



NEW FEAST SITE — An aerial photo shows the proximity of the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center to the Gulf of Mexico. The 12,000-seat Coliseum is the location for Festival services at Biloxi, Miss., a new U.S. site for the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles. [Photo courtesy Mississippi Coast Convention Bureau]

College aids community, serves as Job Fair host

PASADENA — Ambassador College will serve as host for some 35 corporations and 27 community service agencies participating in the fourth annual Pasadena Job Fair April 25 in the college gymnasium here.

Sponsors of this year's fair are the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, City of Pasadena Human Relations Committee, Project LIFT (an assistance program for the handicapped), Pasadena Urban Coalition and the Pasadena Urban League.

From 1,200 to 1,500 job seekers are expected to attend, says George A. Jones, a management consultant serving as Job Fair coordinator.

"The Job Fair provides an opportunity for unemployed people to do a supermarket search for jobs at one site," Mr. Jones added. "And it is certainly to the advantage of the employers to be exposed to 1,500 people in one day."

"This has been one of the most successful ventures of recent years in Pasadena," he continued, "because from the beginning the employers have actively participated in producing the fair by serving on the committees, recruiting and providing supplies. That's unique in job fairs."

"It is difficult to track the results accurately, but we do know that over 300 people have been employed through the efforts of the Job Fair since it began."

"Organizing the first fair was difficult and discouraging until Ambassador College came forward to provide the facilities, which covered a tremendous share of the cost. It is a fact that we could never have done it without Ambassador."

"This is a community effort, not a commercial venture," Mr. Jones stated.

Participating community service agencies "will see that we have a good cross section of people from the community participating as applicants," said Rod McIver, supervisor of vocational training and job placement for Project LIFT. These agencies will be explaining their services as well as taking job applications at the fair.

Among the corporations participating in this year's Job Fair are Aerojet Electro Systems, American

Business Service Corp., Ameron, Automobile Club of Southern California, Bell & Howell, Burroughs Corp., Electronic Resources, Glendale Federal Savings, Jacobs Engineering Group, Lincoln National Life Insurance, The Marquardt Co., Nack & Sunderland, Stuart Pharmaceuticals, Thomas Temporaries, Textron and Xerox Corp.

Some of the participating community agencies are the American Red Cross, California Employment Development Department, City of Pasadena Personnel Department, El Centro de Accion Social, Jackie Robinson Center, Placement Service for Older Workers, Project JOVE II, Villa Esperanza and the Welfare Rights Organization.

By Ken Tate
PASADENA — New, nearly new and old favorites are the rule for sites chosen for the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles in the continental United States, according to Sherwin McMichael, director of the Festival Office.

Listed are one new site, Biloxi, Miss.; second-year sites Fresno, Calif., Norfolk, Va., Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Savannah, Ga., and Seattle, Wash.; and four old-timers, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., St. Petersburg, Fla., Tucson, Ariz., and Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Housing sign-ups of motels and campgrounds for the sites are half accomplished, Mr. McMichael said, with the remainder to be completed soon. Applications will be distributed during May, he added.

"It hardly seems possible that it is time once more to begin planning to observe the Feast of Tabernacles, but it is!" Mr. McMichael said, emphasizing that families should begin to give serious thought to Festival plans, including where to attend the 1979 Feast.

Following are descriptions of each site.

26 miles of beach

Biloxi, Miss.: Described as the "closest semitropical seacoast" to the entire Mid-American area, Biloxi basks in a warm climate on the Gulf Coast.

The only new site for 1979, it replaces the site at Big Sandy, Tex.

Services will take place in the 12,000-seat Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, described by Mr. McMichael as "the finest auditorium we will be using this year."

The convention center is but a stone's throw from a portion of the 26 miles of beach connecting the nearby cities of Biloxi, Gulfport, Long Beach and Pass Christian. New Orleans is an easy 70-mile drive on an interstate highway.

Fresno, Calif.: In its second year as a Feast site, Fresno will once again play host to the Festival in the award-winning Selland Arena.

Fresno is in the heart of one of the world's largest agricultural countries. It has also been called the "Gateway to the National Parks," being conveniently located near Yosemite, Sequoia and King's Canyon parks.

The best of two worlds

Norfolk, Va.: Cradled on the Atlantic seaboard and boasting a seaport that ranks first in the United States in volume of export cargo, Norfolk offers the best of two worlds.

The Festival, held for the second year in the futuristic Scope Convention Center, points to Norfolk's modern heritage while the historic sites of Williamsburg and Jamestown are less than an hour away.

Savannah, Ga.: Historic is the catchword in Savannah, another second-year Feast site.

This charming Southern waterfront town boasts more than 1,100 historically significant buildings, many dating to colonial times and many within walking distance of the downtown Savannah Civic Center, site of Festival services.

The easy-going hospitality of this Southern city is sure to make it a favorite again this year.

Saratoga Springs, N.Y.: Centered on the grounds of the 2,000-acre Saratoga Spa State Park, the

5,100-seat Saratoga Performing Arts Center will again house Feast activities in the Northeast United States.

The idyllic resort setting has internationally known mineral baths and springs, two golf courses, three swimming pools and numerous picnic groves. To the north is Lake George, bordered by majestic forests that invite hiking, boating and fishing.

The Saratoga Chamber of Commerce reports that plans are going ahead on the enclosure of the open air center. This important project should be completed by the Feast.

In the beautiful Northwest

Seattle, Wash.: Located in the beautiful Northwest, Seattle, which divides the Pacific Ocean and the majestic Cascade mountains, is truly an inspiring Feast site.

Services will take place for the second year in the Seattle Center, site of the 1962 World's Fair.

Seattle's waterfront is blanketed with colorful and quaint shops, markets and seafood restaurants. The area also affords the opportunity for a memorable ferry ride to one of the outlying islands in the bay.

Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.: Nestled in the wooded hills of scenic Missouri, Lake of the Ozarks will be the site of longest standing in 1979. The Feast, observed on Church-owned property, will be in its 11th year at the Ozarks.

The Lake region, termed by environmental experts as "one of the seven best places to live in the United States," offers 1,175 miles of shoreline for the enjoyment of Feastgoers. (See FEAST, page 9)

Storms take homes, but not members' lives

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. — While thousands of members of God's Church were preparing for Passover services the afternoon and evening of April 10, many members in Wichita Falls, Vernon, Tex., Lawton, Okla., and surrounding areas were apprehensively watching the threatening black clouds gathering near their homes. Black clouds always portend a storm in that section of the United States in the spring.

But it was more than a 50-mile trip to Passover services in the Montego Bay Motel at Lawton for members living here, so they were on the road when the deadly tornadoes struck their city about 6 p.m. By this time other tornadoes had already cut a swath through Vernon and Lawton, leaving death and destruction in their paths. (The final death toll was reported as three in Lawton, 11 in Vernon and 44 here, with estimated damage of more than \$250 million.)

Little warning given

"I really felt that Satan was trying to keep us from the Passover, but we made it," said Sharon Meek of Lawton to *The Worldwide News* by telephone April 17. "It took almost every house around us; we were left standing in the middle of it."

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Meek's home, according to their stopped clock, was struck by the tornado at 5:10 p.m. Mr. Meek was at work, but Mrs. Meek and her two children, a daughter, 7, and a son, 5, were in their home when they heard a single blast from Lawton's storm warning

system. The tornado struck almost simultaneously along a path in front of their home.

The Meeks' home sustained damage to the roof, many windows were blown out, and a falling tree struck their automobile, but Mrs. Meek and her children escaped injury. "Every-

body that's come by has said they can't understand it — that this house should have gone. We were right in the path, right in the middle of it," Mrs. Meek said.

David Carley, pastor of the Lawton and Ada, Okla., churches, reported. (See TORNADOES, page 6)



TORNADO DAMAGE — The homes of several members were among those heavily damaged and destroyed by tornadoes that swept through Wichita Falls, Tex., April 10. Shown above are the homes of Mrs. F.E. Chadwell, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Jaime Calderon of Wichita Falls. Only portions of the walls were left in either house. (Photos by David Carley)

Zero hour for southern Africa

DIRECT CHURCH VS. STATE CONFLICTS

CHURCH

Government: Apostle responsible for fulfilling commission and use of funds in his doing.

Must fulfill the commission: Gospel to all nations, world leaders, about God's coming world-ruling government before Christ returns.

Exodus 20:10 states that on the Sabbath "Thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates."

Acts 4:37, 5:2, states: "Brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet."

Romans 16:17 states: "Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them!" I Timothy 6:5: "From such withdraw thyself!" II Thessalonians 3:14: "If any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother." I Corinthians 5:9, 11, 13: "Not to keep company... not to eat... put away from among yourselves that wicked person."

Smoking: We do not believe Christians should smoke. We have signs throughout our auditorium and other buildings, and Hall of Administration stating: "Thank you for not smoking." The world headquarters of the Worldwide Church of God is our Hall of Administration. This houses Mr. Armstrong, Church administration department and the director of finances all on the fourth floor. Our insurance policies forbid smoking in these buildings.

Swearing: We do not believe Christians should use foul language, swearing or vile talk. Christians should be peacemakers, humble, meek, not intimidating, overbearing and abusive.

Buildings paid for by the very people occupying them were said to belong to the State. When we had religious services to strengthen the people and to show our support for the Church leaders, we were threatened with expulsion from our own buildings during the religious services. This was later reversed by the same authority.

This information was submitted to *The Worldwide News* by Herbert W. Armstrong's office.

STATE

Class action suit: Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong must be only figurehead. Church must be run along more traditional lines. New board must be appointed. Voting must be allowed.

Receiver, attorney general, judge, courts say travel expenses, gifts to world leaders, as President Eisenhower gave, banquets, campaigns, meetings with Moose, Elks, Lions clubs, Rotaries, not preaching the Gospel. Claim such expenses used for own travels, yet say 86-year-old leader senile! How inconsistent!

The receiver said you shall pay me to work for you 16 hours on your Sabbath day; also you shall pay my assistant, my attorney and my guards to work for you on your Sabbath!

The receiver sent the following Mailgram to our ministers worldwide: "Ministers, Worldwide Church of God: Church members Worldwide Church of God are not permitted to make contributions to Herbert Armstrong or his representatives on behalf of the Church" (Jan. 20).

The receiver has had disfellowshipped ministers and members in his office in our headquarters buildings, and when told by our superintendent of ministers that we do not allow that doctrinally said maybe Pastoral Administration should move across the street. Also, they told us to hire a disfellowshipped member.

