members and guests.

After Mr. Smith addressed the tabletopics session, the main course and dessert were served. Toastmaster Don Pickenpaugh then introduced the speakers with a word scramble of each speaker's name. Speeches were given by Jay Walker, John Megna, Bill Joseph, Wayne Wilhelm and Ron Kennedy. Mr. Fuesel was overall evaluator.

The **NAGA CITY**, Philippines, Spokesman Club conducted a ladies' night at Lindez Restaurant Dec. 25, centered on a theme of "My Most Memorable Experience."

Club President Virgilio Repaso introduced topicsmaster Melchor Babol, who presented an array of questions for the men and women to answer. Speeches were given by Gregoria Laureta Jr., Eduardo Laureles, Jose Pan and Ernesto Mistola, who were introduced by toastmaster Ric Perez. Evaluators were

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DANCE EVENING — Singles take part in a dance, one of many activities during a five-day outing at Crawfordsburn, Northern Ireland, Dec. 23 to 27.

Anniversaries celebrated

The **GREENVILLE**, S.C., church celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Philadelphia era of God's Church Jan. 7 with food prepared as it might be served in modern-day Israelite cuisines, including Irish corned beef, Dutch-style potato salad and French eclairs.

Displays demonstrated the scope of God's work in this era and how the Greenville church fits into the picture. Photographs showed an early mimeograph machine and typewriter. Selected *Plain Truth* covers were also displayed.

Members were able to read a history of the Greenville church and see graphs showing Greenville's contributions to the Church.

Maps pinpointed the locations of God's churches and Feast sites worldwide. Other displays featured photos of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong speaking before world leaders and foreign language editions of *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News*.

The 50th anniversary social took place 50 years to the day from the date of the first regularly scheduled broadcast in 1934.

Seventy-nine **TROIS-RIVIERES**, Que., members dined by candlelight and danced to the music of the Montreal, Que., church band to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Trois-Rivieres church Dec. 24.

Charles Mayer, a Montreal local church elder who has been a member in Quebec for the longest time, delivered a nostalgic sermon about foundations. Pastor Robert Smith, in a Bible study after Sabbath services, explained how some of the older members traveled to keep the Feast in Mount Pocono, Pa., where they heard sermons in English, a language they didn't understand.

Mr. Scott also recalled the out-

standing qualities of some of the ministers who served in the area, including Carn Catherwood, Sam Kneller, Colin Wilkins and Mark Flynn.

BLACKFOOT, Idaho, brethren marked the fifth anniversary of pastor Randy Schreiber's ministry in the area Jan. 7 with a 1950s-style potluck and dance.

After the Sabbath men slicked back their hair and donned white socks, while women dressed in longskirts and bobby socks. Milk shakes, hot dogs, french fries and potato chips were served in a school cafeteria decorated like a hamburger stand.

Recorded music from the 1950s selected by Charlene Haith was played for the dance. Local church elder Max Martin gave a speech after the meal, and gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Schreiber.

The Schreibers were given a five-layer cake baked by Laura Mansanarez, a quilt sewn by women in the church that chronicled major events in Mr. Schreiber's life and a photo album signed by members. The album has leather pages and a wooden cover onto which the Church emblem was burned by Rose Stech.

The 1950s festivities included a bubble-gum-blowing contest and stroll and freeze dancing. Crepe-paper streamers hung across the dance floor and cheerleader pom-poms, football uniforms and pennants were suspended around the room.

KINGSTON, Ont., brethren celebrated the church's 10th anniversary Dec. 17 with a luncheon of sandwiches and finger foods. Two decorated cakes were shared by about 200 brethren who attended the occasion.

Guests included Colin Adair. (See **ANNIVERSARIES**, page 9)



LADIES' EVENING — The Naga City, Philippines, Spokesman Club was host to a ladies' night Dec. 25. (Photo by Ric Perez)

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Canadian regional director, and his wife, Margaret; and members from other church areas.

Mr. Adair brought news of the work in Canada, delivered the sermon that day and renewed old acquaintances.

PETERBOROUGH, Ont., brethren included a tabletops session in their 10th anniversary celebration Dec. 24. Sabbath services began at 1 p.m. with a larger-than-usual congregation.

A hot roast beef dinner was pre-

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Pedro Refugio, Oscar Laureta, Gregorio Laureta Sr. and Eduardo Dec.

Mr. Laureta Sr. was awarded the Most Helpful Evaluation cup, while Mr. Mistola was given the Most Improved Speaker and Most Effective Speech trophies.

Medardo Maninang, club director and pastor of the Daet, Legaspi City and Naga City, Philippines, churches, gave the overall evaluation of the night's affair. He told the 37 in attendance that the purpose of the club was not to train the members to become future ministers but to help them develop and improve their personalities, particularly in public speaking.

Guests for the evening were former club director Abelardo Balisnomo and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Perfecto Osillos, all members of the Naga City church.

