

## Inaugural church visit: a trip of firsts

By Dexter H. Faulkner

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach was "very impressed with the warmth and friendship shown" to him by brethren on his first visit to a church area as pastor general.

"The attitude of the people and their responsiveness are a credit to the leadership of the ministry here," said Mr. Tkach.

The combined Phoenix East and West, Prescott and Verde Valley, Ariz., churches met in the Paradise Valley, Ariz., High School auditorium here to hear the pastor general March 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Following a lively sermonette by Mr. Tkach's son, Joseph Tkach Jr., a local church elder in the Phoenix West church, on keeping your spiritual tools sharp, Mr. Tkach spoke to the 1,268 brethren assembled about the danger of this world's influence on their Christian lives.

Directly after services Mr. Tkach met and talked with hundreds of brethren including many teenagers and young people who gathered in front of the stage to meet him. Renewing old acquaintances, the pastor general shared warm greetings and embraces with longtime friends.

### Encouraging welcome

"It was most encouraging to see the welcome people gave him," said evangelist Dibar Apartian. "It was good for all of us to see God's people behind Mr. Tkach and the work 100 percent."

This visit is the first of several church visits Mr. Tkach has planned.

Another first for Mr. Tkach was flying on the G-III, the Church's jet aircraft. Impressed with the quality and efficiency the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong had put into the plane, Mr. Tkach expressed his hopes that the G-III can continue to be used to the work's benefit.

When the G-III approached the Phoenix airport after a 55-minute flight, it banked sharply and dropped adeptly, but rather abruptly, to land on the runway.

After the plane rolled to a stop, Mr. Apartian, riding in the "jump" seat, unfastened his seat belt, rose and announced that he hoped we appreciated how he had gotten us all to our destination safely.

Accompanying the pastor general on the G-III were his personal assistant, Michael Feazell; Mr. Apartian, regional director for the Church in French-speaking areas, and his wife, Shirley; Dean May, manager of Fleet Administration at headquarters, and his wife, Laurie, and their 3-year-old daughter, Stacey; Dexter Faulkner, executive editor of the Church's publications, and his wife, Shirley; and Roman Borek, house manager for the Ambassador Auditorium.

### Ministerial meeting

After Church services, Mr. Tkach left the meeting hall to go to the home of Mark Cardona, pastor of the Phoenix East church, and his wife, Jana, to meet the ministers and wives serving in the area. Light refreshments were served.

Mr. Cardona expressed his appreciation for what he described as Mr. Tkach's "personability," his desire to mingle with God's people.

That evening, Mr. Tkach was host to a dinner for the full-time ministers and their wives at the



Pointe-in-Tyme restaurant here. At the dinner the pastor general updated the ministry on events taking place in God's work.

James Turner, pastor of the Phoenix West church, said the visit was tremendously successful. "The people were very encouraged especially to hear and see his noncompromising stand as far as God's law is concerned. To get that assurance firsthand was invaluable. It's the type of thing that really bonds the Church together with Mr. Tkach as its leader."

Walter Neufeld, pastor of the Prescott and Verde Valley churches, said he had heard a lot of feedback from the brethren, and "everyone was inspired by Mr. Tkach's personal and dynamic approach. They are very enthusiastic about the direction the work is taking."

Sunday, March 2, before returning to Pasadena, the pastor general spent some time with his son and daughter-in-law, Tamara, and 8-week-old Joseph William Donald Tkach III, a grandson Mr. Tkach was able to see for the first time. Little Joseph William is Mr. Tkach's fifth grandchild, but his only son's first child, so the first grandchild to bear the Tkach family name.

After the busy weekend under clear, sunny Arizona skies, the G-III and crew returned Mr. Tkach and his party to a foggy Burbank, Calif., airport Sunday about 5 p.m.



**ARIZONA TRIP** — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach made his first official church visit as pastor general March 1 and 2, addressing 1,268 brethren assembled in Phoenix, Ariz. Top right: Mr. Tkach greets his son, Joseph Tkach Jr., after arriving at the Phoenix airport. Middle right: the pastor general holds his grandson, Joseph William Donald Tkach III, his only son's first child. [Photos by Dexter H. Faulkner]

## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

My Dear Brethren,

What a time these past weeks have been for us all. I believe we all share the deep sense of loss for Herbert Armstrong, yet we also share the sense of confidence and faith in the power of our great Father and of our elder brother, Jesus Christ.

Jesus, the living and active Head of the Church, died and was raised from the dead never to die again. And He has made it possible for Mr. Armstrong, with all the saints, including those who will yet die before His return, to be resurrected to *immortal spirit life* at that return. Truly, as the apostle Paul encouraged us, the resurrection is the hope of a Christian!

What a marvelous God we have! His great Work has con-

tinued unabated as He literally pours out His blessing on us. I know God deeply appreciates all your heartfelt prayers over the past weeks for His people, His Work and for me personally.

The *World Tomorrow* program has the evident fruit of God's blessing. The strong responses, averaging above 19,000 calls on the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines, have been a great encouragement to us to "be strong and of good courage," as God told Joshua after the death of Moses.

I know you've been earnestly praying for David Hulme, David Albert and Richard Ames. They have deeply appreciated those prayers, and it is obvious that God is with them. As each of them gains experience, those programs will become even finer and more powerful. I know they join me in urging you to continue praying for the program, both for their part in it and for

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# Behind the people's revolt in the Philippines

PASADENA — A new and possibly uncertain era began in the Republic of the Philippines Tuesday, Feb. 25. On that date Ferdinand E. Marcos was forced to resign the presidency of the Asian nation he ruled with a strong hand for two decades.

As Mr. Marcos fled his native land for exile in the United States, Corazon Aquino assumed the power she claimed she rightfully earned in the Feb. 7 national election, but was denied by fraud. The United States government immediately recognized the Aquino government.

For someone who had not held public office, the 53-year-old Mrs. Aquino, widow of Filipino politician and Marcos foe, Benigno Aquino, has shown considerable political acumen and personal strength. Yet, it is important to realize where the real power center lay that helped secure political change in the name of the people.

This was indicated by William H. Sullivan, former U.S. ambassador to the Philippines, who told an American television audience that the Roman Catholic Church was "instrumental in crystallizing opposition" to the Marcos government. The archbishop of Manila, Cardinal Jaime Sin, played a key public role

in the opposition. The church's Radio Veritas (Radio Truth) served as a rallying cry for the Aquino forces.

## Faithful called to rebellion

Mr. Marcos' downfall began with the defection of two top military leaders, Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and Lt. Gen. (now General) Fidel V. Ramos, armed forces deputy chief of staff.

They and forces loyal to them announced their defection Saturday, Feb. 22. But their numbers and firepower were small. They needed support. According to a report in the Feb. 27 *Los Angeles Times*, Mr. Enrile and Lt. Gen. Ramos both telephoned Cardinal Sin.

"Within minutes," wrote Mark Fineman in the *Times*, "Cardinal Sin, an unusually influential man in a nation that is 85% Catholic, decided that, with his help Enrile and Ramos had a good chance of ousting [Mr. Marcos] . . . Quietly, he went to work summoning the faithful to rebellion . . ."

"The cardinal's mobilization of the devout Philippine masses was the key to the victory . . . Cardinal Sin, a shrewd and careful man, [had] . . . long resisted working actively against Marcos. This time, however, he had picked his spot. It was not until he was convinced that

Enrile and Ramos were truly united against the president and behind the standard bearer of the opposition, Corazon Aquino, that he made his move.

"After his conversations with Enrile and Ramos, he quietly called on his bishops and nuns and priests to

The civilian crowd summoned by Radio Veritas' 'People Power' campaign grew to nearly 100,000. This human barricade protected the rebellious troops in their encampments.

Loyal government forces dispatched by President Marcos

## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

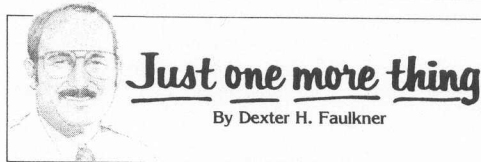


use their 'spiritual power' to bring tens of thousands of their parishioners into the streets, where they were to form massive barriers to any counteraction by the regime.

"He called on the church's vast radio network to mobilize and coordinate the effort and launch a propaganda campaign against Marcos . . . Heeding the call of Cardinal Sin, the church-owned station Radio Veritas began issuing constant pleas for the Filipino people to pour out into the main street between the two camps. Priests, nuns and seminarians flooded out of their churches and monasteries."

turned back rather than fire on the crowds, even though there is little doubt they could have rooted out the vastly undermanned and under-equipped rebels.

Meanwhile key commanders of other military units, sensing the tide was turning, and perhaps also unwilling to harm unarmed civilians, joined the defectors. In a short



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## A word about words

When we speak or write, do we mean what we say?

On Feb. 3 I attended the official opening of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena (see *Worldwide News*, Feb. 24).

Warren Burger, the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, presided over the ceremony. As we waited for him to deliver the main message that evening, I looked at the more than 25 judges seated with him.

How many years of in-depth learning and experience did these people go through before being appointed to the post of federal judge? I wondered to myself as I looked from one face to the next.

I knew that usually in America the minimum training required to even enter the legal profession is four years of undergraduate study, and then at least three years of intensive training in law school. After that comes years of experience in the legal trenches. But to reach the position of federal judge, a certain amount of character, including discretion, must be a way of life.

How easy would it be, I thought, to waste precious years of training and experience with a careless word or phrase.

These judges didn't rise to their offices by being careless with their speech and writing. Being precise with words is paramount in the legal profession.

Jesus Christ, as the living Head of God's Church, requires this same carefulness of us. Consider: "I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:36-37, Revised Authorized Version, unless noted).

As one author of a journalism textbook succinctly put it: "There's no such thing as a meaningless word." Every word has meaning, al-

though it may not have the meaning that was intended.

## The other side

But there is another side to this that few fully consider.

While we are held responsible for what we say or write, many unfortunately take it upon themselves to not only judge what was said, but why something was said. They divert their attention from what was meant and, perhaps unknowingly, *falsely impute motives*.

Further misunderstanding results when brethren discuss these faulty thoughts with others. "This is why so-and-so said that," or "He's doing this because there's something in it for him, you can be sure," are common phrases.

Too many in God's Church casually damage reputations and disrupt unity with just such words. Remember who is the accuser of the brethren — who is behind false rumors — Satan the devil (Revelation 12:10). He is vicious, a liar and the father of lies. Let's not allow ourselves to be used as his tools.

All too often we forget what God inspired the apostle Paul to write: "Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things" (Romans 2:1).

## Hard to understand

This is not a phenomenon exclusive to our time. Consider the misunderstanding about Paul's writings in II Peter 3:16. Many people assume that Peter comments here that Paul is a bad writer. They see the section about "things hard to be understood" (Authorized Version) and conclude that Paul confused certain doctrines through his writing. I have actually heard the comment that "Peter couldn't understand Paul's writings and I can't either."