The receiver and his staff took offices on the fourth floor. They all ignored our signs, doctrines and insurance and smoked as they pleased. This was a desecration and a pollution of God's headquarters of the Worldwide Church of God.

The receiver or his staff have used inappropriate speech, intimidating tactics and maneuvers and offended many of our employees and volunteer staff. They have had armed guards in the very headquarters of God's Church.

The Pasadena *Star-News*, Jan. 25, in a front page, headline article states: "Several hundred sheriff's deputies who stood by at Brookside Park ready to clear the Hall of demonstrators and make arrests for failing to obey an order of the court to disperse and allow Steven Weisman access were not needed after all." Later the same article reports: "Representatives of Weisman acknowledged that the specter of arresting women and children and breaking into a church service would have been highly undesirable." The Los Angeles, Calif., *Times*, Jan. 24, article continued from front page states: "Under terms of the order issued Tuesday by Judge Title church members were allowed to continue occupying buildings and picketing as long as they did not interfere with the business of the receiver."

PASADENA — Events are moving swiftly in southern Africa. As this article is written, Rhodesia, on the threshold of becoming the new Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, is conducting its first multiracial elections. Voter turnout has been heavy so far, especially in urban areas. The transitional government is gratified by the enthusiasm of Rhodesia's black people.

Terrorists fighting under the banner of the Communist-supplied Patriotic Front have been able to disrupt

ing as far as its political future is concerned.

The overriding question is: Will Namibia's independence be achieved peacefully, with moderate leaders emerging in control, or will yet another African territory be plunged into the maelstrom of internecine tribal and ethnic warfare — possibly with a totalitarian regime allied to Moscow emerging the victor from the bloodied ashes?

For more than 30 years South-West

rica and SWAPO, but clearly lean in favor of the latter; and the moderate political leaders representing the vast majority of the people of Namibia, whose wishes have largely fallen on deaf ears at the United Nations.

The preference of the Third World and Communist-dominated United Nations is well known: it unreservedly supports SWAPO, having years ago declared it to be "sole and authentic representative" of the Namibian people, to the exclusion of all other political parties in South-West Africa. This affirmation was made despite the fact that SWAPO is predominantly an Ovambo-based group (the Ovambos are the largest of Namibia's 12 distinct ethnic units), and enjoys less than half of the support of the Ovambo population at that. Still, the U.N.'s Council for Namibia funds a SWAPO office in New York City to the tune of \$185,000 a year.

Given this bias on the East River, it is little wonder that responsible leaders inside Namibia seriously doubt that either the United Nations or the Western powers have the will to bring SWAPO to heel to contest an election fair and square, or that U.N.-supervised elections in Namibia can ever be conducted impartially.

In the past seven months SWAPO "freedom fighters" have backed up their resolve with more than 350 separate acts of violence, from assassinations of chiefs and village leaders to abductions of young schoolchildren, to the first-ever bombings in side Windhoek, Namibia.

Weak-willed West

The United Nations, represented by its five Western Security Council members, has been trying to get both South Africa and SWAPO to agree to a formula for free elections and an independence timetable.

Time and time again the Western powers have backed away from firmly negotiated "final" positions, caving in to a succession of SWAPO demands.

The most serious rupture of the "final" accord South Africa agreed to in April, 1978, occurred early this year.

Contrary to original agreement SWAPO has presented two new demands: 1) that its base camps in neighboring Angola and Zambia not be subjected to U.N. monitoring, and 2) that SWAPO troops be permitted during the cease-fire period to set up

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the voting process in some rural areas through intimidation and acts of violence. The Patriotic Front knows it can't win at the polls, so it has boycotted the election.

Whether the election — with its expected winner, Bishop Abel Muzorewa of the United African National Council (UANC), wins international recognition, leading to a lifting of crippling trade sanctions, is another matter entirely.

The United States and Great Britain have virtually washed their hands of the affair — claiming that no government will work without Patriotic Front participation. But Front leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe have no desire to cooperate, preferring the bullet to the ballot.

Without international recognition Rhodesia, even with its just-elected black-majority government, will have a nasty war on its hands.

Who will rule Namibia?

In Namibia, also known as South-West Africa, zero hour is approach-

Africa has been the subject of lengthy and usually acrimonious debate within the chambers of the United Nations. All efforts to resolve the dispute concerning who has the right to rule an independent Namibia have failed so far.

There is a cocktail mix of parties involved in the dispute at the moment: South Africa, present authority in the territory under an old League of Nations mandate; the United Nations, which claims succession to the League's mandate responsibility and declares South Africa's authority to be illegal; SWAPO, the militant South-West African People's Organization, whose externally based guerrilla bands launch repeated night raids from bases in neighboring Angola and Zambia, the neighboring, so-called front-line states, who provide terrorist sanctuaries as well as moral support for SWAPO; the Western powers "contact group" (the United States, Great Britain, Canada, France and West Germany), who represent the United Nations as a broker between South Af-

witness to it. Mr. Armstrong has consistently stated persecution would come. We should all be preparing for it.

Wasn't Judge [Jerry] Pacht's recent statements concerning the constitutional rights violations of a local attorney's firm a bit out of character? (The firm was raided by the Attorney General's Office and Judge Pacht spoke out against this intrusion of Fourth Amendment rights.)

A bit hypocritical seeing what he allowed with the Church. It seems that to him taking one attorney's firm is unconstitutional, while taking complete control over a church is constitutional. Also Judge Pacht saw no objection to allowing the attorney general to take the records of the independent law firm that handles the Church's account. It is interesting to note that attorney Ralph Nutter, adviser to [Judge Steven] Weisman, works for that firm.

Could we hear Mr. Armstrong's comments about the Work from Mr. Armstrong personally?

Each letter you receive comes from him personally. No one writes or editorially changes any of Mr. Armstrong's material. Hopefully at the Feast he will be able to speak to many of you directly.

Have we filed a suit against '60 Minutes'? Also what is the status with Mike Wallace?

No, we have not yet filed a suit as of this point. We did put *60 Minutes* on notice before they aired the show. This would make any statements they made against us being made with malice. We had put the Mike Wallace situation on a back burner, but now we are pushing the district attorney for prosecution against him. In light of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision involving CBS and *60 Minutes*, we will have a greater opportunity to recover substantial damages.

HOTLINE

The following information was provided by official Church sources to answer many of the questions generated by the crisis in the Church.

The State says accountability is the main issue. What does headquarters see as the State's main issue?

Definitely Church government. As their suit clearly states, they want "Immediate removal of the existing board of directors and election of new directors." Deciding by vote who spends the money, and on what, is a matter of Church government. This, has been and always will be a Work of faith. God's government does not allow for a vote. Recall if you will that even Samuel would not have elected David to be king.

When will the TV special we are producing be aired?

At present it is scheduled to be played the first week of May on our regular broadcast stations in place of the normal telecast. We are checking into the possibility of making it a film for viewing in the local churches.

What action can be taken by one wishing to voice his opinion about '60 Minutes' biased opinion?

Write *60 Minutes* and/or your local CBS affiliate station and state your views. You might ask for more thorough research. Obviously they took the State's side when they said that all they (the State) wanted was an accounting and didn't acknowledge the requests in the original suit.

What was your view of the '60 Minutes' program?

Naturally the program was slanted against us. However, it did show a small portion of what we believe in spite of their editing. It should draw attention to us for our future campaigns. Our calling is not to save or convert the whole world, merely to

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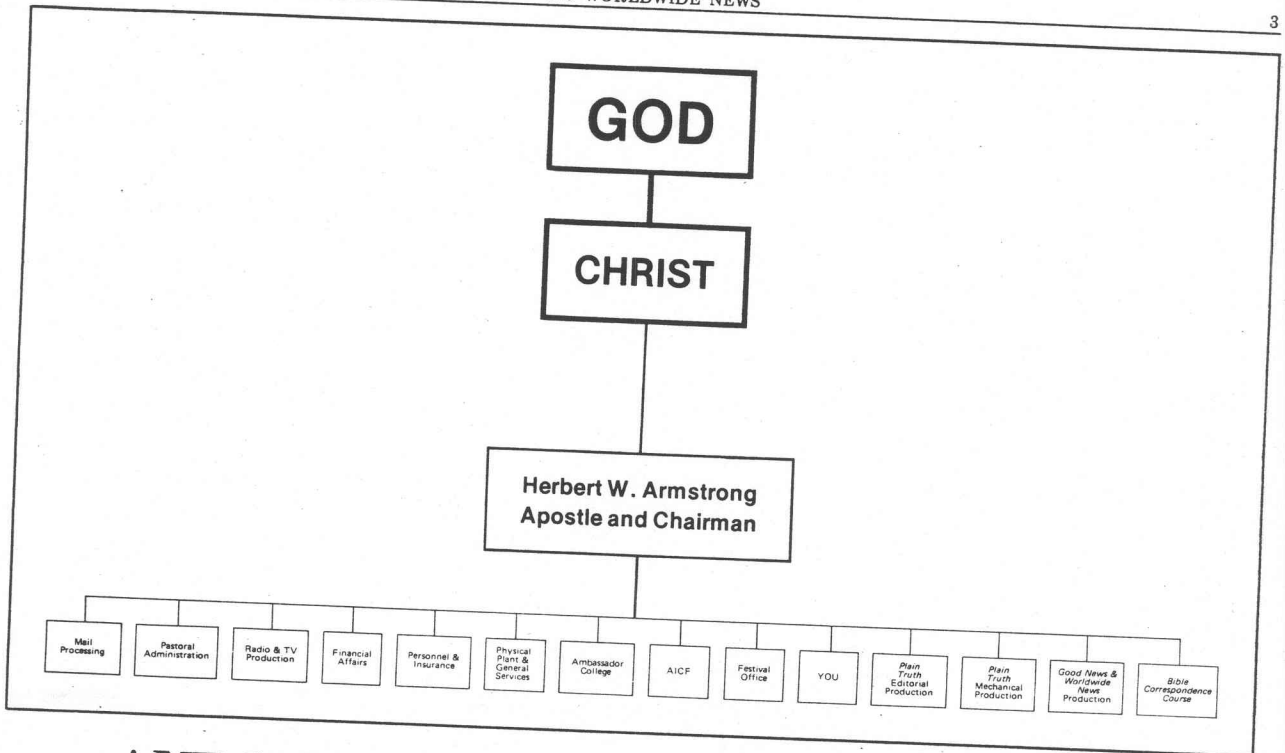
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AND NOW — CHRIST SETS CHURCH ON GOD'S ORGANIZATIONAL TRACK

The following article was sent to the ministry of God's Church in the April 23 Pastor's Report.