The combined **PIKEVILLE** and **PAINTSVILLE, Ky.** Spokesman Club served as host to a ladies' night at the Perry Cline Community Center in Pikeville Jan. 1.

The meeting, directed by pastor Warren J. Heaton III, began with vocal exercises, a business session and tabletops presented by Darrell Looney, club secretary.

During a break, hors d'oeuvres, punch and wine were served by YOU members. The meeting resumed with speeches by Mike Stewart, Eugene Hogston, Jim Hall, Lestil Wright and Randy Wright. The meeting concluded with comments and evaluations by Mr. Heaton.

Ray Wardle, Frank Fish Sr., Ernesto O. Mistola and Debby Bailey.

Families

boil peanuts over coals

Families from the **GENEVA, Ala.**, and **FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla.**, churches got together Saturday evening, Jan. 7, for a peanut boil near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith in Geneva.

About thirty pounds of peanuts were boiled in a black cauldron over burning coals. A camp fire and plenty of clothes drove back the chill in the air.

Ray Thompson from Fort Walton Beach provided a keg of beer to complement the peanuts. Other activities included a hayride and a hot dog and marshmallow roast. Cecil Clark, Ken Hicks, Royce Phillips, Don McClenagan and Lucy White provided musical entertainment. Terri Phillips.

Teens meet for barbecue

Twenty **LAGOS, Nigeria**, YOU members convened at the home of pastor Lateef Edalere for a barbecue Dec. 25. After an introductory speech by Mr. Edalere on the role of teens in God's Church, the group played games and danced to music.

That evening the teens, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Oladele, YOU coordinators, had an outdoor

barbecue. They also watched the 1983 Young Ambassadors Festival film.

After spending the night at Mr. Edalere's home, the group heard another lecture by Mr. Edalere on "Communication and the Generation Gap."

He encouraged talking to one another, to parents and to the ministry. *Anthea Edalere.*

Church areas put on winter socials

The third annual "Feast Around the World" evening took place Jan. 7 for **LONGVIEW, Tex.**, brethren, who shared memories of previous Festivals. After Sabbath services brethren were escorted into a dining area, decorated by Marie Woods and Janelle Hannemann, to feast on spicy chili, crackers and tossed salad.

Families browsed through Feast brochures and scrapbooks before seeing slides from sites including Vieux Fort, St. Lucia, by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hewitt; Acapulco, Mexico, by Morris Foster; and Eugene, Ore., including the anniversary party with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Benedict.

After the slide show adults played bunto (a dice game), and children were treated to Walt Disney cartoons and the movie "For the Love of Benji," courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Webb.

The **WINDSOR, Ont.**, talent show Dec. 24 revealed hidden talent, with Marvin Parks, a local church elder, displaying wit as master of ceremonies and introducing participants ranging from age 1 to nearly senior citizen.

Talent, fun, ingenuity, humor and bravery showed up in poetry readings, singing, dancing, acting and commercials. Husband-and-wife teams and sister-and-brother acts entertained the audience.

As a closing act of the evening, the cast sang "Imagine," led on guitar by pastor Fran Ricchi.

BEAVER VALLEY, Pa., brethren attended their first social of the year Jan. 7, which included a potluck, basketball, volleyball and watching a stage play.

After the Beaver Valley and Pittsburgh, Pa., YOU and YES basketball teams played each other, children of the churches, directed by Gloria Pronesti, presented "The Parable of the Sower."

In the show children were rocks that wriggled, birds that flapped wings, flowers that jumped, smiled and withered and thorns that sprang up and choked the flowers. Joe Pronesti read the script, written by his wife, Gloria. The children sang "It Won't Be Long Now" for a finale.

About 100 **BINGHAMTON** and **CORNING, N.Y.**, brethren attended an outing Dec. 26 at Watson Homestead in Painted Post, N.Y. Each family brought a bag lunch and then enjoyed an afternoon of swimming in the outdoor pool.

Members participated in a wide variety of fund-raising projects to increase their pound, including perform-



NEW HALL — Bombay, India, brethren pause in their new church hall Jan. 7, where they observed the first Sabbath service of this year. The hall was in construction for almost four years.

That evening the group feasted on beef stew, rolls, cookies and cake brought by the brethren. The church provided tossed salad, drinks and fruit.

Allie Grimaldi directed meal preparations, and Marilyn Phelps, Janice Pruden, Karen VanDyke and Nancy Sylor were in charge of table decorations.

Adults, teens and young children played table games and danced to taped music. In a cabin Eldon and Sally Trapp and Carl and Pat Hubbell, assisted by parents, taught YES members to round dance and square dance.

A number of families spent the night in the cabins and met in the recreation hall for breakfast the next morning before returning home.

The activity was funded by a church fruit sale.

Brethren from New Jersey and New York City and Long Island, N.Y., braved freezing temperatures to attend a white elephant sale and talent show in **BROOKLYN, N.Y.**, Jan. 1.