What Peter meant is that some of

the topics Paul wrote about are difficult to understand — not his writing. In a discussion with evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, editor of *The Plain Truth*, he pointed out how Paul was a learned Hebrew scholar (Philippians 3:4-6). God used Paul to authoritatively declare and explain complex theology — particularly how God's law works within God's Church.

Yet, even then, Paul's writings were twisted by others. People, some perhaps even associated with God's Church, attached wrong meanings to his epistles. I think the J.B. Phillips translation renders the meaning clearly: "There are, of course, some things in his [Paul's] letters which are difficult to understand, and which, unhappily, ill-informed and unbalanced people distort" (II Peter 3:16).

## Besieged in the first century

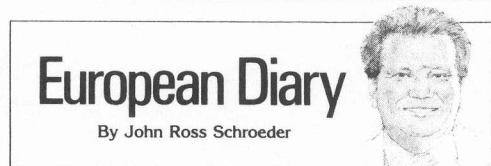
But that was not the only distortion Paul had to deal with. Paul had to correct the Corinthian church for imputing motives and judging his behavior. Note what he said of certain members in that congregation: "For his letters, they say, 'are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible'" (II Corinthians 10:10). Paul answered in verse 11 that they would find out what he was like when he arrived to visit them!

Paul was besieged on both sides. Even though he was personally commissioned by Christ to deliver the Gospel (Acts 9:15), people — including brethren in the Church — wasted time and energy finding fault with both his writing and his speaking.

Today, in these days before Passover, we don't have time for these kinds of wrong attitudes. It's time to begin to examine ourselves.

Fellow members of the Body of Christ, let us "do all things without murmuring and disputing" (Philippians 2:14). Let's stop second-guessing and trying to judge what somebody actually meant. Only God knows what truly motivates a person (I Samuel 16:7), so let's remember that "to the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure" (Titus 1:15). Believe the best about people!

If U.S. federal judges must be careful in what they say and write, surely we as begotten members of the Family of God must exercise even *more* care!



## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

## A crisis of confidence

BOREHAMWOOD, England — How fragile is human government!

"Governments stumble over molehills, not mountains." These were a journalist's words in summing up the Westland affair. "A storm in a teacup" was another phrase used to describe the British government's crisis over a fiscally endangered helicopter firm.

Journalist Paul Johnson's Jan. 16 *Daily Mail* article was headlined "The Crisis Without a Cause." What Mr. Johnson alluded to was that this affair smacked of a pseudo-issue stirred up into an artificial crisis.

Nonetheless, he began by writing: "The Westland crisis has certainly damaged Britain. It has hurt the government and the Prime Minister. It has done no good to our defence sales abroad. It has poisoned our relations with both the United States and Europe."

What Mr. Johnson did not directly say is that the Westland debacle also wasted valuable government time and cost the nation two talented cabinet ministers. The damage is incalculable. Such are the risks to democratic governments. How vulnerable they are.

## Westland story

The immediate crisis appears to have passed. The government is secure — at least for a time. Let's review the Westland affair's essential points and draw lessons from this unfortunate episode.

In early 1985 it became clear that Westland — Britain's last remaining helicopter manufacturer — could not continue, short of a financial bailout. But from whom — an American or European company? When Sikorsky, an American company, emerged as the clear favorite, elements favorable to the European cause became seriously concerned.

They found an enthusiastic flag-waver in Michael Heseltine, secretary of state for defense. He was soon embroiled in a cabinet feud with Leon Brittan, secretary of state for trade and industry. The government's official position was nonintervention in a private company's choice of who should ensure its survival.

Mr. Heseltine publicly disagreed

while the largely bloodless coup was complete.

This political activity on the part of the Roman Catholic Church, instrumental also in the ouster of Jean-Claude Duvalier in Haiti, might be a forerunner of things to come elsewhere in the world, specifically in Europe, where the final resurrection of the Roman Empire, comprising a church-state union, is yet to arise.

One cannot help but wonder whether church-led People Power movements might be instrumental someday in lifting Soviet control of the nations of Eastern Europe. The idea could spread.

## How long a honeymoon?

It is too early to tell what policy changes, if any, the Aquino government will institute. When a strong man falls, confusion and chaos often follow in his wake. For now, a sense of euphoria prevails. But how long will the honeymoon last?

Almost immediately after Mrs. Aquino's accession to power cracks began to show in her government. It is composed of rival forces that came together in a marriage of con-

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with that view. He resigned in a flurry of charges and countercharges. Naturally the Tory government tried to counter his assertions. It unwisely lacked a letter damaging to Mr. Heseltine.

The media had a field day. Who was responsible for the leak? Did Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher know? When did she know the full facts? Shades of Watergate. The media questions were endless.

What began as a relatively small matter rapidly grew into "a crisis of confidence in the Prime Minister's authority and her method of handling government business," according to an article in the Jan. 24 *Financial Times*. Such are the fruits of dissidence and deception.

But Mrs. Thatcher is best when she is backed into a corner. The

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# Church schedules Feast sites in more than 50 nations in 1986

PASADENA — The Feast of Tabernacles will take place in more than 50 countries in 1986, according to Mark McCulley, Festival planning coordinator.

Sites scheduled are listed below, with addresses and instructions on whom to contact for transfer information. Services will be conducted in English unless otherwise noted.

Registration procedures for brethren living in the United States and Canada will be announced in church areas in the spring. Brethren living in these two countries should not make arrangements to attend a U.S. or Canadian Feast site before these procedures are announced.

Anyone, including American and Canadian brethren, wanting to transfer to sites outside the United States and Canada are encouraged to begin making arrangements immediately.

Those living outside the United States and Canada who wish to transfer to a U.S. site should write immediately to the address below, giving their names, ages of children, mailing address and site they wish to attend.

Festival Office  
300 W. Green St.  
Pasadena, Calif., 91129

The following sites are scheduled for the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles.

## United States

- Anchorage, Alaska
- Big Sandy
- Biloxi, Miss.
- Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Corpus Christi, Tex.
- Dayton, Ohio
- Eugene, Ore.
- Jekyll Island, Ga.
- Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.
- Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii
- Mount Pocono, Pa.
- Norfolk, Va.
- Pasadena
- Pensacola, Fla.
- Rapid City, S.D.
- Sacramento, Calif.
- St. Petersburg, Fla.
- Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
- Spokane, Wash.
- Tucson, Ariz.
- Vail, Colo.
- Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

## Canada

Those living outside the United States and Canada wishing to attend an English-language Canadian site should write to the address below and include their names, ages of children, mailing address and site they wish to attend.

Festival Office  
Box 44, Station A  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V6C 2M2  
Canada

- Charlottetown, P.E.I.
- Niagara Falls, N.Y.
- Penticton, B.C.
- Regina, Sask.
- Victoria, B.C.

To attend any of the following sites write immediately to the addresses listed. Do not wait until lists are sent to your church area.

- La Malbaie, Que. (French-speaking with English translations)  
Donat Picard  
114 Pendennis Dr.  
Pointe-Claire, Que.  
H9R 1H6  
Canada

## Caribbean

- Castries, St. Lucia
- Christ Church, Barbados
- Georgetown, Guyana
- Hamilton, Bermuda
- Mount Irvine, Tobago
- Ocho Rios, Jamaica
- Paradise Island, Bahamas
- Roseau, Dominica

Those in the United States and Canada, write:

Festival Office  
300 W. Green St.  
Pasadena, Calif., 91129

Those outside the United States and Canada, write:

Festival Office  
GPO Box 6063  
San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00936

## Caribbean (French)

- St. Francois, Guadeloupe  
Gilbert Carbonnel  
Le Monde a Venir  
BP 418  
97163 Pointe-a-Pitre Cedex  
Guadeloupe, West Indies
- Tartane, Martinique  
Erick Dubois  
Le Monde a Venir  
BP 710  
97207 Fort-de-France Cedex  
Martinique, West Indies
- Jacmel, Haiti  
French Department  
300 W. Green St.  
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Translation from French into English might be available at these three sites.

## Europe

- Brighton, England
- Paington, England
- Dunoon, Scotland
- St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands
- Irish Republic (site undetermined)
- Bredsten, Denmark
- Fiuggi, Italy

Those in the United States and Canada, write:

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Festival Office  
Box 111  
Borehamwood, Herts  
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England

- Hoogeveen, Netherlands (in Dutch with English translations)  
Festival Office  
Ambassador College  
Postbus 444  
3430 AK Nieuwegein  
The Netherlands
- Hengelhof, Belgium (in French with English translations)  
French Department  
300 W. Green St.

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- Bonndorf, West Germany (in German with English translations)
- Brno, Czechoslovakia (alternate between English with translations into German, and German with translations into English)
- Cracow, Poland (services in English, no translations)

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D-5300 Bonn 1  
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Spanish Department

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## Middle East

- Jerusalem, Israel  
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## Africa

- Ako Sombo, Ghana  
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Kotoka International Airport  
Accra, Ghana
- Nigeria (site undetermined)  
Lateef Edalere  
PMB 21006  
Ikeja  
Lagos State, Nigeria
- Mombasa, Kenya
- Naro Moru, Kenya
- Jinja, Uganda
- Cape Maclear, Malawi  
Owen Willis  
Box 47135  
Nairobi, Kenya
- Livingstone, Zambia
- Durban, South Africa
- George, South Africa
- Grand Baie, Mauritius
- Mutare, Zimbabwe

- Roy McCarthy  
Box 5644  
Cape Town, South Africa
- Kinshasa, Zaire (in French, no translations)  
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## Asia

- Ahungalla, Sri Lanka
- India (site undetermined)
- Malacca, Malaysia
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Australia
- Nanjing, China  
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## Australia

- Caloundra
- Gold Coast
- Gosford
- Hobart
- Merimbula
- Perth

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## Transfers open to English-speaking islands

# Festival sites set for Caribbean

By Stan Bass

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The 1986 Feast of Tabernacles will be observed at seven English-speaking Caribbean sites: the Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia and Tobago.

Stan Bass is regional director for the Church in the English-speaking Caribbean.

Those who request application forms will receive a Caribbean Festival Planner with information on these sites. The planner can be used to make Festival arrangements through the Caribbean Regional Office. It will include the toll-free number of a travel agent Feasters can use for help with their Caribbean Festival plans.

If interested, please request an application immediately by calling 1-800-423-4444 in the continental United States (from Alaska call collect 1-818-304-6111) or write to the Worldwide Church of God, Festival Office, Caribbean Festival Packet, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129. Those outside the United States and Canada should write to the Caribbean Regional Office at GPO Box 6063,

San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00936.

Receiving transfer notification early allows you to register accurately for the Feast in your church area.

Below are excerpts from the Caribbean Festival Planner, including approximate costs for food and housing. Please be sure your second-tithe budget is sufficient to attend a Caribbean site before requesting an application.