By Herbert W. Armstrong
For a full year now, the HEAD of God's Church, Jesus Christ, has been moving swiftly to set God's Church, college and Work back on God's track.

WHY did the living Christ 20 months ago bring me back from DEATH? For of a truth, I was as dead as any has ever been — for from 30 seconds up to 1½ minutes. Had not desperate measures been taken I would never have taken another breath of air.

WHY did Christ, the living HEAD of God's Church, bring me back? I know, now, by what He has done these 20 months. God has a GREAT PURPOSE He is working out here on earth — in and through mortal humans. He works through those He has called and chosen for various responsibilities in His overall PURPOSE!

Until about a year ago now, April of last year, I had not yet fully recovered in physical strength to be back on the job full force.

As I now look back, I see what Christ has done through His servant whose life and full mental vitality He restored.

This Church was *not ready* for Christ's soon return as KING of kings to rule. We need to stop and REALIZE THIS!

Read again these significant words: "Christ also loved the church, and give himself for it; That he might sanctify and

cleanse it . . . That he might present it to himself a GLORIOUS CHURCH, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be HOLY and WITHOUT BLEMISH" (Ephesians 5:25-27).

Fellow ministers of Jesus Christ, this Church a year ago WAS NOT HOLY AND WITHOUT BLEMISH (spiritually speaking, of course).

Then we find, in the not too far distant time from now: "Alleluia! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the MARRIAGE of the Lamb is come, and HIS WIFE HATH MADE HERSELF READY" (Revelation 19:6-7).

Fellow ministers, God's Church a year ago WAS FAR from ready for that divine wedding! But as I look back on the past year, the living Jesus Christ has used me as His instrument in swiftly setting His Church back on HIS TRACK. There is much more in prophecy about this, of which I will write later.

Christ is the living HEAD

But too many seem to forget JESUS CHRIST is the LIVING, ACTING HEAD of this Church. We must all quit leaving Christ out of it. But Christ LIVES — and this is NOT just a "work" of men — above all, it's not just a "work"! I as a human thought up and developed. The living Christ BROUGHT ME BACK TO LIFE! And WHY? What has He been doing, through me? Swiftly He has been TURNING THIS CHURCH AROUND — setting it back on GOD's track, as GOD'S Church — NOT MAN'S!

And we needed to be brought closer — every one of us — to GOD in prayer and fasting and in dedication, sacrificing everything from now on, for GOD'S WORK.

God has allowed this massive PERSECUTION by the State of California to drive us to our knees — closer to GOD, and bound together CLOSER AMONG OURSELVES. Now God allowed the most-listened-to TV program *60 Minutes* to attack and malign and FALSELY to represent us to MANY more people than the State of California persecution reached. GOD IS DRAWING US CLOSER TO HIM, AND CLOSER TOGETHER!

And now — Christ is moving me to set His Church on GOD'S organizational structure. For though the Church is NOT a legal corporation, it is a SPIRITUAL ORGANISM, and that spiritual organism is intended by the mighty GOD to be ORGANIZED — and organized HIS WAY!

Rule from the TOP down

I have realized for 52 years that God's form of government is rule from the TOP down.

In God's rule over the UNIVERSE, we have God at the TOP, and under Him and over all else is CHRIST! But they are DIVINE beings! They are not human or subject to human mistakes. I have had to learn that on the far lower HUMAN plane all is different.

I made the MISTAKE of thinking God intended the same form in the HUMAN government over His Church.

I was WRONG!

You see, Garner Ted Armstrong, my son, was not perfect

like Christ nor I like God. I said to Ted more than once in the past 10 years, "Ted, how wonderful it would be if — as there is a Father and Son over the whole UNIVERSE, there could be also a human father and son" over God's Church on EARTH! In their PERFECT divine relationship, the Son does not shut those under Him OFF from the Father — nor does He say it would be taking it over Christ's head if we go direct to the Father (in prayer)."

I mentioned how Jesus said: "I have done nothing of myself. The Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works." Jesus taught ONLY what God the Father told Him to teach. He said, "I have not spoken of myself, the Father which sent me, He gave me a commandment what I should speak." Jesus said, "My Father is GREATER than I." He said, "I have kept my Father's commandments." Jesus was always in PERFECT HARMONY, and always UNDER His Father.

But every time I mentioned this Father-and-Son harmony, Ted very quickly changed the subject. I did not know it then — but he has made it perfectly clear since he was excommunicated from God's Church that he NEVER agreed with his father — and that means in regard to many, many beliefs and doctrines.

You see, God's Church in our time was founded, and built, on the teachings and doctrines that the living Christ had taught me. He raised up this Church through ME, when Ted was yet 3 years old — although one of the ridiculous and outrageous statements he has made is that HE, Garner Ted, built the Worldwide Church of

God! All of which (the hostile disagreement) is very regretful to me.

In spite of the fact that he continually DISHONORS his father now (cf Exodus 20:12 — and the COMMANDMENT does not say "Fathers must deserve their sons' honor), I grieve more than you can know at his present attitude and ungodly performance.

But I tried to make a "father-and-son" relationship work at the head of God's Church. AND IT DIDN'T WORK!

Chain of authority

I think you all will remember the diagram I used to draw and publish showing what I mistakenly conceived as GOD's chain of authority and form of Church government. I had God the Father at the top — top in authority, then Christ next under God. Then, on the human plane myself under Christ, and Garner Ted under me — with departments such as Mail Processing, Financial Affairs, Ambassador College, CAD, as we used to call it, etc., etc., under Ted.

What was WRONG with that diagram and form of Church organization? It allowed Ted to simply SHUT OFF myself, Christ and God — all above him, since the diagram showed all else under Ted. Now I had MEANT IT to represent that all departments were under ME and under CHRIST and under GOD. But Ted didn't see it the way I did, or administer it the way I authorized. He took ALL power to himself. The men in the top positions, such as Mr. Roderick Meredith, Mr. Raymond

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McNair, Dr. Herman Hoeh, Dibar Aparian, Norman Smith, Dennis Luker, were either demoted and ridiculed or shanghaied away to some other part of the earth. Ted surrounded himself with a small group with whom he felt comfortable.

But, even though a Father-and-Son relationship does work PERFECTLY on the divine level, it did not and I think now that God knew it NEVER WOULD work out harmoniously on the human level.

I have not made a whole lot of mistakes — but I stand on record that when mistakes are brought to my mind, I do CORRECT THEM! And I fervently hope each of you do the same.

But when I look into the Bible to see how God organized His Church on the HUMAN level, I find something altogether DIFFERENT than the divine level.

God does not change

In Acts 7:38 ancient Israel under Moses was called "the church in the wilderness." A change was made in the Church from physical to spiritual, from carnality to Spirit-mindedness. But GOD does not change, nor His form of human governmental organization.

So, start with the beginning of the Church. God put MOSES as human leader. Who was second in command? Ah! We may look in vain — but NOBODY was second in command, and over all Israel, except Moses!

Did the people say, when Moses was 87 years old, "We must vote for someone to take his place, for Moses is certain to die in the next day or two"? No, Moses did not die at 87 and even married again. The point I wish to make, and hope ALL OF YOU GET THE POINT, is, Moses did not die until the mission to which God called him was completed! And as far as I know, God has not let ANY servant of His, whom He had called for some special service, die before his mission was completed! God hasn't changed. But even if God had changed, and I should die — as I'm sure my son and some others have eagerly hoped, who would head the Church? I'll tell you who! JESUS CHRIST! He isn't going to die right away.

Do you have someone in mind you'd like to see take that job? FORGET IT! Get your mind off of human mundane thoughts! Put JESUS CHRIST back into your thinking! Remember HE IS ALIVE and HEADING THIS CHURCH! Whether I, or someone else, is to be the human leader of this Church one, two, five or even 10 years from now — THAT IS FOR JESUS CHRIST to decide — NOT YOU!

No second in command

But let's carry on. Maybe God changed a little later? GOD appointed Joshua to lead Israel across Jordan into the promised land. THERE WAS NO No. 2 MAN! Later God raised up judges, or heroes, to deliver Israel from

being a vassal state — yet NO No. 2 in charge!

Then we come to the prophets Eli and Samuel. NO No. 2! The people wanted a HUMAN king instead of God. They had Saul — but no second in command. David attended to Saul, played the harp for him — but he was not second in command! Next GOD put David on the throne — but NONE SECOND IN AUTHORITY. Two of David's sons tried to take over just as I had a son who did — but they lost their lives.

There was no second in command under Solomon nor under Rehoboam. Thereafter both Israel and Judah became captive nations.

There was no second in command under Jesus when He was on earth. A disputed point by some is that after Jesus' resurrection and ascension, all 12 apostles were equal. I have PROVED Peter was in charge — and there was no second in command. Paul was in charge over gentiles.

NOTICE! On the day of Pentecost, Peter spoke with AUTHORITY (Acts 2:14-39). But even before that Peter was leader (Acts 1:15). Peter was leader (Acts 3:4 and on). In Acts 4:8 Peter was the leader. Peter was in authority. In Acts 5:3 Peter was IN CHARGE! In Acts 5:15 it was PETER'S SHADOW that healed the sick. In Acts 5:29 PETER was the spokesman of the apostles saying we should OBEY GOD, rather than human government. Much of chapter 6 and all of the very long chapter 7 is filled with the story of Stephen.

In Acts 8:20 Peter rebuked the first pope. In Acts 9:32-34 Peter was the leader in a healing. In Acts 9:39-40 Peter raised Dorcas from the dead. In Acts 10 it was PETER whom Christ chose of all the apostles to first carry salvation to the gentiles. In Acts 11 it was PETER who explained to the other apostles how God had opened salvation to gentiles.

In Acts 12, when the Roman ruler and king, Herod, saw it would please the Jews to put an apostle in prison, he knew PETER was the leader, and so put him in prison. Beginning Acts 13 the history turns primarily to the gentiles, and the apostle Paul is shown to be the leader. But in Acts 15, as I have explained in detail before, at the meeting of apostles and evangelists in Jerusalem, it was PETER who settled the question, which James merely affirmed and made official, because he was pastor of the local, but headquarters church at Jerusalem.

In Galatians 1:18 Paul went up to Jerusalem to see PETER, because Peter had leadership over the people of Israel as Paul over the gentiles. In Galatians 2:8 Paul shows that Peter had primacy in the apostleship to the circumcision as Paul had to the gentiles.