Singles arrived at 8:30 a.m. to decorate the cafeteria, hallways and auditorium of a public school. They constructed carnival-like booths for selling roasted peanuts and white elephant origami (Japanese paper folding) hats.

Women served an array of baked goods, covered dishes and refreshments, while men organized setup crews and security patrols. Some members donated used clothing, and others bought the donations at a fraction of the original price.

Dancers, stand-up comedians and instrumentalists entertained at a fun show.

"This was the best show we ever had," said Earl Williams, pastor of the Brooklyn and Queens, N.Y., churches. "The talent was good enough to go Off-Broadway."

LAFAYETTE, La., brethren spent Jan. 7 and 8 attending a potluck, dance and talent show, taking inventory and participating in a fish fry.

After the Sabbath, Jan. 7, brethren shared a potluck meal and waltzed and did the fox-trot, while children did the hokey pokey. Alton Billingsley, pas-

Pounds parable practiced

After Sabbath services Jan. 7 **MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.**, **NORTH** members who completed a fund-raising project were treated to a catered chicken dinner served by pastor Larry Walker and church elders.

In November, Mr. Walker gave each baptized member a "pound" (\$5) and told them to increase it by "doing business" as in the parable. Members were able to use the money individually or as a joint project with others. Dec. 31 was set as the deadline for turning in money gained.

Members participated in a wide variety of fund-raising projects to increase their pound, including perform-

tor of the Lafayette church, provided albums with instructions and demonstrated various steps.

After the dance pies baked by Lafayette cheerleaders and cakes baked by deacons Robert Albarado, Floyd Adams, Don Hogan, John Pierce, Abe Vice and associate pastor Dennis Doucet were auctioned off to raise funds for cheerleading uniforms. The highest price paid was \$63 for Mr. Doucet's cake.

That evening a talent show began with a solo by Beth Baugh, after which three members of the Adams family — Floyd Adams, his wife, Nelda, and daughter Jennifer — sang. Tracy Hogan and Emily Adams sang a duet, and Jennifer Adams, Angie Forrester and Leah Hunter performed a skit. The talent show ended with a piano solo by Cara Miller.

Sunday, Jan. 8, brethren helped inventory an area department store. The money raised (\$1,124) will go toward buying a bus. After the inventory, the annual fish fry consisted of salad, fish and french fries.

OCALA and **GAINESVILLE, Fla.**, brethren took part in a family fun day Jan. 8 at Ocala's 36th Avenue recreation park. Activities included kickball, a mixed relay race, a treasure hunt, an obstacle course relay, a penny pitch and Bible hero charades.

Winners of the last relay race removed equipment from the field, while the losers were awarded cookies. Cookies were then given to all participants, who ranged in age from 3-year-old Jacob Purvey to 73-year-old Harvey Stump.

Debbie Clark, Patricia Klem, Ann Lee Russell, Nancy Sylor, Jacki G. Jones, Glenda Crawford and Wes Bastie.

Canadians play ice games

After some of the coldest temperatures in 100 years, members of the **YORKTOWN, Sask.**, church met Jan. 1 in Goodeve, Sask., for their annual ice social. Hockey and curling games were played throughout the day with families taking part. A warm potluck was organized and set up by Jean

work projects and selling arts and crafts and baked goods. One couple, who used the money as a start on a weight loss incentive program, started their fund with \$2.50 each and added \$1 to the fund for each pound lost.

The Sabbath after the project deadline, Mr. Walker gave a sermon on the parable of the pounds. The sermon included lessons members learned from participating in the project. The main lessons brought out were endurance and perseverance and the necessity of work and effort in gaining spiritual increase.

Proceeds exceeded \$4,000 from the pounds project. *Alonzo Gjesvold.*

Indian church gets new hall

The first Sabbath of 1984 for **BOMBAY, India**, brethren took place in a new church hall, equipped with a public address system, recording facilities, library and study. The hall was under construction for almost four years. The podium was constructed from blueprints from the Australian Office, which administers the church on the Indian subcontinent.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's message was first heard over Radio Ceylon in 1953. From then until 1972 only two Indians were baptized. By 1975 more members were added. In 1977, with the ordination of Spaulding Kulasingam, Sabbath services and Bible studies began in the Kulasingams' home.

At the inaugural service Jan. 7, Mr. Kulasingam reminded brethren of Mr. Armstrong's statement that you can't afford not to tithe. *M. Radhakrishana.*

Brethren attend fashion show

BANGOR and **PORTLAND, Maine**, brethren attended a fashion show after combined Sabbath services Dec. 24 in the Augusta, Maine, Civic Center. Members modeled clothing that showed the advantages of making clothes at home.

Background music, provided by Pam Loft on piano, added warmth to the presentation. Kenneth Sparks Jr., who was ordained a local church elder earlier in the afternoon, and his wife, Pam, coordinated the show. Mrs. Sparks also served as moderator for the evening.