### Paradise Island, Bahamas

The Bahamas lie in a 750-mile stretch from just off the coast of Florida to just off Hispaniola. The Grand Hotel on Paradise Island, about 270 miles from Miami, Fla., will be the convention center for this site. Each room has an ocean view, air conditioning, a television and a small refrigerator.

Prices for hotels range from \$520, single occupancy, to \$690, double occupancy, for eight nights. Food prices range from \$15 to \$35 for sit-down meal and from \$7 to \$15 for a lunch or fast-food meal.

### Christ Church, Barbados

Barbados, an independent member of the British Commonwealth, with a population of more than 250,000, is about 275 miles north of South America.

Festival services will take place at leased facilities in Christ Church, about 1,600 miles from Miami.

Prices for hotel rooms for eight nights range from \$616 for one to three people to \$920 for up to five people. Food prices range from \$12 to \$30 a person for a sit-down meal and from \$6 to \$12 for a lunch or fast-food meal.

### Hamilton, Bermuda

Bermuda is the oldest British colony with a parliament elected by the people. The population is about 60,000, and Hamilton, the capital city, is about 700 miles from New York, N.Y. The Bermudian Hotel overlooking Hamilton harbor is the convention center for the Feast.

Prices for the hotel range from \$809, single occupancy, to \$1,078, double occupancy, for eight nights. Food prices range from \$10 to \$25 a person for a sit-down meal and from \$5 to \$10 for a lunch or fast-food meal.

### Georgetown, Guyana

Guyana is a cooperative republic in the British Commonwealth. Guyana is an Amerindian word meaning "land of waters." The Feast will take place at the Pegasus

Hotel in Georgetown, Guyana's capital, about 27 miles from the Timehri International Airport. The distance from Miami to Guyana is about 2,100 miles.

Hotel prices range from \$232, single occupancy, to \$887, double occupancy, for eight nights. Food prices range from \$5 to \$20 a person for a sit-down meal and from \$3 to \$5 for a lunch or fast-food 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 million. It is a mountainous country with the Blue Mountains rising more than 6,000 feet above sea level.

The Americana Hotel in Ocho Rios is Jamaica's Feast site. Ocho Rios, a seaside town in the garden parish of St. Ann, is about 700 miles from Miami.

Hotel prices range from \$512, single occupancy, to \$576, double occupancy, for eight nights. Food prices range from \$15 to \$30 a person for a sit-down meal and from \$10 to \$15 for a fast-food meal.

### Castries, St. Lucia

St. Lucia, an ex-British colony, gained independence in 1979, and is a member of the British Commonwealth. The Feast site will be the St. Lucian Hotel, about 11 miles north of Castries, the capital city and chief commercial town on the northwest coast. Castries is about 1,600 miles from Miami.

Units at the St. Lucian Hotel are \$450 for eight nights and accommodate up to four people. Food prices range from \$15 to \$30 a person for a sit-down meal and from \$4 to \$10 for a lunch or fast-food meal.

### Mount Irvine Bay, Tobago

Tobago is an island 20 miles northeast of Trinidad and 1,800 miles from Miami. Termed "the gem of the Caribbean," the island has an area of 116 square miles. Because of a currency devaluation in 1985, Tobago may be the best dollar value of the Caribbean sites.

Festival services will take place at the Mount Irvine Bay Resort Hotel. It is five miles from the airport and about 4 1/2 miles from other hotels.

Hotel prices range from \$223, single occupancy, to \$322, double occupancy, for eight nights. Food prices range from \$12 to \$24 a person for a sit-down meal and from \$7 to \$12 for a lunch or fast-food meal.

## Report from the Treasurer's Office

*Gregory Neff*

PASADENA — February income was 14.5 percent more than last February, which brought the year-to-date increase to 10.7 percent. The financial outlook is considerably improved over a month ago. God provided a good increase for February above budget projections.

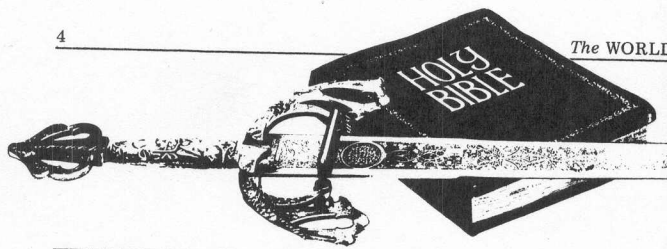
In my last report (*Worldwide News*, Feb. 24) I mentioned that we were carefully watching the financial situation day by day. It seems evident to those of us here in Pasadena that God is providing His Church with a smooth transition in every respect, including the financial situation.

Information from the international offices is also encouraging. Even though I do not have specific figures, a number of offices reported much larger increases than we are experiencing in the United States. Arthur Andersen & Co. has been working for a number of weeks on the 1985 U.S. and international audits. At present everything is going well and is on schedule.

In the area of Financial Services news, I would like to report that members of our staff have been visiting some regional offices to discuss financial reporting, budgeting and planning.

In the past few months staff members visited New Zealand, Australia, England, the Netherlands and the Caribbean. Don Miller, budget coordinator, and Ritchie Gaston, supervisor of the general ledger area of Accounting, just returned from the Philippine Office.

This is helpful to the headquarters personnel as well as to the regional office personnel. Such visits promote unity and cooperation between the offices.



# IRON SHARPENS IRON

## Building the superstructure and the man called to direct it

By Mordakhai Joseph

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, the leader and servant God has chosen to succeed Herbert W. Armstrong, has said, "God does not intend me to fill the shoes of Herbert W. Armstrong, but to walk in the walk that he has set for us, to follow his example."

*Mordakhai Joseph is a local church elder in the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church.*

The biblical background to this most profound and inspired statement embodies two basic points that should not escape us: one is the nature of the commission, and the other is the man who fulfills this commission from God.

### The commission

Let's begin with the nature of the commission or task, so we can understand the nature of the man to whom it was given. We must fully understand both aspects if we are to fully back up the man and help him finish the work God has given us.

From the day God established His Old Testament Church at Sinai to our own time, the Head of this Church, Jesus Christ, has worked through different human agents. He has used the same basic pattern to fulfill His work and commission. This pattern has two aspects or stages.

The first stage involves laying the foundation. The second stage is the erecting of the building on top of the foundation. This two-stage commission was achieved historically by two sets of crews.

The one commissioned to lay the foundation was in the lawgiver position. The one who erected the building was in a law-administration position. Whether you talk about buildings or trees, the foundation — the trunk — is first. And only after that can you build the greater works on a solid foundation.

Let's look at some examples:

• Moses was sent into the physical and spiritual wilderness of his day to establish the foundation of a physical kingdom with constitution and laws. Joshua was called to follow in Moses' footsteps by erecting the building on top of that foundation.

• David was called to build the foundation of the kingship in Israel, which was to be the foundation of an eternal nation of Israel later. The scope of his job extended far beyond the moment. He established the foundation of the kingship and the foundation of the Temple, preparing everything, even the courses of the priests and the Levites and the laws of this kingdom. Yet Solomon was called to build the building on that foundation, and it was a great building. Solomon completed the second stage.

• Elijah's commission was to renew the foundation of God's religion in paganized Israel. Elisha's task was to build on the foundation and finish Elijah's work. For this purpose, he was given a double portion of the Spirit that rested on Elijah.

• Zerubbabel, a son of David, laid the foundation of the Second Temple. Yet it was Nehemiah who completed the walls, gates and rest of the city, establishing the new

nation and its religion.

• The prophets and apostles, with Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone, laid the written foundation of God's Kingdom and its laws (Ephesians 2:20-22). But it was given to the Church in seven stages to erect the building on top of this foundation.

• Mr. Armstrong was sent to the spiritual wilderness of his day to lay the foundation of this era of God's Temple (Malachi 3:1). He was, as he often said, concerned with the trunk of the tree — the foundation.

Now, Jesus Christ does not change. Hence, today the pattern must be the same.

Notice a few points about this two-stage pattern in God's work:

(1) To build the foundation, God has called leaders who were foundation-oriented. They were of a unique caliber, with special talents prepared by God for this task. They, in turn, have trained a crew to be foundation-oriented and to help them in their task. Those who lay the foundation are of one type; those who build thereafter are another.

(2) The foundation has included pillars attached to and based on the foundation.

(3) To erect the building God has called another set of leaders, often pillars of the foundation, who were of a building-oriented caliber prepared by God for this second stage of the commission. They, in turn, have employed a building-oriented crew.

(4) The two types of leaders were to complement each other and build on the same cornerstone — Jesus Christ.

(5) The builders were not to fill the shoes of the previous set of leaders who laid the foundation. The builders' task is different. That's why God's builder, Mr. Tkach, does not have to fill the shoes of God's late apostle, who laid the foundation. Hebrews 6:1 tells us that once the foundation is laid, there is no need to do it all over again. It is God who carves the shoes of the one who lays the foundation, and of the one who erects the building.

(6) The building erected on top of a foundation is like the branches, leaves, twigs, flowers and fruits on top of a tree trunk. They are based on it but don't resemble it.

You never see a piece of a tree trunk grow on top of a branch or a fruit, nor will you ever see part of a foundation hanging on a wall or a ceiling of an erected building. This is a law of nature!

Hence, we do not need to compare ourselves among ourselves or the work of the foundation with that of the building. This is contrary to the nature of God. The seed that is planted does not resemble the plant above the ground. It is not necessary for Mr. Tkach, the builder, to fill the shoes of the one who laid the foundation.

### The man

Let's understand the nature and origin of the man who was called to erect the building. God does not commit accidents. He knows what He is going to do from beginning until the end. Therefore, the second point is extremely important to understand. The commission of the builder and his

crew is based on the foundation. Some wonder why God chose Mr. Tkach. Why is a gentile of Russian descent the leader of the Israel of God?

In Deuteronomy 17:14-20, God established a law concerning the choosing of a king in Israel. He forbade the presence of a gentile in that position. Only an Israelite can be placed in that highest office (this is also applicable to the high priest, priest or Levite).

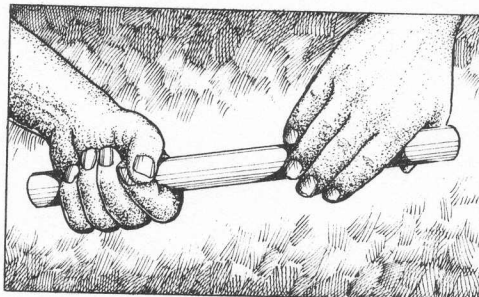
Now if this law was binding on physical Israel, how much more on the spiritual Israel of God?

In the Church, from Moses to Mr. Armstrong, God has basically chosen, with few exceptions, leaders, prophets and apostles from two tribes: Judah and Levi. In any other case, all leaders must be from the stock of Israel.

This has been with an eternal plan in mind, since most leaders in charge under Christ will be children of Abraham. Even the apostle of the gentiles had to be an Israelite. He was from the tribe of Benjamin — the apostle Paul. This is basically speaking of the first-rank leaders in the Kingdom of Israel and God.