GOD, in ruling among humans, HAS ALWAYS WORKED THROUGH ONE MAN AT A TIME — NEVER TWO MEN — NEVER ONE HAVING COMPLETE AUTHORITY UNDER THE TOP HUMAN IN AUTHORITY

— NEVER BY COMMITTEES OR GROUPS! Always that one man is CHOSEN BY CHRIST — never by PEOPLE!

God's form of government

And so, God's form of GOVERNMENT in His Church is, first, at the top in supreme authority, GOD the Father. Under Him, Christ, to whom the Father has delegated ALSO TOTAL AUTHORITY (as He never does to any HUMAN). Then, on the earthly human level Christ's chosen APOSTLE, and, under him on a straight and equal line (no one over another), these department heads: Mail Processing, Buildings & Grounds, Ambassador College, Financial Affairs, Plain Truth Editorial Production, Plain Truth Mechanical Production, Pastoral Administration, Festival Office, Television and Radio Production, Bible Correspondence Course, Good News and Worldwide News Production, etc.

Each of these under the apostle. No one of these over any other. But, if each department head will DAILY, CONSTANTLY keep the living Jesus CHRIST in his mind and heart, I'm sure there will be harmony.

The press has called us the "BELEAGUERED WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD." WHY? We do not have power struggles, envies, competition, jealousies, between one LAY MEMBER and the others! All this "BELEAGUEREDNESS" has originated on the fourth floor of the Hall of Administration! I MEAN THAT! Brother ministers! And Jesus Christ — the very much alive and DYNAMIC CHRIST — through me intends now to PUT AN END TO IT! If there is any more political lobbying for or against another, any more semblance of power struggle for a top spot, the living CHRIST THROUGH ME WILL DEAL SWIFTLY WITH IT!

WHY IS IT, fellow ministers — the troubles, of course, have ORIGINATED with Satan — but Satan has been able to work through some of us when we did not realize it!

Two ways of life

UNDERSTAND THIS! I have said to many groups around the world — groups of top officials of governments, groups at the grass roots, and privately to heads of state, that there are just two ways or philosophies of life, basically — the one is GET, the other is GIVE. THE GIVE way is that of Him who said, "It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive." Actually that is the way of LOVE — and love is an outflowing concern for the good and welfare of others. The other is Satan's way — wanting to GET more money, more authority or power, more of whatever one lusts for.

GOD ALMIGHTY brought me back from DEATH! He brought me back, not only to FINISH carrying His Gospel of the Kingdom of God into all the world, but also BECAUSE HIS CHURCH WAS NOT "HOLY, NOT HAVING SPOT OR WRINKLE OR ANY SUCH THING."

Just as sure as He set Zerubbabel to build the physical second temple to which Christ came 1,900 years ago, so He has raised me up to build His SPIRITUAL TEMPLE — the Household of God, "which groweth unto an HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD." And it MUST BE MADE READY for the MARRIAGE when Christ returns. AND WE HAVEN'T MUCH TIME!

WHY is it that the troubles that have been aired to the world by the media have originated on fourth floor, Hall of Administration? Those there are ON SALARY. They are GETTING from the Work. The lay brethren in New York state, Alabama, Wisconsin, Kansas, do not cause trouble! When the largest state in population in the Union attacks and tries to DESTROY the Church of the living GOD, and I send out a letter telling them of the need, their letters by the multiple THOUSANDS come back, telling me they are back of me 100 percent — telling me how much they love me!

This Church's harassment started 10 years or more ago. Before that we had PEACE. Before that we were growing 30 percent a year!

But some 10 years ago — especially since 1973 — when

my son, who DISAGREED WITH WHAT I HAD TAUGHT THE CHURCH TO BELIEVE, took over second in command and adroitly, as SATAN moved him, turned it into TOP COMMAND — not only cutting me off above him, but also Christ and God, from that time CHRIST WITHDREW HIS BLESSING, and no longer did we grow at all!

Look how many top-flight men — those GETTING the highest salaries — on fourth floor — have been put out or gone out! THEY are the ones who went to this world's press, which caused all the evil reports to go to the world! I have never given the press one word!

To cut this short, GOD BROUGHT ME BACK FROM DEATH TO CLEAN UP HIS CHURCH! CHRIST THROUGH ME HAS BEEN DOING THAT! I don't fear death anymore. I shall not be intimidated! I know it is the will of Christ to CLEAN UP THIS CHURCH. He is bringing MASSIVE PERSECUTION ON US. WHY? To bring us to our knees! To bring us closer together! AND YOU BROTHERS HAVE BEEN RESPONDING! AND GOD IS BLESSING YOU. He WILL restore His blessing to His Church and Work TWO-FOLD, or even 10-FOLD!

Letters on '60 Minutes'

PASADENA — The following are excerpts of letters to Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader and television reporter Mike Wallace regarding the 60 Minutes television segment on the Worldwide Church of God April 15.

Letters to Stanley Rader

Boy was I mad! Mad, mad, mad! I was even a bit angry. After watching what was obviously a ploy to make the Church of God look like the villain, I may never watch 60 Minutes again.

Why does the media always want to play down God's Church and Work, and anything it stands for? I feel deeply that our No. 1 adversary, Satan, is at the crux of such ignorant, biased hypocritical garbage! I wish I could use stronger words, but I can't think of any at the present.

Patrick McMillan
Edmonton, Alta.

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I just saw 60 Minutes on you and the Church. I cried and prayed for you afterwards and for the Church.

We, as members suffer too, but you receive the brunt of it, and we pray for you to be able to endure and for all members to have faith and stand fast behind Mr. Armstrong and you as you follow Christ.

Barbara O'Neal

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60 Minutes has lost esteem in my mind for the unfair way they came to interview (attack) you. It was not an interview but a cheap unfounded attack. I feel you spoke very well.

Cheryl Center
Reno, Nev.

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I just wanted to write you a letter, telling you that I'm behind you 100 percent. Everyone else that I know in the Church is too. I had the misfortune of seeing 60 Minutes yesterday

night. It's really sad that we live in such a world as this. The press is given freedom and what do they use it for? Whatever they want to, whatever they think will make a good story, whatever will get them the money they want.

Tom Thorne

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Letters to Mike Wallace

With this segment on the Worldwide Church of God, you have totally, completely, utterly destroyed any credibility that you have had in our minds. As members of the Worldwide Church of God, we deeply resent the horribly lopsided and distorted view you have given this nation of the Worldwide Church of God, its leadership and its membership. We also are horrified that you would have the audacity to question the leadership that the living God has placed at the head of His Work.

There is a scripture in Hebrews which tells us that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. And you, Mr. Wallace, have placed yourself by your actions directly into His hands. Our God instructs us that we should pray for our enemies, and we want you to know, Mr. Wallace, that we will be going to our knees in prayer for mercy on your behalf.

Thomas and Ann Rothrock
Hagerstown, Md.

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As a regular viewer of 60 Minutes, I was shocked last night while watching your interview with Mr. Stan Rader. Mr. Rader, who had obviously been very open, cooperative and spent a good deal of time allowing you to interview him, was treated very shabbily and put in a most unfair light.

Phyllis Sloneker
Albany, Ga.

State of California's suit against Church

The following is a reprint of the original suit filed Jan. 2 against the Worldwide Church of God, its leaders and related institutions by the State of California Attorney General's Office.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

The People of the State of California, *ex rel.* Alvin Earl Timmons, Shirley A. Timmons, David R. Morgan, John Tuit, Paula Tuit and Ronald Quinlan, Plaintiff; vs. Worldwide Church of God, Inc., a California corporation, Ambassador College, Inc., a California corporation, Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, Inc., a California corporation, Wilshire Travel, Inc., a California corporation, Worldwide Advertising, Inc., a California corporation, Gateway Publishing, Inc., a California corporation, Environmental Plastics, Inc., a Texas corporation qualified to do business in California, Herbert W. Armstrong, Stanley R. Rader, Osamu Gotoh, Robert Kuhn, Raymond L. Wright, Henry Cornwall, Ralph Helge, the accounting firm of Rader, Cornwall and Kessler, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, Defendants.

Case No. C-267607. Complaint for: (a) accounting, (b) removal of existing directors of a nonprofit corporation and appointment of properly selected new directors, (c) appointment of a receiver, and (d) injunctive and other appropriate relief.

Plaintiff complains of defendants, and for a first cause of action against them alleges as follows:

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (FOR ACCOUNTING):

1. This action is brought by and on behalf of the People of the State of California, acting on the relation of the individuals named above.

2. Each of the relators is now and at all time pertinent to this action; has been a member of the defendant Worldwide Church of God, Inc.; and each has titled (i.e., given at least 10 percent of his net income each year) to the Church for all or most of that time.

3. Defendants Worldwide Church of God, Inc.; Ambassador College, Inc.; and Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, Inc.; are each California corporations, organized and existing exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes. All have their principal offices at the same location in the city of Pasadena, county of Los Angeles; they have many officers and directors in common, and are under common control; and they are part of a single charitable, religious and educational organization ("the Church"). All of their funds, property and assets are derived from charitable contributions and are held in public trust.

4. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that each of the other defendant corporations is owned or controlled by one or more of the officers or directors of the Church, the college or the foundation, including particularly the defendant Stanley R. Rader; and that funds and property contributed to the Church are freely transferred among the Church and the other corporate defendants; and that the unity of record ownership and actual control among the Church and the other corporate defendants, and the course of dealing between them, has been for many years and is now such that for all purposes of this action, it would be unjust and inequitable to recognize any separate existence among them at all. The exact status and constitution of all the corporate defendants, and their precise relation-

ship with the Church, are matters not known to plaintiff at this time, but are peculiarly within the knowledge of the defendants; but plaintiff will ask leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to show their true status and constitution, and the exact nature of their relations with the Church, when the same have been ascertained.

5. All of the individual named defendants are either officers, directors or full-time employees of the Church or of one or more of the named corporate defendants, and all the acts herein complained of have been done with their knowledge and complicity and under their supervision.

6. Defendants HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG and STANLEY R. RADER are and at all times pertinent to this Complaint have been in full and complete control of the Church and all its affairs. HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG is and has been ever since the formation of Worldwide Church of God, Inc., pastor general of the Church, and STANLEY R. RADER is treasurer and general counsel of the Worldwide Church of God, Inc., and both men are officers and directors of one or more of the named corporate defendants.

7. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that each of the defendants DOE is, and at all times pertinent to this action has been, either the record owner of a substantial interest in, or a director or officer of, one or more of the corporate defendants, or an agent of the other defendants acting with respect to all the acts herein complained of within the course and scope of said agency. The true names and capacities of the said defendants DOE (whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise) and the true nature of their relationship with the other defendants, is presently unknown to the plaintiff, but is peculiarly within the knowledge of the individual named defendants. Plaintiff will ask leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to show the true names and capacities of the defendants DOE, and the true nature of their relationship, when the same have been ascertained.