Mrs. Sparks, when asked about the purpose of the fashion show, said she hoped it would encourage more women in the church to develop sewing talents to benefit the family budget and provide attractive, quality clothing suited to individual family tastes.

Mr. Sparks pointed out that the show helped the younger models develop confidence and poise before a group.

Mrs. Sparks explained three key elements in making a fashion show successful: (1) member participation, (2) a poised moderator and (3) a stage that provides a warm and ornate background.

Preparation for the show required about eight hours of work for the coordinators. *Harold W. Jones III.*

Windys and volunteers.

Ice hockey, Canada's national sport, took a new twist in **TORONTO, Ont.**, Dec. 25 when 100 men and 45 boys representing most of the churches in Ontario gathered at Don Beers arena for a grab-bag tournament.

The idea was to offer a fast, exciting sport with a less intense level of competition. Teams were comprised of random names drawn from different church areas. This allowed individuals from churches too small to have their own hockey teams to participate.

Laurie Nyhus, associate pastor of the Toronto East church, and Paul Mastin, a Toronto local church elder, organized the event, naming teams after the tribes of Israel. Trophies were awarded to each member of the winning teams.

A chili dinner was prepared for the players and their families by the women in Toronto. Afterward, trophies were presented to the winning team. *Manasseh.*

Elin Pedde and Hugh Parsons.

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Passadena, and Tina Jacobs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jacobs of Portland, Ore., were united in marriage Jan. 1. Evangelist Dean Wilson, pastor of the Portland South church, performed the ceremony. A reception followed. After a honeymoon the couple returned to Big Sandy, where they live. The couple were given another reception in Big Sandy with the groom's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Berger, and evangelist Leslie McCullough, deputy chancellor of Big Sandy Ambassador College, and his wife, Marion, as hosts.

Colleen Marie Greba, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Greba, and David Hoyer Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hoyer Sr., were united in marriage Sept. 11. The ceremony was conducted by Royston Page, pastor of the Winnipeg, Morden and Thunder Bay, Man., and Williams, Minn., churches. The matron of honor was Mini Dupas, and the best man was William Hoyer, brother of the groom.

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To my husband: Through trials you have guided us, keeping us all together. Thank you for your courage and tenacity. I love you, happy fifth! Your Sunshine.



MR. AND MRS. EVARISTO SIBAYAN

Evaristo and Lolita Sibayan celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 3. A surprise reception, organized by their children Annie Laurie, Kathryn Dorothy, Myrtle Stephanie, Frances Gretchen and Holly Marie, was attended by about 100 elders and members of the Manila, Quezon City, Imsu, San Pedro and Marikina, Philippines, churches. The evening was filled with fun, songs, speeches, presentation of gifts and messages and was capped off with an eight-course dinner, a three-tier cake and wine toasting. Two doves were released from a ball-shaped cage hung from the ceiling.

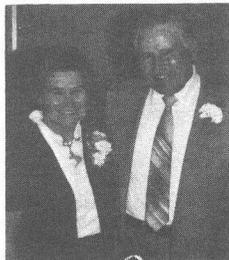
Randy, thank you so much for sharing your love and life with me. Happy fourth anniversary. Your loving wife, Val.

To my wife: Thank you for the 44 happy years we have had together through thick and thin. You are someone very special. May God have a special place for you in His Kingdom. Love you, Roy.

Mom and Dad (Nettie and Earl Hotz): Congratulations Feb. 26 on 37 years together. We love you, Al and Marie and kids.

To my loving wife, Judy: Thanks for a wonderful first year. Sara, Mark, Matthew and I are truly blessed. We love you very much. Happy anniversary. Mark.

Weddings Made of Gold



MR. AND MRS. GLEN KEELEY

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Glen and Evelyn Keeley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 5. They were honored that evening at a gathering attended by their four children and 16 grandchildren.

Mr. Keeley, a local church elder, and his wife, a deaconess, have been in God's Church for almost a quarter of a century.

A dinner was given in their honor Jan. 7 after Sabbath services. In appreciation for their service to the brethren in Michigan, and in honor of their 50 years of marriage, the Kalamazoo and Coldwater, Mich., churches presented the

Keeleys with a wall clock bearing an inscription commemorating the occasion. Gifts were presented by other church areas and individuals.

Obituaries

FRANKLIN, Ala. — Otis C. Everett, 67, a member since March, 1983, died Dec. 13.

He is survived by his wife, Nan Grey, a member since 1955; sons Paul of Rochester, Pa., Judson of Lake City, Fla., and Colin of Monroeville, Ala.; daughters Sharon Abode of Rockwall, Tex., and Jo Ann Abode of Destin, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Steve Moody, pastor of the Mobile, Ala., and Biloxi, Miss., churches.