Mr. Armstrong said, on occasion, he believed most of God's ministers are of Levitical ancestry. Genealogy is important to God, and it is important that God's people know the genealogical character of the man God has chosen as the top leader of His Church.

The genealogy of God's leaders has always been recorded or re-



Artwork by Monte Wolverton

vealed to God's people. In the case of Mr. Armstrong, he learned of his Davidic lineage and revealed it to the Church.

Some top leaders in the Church have felt that Mr. Tkach is not only of Levitical character, but, in part, of Levitical ancestry. But what's the truth, now that God has elevated him to the highest office — the leader of His spiritual nation of Israel?

Notice these "coincidences": The story of Levi (Genesis 34) reveals the bold, fearless, shrewd, uncompromising nature of the father of the tribe God later chose to stand before Him. God called upon these qualities to be used by many future leaders of this tribe, and still does to this day.

In Genesis 49 God foretold the dispersion of Levi among the tribes of Israel for a yet future purpose.

After the golden calf episode (Exodus 32:26-28), Moses, filled with the qualities of his father Levi, in a moment of wrath, called upon

Israel to see who was on God's side. Levi, of all tribes, responded to the call of duty. Their uncompromising task was to show fear toward God and none toward man. A repetition of Genesis 34 ensued — this time against their own people.

Levi bore arms again in Numbers 25:7-8. The Levite Phinehas stood for the spirit of Levi and gave God the glory. The golden calf episode was a testing ground for Levi. God was satisfied and chose Levi to be His servant. But why?

In the book that describes end-time leaders and prophecies about them — the book of Malachi — God reveals the answer. In Malachi 2:5 we read a statement made by God concerning Levi: "My covenant was with him, one of love and peace, and I gave them to him

Only death stopped his race, For he always held God supreme.

This is not time for weeping; The fields are ripe for reaping. So keep up the pace, Don't quit the race, God must not find us sleeping.

The baton is passed on; The gun lap is still to be run, So pick up the pace, Keep on with the race, Until God says, "Servants, Well done!"

God has passed the baton, Carry on, carry on.

*Barri Armitage is a deaconess in the Washington, D.C., church.*

### GOD Has Passed the Baton, Carry On, Carry On

By Barri Armitage

In A.D. thirty-one God's Church was begun To run a good race, To keep up the pace, And finish God's marathon.

As the baton was passed, Each leader bore the task Of guiding the race, Keeping up the pace, In trials, holding steadfast.

In nineteen thirty-four God began to restore New life to the race, To quicken the pace, And open marvelous doors.

An apostle led the team; "Do the work," was his theme; As he kept up the pace,

tablished the Temple, but Ezra, a priest of the house of Levi, a man who feared God and was bold, courageous and did not fear man, established the law in Judah. He withstood the leaders of the nation and enforced the law against mixed marriages. Here again we see a fulfillment of the covenant to David and Levi as recorded in Jeremiah 33.

In the days of calamity and desecration of the nation and the Temple, a Levite from a priestly family was called by God to bear arms, to set aside the cruse of oil and to show his zeal and fear toward God. This Levite priest was Mattathias.

He and his sons, led by Judah Maccabee, stood up with courage, boldness and strength, motivated by the fear of God, to the secular enemies of their time. By God's help they won a complete victory, because they feared God and were men of good courage. They did not shy away from a fight, nor seek a fight for vainglory.

Daniel 11:32 talks about their exploits and the exploits of yet future Levite priests who would follow in their footsteps.

Mr. Tkach often refers to Gen. George Patton, who dealt with his enemies like a Maccabean Levite. Both Gen. Patton's mode of operation and that of Mr. Tkach reveal men who are swift, decisive and courageous.

The qualities of a soldier are required in a builder whose work becomes visible to those who hate and wish to throw rocks at his building. The foundation is not as visible, hence does not need as much protection.

Levi was tried and tested completely by God before he was chosen to stand before him, or bear arms at times. For the past seven years, Mr. Tkach has been tried and tested by God and Christ's apostle, and found to be a man who fears God. Therefore Mr. Armstrong could trust him all the way, just as God does. Is it a coincidence?

God, who does not change, knows what He is doing. Therefore, let's not fill the shoes He is carving for Mr. Tkach with grains of sand or pebbles, but let's pave his way with love, fierce loyalty, encouragement and a united effort so he can with his crew finish his commission, erecting the building on Mr. Armstrong's foundation.

Let's help him build a skyscraper to house the great harvest — let's help him build a tower of unity, not a tower of confusion.

that he might fear Me; so he feared Me and was reverent before My name" (Revised Authorized Version throughout).

Is it a coincidence that the major reason Mr. Armstrong gave for choosing Mr. Tkach as his successor, after much prayer and counseling, was "because Mr. Tkach feared God"?

In Jeremiah 33:17-22 God recorded the story of two intertwined covenants — one about David's house, the other about the house of Levi. God has bound Himself by an oath that as long as day and night exist, there shall never lack a man of David or Levi to stand before him.

The book of Malachi records the prophecy, commission and nature of leaders at this end time. Is it a coincidence that Mr. Armstrong, a man who came in the spirit of Elijah, was of the House of Judah, a son of David, and his successor a son of Levi?

Zerubbabel, a son of David, es-



# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Spokesman Clubs conduct special events

The **MODESTO**, Calif., Spokesman Club met Jan. 12 for a ladies meeting and dinner at the Oasis restaurant in Modesto. One hundred were present for the dinner of breast of capon and cocktails.

The meeting opened with remarks by Buck Burchett, club president, who encouraged wives to be involved in club by giving their husbands encouragement and suggestions.

Topicsmaster was Bill Jones, and evaluator for the first half of club was Thomas Heap, a local church elder.

Toastmaster was Roger Thomason, club vice president. Speakers were Ron Butler, Cliff Anderson, Phil Harris and Nelson Ledbetter.

The Most Effective Speech trophy went to Mr. Harris, and the Most Helpful Evaluation was given by Delbert Cutsinger. The overall evaluation was given by Oswald Englebart, pastor of the Modesto and Stockton, Calif., churches.

"An Evening at the White House" was the theme for a meeting of the **OCALA**, Fla., Spokesman Club Jan. 5.

About 45 club members, wives and guests met at the home of Roger and Betty Townsend. Dress was formal, and topics and speeches focused on the U.S. Presidency.

After the meeting a formal English tea was served by club President Jeff Payne, his wife, Terrie, Ed Huggett, vice president, and his wife, Denise. The history, customs and proper etiquette of an English tea were described, and teas and hors d'oeuvres were served on silver and china.

**ROCKFORD**, Ill., Spokesman Club members conducted a ladies night Jan. 19 at the Mendelssohn

Club in Rockford. Forty-three members and guests attended the meeting, which had a travel theme.

Club members prepared a five-course candlelight dinner with table settings, decorations and background music. Hors d'oeuvres were served at 5:30 p.m. before salad and French onion soup. Dinner was served by Church youths Bruce Harrar, Charley and David Morrison, Monica Triplet and Jennifer Buroker.

After the main course, topicsmaster John Bailey asked questions about travel. Dessert was served after topics.

Toastmaster Rod Shrader introduced five speakers. Overall evaluator was Randall Stiver, pastor of the Madison, Wis., and Rockford churches. He ended the meeting by giving the club a miniature on speech improvement by citing examples from Herbert W. Armstrong and Winston Churchill.

Royalty was the theme of a **GAINESVILLE**, Fla., Spokesman Club meeting Jan. 12 at the Doyle Conner Center in Gainesville.

Club members and guests in formal attire arrived through a formal receiving line and were escorted to reserved seating.

The meeting room was decorated with royal coats of arms, and replicas of flags from 35 kingdoms were hung overhead. Other decorations included genealogies written on tapestry and a scrapbook of events in the lives of Prince Charles and Princess Diana.

Speeches were on rules of protocol, the life of Queen Victoria, the roles of kings in prophecy, the house of Habsburg and the value of the royal family today.

Stephen Brown, associate pastor of the Gainesville, Ocala and Jacksonville, Fla., churches, gave the overall evaluation and spoke on the responsibilities of rulers.

The first **LAS VEGAS**, Nev., and **KINGMAN**, Ariz., Spokesman and Graduate Club ladies night of 1986 took place Jan. 25 in a banquet room at the Palace Station Hotel.

After a buffet of roast beef, chicken, turkey, salad and cherry pie, the speaking portion began. Topicsmaster was Frank Proa, and toastmaster was Tim De Schaine. Speakers were Bruce Worth, Len Ehret, Ed Kofol Jr. and Jerry Kuipers. Evaluators were Luther Kendrick, John Mayes, Ron Dawson and Matt Turner.

After the overall evaluation, pastor Bernard Schnipert spoke about how the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and others had a burning desire to accomplish their goals. He encouraged club members to be motivated with the same kind of desire to reach God's Kingdom.

Carolyn Burchett, Jeff and Terrie Payne, Richard and Kim Todd, Fred Chapman and Lyndon B. Graves.

## Brethren attend socials, auction, cook-off

More than 500 **BALTIMORE**, Md., brethren attended an annual winter social Jan. 11 at Hammond High School in Columbia, Md.

An indoor picnic took place after afternoon services. Children and adults participated in separate relay games, musical chairs and other games of speed and skill.

Later a show featured skits,



**VICTORS** — The Montreal, Que., French-speaking team, coached by Jean-Claude Tremblay (far left), tournament organizer, captured the first place trophy in the senior division of the YOU regional volleyball tournament Jan. 12 in Montreal. [Photo by Georges Pilon]

songs, dances and a slide presentation, all centering on international Feast sites and the Church as a worldwide family.

**SMITHS FALLS**, Ont., brethren took part in a social Jan. 5.

The 45 people in attendance sampled several varieties of chili, played games, watched movies and participated in outdoor activities.

About 100 **FLORENCE**, Ala., brethren stayed after Sabbath services Jan. 18 for a spaghetti dinner and cake auction. Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Howell organized the event.

Church youths served spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread, tea and coffee before auctioning off 10 cakes. The YOU raised \$735 from both events to help finance a ski trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn.

**OKLAHOMA CITY**, Okla., brethren organized a winter square dance social Jan. 26 at the Midwest City Community Center.

After a potluck meal a professional caller led the brethren through a square dance lesson. Charles Holladay, associate pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., churches introduced acts in a fun show.

Gus Jacobi's chili placed first in an

**ENID** chili cook-off Feb. 1. Valerie Liams' chili was second, and Annabell Stevenson's took third.

The evening continued with table games and a fun show that featured a children's choir, skits, a recitation, a song, a piano solo and jokes.

Jon and Ginnie Cook, Anneke Phillips, Jan Old, Mike Crist and Jerri Elliott.