8. The Church and its officers, and particularly the defendants ARMSTRONG and RADER, are required by law to account to its members for all funds received, expended or held by the Church. Notwithstanding this duty to account, and notwithstanding the fact that many of its members have frequently requested an accounting, the defendants have failed and refused, and still fail and refuse, to make any such accounting at all.

9. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that between January 1, 1975, and the present date, the named individual defendants, acting in concert with and under the direction of defendants ARMSTRONG and RADER, have been and are siphoning off the property and assets of the Church and appropriating them to their own personal use and benefit, on a massive scale, amounting to several million dollars per year. Plaintiff is furthermore informed and believes, and therefore alleges, that said siphoning and misappropriation has resulted and continues to result in substantial fiscal deficits from operations of the Church, which would otherwise have an excess of revenues over expenditures.

10. Because the named individual defendants are now, and at all times pertinent to this action have been in full, effective and exclusive control of all the property, assets, records and administrative facilities of the

Church; and because they have consistently denied and still presently deny to all members of the Church meaningful access to the records aforesaid, plaintiff has no alternative but to make many of the allegations of this complaint on information and belief. Plaintiff will ask leave of the Court to amend this complaint in all pertinent respects when the particular facts concerning the actions complained of have been ascertained.

Plaintiff complains of defendants, and for a second cause of action against them alleges as follows:

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (FOR REMOVAL OF EXISTING DIRECTORS AND APPOINTMENT OF PROPERLY SELECTED NEW DIRECTORS):

11. Paragraphs 1 through 10 of the First Cause of Action are incorporated by reference into and hereby made a part of this Second Cause of Action.

12. Defendants are required by law to hold regular meetings of the members of the defendant corporations and to allow the members of said corporations to vote on various matters affecting the governance of the defendant Church, including the election of directors to the boards of directors of said corporations. Each of the defendant corporations is furthermore required to submit certain of its actions to the vote of its board of directors before taking such actions, all as provided by law.

13. The defendants have failed and refused, and still fail and refuse to call or hold any elections whatsoever among the members, or to allow the members of the defendant corporations to vote on any matter affecting Church governance or its business or financial affairs whatsoever. Moreover, plaintiff is informed and believes, and therefore alleges, that none of the directors of the aforesaid corporations actually votes on any matters affecting Church governance; but instead merely acquiesces in decisions and instruction made by the defendants ARMSTRONG and RADER.

Plaintiff complains of defendants, and for a third cause of action against them alleges as follows:

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (RECEIVER):

14. Paragraphs 1 through 10 of the First Cause of Action, and Paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Second Cause of Action, are hereby incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Third Cause of Action.

15. Based on limited and sporadic statements issued by defendants to the membership of the Church, plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that the Church receives approximately \$70 million per year in contributions, and that it has a net worth of approximately \$80 million. Most of its net worth is held in the form of real estate.

16. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that between January 1, 1975, and the present date, the Church spent and continues to spend at least \$1 million more each year than it receives in contributions and, for that reason, has been forced to liquidate some of its holdings in order to defray its current expenditures. All the excess of expenditures over receipts is attributable to the individual defendants' pilfering of the revenues of the Church and their appropriation of its assets to their own personal use and benefit, which pilfering and appropriation continues to this very day on a massive scale. So long as the individual named defendants, and particularly defendants HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG and STANLEY R. RADER remain in full, effective and exclusive control

of the business affairs of the Church, they alone will continue in the future, as they have in the past, to determine the nature and extent of all its expenditures.

17. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges; that during the last six months, as part of their program of appropriating the assets of the Church to their own use and in order to facilitate said appropriation, the individual defendants have been liquidating the properties of the Church on a massive scale; and that in Southern California alone, some 50 parcels of property belonging to the Church have been sold in the last six months, many of them at prices well below their market value.

18. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and on that basis alleges: that one of the largest properties of the Church is a 1,600-acre parcel in Big Sandy, Texas, which includes a college campus and associated buildings, and which is worth \$30 million; yet the individual defendants have caused the Church to enter into an agreement to sell the aforementioned parcel to a third party for approximately \$10 million; and these defendants have attempted to conceal from the members of the Church the true worth of the Big Sandy property, and have instead published false statements, known by them to be false, to the effect that the property aforesaid is worth only about \$8 million. All these statements and activities are part of their effort to convert the assets of the Church into a form in which they may be more easily appropriated to the personal use and benefit of the individual defendants.

18. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and therefore alleges, that the individual named defendants, in an effort to frustrate discovery of their wrongdoing and to obscure the facts, have caused and are causing the written records of the defendant corporations and to be shredded and destroyed; and that if said removal and destruction are allowed to continue, it may never be possible to develop a true and complete accounting of the Church finances during the time period complained of.

19. The appointment of a receiver *pendente lite* is necessary forthwith to prevent the continued appropriation of Church funds and assets to the personal use and benefit of the individual defendants; to halt the imminent and massive selling-off of valuable Church properties at prices well below their market value; and to prevent the further destruction of Church records; and to conduct an independent investigation of claims which the Church may have against the individual named defendants and others, and thereafter to file and pursue such suits and actions on behalf of the Church as may be appropriate.

Plaintiff complains of defendants, and for a Fourth Cause of Action against them, alleges as follows:

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION (INJUNCTIVE RELIEF):

20. Paragraphs 1 through 10 of the First Cause of Action, 12 and 13 of the Second Cause of Action, and 15 through 19 of the Third Cause of Action, are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Fourth Cause of Action.

21. The receiver will require access to the books and records, and to the administrative facilities, of the Church, in order to discharge his duties, and in order to protect and preserve the assets of the Church *pendente lite*; but the individual named defendants threaten to deny such access to any person other than themselves and have demonstrated

an intention to remove and destroy said books, records and facilities rather than to let any other person see them; and unless enjoined and restrained from doing so by this Court, they will do so and will not yield up the said assets and records to the receiver.

22. The individual named defendants are engaged in an ongoing program of liquidation of Church assets and have already entered into agreements to sell many of said properties at prices well below their market value; and unless they and those with whom they deal are enjoined and restrained from doing so by this Court, they will sell, transfer, mortgage and encumber said properties.

WHEREFORE PLAINTIFF PRAYS:

1. For an order requiring defendants to make a full and complete accounting to this Court and to the members of the Church of the affairs of the Worldwide Church of God, Inc., Ambassador College, Inc., Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, Inc., Excelsior Leasing, Inc., Mid-Atlantic Leasing, Inc., Wilshire Travel, Inc., Environmental Plastics, Inc., Gateway Publishing, Inc., Worldwide Advertising, Inc., and the accounting firm of Rader, Cornwall and Kessler, from at least January 1, 1975, or such earlier date as may be appropriate, through the date of said accounting.

2. For an order requiring an immediate election of new directors for Worldwide Church of God, Inc., Ambassador College, Inc., and Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, Inc., and requiring all of said new directors to be elected by the members of the Church according to the procedures prescribed by law.

3. For an order appointing a temporary receiver *ex parte*, and a receiver *pendente lite* to take possession, until further order of this Court, of all the property of the defendant corporations aforesaid, and of their books and records, and empowering him to take such actions as he deems, in the reasonable exercise of his discretion, appropriate to recover property and assets wrongfully taken from the Church, and to prevent the further dissipation of Church property and assets, said power to include without limitation the power to bring lawsuits in the name of the Church or any of its affiliated organizations, and to retain independent accountants, lawyers and other professional assistants to assist him in the prosecution of such lawsuits.

4. For an injunction restraining the named individual defendants, their agents, employees and all persons acting in concert with them from interfering in any way with the actions of said receiver, and requiring them furthermore to yield up to said receiver all the books, records and administrative facilities of said corporate defendants.

5. For an injunction restraining the named individual defendants, their agents, employees and all persons acting in concert with them from selling or mortgaging or asserting ownership in any other way over the property or assets of any of the corporate defendants, except as the court-appointed receiver may allow.

6. For costs of suit herein.

7. For such other and different or further relief as to this Court may seem just and proper.

DATED: January 2, 1979.

Evelle Younger, Attorney General of the State; Lawrence R. Tapper, Deputy Attorney General of the State; Hillel Chodos, Hugh John Gibson, Rafael Chodos, Cohn and Lifland, Peter Pearlman, attorneys for Plaintiff and relators.

Tornadoes take homes

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ported to the WW that a total of five members' homes here and one (the Meeks) in Lawton were damaged or destroyed, but no Church members or their families were injured.

Mr. Carley described the disaster area in Wichita Falls: "You go in the area, and you get the feeling you are in a war situation. They have the 'battle lines' and emergency relief, the Red Cross, and you hear sirens going off every time you go out there. There are guards all over the place.

"It's unbelievable," Mr. Carley continued, "it looks like the place has been bombed for about 24 hours. You can't drink the water—all water is polluted in Wichita Falls."

Not just another storm

Jerry McGee's wife and three young sons stayed with his wife's parents that stormy evening while he listened to weather reports on his car radio on the way to services in Lawton. "I never dreamed my area (in Wichita Falls) was being hit. I thought it was just another spring storm," Mr. McGee said.

The McGees had to move out of their heavily damaged home, still standing with its windows blown out and a garage wall missing. But Mr. McGee is thankful. "Even when you see it all day long, you can't imagine you're in something like that. We've got a lot to be thankful for. All I have to do is look around at the damage the neighbors got," Mr. McGee said.

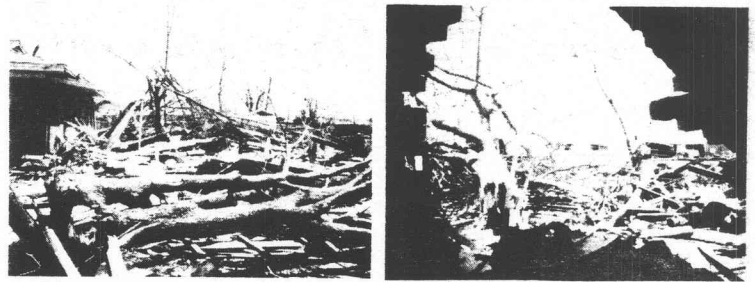
In his immediate area, the tornado dropped again, shredding homes

until, about two blocks away from the McGees, it bounced over the home of Jeff and Betty Puckett. Mrs. Puckett was also on her way to Passover services. Mr. Puckett was in the home, but escaped serious injury. Although there is a large hole in the Pucketts' back bedroom wall, the home is repairable.