NASSAU, Bahamas — Catherine E. Smith, 62, a member since 1981, died Dec. 23 following a stroke.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, Herbert, and her daughter, Margaret, members of the Church; four sons, including Willie Smith, a Church member in Miami, Fla.; and 20 grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Dec. 29 by Kingsley Mather, pastor of the Nassau and Freeport, Bahamas, churches.

WARROD, Minn. — Leona Mae Brodersen, 6 months, died Nov. 30 at Baudette Hospital in Baudette, Minn. Royston Page, pastor of the Winnipeg, Borden and Thunder Bay, Man., and Williams, Minn., churches, conducted funeral services in Warrod Dec. 4.

Survivors include her parents, Norman and Karwyn Brodersen; sisters Angeline, Michelle and Brandy; and her brother, Corey. All attend the Williams church.

MUSCATINE, Iowa — Jerry Wieter, 78, a member since March, 1966, died Dec. 5.

Mr. Wieter is survived by his wife of

58 years, Emilie; sons Richard of Largo, Fla., Ken of Longwood, Fla., and Bob of Muscatine; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at the Ralph Wittich Funeral Home and at the grave site by David Havir, pastor of the Davenport, Iowa City and Waterloo, Iowa, congregations.

HOUSTON, Tex. — Milton Boddy Wheeler, 76, a member since February, 1980, died Jan. 3.

He was born Jan. 14, 1907, in Millinocket, Maine, the first child of Walter and Althea Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler had two brothers, Otis, who is deceased, and Frank C., who lives in Indianapolis, Ind.; and one sister, Althea, who lives in San Antonio, Tex.

Mr. Wheeler retired in 1972 after working as a security guard for Welex A. Haliburton Co.

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Fred J. Voedisch, 94, born Feb. 10, 1889, died May 10, 1983. Mr. Voedisch has been a member of the Church since 1963, and was one of the pioneer members of the Sheridan church.

Services were conducted by Dennis Wheatcroft, pastor of the Casper and Sheridan, Wyo., and Billings, Mont., churches.

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Eugene Paul Mitchell, 44, died of cancer Dec. 3. He was baptized in 1971, and attended church in Sheridan and Douglas, Wyo. Mr. Mitchell is survived by his wife, Anna, and 4-year-old son, Lucas, of Gillette, Wyo.

Funeral services were conducted by Dennis Wheatcroft, pastor of the Casper and Sheridan, Wyo., and Billings, Mont., churches.

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Hial D. Streeter, 86, died here Dec. 27.

Mr. Streeter and his wife, Mamie, were among the first members of God's Church in the state of Wyoming. They were baptized in 1957, 13 years before a church was raised up in the state. During

the late '50s and '60s they spent winters in the southern states and were able to attend Sabbath services.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 30 by Dennis Wheatcroft, pastor of the Casper and Sheridan, Wyo., and Billings, Mont., churches. Mr. Streeter is survived by his wife.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. — Alexandria Mead, 48, died Nov. 29 after a long bout with cancer.

Mrs. Mead is survived by her husband, Michael.

Funeral services were conducted by Carroll Short, a minister in the Corpus Christi church.

EAGLE ROCK, Mo. — Tammy Wesson Ellison, 23, died in an automobile accident in Crossville, Tenn., Dec. 14. She is survived by daughters Christy, 6, and Candice, 4; her mother, Sharon See of Eagle Rock, Mo.; her father, Bob Ellison of Cassville, Mo.; and a brother, Bobby Ellison of Eagle Rock.

Graveside services were conducted by Thomas Blackwell, pastor of the Harrison and Mountain View, Ark., churches.

PORTLAND, Maine — Raymond Harrison Hodgdon, 84, died after a short illness Jan. 12.

After listening to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and studying Church literature in the late '50s, Mr. Hodgdon became a member of God's Church in 1967.

Mr. Hodgdon is survived by a son, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted in Buckfield, Maine, by Leonard Holladay, pastor of the Portland and Bangor, Maine, churches.

For the Record

MIDLAND, Mich. — Irene Burke died at age 49, not 59 as was reported in the Dec. 19 *W.N.* Mrs. Burke died of a brain aneurysm.

Children's Corner

A LESSON LEARNED

By Vivian Pettijohn

"I don't like it!" Rocky blurted out suddenly as he and Chris walked with Debbie the four blocks home from school. "Everybody else at school does all that Valentine Day stuff. Then they look at me as though I'm the weird one because I don't join in."

"But then, Debbie," he added, pausing to kick a pebble off the sidewalk, "at least you're in my class. So I do have company when I go off to the art room while all the other second graders are making those heart things in class. I'll be glad when tomorrow is over and things settle down again."

"I know what you mean, Rocky," Debbie said quietly as she stooped to pick up a pine cone. "Seems like we just had Christmas and New Year's to go through. Now tomorrow everyone in our class except you and me will exchange red paper hearts. Wish they didn't do all those weird things! I think it would be lots better if people put their own hearts into helping someone else."