## YAs perform in Texas

The **TEXARKANA**, Tex., church was host to the Young Ambassadors from Big Sandy Ambassador College, Russell Duke, director of the group, and his wife, Phyllis, Jan. 25. Mr. Duke gave the sermon.

The Young Ambassadors provided special music at Sabbath services, ate a potluck meal with Texarkana brethren and put on a musical show, which included Western songs and inspirational numbers. Paulette Jameson.

## Singles on hand for activities

Nine singles from the **LEGAZPI**, Philippines, church attended an activity Feb. 2 at the home of pastor Dionisio Catchillar in Legazpi.

Some told jokes, sang and recited poems, while others prepared *merienda*, a snack including peanuts, cookies and coconut. The group had a sing-along, practiced some hymns from *The Bible Hymnal* and discussed plans for the next activity.

The activity ended with a Bible study conducted by Mr. Catchillar. He explained ways in which the seventh commandment can be violated. Amador Remoral organized the activity.

The **NOTTINGHAM**, England, United Singles were hosts for a games social after Sabbath services Jan. 25.

The evening began with Church youths presenting a talent show to the church. After the show singles served refreshments, and the church began a game with a 20 Questions theme. The object was to create fellowship by completing activities and tasks.

While the results were compiled,

some viewed slides of Ambassador College, and others played basketball. The evening ended with an award ceremony for the winners.

Efren V. Narido and Richard Cliff.

## Youths skate in moonlight

Church youths from **WASHINGTON**, D.C., and **FRONT ROYAL**, Va., went moonlight ice skating after the Sabbath Jan. 11, at an outdoor rink in downtown Washington.

After Sabbath services 36 teens went to the home of George and Katherine Moravix for a meal of Greek gyros. They took the subway from Arlington, Va., to the rink, where they skated for 2½ hours. Nancy Jones.

## Formal ball, winter dances take place

The **BASILDON**, England, church was host for a formal mid-winter ball at the Mill Hall in Rayleigh, England, Jan. 11.

More than 300 people from 12 church areas danced to music provided by the Ambassador Band. A buffet meal was prepared by Basildon women, and a children's party and film also took place.

The **MANSFIELD**, Ohio, church sponsored its annual winter ball Jan. 11. Two hundred thirty people attended Sabbath services, and the dinner and dance with the theme "World in Unity" took place at Myers Convocation Center at Ashland College in Ashland, Ohio. John Foster, pastor of the Canton, Ohio, church, gave the sermon. After services a buffet dinner was served, and the children's choir sang "It's a Small World." The band Stardust provided dance music.

Decorations featured a world, constructed by Dennis Hempfield and Betty Hall, surrounded by flags made by Louann and Diane Gayman, Rilla Morris and Loretta

Hardiman. Floral arrangements and table centerpieces were made by Maureen Leible, June Mong and Holly Duttera.

Portraits in a rose garden setting were taken by Brian Duttera. Setup and lighting were coordinated by James Haeffele, pastor of the Mansfield church, Art Morris, Ivan Busenberg and Dan Hardiman.

Singles of the **CHICAGO**, Ill., **SOUTHSIDE** church were hosts to a dinner, dance and show for about

## Areas share family events

The **SHREVEPORT**, La., church was host for a District 54 family weekend Jan. 10 to 12.

Charles Bryce, pastor of the El Dorado, Ark., Texarkana, Tex., and Shreveport churches, began activities with a Bible study Friday evening, Jan. 10.

Four hundred ninety attended Sabbath services Jan. 11. Ronald Jameson, associate pastor of the El Dorado, Texarkana and Shreveport

30 senior citizens Jan. 12.

The theme of the event was "The Swinging '30s and '40s." After a barbecued beef dinner, performances were given by Ivan Lane, Angela Brown, Eugene Dumas and Raun Gibson.

An hour of dancing ended the evening's activities. Live music from the '30s and '40s was provided by the Chicago Cosmopolitan Band.

John Ross Schroeder, Loretta Hardiman and Arnold Hampton.

churches, gave the sermonette. Mr. Bryce gave the sermon.

Saturday evening featured a bowling party. Sunday morning, brethren attended a seminar on the work ethic. Speakers were Kenneth Treybig, an associate pastor of the Big Sandy church, on learning to be a hard worker; Gary Petty, assistant pastor of the Longview and Lufkin, Tex., churches, what makes a good employee; and John Knaack, assistant pastor of the Monroe and Alexandria, La., and Natchez, Miss., churches, being a true success.

A round-robin volleyball tournament for area YOU teams took place Sunday afternoon.

The **COLUMBIA**, S.C., church sponsored a family sports day Jan. 26 at Richland Northeast High School.

The Augusta and Savannah, Ga., Charlotte, N.C., and Columbia and Charleston, S.C., churches participated.

In the morning the Charlotte team placed first in women's volleyball. In the afternoon men's and YOU boys basketball took place. Each team played two games. YOU cheerleaders from all five churches cheered from the sidelines.

Tunney Thompson and Carlos A. Nieto.

## YES shows skills, graduates

After services Jan. 18 **AUGUSTA**, Ga., brethren attended a Youth Educational Services (YES) program and a potluck meal.

In the YES program, participants in each YES level made a presentation to demonstrate information and principles they learned.

Levels 1 through 3 sang "Faithful Noah," while holding up pictures of the creatures that were on the ark. Kaywana Jones made an oral presentation for level 4. Children from levels 5 and 6 demonstrated how to apply some of the biblical principles they learned.

For level 7, Misty Trotter and Crystal Jones recited a short version

of the Ten Commandments; Keith Bailey recited Psalm 23; and Jonathan Burt recited Psalm 1.

Students at level 8 presented what they learned from each of the previous lessons. The potluck followed.

On the Sabbath Jan. 11, the first Youth Educational Services (YES) graduation ceremony took place in the **JOHANNESBURG**, South Africa, **EAST** church.

Ronald Stoddart, church pastor, presented certificates to Mark George, Lance Wantenaar, Tinkie Oosthuizen, Gary Phillips and Eric Vischer.

Robert D. Merritt and Ian Henderson.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

ARNOLD, Michael and Brenda (White), of Champaign, Ill., boy, Jonathan Steven Nelson, Jan. 20, 7:20 a.m., 4 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

ATKINS, Roy and Karen (Grubburg), of London, Ont., girl, Megan Andrea, Nov. 29, 6 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 girls.

BARLASS, Mark and Dorothy (Coyle), of Winchester, Va., boy, Matthew David, Oct. 25, 7:20 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BELANGER, Rick and Kim (Whitener), of Champaign, Ill., girl, Kristen Ann, Jan. 24, 4:43 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BENNETT, Earl and Christy (Engel), of Phoenix, Ariz., boy, Jeffrey Earl, Dec. 7, 6:45 p.m., 5 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BIRKLE, Peter and Cathy (Parsons), of Toronto, Ont., boy, Joshua Peter, Dec. 31, 2:55 p.m., 11 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BLIFURS, Mark and Jane (Carchassi), of St. Paul, Minn., boy, Joseph Andrew, Jan. 15, 6:27 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BLTYHE, Noel and Deborah (Haymart), of Columbia, Mo., boy, James Andrew, Dec. 7, 8:21 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

DREDEHOFF, Leo and Anja (Hearing), of Fort Collins, Colo., girl, Amy Camille, Jan. 21, 1:10 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

BREMER, Gerald and Deborah (Robinson), of Kansas City, Mo., boy, Joey Christopher, Jan. 10, 8:33 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys.

BROCKMAN, Neil and Kathy (Gore), of Kingston, Ont., boy, Robert Francis, Dec. 7, 1:51 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BROWN, Errol and Angela (Williams), of Columbia, Md., girl, Tierra Martineya, Nov. 11, 8 pounds, first child.

CANDELA, Peter and Jane (Sjogren), of Syracuse, N.Y., boy, Andrew Paul, Jan. 17, 9:30 p.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

CENTER, Keith and Darlene (Carpner), of Colorado Springs, Colo., boy, Dustin Keith, Jan. 16, 2:28 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

COLLINGWOOD, Gordon and Jeanne (Dameron), of Norfolk, Va., girl, Karen Renee, Dec. 12, 6 p.m., 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

CORNWELL, Michael and Sandra (Faulkner), of Big Sandy, boy, Eric Lucas, June 21, 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

CUELLAR, Billy and Karen (Bontrager), of Elkhart, Ind., boy, Mitchell Glenn, Jan. 7, 8:54 p.m., 10 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

CURRY, John and Linda (Crye), of Kansas City, Mo., girl, Brittany Erin, Sept. 5, 11:20 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 girls.

DITTO, Don and Annette (Kirkland), of Big Sandy, girl, Stacy Lynn, Jan. 22, 9:54 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

DOERR, Tom and Kathy (Kintz), of Indian River, Mich., girl, Holly Ann, Jan. 28, 10:21 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DURKOWSKI, Barry and Carol (Shoemaker), of Boone, Idaho, boy, Lane David, Feb. 9, 6:45 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

EDMISTON, Robert and Pamela (Locher), of Johnstown, Pa., boy, Robert Stephen Jr., Jan. 8, 12:29 p.m., 10 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

EVANS, Jesse and Sherry (Hart), of Soldonia, Alaska, boy, Charles Robert, Dec. 5, 11:03 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

FASSELL, Lee and Nancy (Blmer), of Buffalo, N.Y., girl, Hannah Lynn, Nov. 10, 5:30 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

FREEMAN, Danny and Dann (Taylor), of Greenville, S.C., girl, Rachel Dawn, Jan. 24, 10:44 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

GILCHRIST, Bruce and Evelyn (Witzsche), of Plano, Tex., girl, Elizabeth Marie, Jan. 31, 7:14 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GRANT, Colin and Kathryn (Lorimer), of Brisbane, Australia, girl, Jo-Anne Mary, Jan. 17, 9:39 a.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 girls.

GRUETZMAN, Paul and Janet (Miller), of Janesville, Wis., boy, Andrew James, Jan. 4, 1:08 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

HADEN, Glenn and Cathy (Stangh), of Kansas City, Kan., boy, Seth Thomas, Oct. 24, 2 a.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

HAMILTON, Richard and Valtery (Ardoin), of Baton Rouge, La., girl, Laura Faith, Feb. 7, 4:33 a.m., 6 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

HIGH, John and Pauline (Eagle), of Luton, England, girl, Laura Elizabeth, Jan. 23, 10:55 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HUTCHISON, Bill and Christine (Brownson), of Pasadena, girl, Carissa Marie, Feb. 9, 6:05 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

JACOBS, Burton and Marilyn (Conway), of Concord, N.H., boy, Carl David, Jan. 22, 7:18 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys.

JACOBY, Joseph Jr. and Laura (Mazzocco), of Hinsdale, Ill., twin boys, Robert Joseph and Leonard Maxwell, Dec. 18, 12:28 and 12:47 p.m., 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces and 5 pounds 12 ounces, first children.