Don Eubanks, a member in the same area, interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Jaime Calderon, whose home was almost totally demolished by the storm. Rose Calderon had left home about a quarter till six to attend services, but heavy rain along her route forced her to turn back. By the time she returned to Wichita Falls, it was dark. And to her dismay, it looked as if there were no houses left standing.

"We didn't know which way to turn. We didn't know what street was what. I was scared, but I really didn't believe that the kids were harmed," Mrs. Calderon said. She learned that her daughter Evette had called her teenage brother from work to warn him to get in a closet for protection. The storm hit just as he entered the closet. After the noise of the wind, punctuated by shattering glass, subsided, the Calderons' son left his closet uninjured to look with amazement at the devastation surrounding him.

Mrs. F.E. Chadwell's home in Wichita Falls was destroyed, only the walls left standing, while she was away at Passover services. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Adkins was also destroyed. While Margaret Adkins was on her way to services, her husband hid in the bathroom of their



TWISTER DESTRUCTION—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Puckett was the least damaged of members' homes in Wichita Falls, Tex., where tornadoes caused an estimated \$200 million damage and killed 44 people. Their backyard is shown from the side, left, and through a hole in a rear bedroom. (Photo by David Carley)

home and was spared injury.

Mr. Carley reports that those needing temporary homes have now been relocated and others affected by the storms have been taken care of. He expressed his appreciation for the concern shown by many brethren who have called and offered aid to the storm victims.

Mississippi floods

While people were assaying the tornado damage in Texas and Oklahoma, floodwaters were rushing through the streets of Jackson, Miss., April 15, forcing thousands to evacuate their homes in an attempt to escape what city officials describe as the worst flood in Jackson's history.

The *Worldwide News* contacted Robert Peoples, pastor of the Jackson church, April 17, to learn how the flood affected Church members in that area. Mr. Peoples reported:

"As far as our Church people here, we haven't really had any prob-

lems. Most of our people are not in the flood area. Only one man who's in the Church, that I've heard of, has had some water in his home. We're just very thankful. It's a disaster in other parts of Jackson." Mr. Peoples lives in the southwest area of Jackson, which was relatively unaffected

by the flood. Holy Day services also took place in this section of the city.

Mr. Peoples said he planned to ask Church members to collect canned food to aid those victims of the flood. He concluded: "We've been very fortunate. I'm sure God has seen fit to protect us."

Jerusalem to be Feast site

PASADENA — The Feast of Tabernacles will be observed in Jerusalem again this year, the Festival Office here announced. Jerusalem Feastgoers' itinerary includes a 12-day tour of the Holy Land that will feature such sites as the Mount of Olives, Golgotha and the Garden Tomb, Meggido (Armageddon, Revelation 16:16), the Temple Mount and other biblical sites.

Free days in the tour schedule are

also planned. There will be an optional excursion to the Rose Red City in Petra, Jordan, dependant on the political situation.

The tour will be limited to 300 people because of the number of housing accommodations available at that time of year. Reservations will be on a first-come first-served basis.

Tour rates will range from \$1,039 to \$1,199 for economy, depending on point of departure, or from \$1,239 to \$1,399 for standard rates. (Low figures are from New York, high from Los Angeles, Calif.). For an additional \$75 a person there will also be an optional two-night stay in London, the gathering location for all who will be going on the tour, according to the Festival Office.

For a fully detailed brochure outlining the itinerary, accommodations and other pertinent information, contact your Festival adviser.

Zero hour

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five military bases within Namibia itself.

The U.N. plan simply ushers the fox into the hen house. Neither Angola nor Zambia is in complete control of its own territory. Even if they wanted to, they couldn't monitor the SWAPO forces. And on the second point, because SWAPO guerrillas presently have no bases in Namibia proper, the U.N. plan would give them on a silver platter what they have always lacked. During the cease-fire, with South African troops confined to their bases, the SWAPO command would massively infiltrate all of its externally provided bases.

The new Western-sponsored U.N. plan, according to the *Sunday Times* of Johannesburg, "would not only give SWAPO the fruits of a military victory, which it has been unable to win, but it would skew hopelessly the results of the election as voters observed SWAPO forces moving in, under U.N. protection, to replace the departing South Africans."

Can't run away

Perhaps the West feels it can comfortably disengage itself from the impending disaster it is helping to create. That's foolish thinking, editorialized another Johannesburg daily, the Afrikaans-language *Beeld*. The West, it said, simply "will not be able to run away" from its "dishonest and cowardly game of concessions... The Communists and Africa will not allow that."

Plan ahead to make Feast more enjoyable

By James Capo

PASADENA — Time to plan for the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles is now. Receivership has caused many delays for the Festival Department this year, said Budde Marino, public relations director for the Festival Office, and the help of all the brethren is needed for prompt and efficient processing of applications.

This year all applications must go to Tucson, Ariz., for processing financially before being sent to Pasadena for coordinating purposes, so brethren are urged to solidify Festival plans well in advance of the June 30 deadline.

Early planning encouraged

Don't wait until you receive your application, start planning early so that when your application arrives it can be completed and mailed to Tucson without delay, Mr. Marino suggests. Even if you are not able to attend the Feast this year, the Festival Department needs this statistical information.

Those wishing to share accommodations or to be assigned to the same establishment, must send in their applications, stapled together, in the same envelope with one \$35 deposit per application. Jack McKinney, Festival accommodations director, advises that plans be made together and one party be designated to send in all applications and deposits, even if the sharing parties live hundreds of miles apart.

"The Festival Office will not be able to match up parties who apply separately," he said. Applications sent in separately must be returned, requiring extra labor and paperwork, so brethren can aid the Work by getting together on their Festival plans.

Camping facilities will be sharply reduced this year because of the loss of Big Sandy, Tex., as a Feast site. While this year's only new site, Biloxi, Miss., has ample space for

vehicular camping (space for tents is limited), and other locations are increasing their camping facilities for both vehicles and tents, they will not be able to replace the 5,000 spaces once available at Big Sandy. Mr. McKinney said it would be advisable for those who do not need to camp to make other arrangements, so space will be available for those who have to camp.

For those people, camping reservations will be handled by the Festival Office for all areas except Fresno, Calif., Savannah, Ga., Seattle, Wash., Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and Norfolk, Va. Personal arrangements can be made to camp at those sites, and a \$35 deposit is not required for those making their own arrangements.

International transfers

A deposit is also not required for those requesting an international transfer. Check with your Festival adviser for a list of international sites. After you receive your Festival application the Festival Office asks that the following procedures be followed when a request for a transfer to an international Feast site is submitted. (The same procedures apply when requesting a transfer to Alaska.)

• Applicant should specifically designate international site desired. In countries with more than one site, please indicate exact location of requested transfer.

• Application is to be returned in envelope provided. Mail to: Herbert W. Armstrong, Box 431, Tucson, Ariz., 85702.

• As mentioned above, do not send a \$35 deposit. Some international sites will require a housing deposit. These amounts vary from site to site and will be handled by the international coordinator for that site upon transfer approval.

• The Festival Office then copies the application and mails the original

to the international site requested.

• The international coordinator for each site approves or disapproves each U.S. request and sends related information to the member.

• Applicant notifies international coordinator if any change or cancellation is necessary. If change or cancellation is made prior to Sept. 1, the Festival Office must also be notified. If after this date, simply attend the continental site that you would normally be assigned to, and apply for accommodations at the housing office on-site.

• The applicant is responsible for all travel/transportation arrangements before, during and after the Feast. If the international coordinator for your approved transfer site cannot answer all your questions, a travel agency should be able to help you.

The international sites include:

Canada — Calgary, Alta.; Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Lewiston, B.C.; Regina, Sask.; Lewiston, N.Y. (Niagara Falls area); and Sherbrooke, Que. (French-speaking).

Caribbean (English-speaking) — Palmer, Puerto Rico; Chaguaramas Bay, Trinidad; Christ Church, Barbados; Runaway Bay, Jamaica; and Southampton, Bermuda.

Caribbean (French-speaking) — Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Martinique, West Indies; and Saint-Francois, Guadeloupe.

Europe — Bonndorf, West Germany; Carlsbad, Czechoslovakia; Praz-sur-Arly, France; Hunzbergen, Netherlands; Hirtshal, Denmark; Camber Sands, England; Prestatyn, Wales; Leith, Scotland; and Kenmare, Ireland.

Africa — Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius and Zambia (four days only); Lagos, Nigeria; Kumasi, Ghana; Salisbury, Rhodesia; and Durban, George and Sonesta, South Africa.

South America — El Tabito, Chile; and Sierra de la Ventana,

Argentina.

Mexico — Oaxtepec.

Australia — Cairns, Queensland; Gold Coast; Queensland; Port Macquarie, New South Wales; Albany, Western Australia; Glenelg, South Australia; Warmambool, Victoria; and Hobart, Tasmania.

New Zealand — Christchurch and Auckland.

Tonga — Nukualofa.

Fiji — Suva.

Philippines — Don Carlos, Bukidnon; Cebu City, Cebu; Davao City, Mindanao; Mambucal, Negros Occidental; and Baguio City, Luzon.

Festival advising provided

The Festival Office said the Festival advisers will provide an important link in coordinating Festival plans this year. All problems should be handled through them rather than individual members calling the Festival Office. Members can find their Festival adviser's name and phone number on their applications. Working through these men will enable the Festival Office to work more efficiently through fewer people, so problems will be handled more quickly and accurately.

At this time, Seattle and Norfolk are the only sites providing sign language personnel for the deaf.

If second-tithe assistance is needed, your minister should be consulted. The special assistance form he will provide should be returned to your minister with your application. He will send them in the same envelope to the Festival Office. Please do not send either form in yourself.

The Festival Office stressed that the cooperation of the brethren is needed more this year than ever before. By being prompt and by following the application instructions carefully, you can help make this the most rewarding, trouble-free and profitable Feast ever. So plan early for a great Feast.

New 1979 U.S. Feast site offers historical past, coastal activities

By Ken Tate

PASADENA — Biloxi, Miss., will be the only new site in the continental United States for the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles said Sherwin McMichael, director of the Festival Office here.

The area of Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss., described as "Mid-America's closest and most easily reached sea-coast area," basks in the warm climate of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The region abounds with activities both seaward and inland combining a historic past with a modern present.

Festival activities will take place in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, referred to by Mr. McMichael as "one of the finest auditoriums we will be in this year."

(Incidentally, for those wishing to get a glimpse of the coliseum, it will be the site of the nationally televised Miss America Pageant, scheduled April 30.)