"Say, look! There's that woman again!" Rocky exclaimed, pointing to the shadowy figure of an elderly woman. She was peering at them as she pulled back lace curtains at a window in the corner house. "She frightens me. She stares at us every day when we walk back and forth to school. She looks so sad."

"I wonder why she's always looking at us," Debbie said. "Maybe she's just sick and doesn't realize she is staring. Maybe we should wave and see what happens."

"I guess it wouldn't hurt to wave," Chris said, "but let's ask our folks



Artwork to color, by Ken Tunell

what we should do."

As Rocky continued two more doors to his house, Chris and Debbie crossed at the intersection to get to their own side of the street.

"Mom, we're home!" Chris called out as he and Debbie hurried through the front door and tossed their schoolbooks onto the hall table.

"In here, children," Mrs. Ellison answered from the kitchen. "I have a cake in the oven, so please don't jump around, OK?" After hugging each one she asked, "How was school today?"

"Well," Debbie answered, "I guess it was all right except for making valentine hearts and planning for the big class party. What can I do in the art room tomorrow while the other kids have their party in the classroom?"

"I have the same problem in the fourth grade," Chris said. "I'll be glad when Valentine Day is over. Then

we'll have a little while before they start decorating the room for Easter — with all those bunnies and colored eggs."

"I have an idea," Mother said as she poured each child a glass of cold milk. As they sat down at the kitchen table she continued, "Today I was out in front, picking up some paper that had blown into our yard, and I noticed the older lady down a couple doors — you know, across the street at the corner. She was staring at me."

"Yeah," Chris said, nodding, "the old woman who stares at us!"

"Yes," Mother answered, "and I got to thinking. I used to see an elderly man over there, but I haven't seen him for quite awhile. I wondered if he might be sick. So I walked across to meet her and see if they needed any help. Her name is Maria Mendoza. But she said

her husband died a few weeks ago. Now she is very sad and lonely."

"So that's why she stares at us?" Debbie asked. "She's just lonely?"

"Yes, honey," Mother replied. "She says she watches all the children who go by her house, making sure they're not bothered by anyone — or that they don't get hurt and need help. But no one even waves to her."

"I waved today," Debbie said triumphantly. "But what can we do for her? She looks so grumpy."

"Well," Mother answered, smiling, "I'm glad you waved. And we'll ask Daddy tonight at dinner if he agrees with my plan. I thought that at school tomorrow you two children — and Rocky — might want to spend your extra time making some greeting cards to cheer up Mrs. Mendoza. Then, after school I could meet you over at her house and you could give her your cards. I know it would help her and make her feel lots better."

"And you know what?" Chris asked, drinking his last swallow of milk. "We would be believing by that verse we're learning this week — you know, Proverbs 17:22, that says 'A glad heart helps and heals: a broken spirit saps vitality' [Moffat Version]. It sounds like Mrs. Mendoza has a broken spirit and needs some cheer."

"And we could just take our cheerful, merry hearts over there," Debbie said, grinning, "and help her to be more happy. That would be fun!"

At dinner Chris and Debbie could hardly wait to tell Daddy about Mrs. Mendoza and ask if they could help her feel happy!

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

PASADENA — Figures for January Church income show an increase of 14.1 percent over January, 1983, reported evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, Feb. 9.

"In my report a month ago [see "Treasurer Reviews History of Finances for Church," *W/N*, Jan. 16], I mentioned that we had ended 1983 with an increase of approximately 12 percent," he said.

"January usually turns out to be erratic in income percentage increases because we are comparing smaller numbers with smaller numbers, and any slight change can make a big difference." Mr. Neff said as the year progresses the financial trend smooths out and is less susceptible to slight changes.

With this background, he said, one

can understand why the first week in January showed a year-to-date 10 percent increase, the second week a 24.6 percent increase, the third week a 12 percent increase and the fourth week a 14.6 percent increase, ending the month with a 14.1 percent increase.

"Expenses overall were right on budget for the month," he said. "This, coupled with income, shows a little gain in much needed cash reserves over a month ago."

He added that present financial projections indicate that expected higher expenses in February "will wipe out this gain."

"We are hoping and praying that this upward trend of income will continue and even improve during the year, and that expenses will be lower than budgeted," the evangelist concluded.

Festival

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arranged with Danish Seaways from Harwich, England, to Esbjerg, Denmark, for passengers, cars and caravans. Overseas visitors traveling through London should know there is a boat train from London direct to the ship in Harwich and connecting bus transfer to the site in Denmark. The overnight voyage across the North Sea is more like a mini-cruise on the luxurious 15,000-ton ferries.

Besides excellent accommodations, there is a choice of restaurants, cafeteria, shops, a children's play area, a cinema, bars and dancing to live music in the evening. On the return voyage there will be the added experience of attending Sabbath services on the ship. This was much enjoyed last year.

By air there are flights from Heathrow (London) and other airports, to Copenhagen, Denmark, to connect with flights to Billund, Denmark, which is only 20 kilometers (about 12.5 miles) from the Vinsted centre.