KABAT, Richard and Brenda (Keebaugh), of San Jose, Calif., boy, Matthew Jerome, Dec. 27, 6:15 a.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

KEELER, Gene and Diana (Coester), of Toledo, Ohio, boy, Shane Allen, Jan. 22, 5:06 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

KEMNA, Gerrit and Margie (Vnke), of Zwolle, Netherlands, boy, Jacobus Gerrit Koos, Jan. 3, 5:25 a.m., 3 1/2 kilograms, now 2 boys.

KESECKER, Wyatt and Mille (Coffey), of Hagerstown, Md., girl, Krystal Diane, Sept. 26, 12:30 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

LARSON, Bob and Judy (Bricker), of Pasadena, girl, Jennifer Lynn, Dec. 14, 7:48 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

LINDSEY, Rick and Jacki (Smith), of Dallas, Tex., girl, JESSICA NICHOLE, Jan. 30, 7:55 p.m., 8 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LONG, Randy and Vickie (Smith), of Augusta, Ga., girl, Magen Marie, Aug. 31, 11:55 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

LYONS, Richard and Terri (Gent), of Youngstown, Ohio, girl, Tara Grace, Jan. 9, 12:25 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 girls.

MACIVER, Alan and Valerie (Smith), of Shelburne Falls, United Kingdom, girl, Sarah Elizabeth, Jan. 3, 11:10 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

McCLAMMER, Roger and Denise (Lawson), of Indianapolis, Ind., boy, Kyle David, Jan. 27, 11:55 a.m., 5 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

McGHEE, Samuel and Sharon (Muehlbauer), of Sugarland, Tex., boy, Samuel Ryan, Jan. 20, 10:15 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MORGAN, David and Ardena (Jansz), of Melbourne, Australia, boy, Philip Scott Henry, Dec. 23, 9:45 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 4 boys.

MOSBY, David and Terri (Paterson), of Glendale, Calif., girl, Sarah Monal, Dec. 7, 4:30 p.m., 10 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MULLINS, Craig and Melissa (Dotson), of Pikeville, Ky., girl, Tarha Brianna, Aug. 2, 3:03 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MUMFORD, Tracy and Connie (Sanders), of Hobbs, N.M., girl, LaHana Mae, Sept. 12, 9 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

NOELL, Jimmy and Rebecca (Cyrus), of Roanoke, Va., boy, Keith Allen, Jan. 30, 11:03 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

PATTERSON, Philip and Tina (Campbell), of Covington, La., boy, Jeremy Alan, Feb. 5, 4:36 p.m., 8 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PHILLIPS, Dean and Judy (Black), of Greensboro, N.C., boy, David Dean, Feb. 4, 7:53 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PLAGENZA, Salvatore and Pamela (Hault), of Rialto, Calif., boy, Noel Benjamin, Feb. 9, 12:28 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 9 boys, 3 girls.

QUANT, Skip and Michelle (Bumpers), of Runaway Bay, Tex., girl, Angela Ann, Aug. 17, 1:27 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

RAHEL, Mel and Cathy (de Bree), of Montreal, Que., girl, Heather Ruth, Jan. 17, 7:13 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

ROBERTS, David and Laura (Lancaster), of Sutherlin, Ore., girl, Sarah Elsie, Sept. 22, 5:29 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

ROBERTSON, Reginald and Nancy (Nelson), of Dickinson, N.D., boy, Stephen Michael, Nov. 29, 7:31 a.m., 9 pounds, now 3 boys.

RUSSELL, William and Theresa (Mullen), of Vancouver, B.C., boy, David Timothy, Jan. 8, 12:12 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

SCHREIBER, John and Marilyn (Payne), of St. Louis, Mo., girl, Amanda Lois, Dec. 20, 12:56 a.m., 7 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, now 3 girls.

SINNER, Joel and Kristine (Heck), of Salt Lake City, Utah, girl, Amanda Rae, Jan. 14, 8:30 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

SNEED, Michael and Danala (Butler), of Atlanta, Ga., girl, Anna-Maria Alicia, Dec. 4, 7:12 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

SORNBERGER, Arvid and Aggie (Vaska), of Fort Collins, Colo., boy, Brandon Eugene, Jan. 16, 2:13 a.m., 6 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

STINE, Doyce and Dana (Lana), of Bakersfield, Calif., girl, Raquelia Michelle, Jan. 11, 5 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, first child.

THOMAS, Fred and Diana (Delagrang), of Harrisburg, Pa., girl, Margaret Renee, Jan. 29, 2:40 a.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 5 girls.

THOMSON, Glen and Zahia (Naman), of Vancouver, B.C., boy, Joel Andrew, Jan. 4, 7 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

WARE, Maurice and Roberta (Russell-Pojic), of Fayetteville, Ark., girl, Molly Joanna, Aug. 3, 1:15 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

WENCHEL, Bruce and Pat (Harris), of Baltimore, Md., twin boys, Garrett Bruce and Craig Lawrence, Nov. 8, 7:25 and 7:38 p.m., 4 pounds 14 ounces and 5 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WESTROPE, Terry and Anita (Nash), of Jackson, Miss., boy, Cody Stephens, Dec. 7, 8:19 a.m., 6 pounds, now 2 boys.

WHITEHEAD, Marc and Evette (Burgess), of Dallas, Tex., girl, Brittany Michelle, Jan. 19, 8:37 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WILLOWS, Steve and Jenny (Briggs), of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Benjamin Michael, Dec. 29, 3:56 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WORDEN, John and Della, of Big Sandy, boy, Carl Joseph, Jan. 25, 8:36 p.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ZANNETTI, Daniel and Kim (Byers), of Columbus, Ohio, girl, Dana Michelle, Jan. 25, 6:27 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Abbey of St. Ignace, Mont., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori to Tony Styler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sayer of Burns, Tenn. A May wedding in Montana is planned.

Robert Jay Barta and Joni Denise Sipes are happy to announce their engagement. A spring wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lee of Richfield, Minn., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Ruth to Bruce Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson of Salem, Ore. A June 22 wedding in Minneapolis, Minn., is planned.

Colombia C. Moio and Daniel V. Bosch of Pasadena are pleased to announce their engagement. A July wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kubon of the Long Island, N.Y., West Church are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kim to Frank E. Ancona, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ancona. An April 20 wedding is planned on Long Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross E. Lee of Toronto, Ont., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Susanna to James C. Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Stanley of Evansville, Ind. A June 1 wedding in the Pasadena Ambassador College Lower Gardens is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund T. McCalla are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth to Paul Emerson Brown, son of Marvin Brown of St. Michael, Barbados, and George Brown of London, England. A June 1 wedding in London is planned.

## WEDDINGS

Deborah Jean Heath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Heath of Barnstead, N.H., and Stephen Earl Heater Sr., son of Violet Healer of Beverly, W.Va., were united in marriage Sept. 15 in Barnstead. The ceremony was performed by Kenneth Williams, pastor of the Concord, N.H., and Hampden, Vt., churches. Nancy Best was matron of honor, and Thomas Best Jr. was best man. The couple reside in Keene, N.H.



MR. AND MRS. BRUCE CALDWELL

Erica von Arx, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin von Arx of Granby, Que., and Bruce Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Caldwell of Bramalla, Ont., were united in marriage Nov. 10. The ceremony was performed by Laurie Nyhus, associate pastor of the Toronto, Ont., East church. The couple reside in Toronto.



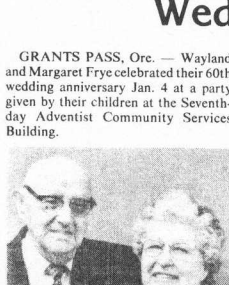
MR. AND MRS. DAVID BOYLL

Deborah Ann Martinez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Ortiz of Santa Fe, N.M., and David Walter Boyll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyll of Grand Island, Neb., were united in marriage Dec. 29 in the Pasadena Ambassador College Lower Gardens. The ceremony was performed by Gary Anton, a pastor-rank minister who serves at the Pasadena Ambassador College faculty. The maid of honor was Rachel Gentry, and the best man was Johnny Baker. Deborah and David are Ambassador College seniors.



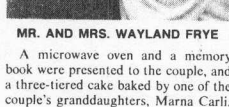
MR. AND MRS. ROBERT COX

Lillian Ruth Debose and Robert Joseph Cox were united in marriage July 27, 1985, in Evansville, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Fredrick Bailey, pastor of the Madisonville, Ky., and Evansville churches. The maid of honor was Lisa Carroll, and the best man was Kenneth Carroll. The couple reside in Vincennes, Ind.



MR. AND MRS. WADE MORGAN III

Wade H. Morgan III of Mobile, Ala., and Anne Marie Thomas of Gadsden, Ala., were united in marriage Dec. 22. Steven Smith, pastor of the Gadsden church, performed the ceremony. Nora Benson, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Hildford Jones was best man. The couple will reside in Mobile.

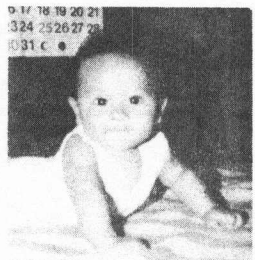


MR. AND MRS. MARK BRANT

Melany Christine Brackett and Mark Arlen Brant were

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united in marriage Dec. 24. The wedding was performed by Richard Parker, pastor of the Auburn and Bremerton, Wash., churches. Mitsy Spry, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Mark Spry was best man. The couple reside in Sumner, Wash.



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MR. AND MRS. JOHN SANBORN

Lisa Shaw of Union, Ore., and Robert Fertig of Cheyenne, Wyo., were united in marriage June 23, 1985. The ceremony was performed by Charles Zimmerman, pastor of the Fort Collins, Colo., Scottsdale, Neb., and Wheatland, Wyo., churches. The couple reside in Cheyenne and attend the Wheatland church.

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Mr. Sanborn worked in a hamburger stand until he established a carpentry business. Mrs. Sanborn worked in a five-and-dime store until the couple's first child was born.

Mr. Frye was a painter, paperhanger and cabinetmaker until his retirement. The couple moved to Wimer, Ore., in 1933, and to Grants Pass in 1937. Mr. Frye has been a Church member since 1967.

## Weddings Made of Gold

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — Wayland and Margaret Frye celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 4 at a party given by their children at the Seventh-day Adventist Community Services Building.

The Fryes eloped Jan. 9, 1926, from their homes in San Jose, Calif., and were married in Redwood City, Calif.

The Fryes have four children, Eulalie Genevieve of Grants Pass, Elgin of Oroville, Calif., Marna Gomez of Canyonville, Ore., and Janice of Reno, Nev. They also have 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Frye was a painter, paperhanger and cabinetmaker until his retirement. The couple moved to Wimer, Ore., in 1933, and to Grants Pass in 1937. Mr. Frye has been a Church member since 1967.

ST. STEPHEN, N.B. — Bernard and Lillian Gregson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 4. They were honored with a supper organized and attended by their family.