The facility includes an arena seating up to 12,000, an adjacent 70,000-square-foot exhibition and banquet hall and parking for 3,000 cars. The convention center looks out upon the beautiful Gulf Coast beach just a stone's throw away.

White sand beaches

The area boasts 26 miles of white sand beaches perfect for sun-

ning in weather that normally tops at about 80 degrees during October.

Attractions include a marine-life show, fishing piers, many historic buildings and sites, arcades for the kids and in nearby Ocean Springs, Miss., a pottery works that features tours through its facilities.

A short distance from the convention center is a large shopping mall with more than 125 stores able to supply virtually all the needs of Feastgoers.

At Biloxi harbor a small tour train shuttles visitors along a route that includes many of the points of interest in the vicinity. Also, the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce sponsors a self-guided walking tour of the downtown area.

Some of the interesting historic sites include Beauvoir, the last home of Jefferson Davis, the only president of the Confederacy during the Civil War. The buildings of Beauvoir also house the Jefferson Davis shrine and museum.

The Tulis-Toledano manor, built in 1856, is the summer mansion of Mississippi's governor. A special tour or individual admission to the museum is available.

The Biloxi lighthouse, with the exception of a brief period during the Civil War, has been in continuous operation since its completion in May, 1848. Unchanged except for the installation of electricity in 1929,

the lighthouse was the first cast-iron tower to be erected in the South. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Biloxi is located between New Orleans, La., 85 miles to the west, and Mobile, Ala., 60 miles to the east, opening the way to afternoon excursions to those cities during the Feast.

To the north, 34 miles from Gulfport, is the small Mississippi town of Wiggins, where Herbert W. Armstrong worked at a lumber mill in his younger years.

Founded by the French

Biloxi was established in 1720 as a relocation of the Biloxi Bay colony (previously in the Ocean Springs area). The colony was founded by French explorer Pierre d'Iberville while under commission of the king of France. The town served as capital of the Louisiana territory from 1720 until 1723.

Despite both English and Spanish rule, Biloxi remained essentially French until 1811 when the Mississippi territory was added to America. Many residents are French descendants, and the area still retains a French flavor.

Economically, the area is supported primarily by tourism and the seafood industry.

The seafood industry is tied to the principal avenue of entertainment and enjoyment, the Gulf of Mexico.



GULF COAST — Rental boats and vacationers line the beach at Biloxi, Miss., a new U.S. site for the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles. (Photo courtesy Mississippi Coast Convention Bureau)

The Feastgoer may fish off the boardwalk fishing piers or get a small party together for a half-day of deep-sea fishing on one of the many charter boats for hire in Biloxi and Gulfport harbors. No license is required for fishing in the gulf.

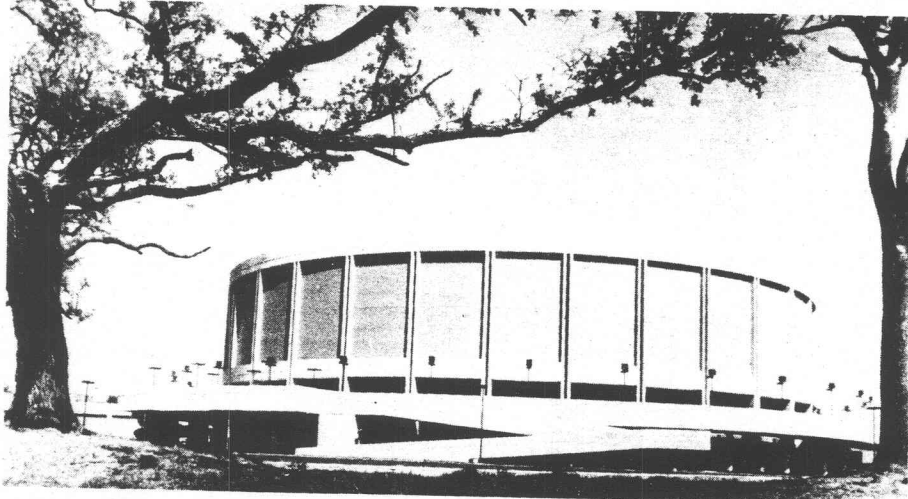
Charter a boat

Another way to enjoy the gulf is to charter a sailboat. Almost any size sailboat is available, from a small catamaran to a sailing yacht.

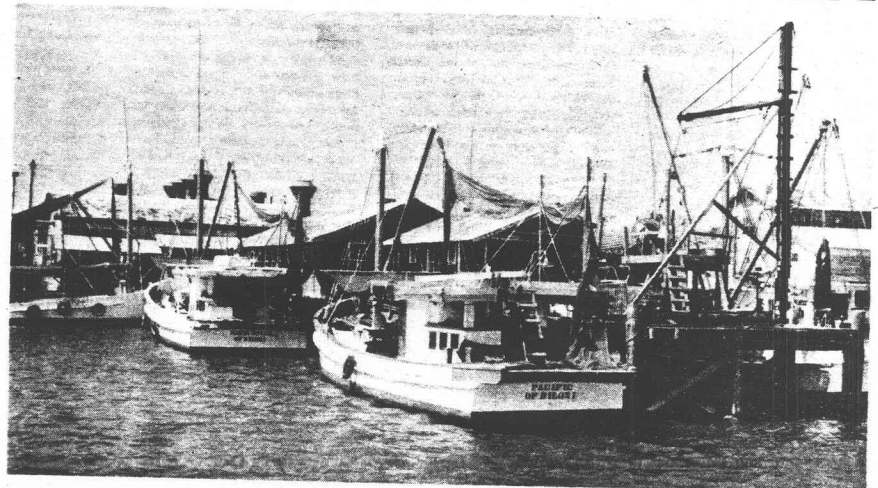
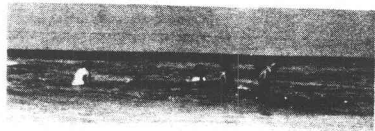
A particularly interesting trip is from the harbor to Ship Island aboard an excursion boat. Seagulls dive for food thrown from the boat during the

trip, delighting the children. Ship Island served as a strategic site during the Civil War and is the site of historic Ft. Massachusetts, now a national park. At the island, park rangers give tours of the fort and recount its history. Visitors may swim, sunbathe or fish along seven miles of beautiful beaches. On the return trip one may view a gulf sunset.

Biloxi combines the beauty of the Gulf Coast with a small city environment. A smaller version of the popular St. Petersburg, Fla., site, Biloxi is an interesting, entertaining and educational location for the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles.



SEACOAST AREA — Clockwise, from above: Services will be held in the 12,000-seat Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center; a fisherman displays a Gulf Coast catch; charter fishing boats lie docked in Biloxi harbor; the area's miles of beach offer many outdoor activities for all ages. [Photos courtesy Mississippi Coast Convention Bureau]



FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

This issue's "Forum" is the result of a question-and-answer session held by Stanley R. Rader, the Work's treasurer and general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, in Pasadena April 19. Mr. Rader's comments cover various aspects of the present state of the Church, particularly questions generated by a report on the Church April 15 on *60 Minutes*, a network television program.

How many of you saw *60 Minutes*? That's pretty good. Let's see how many didn't see it? Quite a few. I think the television people could probably remedy that. Is there something that we can do — someone here from Television Department — could make it available to people? Is it possible that they could see it — those that would be interested? Good. Let's do that.

Mr. Armstrong has already addressed himself specifically to the *60 Minutes* program in a letter that's already been mailed. And as usual, I will not preempt him in any way. I think you will be very interested in reading what he has had to say about Mr. [Mike] Wallace. And he has his inimitable way of dealing with people like that, and the mail should bring his letter to you, I would imagine, tomorrow or Saturday at the latest.

I, however, wanted to address myself to a specific aspect of the *60 Minutes* program. And in order to help you to better understand all aspects of the problem, I have prepared a five-page commentary, which I think is important for all of you to read. It will be published in *The Worldwide News* and probably the *Pastor's Report*. For those of you who would like to pick up a copy before that, I've made arrangements with Mr. Kevin Dean for you to do so.

I think I will read from it, pause from time to time and comment parenthetically, and then answer questions from any of you concerning the subject matter discussed, and/or any other questions you might have at this time.

Those of you who did see last Sunday's *60 Minutes* segment relating to the Church may remember Mike Wallace's so-called tag line in which he stated that I was "under investigation" by the Internal Revenue Service for criminal tax evasion. This statement was no doubt intended to somehow bolster the thrust both expressed and implied of the segment, namely that there is some merit to the patently ridiculous charges made against the Church, Mr. Armstrong, myself and others by the State Attorney General, George Deukmejian.

My purpose today is not to refute, to deny or to disprove either the charges made by the attorney general or the charges of tax evasion made against me, all of which, I assure you, are absolutely false. Rather, my purpose here is to simply share my feelings and perceptions with you, and, with your aid, to identify the lessons which we and others must learn from the abuse of government power we have been witnessing these past three months and its treatment by the media.

(Yesterday — I'll comment later, by the way — the media has now learned to fear the living God. The Supreme Court put the fear of the living God into the media. They are now crying like stuck pigs, and *60 Minutes* is involved. And the case is squarely in point. I'll discuss that later.)

What I find most instructive and revealing about the so-called tag line of Mr. Wallace that I referred to a moment ago, is that which was not said, and more aptly, that which was deliberately left out.

First, although Mr. Wallace said fit to tell millions of Americans that the Internal Revenue Service is "investigating" me for "alleged tax evasion," he failed to disclose that I have voluntarily given the Internal Revenue Service complete access to all of my financial records — all of them — which I had a right, by the way, not to do at all. All I had to do is say no, nothing. The Fifth Amendment gives me that right. I chose to waive it. I also gave the Internal Revenue Service my permission, with Mr. [Ralph] Helge's approval and Mr. Armstrong's understanding and approval, to look at the Church's financial records as they pertain to me. Do you all understand that? As they pertain to me and me alone. And that the Internal Revenue Service has indeed been conducting an examination for 2½ months, but has found no evidence of any wrongdoing.

Moreover, Mr. Wallace also failed to state that the investigation relates in substantial part to several years in which I and the Church were audited and given clean bills of health.

Second, although Mr. Wallace stated that his information regarding his so-called tag line was gathered from his "source," he failed to disclose to the millions of Americans watching either during the main segment, when I asked him, or otherwise, who that source is. I have no doubt in my own mind that the "source" also was responsible for the surreptitious and illegal recording of Mr. Armstrong's telephone conversations, the instigation and initiation of the attorney general's baseless lawsuit, and in initiation of the Internal Revenue Service investigation itself.