Many social activities are planned and with the small size of the site and most people living in the same place, you can get to know everyone there. The friendly atmosphere is a real foretaste of the Millennium.

Fiuggi, Italy

For the first time in the Philadelphia era of God's Church the Feast of Tabernacles will take place in Italy. The site is the spa town of Fiuggi.

Fiuggi, nestled in the hills of the Frascati wine-growing area, is at the termination of two natural springs. It is about 100 kilometers (about 62 miles) south of Rome, just off the Rome to Naples *autostrada*.

The conference facility, a rustic theater, is set in the gardens surrounding the natural spring of the Acqua di Bonifacio VIII. Because of its location, side trips could include sights of Rome, Naples, Sorrento or Pompeii.

An all-day excursion could offer the island of Capri. It is equally close to the Castelli di Frascati wine-growing region, and to the beach resorts on the west coast of Italy.

The town itself is divided into two sections: the old town with its narrow meandering streets is set like an acropolis crowning the summit of the hill, with the newer, modern town established below this, growing up around the natural springs. The setting is peaceful, serene and quite splendid.

Services will be conducted in English, with translations avail-

able into Italian and possibly other languages, if the demand is sufficiently great and translators are available.

Accommodations will range from first-class hotels to *pensioni*, which are hotels offering basic amenities. Self-catering accommodations and apartments are not generally available in Italy. Accommodations in Fiuggi tend to be of a better quality than in Rome and at a much reduced cost that should represent a good value.

Hotel prices, including return air fare from London, transfers to and from Fiuggi and half-board accommodations (bed, continental breakfast and dinner) are: first class — 479 pounds (\$670.60); superior second class — 399 pounds (\$558.60); second class — 384 pounds (\$537.60); and third class — 364 pounds (\$509.60). Prices are for 10 nights. The third-class hotels provide attractive accommodations and services for the price.

These prices, by way of London, are as inexpensive as flying direct to Rome. The British Office prefers members coming to the Fiuggi site to come through London. This would also provide the opportunity to spend a couple of days in London sightseeing.

For North American brethren wishing to transfer to Fiuggi, a package is being put together for flights from New York City and possibly other North American cities. This information will be published in a later edition of *The Worldwide News*.

North American brethren desiring general information about Fiuggi should write to the Italian Department, Worldwide Church of God, Pasadena, Calif., 91129, or call 818-577-5070.

All transfer applications should be made through the British Office.

Africa:

In West Africa, the Ghanaian brethren will meet in Accra, Ghana. For more information write to Josef Forson, Worldwide Church of God, Box 9617, Kotoka International Airport, Accra, Ghana.

Nigerian members will go to Kano in northern Nigeria. Write to Lateef Edalere, Worldwide Church of God, PMB 21006, Ikeja, Lagos State, Nigeria, for more details about this site.

In East Africa, brethren from Kenya will meet at Naro Moru, at the foot of Mt. Kenya, and those from Malawi and Tanzania will meet at Cape Maclear in Malawi. There is a new site this year at Tororo, Uganda. Write to Owen Willis, Box 47135, Nairobi, Kenya, for more information.

PASADENA — Educational programs in Jordan sponsored in part by Ambassador College and the Ambassador Foundation are "progressing nicely," according to Joseph Locke, principal of Imperial Schools here and director of the Jordan project.

According to Mr. Locke, members of the operating committee of the Bunyat Special Education Center in Amman, Jordan, are pleased with the work being done there by Ambassador College students. Mr. Locke visited the center during a two-week trip to Jordan and the Middle East at the end of December.

"The standard of work the students are doing is far above what was expected by the committee members," said Mr. Locke.

Mr. Locke said that officials of the Al-Husseini Rehabilitation Society in Amman expressed interest in having Ambassador students work at their school for the physically handicapped.



SEVENTH LANGUAGE — Church and press officials examine a signature of the first *Den Enkle Sannhet* (Scandinavian Plain Truth) at the Ambassador Press in Radlett, England, Jan. 31. From left: David Gunn, *Plain Truth* circulation manager for the British Office; Roy Ostensen, regional editor of *Den Enkle Sannhet*; Colin Passmore, managing director, Ambassador Press; and evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of the British Office. (See article, page 1.) [Photo by Philip Halford]

Caribbean

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Hotel prices are \$30 a day per room for a minimum two-person occupancy to a maximum four-person occupancy.

Food prices range from \$10 to \$30 per person for a sit-down meal and from \$6 to \$15 for a luncheon or fast-food-type meal.

Christ Church, Barbados

Barbados, an independent member of the British Commonwealth, is about 275 miles (440 kilometers) north of South America at 13 degrees north latitude. The population of Barbados is more than 250,000.

Once again, the Dover Convention Center in Christ Church, will be the site of this year's Feast. The convention center is on Dover Beach, overlooking the Caribbean Sea. The distance from Miami to the site is about 1,600 miles (about 2,560 kilometers).