The Gregsons have three children, 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

HINSDALE, Ill. — John and Dorothy Sanborn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 30.

The couple met in Chicago, Ill., in 1934 and were married Jan. 30, 1936.

## MR. AND MRS. WAYLAND FRYE

A microwave oven and a memory book were presented to the couple, and a three-tiered cake baked by one of the couple's grandchildren, Marna Carl,



# Crisis

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British prime minister delivered a determined speech in the House of Commons. Her Majesty's loyal Labor opposition will never be satisfied, but Mrs. Thatcher's Conservative colleagues breathed a sigh of relief. The Tory government would continue.

How long remains to be seen. As American historian Barbara Tuchman observed, "Crisis does not necessarily purge a system of folly; old habits and attitudes die hard" (*The March of Folly*, page 259, paperback edition, Abacus, 1984).

## Mistakes and misjudgments

A Jan. 15 *Financial Times* editorial called the Westland affair "a case of bad judgment." It described the government's performance as "one of incompetence and poor judgment, rather than constitutional impropriety."

A letter in the Jan. 29 *Daily Telegraph* said: "While reflecting on the 'Westland affair' over the past few days, the words of Sir Walter Scott came very much to mind. They apply to Governments, Corporations, Organizations and Individuals. 'O what a tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive!'"

Be that as it may, why are human governments somewhat ineffective? Why don't we have good government at this critical juncture in history?

The lesson of government has not been lost on a few clear-thinking historians. One such American historian is Ms. Tuchman. She observed: "Mankind, it seems, makes a poorer performance of government than of almost any other human activity... Why do holders of high office so often act contrary to the way reason points and enlightened self-interest suggests? Why does intelligent mental process seem so often not to function?" (*The March of Folly*, page 2).

John Adams was one of the founding fathers of the United States. He became the second President of the United States. He carried on a lengthy and erudite correspondence with his successor, Thomas Jefferson. They often discussed government.

This presidential exchange continued until both died on the same day, July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Norman Cousins quoted a letter dated July 9, 1813, in his book *In God We Trust*. Mr. Adams pointed out to Mr. Jefferson, "While all other sciences have advanced that of government is at a stand [still]; little better understood; little better practiced now, than three or four thousand years ago." (page 231, Kingsport Press, 1958).

President Adams continued: "What is the reason? I say, parties and factions will not suffer, or permit improvements to be made. As soon as one man hints at an improvement, his rival opposes it. No sooner has one party discovered or invented an amelioration of the condition of man, or the order of society, than the opposite party believes it, misconstrues, misrepresents it, ridicules it, insults it and persecutes it."

How true! Democratic governments — in fact all governments — are rife with party spirit. Government is often divided against itself. Effective action is difficult. Opposition parties are more interested in attaining high offices than helping rule a nation wisely.

But don't forget the vital importance of government. It is what an orderly life is about. Without effective government, life can become a misery. Witness ancient Israel in the last days of the judges. Anarchy abounded (Judges 17:6; 21:25).

## Because we are human

Beyond obvious human wickedness, part of the problem exists precisely because we are human. Humanity brings limitations. We are

limited in life span, limited in perception, limited in wisdom, limited in everything! Even the best governments.

King David was an excellent ruler. "So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered judgment and justice to all his people" (11 Samuel 8:15, Revised Authorized Version). These positive at-

# Revolt

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tribute characterized his reign. But the biblical record shows that even David had occasional problems with his royal family, with the royal court or with his chief general. King David was capable, just and honest, but all the same he was human.

No human government is perfect. In a *Plain Truth* article published in August, 1977 — the year government will be weakened in its efforts against the country's main foe of democracy, the Communist revolutionaries of the New People's Army.

For the first few days after the people's revolt, an air of almost giddiness prevailed in Washington. Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives were all congratulating themselves, saying that the United States had at last done something right and handled a foreign crisis coolly and efficiently.

But there was the occasional note of caution. One White House aide, reflecting on revolutions gone sour in Iran and Nicaragua, said: "Keep your fingers crossed... I haven't seen one of these things turn out right yet."

For the United States no area is more strategically important than the Philippines, which sits astride vital sea routes running the length of the western Pacific Ocean. In the islands are the two best-equipped American overseas bases, Clark Air Base and Subic Bay Naval Station. These facilities are as close to being

irreplaceable as one can imagine. Moving them elsewhere — to inferior locations — would cost between \$5 billion and \$8 billion.

The Soviet Union's presence in East Asia is looming larger all the time. Soviet warships operate out of the former U.S. naval base at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam, only two hours by air from the Philippines.

The Kremlin would love to get its hands on Clark and Subic. It would then be able to dictate political developments throughout East Asia. Japan, dependent upon unimpeded use of the Asian sea routes, would be at Moscow's mercy.

Mrs. Aquino said she will honor agreements on the bases, which last until 1991. After then, however, it's anybody's guess. The new president will be under pressure from some supporters opposed to the U.S. military presence not to renew the base agreements.

Thus, for America, a grim five-year countdown to 1991 may have begun. Without those two facilities the "Eagle's wings" in the Pacific will be clipped.

of his heart attack — the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong wrote that the "restoration of God's government is the one great purpose uppermost in God's mind."

Only God's government can transcend human imperfections, mistakes and misjudgments. Then, and only then, shall the nations of the earth truly have good government.

# Feast

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- Ulladulla Festival Office Box 202 Burleigh Heads, Qld., 4220 Australia
- New Zealand and South Pacific
  - Mua, Tonga (in Tongan, no transfers)
  - Pacific Harbour, Fiji

- Rotorua, New Zealand Festival Office Box 2709 Auckland 1, New Zealand
- Honiara, Solomon Islands Festival Office Box 202 Burleigh Heads, Qld., 4220 Australia

## Philippines

- Bacolod
- Baguio
- Cagayan de Oro
- Naga (no transfers)
- Tacloban Festival Office Worldwide Church of God Box 111 Makati, Metro Manila, 3117 Philippines

## Central and South America

- Acapulco, Mexico (in Spanish with English translations) Spanish Department 300 W. Green St. Pasadena, Calif., 91129 Services at the following sites will be conducted in Spanish.
- Antigua, Guatemala
- Huaraz, Peru
- Liberia, Costa Rica
- Maitencillo, Chile
- Melgar, Colombia
- Monte Hermoso, Argentina

# Filipinos assemble for outing

One hundred forty-seven SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA, and OLONGAPO CITY, Philippines, brethren attended an outing at the four-star Montemar Beach Resort in Bataan, Philippines, Jan. 5.

Montemar Beach Resort is on a 500-foot rise overlooking the South China Sea. It has tennis courts, a swimming pool and coconut trees. Activities included a puttuck, volleyball, badminton, boating, swimming and outdoor games.

Four baptisms were performed by Bermevon Dizon, pastor of the two churches. He was assisted by Len Joson, a ministerial trainee, and Aurelio Mandap and Ernesto Gabriel, local church elders. Bermevon Dizon.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Feb. 4. I appreciate all the love and support you have shown me. Have many more happy years. I miss and love you very much. Sarah.

Happy 10th anniversary Ken and Jean Cline March 31. These have been wonderful years. Thanks for all your love. Your son, Jay.

Congratulations Doris and Charles Harkness on 28 special years March 1. Twenty-two to gold. May they be richer and more beautiful until then.

Dearest Lee: We've come a long way together. Thank you for sharing my life for 42 years. Hope we have many more. All my love, Mary.

To my very cherished dear wife and love of my life, Caroline, on our 30th wedding anniversary. Thank you for being a wonderful help meet and mother. Leon, Feb. 13.



**MR. AND MRS. WONG TECK KONG**  
Lam Kwai Mooi and Wong Teck Kong were united in marriage Dec. 25 at the Malaya Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The ceremony was performed by Yong Chin Gee, pastor of the Kuala Lumpur and Johore Bahru, Malaysia, churches. Catherine Lee was the maid of honor, and Lim Weng Meng was best man. The couple reside near Kuala Lumpur.



**MR. AND MRS. JOHN ANDERSON**  
John Anderson and Carol Smith were united in marriage Oct. 27. The bride's daughters, Brenda, 13, and Stacey, 11, were bridesmaids. Roy Larson and Terry Stan were groomsmen. The ceremony was performed by Steve Nutzman, pastor of the Davenport, Iowa City and Waterloo, Iowa, churches. The couple live in Muscatine, Iowa, and attend the Davenport church.



**MR. AND MRS. GEORGE SMITH**  
George and Charlotte Smith of Rochford, England, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at a surprise reception after Sabbath services in the Basildon, England, church Dec. 21. Martin Brown, a Basildon local church elder, presented the couple with a gift from the congregation. The Smiths were married in London, England, after Mr. Smith returned from serving in the British army in North Africa and Europe during World War II. The Smiths have one son, who is also a Church member.



Happy 30th anniversary March 17 to Richard and Janice Bennett. We love you very much. Your children.

# Obituaries

WICHITA, Kan. — Nell Bazzell, 84, a Church member since 1960, died Jan. 29. Mrs. Bazzell was born in 1901 in

Alabama. Her husband died in 1959. Mrs. Bazzell is survived by a daughter, Willa Bryan of Wichita; a sister, Lynn Copeland of Tuscombua, Ala.; one granddaughter; and four great-granddaughters.

Burial was in Tuscombua.

**BIG SANDY** — Coralie Anderson, 90, died Feb. 5 after a long illness. Mrs. Anderson was born in Emmitt, Okla., and lived in Big Sandy for the last eight years. She has been a Church member since 1971.

Mrs. Anderson is survived by two nieces, Helen Cole Reid of Little Rock, Ark., and Ruth Tate of Oklahoma. Funeral services were conducted in Gladewater, Tex., by James Duke, associate pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches.

**BIG SANDY** — Harold Louis Ferguson, 58, died Jan. 31 after a long illness. Mr. Ferguson has been a Church member since 1974.

Mr. Ferguson was born Nov. 18, 1928, in Lafayette, Ind. He moved to Big Sandy in 1976 from Rossville, Ind. Mr. Ferguson is survived by his wife, Lousa; four sons, Donald E. of Lawton, Okla., David B. and Lorn L. of Tyler, Tex., and Jeffrey A. of Big Sandy; one daughter, Sherry D. Lowery of Big Sandy; his mother, Frances Colvard of Springfield, Tenn.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Hal Baird Jr., associate pastor of the Big Sandy church.

**GREEN BAY, Wis.** — Eugene Erickson, 19, was killed instantly in an automobile accident Jan. 18. His brother Hal, 17, and his mother, Mary Jane, were injured. Hal is in intensive care, and Mrs. Erickson is recuperating at home.

Mr. Erickson is also survived by his father, Hal; and a brother, Tom. Funeral services were conducted by William Miller, pastor of the Green Bay and Appleton, Wis., churches.

WACO, Tex. — Rose Cotti, 49, of Coppas Cove, Tex., died Jan. 19. She

was baptized in 1980 and attended the Waco and Austin, Tex., churches. She was born in West Germany.

Mrs. Cotti is survived by her husband of 30 years, Joe R.; a daughter, Ramona Messer of Harker Heights, Tex.; and seven sons, Raymond of Seattle, Wash., Renaldo of Yukon, W. Va., Paul of Harker Heights, and Elmer, John, Donald and Daniel of Coppas Cove. She is also survived by seven grandchildren.

Walter Johnson, associate pastor of the Austin and Waco churches, conducted funeral services.

**OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.** — Maudie McDonald, 88, died Dec. 26 in Shawnee, Okla. She has been a Church member since 1973 and attended the Oklahoma City church.

Mrs. McDonald is survived by a sister and three daughters, Frankie, Pearl and Lula. Lula and her husband, Cotton Enos, are members who attend the Tyler, Tex., church. Mrs. McDonald is also survived by eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

**NAIROBI, Kenya** — John Karugu Njuguna, 3, died Feb. 5. He is survived by his parents, Joseph and Alice, and two sisters, Mary and Lucy.

Graveside services were conducted by Owen Willis, pastor of the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches. He was assisted by Daniel Wanje, a member who attends the Nairobi church, who translated the service into Kikuyu.

**SASKATOON, Sask.** — George E. Paul, 61, died Jan. 29 after a short illness.

Mr. Paul and his wife, Elsie, were baptized in 1968.

Mr. Paul is survived by his wife; a daughter, Sandra, a member who attends the Winnipeg, Man., West church; four sons, Kenneth, Marlowe, Clarence and Colin, a member who attends the Saskatoon church; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Maurice Yurkiw, pastor of the Saskatoon church.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Dear Dad and Mom (Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vreeland): Congratulations on your 25th wedding anniversary

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

# UPDATE

PASADENA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach met Tamara Bykova, world record holder in the women's indoor high jump (6 feet, 8 3/4 inches), and Rudolf Povarnitsin, who held the men's world record for the high jump (7 feet, 10 1/2 inches), Feb. 20.

The athletes, both Soviet citizens, "are exploring the possibility of training with Harry Sneider on the Ambassador campus," said evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation. Mr. Sneider, nominated as a coach for the 1988 U.S. Olympic team, is director of executive fitness at Ambassador and has helped train more than 200 world class athletes.

"They asked us if they could come to Ambassador, which is unusual in the sense that Russian athletes don't usually request training by an American coach and an American high jumper [Dwight Stones]," Mr. Sneider said.

After welcoming the athletes to the campus in Russian, Mr. Tkach presented gym bags and training gear bearing the Ambassador College logo to them.

Mr. Tkach introduced Church and college officials to the athletes:

evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer; Mr. La Ravia; evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College; and David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing.

The athletes, with Mr. Stones, a three-time Olympian and former American high jump record holder, conducted a workout for the officials.

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PASADENA — Larry Salyer, assistant director of Church Administration, and his wife, Judy, left for a 13-day tour of Australia March 5.

"I plan to take part in a four-day ministerial conference to be held at Lake Moogerah, the Church-owned site of the Summer Educational Program there, March 10th through the 13th," Mr. Salyer said in an interview with *The Worldwide News*.

"We want to maintain our open lines of communication and cooperation between headquarters and the Australian Regional Office, and to cover some doctrinal matters and developments in the Church's youth programs," Mr. Salyer said.

Mr. Salyer was scheduled to deliver the main sermon at combined services of the Brisbane, Australia, area churches March 8 and to speak at combined services of the Sydney and Melbourne, Australia, churches March 15.

"I will be stopping at the New Zealand Regional Office in Auckland on the way back to Pasadena Monday [March 17]," Mr. Salyer said.



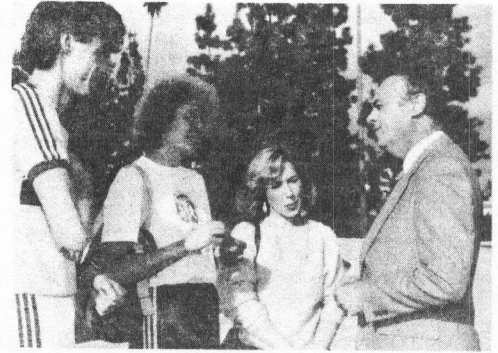
LARRY AND JUDY SALYER

The Salyers plan to return to Pasadena March 19.

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PASADENA — Brethren living in Haiti "are fine and doing well despite a very uncertain situation," said evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for French-speaking areas.

Mr. Apartian was scheduled to present a public Bible lecture in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Feb. 1, but



WORLD CLASS ATHLETES — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (right) greets Soviet high jumpers Rudolf Povarnitsin (far left) and Tamara Bykova (second from left) on the Ambassador College track Feb. 20. A Soviet translator stands left of Mr. Tkach. (See "Update," this page.) [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

the impending fall of the government of Jean-Claude Duvalier forced its cancellation and Mr. Apartian's abrupt return to Pasadena (see "Regional Director Escapes Harm," *WN*, Feb. 24).

Gilbert Carbonnel, pastor of the Pointe-a-Pitre and Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, and Port-au-Prince churches, accompanied Mr. Apartian to Haiti and remained behind to help brethren.

"He conducted Sabbath services on Feb. 1 and met again with brethren the next day, when he bap-

tized three people," Mr. Apartian said.

"He had to conduct services discreetly, since open meetings were banned," the evangelist said. "At night he could hear shooting and crowd noise as people tried to move about after the curfew had taken effect."

Mr. Carbonnel returned to Guadeloupe Feb. 2. "He was originally scheduled to remain until Tuesday [Feb. 4], but the situation was too unstable for a non-Haitian," Mr. Apartian said.

## PERSONAL

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the splendid work of the television crew.

Perhaps you have not realized that after the taping is done, hundreds of man-hours by the Television Department go into the final production of a single program. I believe God has blessed and inspired the individuals in the Television Department to be able to produce the fine quality material you have seen on the programs. Pray for them. Larry Omasta, department head, and John Halford, assistant, have put together a fine, dedicated team of converted professionals. Yet they each realize that "unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it..." (Psalm 127:1, Revised Authorized Version throughout). This Work is not done "... by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). That is why each of us must do our part in faithful daily prayer.

Have you ever realized how much God wants to hear you? How much He enjoys and appreciates your prayers? God describes the deceived world as a world of darkness. Yet, in that vast spiritual darkness, there are, here and there around the world, a few specks of light — God's firstfruits. Those He has called out of this world ahead of time. Before He will call the rest of humanity. You, His "peculiar" people, His Church, the Body of Christ, are those firstfruits. You are those specks of radiant light surrounded by darkness.

Can you begin to see why the prayers of the saints (Revelation 5:8) are like sweet incense to God? Jesus made the observation, "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?" (Matthew 5:13).

God does love to hear your prayers. As I recently wrote the ministry, God's people provide

the only continuous, righteous God-oriented, meaningful conversation God hears from humanity! Our effectual, fervent prayers do avail much. Do your part! We are together in this calling.

Thank you, brethren, from the bottom of my heart, for your prayers and the support you've given me. I have thoroughly enjoyed all the hundreds and hundreds of letters and cards both from individuals and the various congregations around the world expressing their support and backing in the responsibilities God has placed upon me.

God leads me to lay before

you. His people, the same admonition He gives me personally, which was so vividly expressed in your letters and cards (Joshua 1:7-9).

"Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make

your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Let's begin as never before to focus our minds upon the need to come out of this world, to be no part of it, nor to compromise with it, but rather, to be wholeheartedly and boldly obeying and serving God, according to His holy, just and perfect law. More on that next time.

You are in my prayers daily.

With deepest love,  
Joseph W. Tkach

## INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW  
FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

PASADENA — Stone-throwing, burning and intimidation occur in areas of South Africa where members live. They are in need of God's protection.

Land mines were planted on the farm of a member in Transvaal. Several explosions caused death in the area.

Following is a letter received from the member:

"Greetings from me to all the brethren in Cape Town [South Africa]. I am glad to let you know that through the protection from our Creator God Father and our Saviour Christ Jesus we are able to work the six working days and to keep the Sabbath without fear.

"The enemy ANC [African National Congress] has started a new strategy, by phone. They warn us that there is a bomb in our garden and we better get out — they are moving in.

"Please remember us here in your prayers."

Mail delays

"Mail strikes and delays are really hurting Latin America, slowing contact between ministers and members and delaying contribu-

tions," said Keith Speaks, *Pura Verdad* circulation manager in Pasadena.

Fourteen million pieces of mail were backed up in February in a single Buenos Aires, Argentina, post office. Alberto Sousa, pastor of the Buenos Aires and Ezeiza, Argentina, and Salto, Uruguay, churches, told the Spanish Department in Pasadena.

"Mr. Sousa was worried because he sent up about 8,500 responses from a successful *Reader's Digest* ad in Argentina," added Mr. Speaks. "But we had only received about 2,500 of them when he called."

Invitations to a *Pura Verdad* Bible lecture were mailed to a Latin American capital city, but they arrived after the first lecture.

Last year was the worst year in memory for mail delivery, Mr. Speaks said. "El Salvador had mail strikes and delivery problems. Peru had a long postal strike. Bolivia was very bad. In Mexico we had problems. And Spain was on and off — especially in certain big cities."

"These countries have adequate mail facilities," Mr. Speaks said. "But for one reason or the other — governmental and political prob-

lems, including strikes and things we don't know about — these problems happen. Maybe the brethren could pray about that."

*Pura Verdad* lectures

In the first two months of 1986, more than 400 new people attended *Pura Verdad* Bible lectures in six cities in Mexico.

After the Mexico City lectures, Thomas Turk, pastor and office manager, said, "We were very excited and pleased to see this kind of turnout in the winter months in Mexico."

Mr. Turk said he expects several dozen people in Mexico to start attending Sabbath services because of the lectures.

Lectures are planned for seven Latin American countries this year, including the first lectures in Uruguay and Rosario and Cordoba, Argentina.

Swiss television to begin

"An astounding door is being opened in airing the *World Tomorrow* television program in Switzerland," said evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director of the Church in French-speaking areas.

The government-controlled television in the country "has long been totally inaccessible to our program," Mr. Apartian said. However, 24 television channels, including Radio Television Luxembourg, will soon be cabled into the Geneva area.

"With a bit of advertising, we will have the opportunity to build a good-sized audience," he said.

## Donation Receipts

PASADENA — April 15 is the deadline for filing U.S. tax returns. Annual receipts for 1985 contributions were sent to members in January, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC).

"In a few instances, members may need duplicate receipts to complete tax returns," Mr. Rice said.

Anyone who needs a second annual receipt should call MPC's donation file personnel by using the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) number (1-800-423-4444). Since this information is confidential it cannot be provided over the telephone.

"Please allow at least 10 days for a replacement receipt to reach you," Mr. Rice said.

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