Prices for apartment hotels range from \$23 a day per room for single occupancy, to \$90 a day for double occupancy. Food prices range from \$10 to \$30 a person for a sit-down meal and from \$6 to \$12 for a luncheon or fast-food-type meal.

Hamilton, Bermuda

The islands of Bermuda were discovered in 1503 by Juan Bermudez, a Spaniard from whom the islands derive their name. The British colonized the islands in 1612, and Bermuda has remained a British colony for 372 years. It has the oldest legislative body among British dependencies. The population of Bermuda is about 60,000.

The Bermudiana Hotel is the site for this year's Feast. It is at the edge of the capital city of Hamilton overlooking Hamilton harbor. The Festival site is about 700 miles (1,120 kilometers) from New York.

Hotel prices range from \$50 a day per room for single occupancy, to \$131 per day for double occupancy. Lower prices are found at guest houses.

Food prices range from \$10 to \$25 per person for a sit-down meal and from \$4 to \$10 for a luncheon or fast-food-type meal.

Georgetown, Guyana

Guyana is a cooperative republic within the British Commonwealth, located on the northeast coast of the South American mainland. The name, *Guyana*, is an Amerindian word meaning "land of waters." This is an apt description considering Guyana's many rivers, including the Berbice, Demerara, Essequibo and countless smaller rivers and creeks.

The Feast will be at the Pegasus Hotel in Georgetown, the capital, about 27 miles (43 kilometers) from Timehri International Airport. The

distance from Miami to Guyana is about 2,100 miles (3,360 kilometers).

Hotel prices range from \$10 a day per room for single occupancy, to \$54 a day for double occupancy.

Food prices range from \$5 to \$10 for a sit-down meal and from \$2.50 to \$5 for a luncheon or breakfast-type meal.

Ocho Rios, Jamaica

Jamaica, an independent member of the British Commonwealth, is the third largest island of the Greater Antilles. Jamaica has an area of 4,411 square miles and a population of more than 2.2 million people. It is a mountainous country, with the Blue Mountains rising more than 6,000 feet above sea level.

The Sheraton Hotel in Ocho Rios is Jamaica's Feast site. Ocho Rios, a seaside town, is in the "Garden Parish" of St. Ann. Its distance from Miami is about 700 miles (1,120 kilometers).

Hotel prices range from \$45 a day per room for single occupancy, to \$50 a day for double occupancy.

Food prices range from \$15 to \$25 for a sit-down meal and from \$7 to \$10 for a luncheon or fast-food-type meal.

Castries, St. Lucia

Legend has it that Christopher Columbus sighted St. Lucia on St. Lucy's Day in 1502. In the global power-politics played in the 17th and 18th centuries by European monarchs, the Caribbean islands were considered rich prizes.

St. Lucia was too attractive to go unnoticed. Between 1650 and 1814, St. Lucia changed hands between France and England 15 times. The British eventually prevailed and the island ended up as a British colony.

Today, even in modern St. Lucia,

Evangelist

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Mr. Walker said the economy is bad in the countries he visited, with all of them experiencing double-digit or even triple-digit inflation.

While Mr. Walker was in Costa Rica he met with Herbert Cisneros, who lives in El Salvador and pastors the churches in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. Mr. Cisneros told Mr. Walker about new concerns of Church members in El Salvador, where fighting continues between the government army and opposition forces.

According to Mr. Walker, the military forcibly conscripts young men of military age to replenish its depleted ranks. There are about a half dozen members or sons of members in El Salvador who could be subject to forcible induction into the army. Prayers on behalf of the brethren in El Salvador would be appreciated.

the effects of this cultural tug-of-war may still be seen. St. Lucia gained independence in 1979 and is a member of the British Commonwealth.

This year's Feast will be in the St. Lucia Hotel, about 7 miles (11 kilometers) north of Castries, the capital city and chief commercial town on the northwest coast. The distance from Miami to St. Lucia is about 1,600 miles (about 2,560 kilometers).

Hotel prices are \$30 a day per room for a minimum two-person occupancy to a maximum four-person occupancy.

Food prices range from \$15 to \$30 for a sit-down meal and from \$4 to \$15 for a luncheon or fast-food-type meal.

Crown Point, Tobago

The islands of Trinidad and Tobago were discovered by Columbus in 1498. They form the northern part of Trinidad and Tobago, which is known as "Robinson Crusoe's Island," is about 116 square miles in area. The island's capital is Scarborough.

The Feast will be at the Golden Thistle Club in Crown Point, about 27 miles (43 kilometers) northeast of the island of Trinidad. The distance from Miami to Tobago is about 1,800 miles (about 2,880 kilometers).

Hotel prices range from \$38 a day per room for single occupancy, to \$80 a day for double occupancy.

Food prices range from \$15 to \$25 for a sit-down meal and from \$6 to \$13 for a luncheon or fast-food-type meal.

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