By the way, with respect to those illegally obtained and surreptitiously recorded telephone conversations, Mr. Armstrong two months ago filed an affidavit with the district attorney, Mr. [John] Van de Kamp, stating that they were recorded without his permission, and asked the district attorney to prosecute those responsible for it. We have named the person responsible for it, Mr. C. Wayne Cole. Mr. Armstrong labeled him as the person who violated his trust.

We have renewed that effort now with Mr. Van de Kamp. We will also go to the U.S. Attorney's office because it violates not only criminal penal code provisions of the State of California, but also of the United States code — the so-called crime in the, or antikerime in the, streets act. And hopefully the district attorney will not be unwilling to bring pressure to bear on those who have been responsible for this.

And hopefully he will not be unduly impressed by the fact the attorney general has been involved with Mr. Cole and others in illegal activities, because Mr. Wallace had the same stolen documents in his possession when he interviewed me, as has the attorney general.

But in this whole matter, I am reminded, and some of you also will recall, that commencing in 1974 — 1974 — shortly after David Antion and a few others attempted to destroy this Work, that Mr. Armstrong, the Church and I and others, were hounded — hounded — and harassed for three years by the United States

Customs Service.

Every time we landed, it was like a Keystone comedy. Customs agents were crawling all over our plane like ants, allegedly seeking evidence linking the Church and its leaders to the smuggling of drugs, gold, diamonds, precious artworks and the like. When we sought to ascertain through the freedom of information act the identities of the people making these baseless accusations against us, we were told that the law did not permit the disclosure of these sources.

Even after we demonstrated that the charges were false, the government still refused to tell us who had unjustifiably and unjustly subjected us to several years of harassment.

Indeed, it's not unlikely, is it? That the same "source," one or more disident Church members out to destroy the Church for their own gain, were responsible both for our harassment by the Customs Service and for the instant wholesale State intrusion and even the Internal Revenue Service examination.

What lessons should we learn from these experiences? That's what you must ask yourself. What lessons? I believe there are basically three lessons. First, as the Watergate episode also teaches us, government officials are capable of monstrous abuses of power in order to oppress those who do not share their beliefs and biases.

Enemy lists whose members are, without just cause, subjected to investigation by the IRS and other agencies, office break-ins, wiretaps. These are not figments of the imagination. They happen every day by governmental officials who abuse the power that an unwitting public gives them.

You've all been reading about some of these illegal searches and seizures lately. Finally, Conrad came out in the [Los Angeles, Calif.] *Times* the other day and showed Deukmejian for what he is — an animal. The cartoon reached him to the core — all it took. And everyone in this state ought to see just that cartoon. Don't have to see anything more.

How many saw that cartoon? Do you know what I mean? So art, that particular form, is a good one. But that's what I mean by governmental abuse. And those things are not figments of our imagination — break-ins, wiretapping, bugging, things of that nature.

How many of you remember [Daniel] Ellsberg at the time of the Watergate affair? They broke into the offices illegally of his doctor. They will go to any extreme to pull themselves up by their bootstraps. Even a U.S. federal judge was called to question for talking with people in the White House about a possible appointment to the FBI at the very time the Ellsberg case was before him.

And these things will continue until political and religious freedom are restored in the country. There's no question about that. And without political freedom, you don't have any religious freedom. You don't have any freedoms. And that's the price which you, Mr. Armstrong and I and others must be willing to pay for doing God's Work. We're going to be subjected to oppression as long as we do not agree with the beliefs and biases of some of these politicians.

Some people have told me that Mr. Deukmejian is merely a dupe. Others have told me he just isn't very bright. Others have told me he just doesn't know what's going on in his own offices in the Los Angeles area. Others have told me that he hasn't been in office long enough to find out what's going on in the Los Angeles area. Others have told me that he can't get control of bureaucrats in the office. He inherits them, and he has to go along with what they have in mind.

I say to you he has the mentality of a policeman. If he wanted to be chief

of police, he should have gone to Long Beach and run for chief of police. And I say the time to nip a tyrant is in the bud. We heard things like that about Hitler, if you read it carefully. Nobody took him seriously in 1933. A lot of people didn't even take him seriously in 1941.

This man has the mentality of a man who wears the jackboot. He defends everything that happens that is wrong because it satisfies his perception, which is, he has taken a prosecutorial approach. He sits up there, and he decides who's good and who's bad. And then he tries to prove that somebody is bad.

It's like Mr. Helge said. A plaintiff comes into court and says: "I suffered an automobile injury. I'm going to sue X. I don't know whether X even has a car. I don't know whether he drives. I don't know whether he was in the area at the time, but I don't like him, and I'm going to sue X. And now you have to help me prove that X did it." That's what Mr. Deukmejian's approach is, and that's evil. Make no mistake about that. It's evil.

We must fight against oppression. We must bear it, however, with pride, while we carry out God's will, and I bear this oppression as does Mr. Armstrong with pride. And every now and then somebody in the news media, and maybe some of our dissenters will interpret that as arrogance. Well, it's not arrogance, but it is pride.

I learned from Mr. Armstrong at his feet because I was his servant 365 days a year for more than 10 years, and he told me that we would be persecuted just as Christ was. And so I bear that persecution, as does he, with pride. And if the news media considers it arrogance, so be it, because I know we will prevail even against the gates of hell. There is no question about that. So let them do what they may, we will prevail.

But let's remember that governmental officials abuse the power with which they are entrusted. Why do they do this? They do it in order to make names for themselves. They do it to procure larger budget appropriations. They do it to gain other political objectives. And as a consequence, they frequently act precipitously just as the Customs Service did.

Can any of you really imagine this? For three years we were chased around this world. It was like literally — have any of you ever seen a Keystone comedy? That's what it was. And they never found a thing. But they acted on "information" and specious claims of people that can only be characterized as venomous vipers without any independent investigation or corroboration of those claims.

That is a pity because I say you can take a look first, you can take a measure of the credibility of the people that are so-called "informers," and you can do something before you act precipitously and brand Mr. Armstrong and brand me as having pilfered and siphoned millions of dollars every year.

It's ludicrous if it weren't so tragic. And to facilitate these attempts, the politicians keep the identities of the real accusers secret lest the innocent victim confront them, and in doing so, expose the politicians as charlatans, because that's what politicians are, charlatans.

Have you ever read anything by H.L. Mencken? Find him. It's good reading over some Sunday. He'll tell you about politicians. He'll tell you what they say as compared to what they do. He's dead now. He died about 1948. But he wrote much about the American language and the American scene. But his favorite topic was the American politician, the benefactor of the public good, the benefactor of the commonwealth, your benefactor, my benefactor.

How many of you look upon the

politician as a benefactor? You do? You're entitled.

Finally, in its own inimitable way, the media frequently is, sometimes unwittingly, but more often than not intentionally, the primary instrument of oppression. Its cry of freedom of the press is in reality but a subterfuge for the right to slant public opinion in favor of the media's own personal and political prejudices through sensationalism and biased reporting. Mr. Armstrong comments at length about this in his letter.

So-called investigative reporting is a misnomer as a general rule for the blatant forms of yellow journalism because the investigator starts with his conclusion. That is the view which he wishes the public to hold, and then he carefully builds up to it through selective investigation, again frequently through undisclosed sources, selective and incorrect quotation.

My secretary found that out just the other day. She very specifically gave a quotation to a newspaper reporter. He deliberately misquoted her because what she said was not friendly to him. But by dropping off a few words, he gave a completely different impression of the entire matter. And she called his editor about it.

The masquerade of investigative reporting as news is, therefore, in my opinion, essentially a sham. It could be good. This Supreme Court decision yesterday [April 18] may in fact make it good because no longer will the newspapermen or a magazine writer or a book publisher or a radio commentator or television commentator be able to libel somebody, or slander him, whichever it might be, and then on the public figure impose the burden of showing malice, but then when his state of mind is questioned, the reporter says, No, no, no, you can't question me about my state of mind. The Supreme Court says, Oh yes.

Why did Mike Wallace after three hours and 30 minutes on camera in my office only use the pieces that he used? Isn't that pertinent? Very pertinent.

So if we bring an action against Mike Wallace, we will bring him in, and his producer, Mr. Goren, and all the other people, and we'll find out how it was after three hours and 30 minutes in my office, and maybe 25 to 30 hours elsewhere, he picked what he did. Did he pick it to do us damage? Yes, he did. And once we prove that, we will prove our lawsuit because what he said is also untrue. And truth would be his defense.

But usually they try to knock these people out of the box, not by the defense of truth, but they try to knock him out because they say, There was no malice, we were just reporting the news.

Now the Supreme Court has opened up a whole Pandora's box. And today's editorial — right away, the press comes out — right away. They don't wait a moment. Blood on the First Amendment, today's L.A. Times. Blood on the First Amendment.

First paragraph, "By meretricious reasoning, the U.S. Supreme Court reached a meretricious decision Tuesday that bloodied the First Amendment. In a 6-3 ruling, the court held a public figure suing for libel may inquire into the journalist's state of mind and into the editorial process."

"Associate Justice Brian R. White, writing the majority opinion, said the Second U.S. Court of Appeals misconstrued the First Amendment. We believe instead that the Supreme Court savaged the First Amendment by this decision and misconstrued the nature and history of the liberty that has nurtured this nation for two centuries."

I ask you, what about the First Amendment as it relates to religious freedom? Where were the headlines?

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LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Twenty-six members of the **BRISBANE**, Australia, church gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Len Smith March 25 to celebrate the first anniversary of the church's thrift shop. Initiated by Thelma Smith and Nancy O'Kane and staffed by 14 volunteers, the shop began operation 12 months ago to raise funds for the Work in Australia and the church's activity fund. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. O'Kane had been selling odds and ends donated by Church members at a flea market and decided to move into a shop when space became available. During its first year of operation, more than 1,000 *Plain Truths* and another 1,000 pieces of literature have been picked up by customers from the free literature stand in the shop. Articles sold include used clothing, furniture, potted plants, jams, pickles, appliances, books and records. The shop also takes orders for iced wedding cakes, which are made by a Church member, and provides a photo-developing service. Members of the community have expressed appreciation for the inexpensive goods and in return have donated a considerable number of articles for sale in the shop. The staff is considering moving to larger premises to cope with the influx of goods. *Elize Drennan.*

The **MIGHTY CLEVELAND** (Ohio) Art Players performed their second annual annual talent show, "Entertainment '79," March 17. The potpourri of instrumental arrangements, songs and skits had numerous highlights. Ron Masek and Harold Davis performed a show-stopping skit called "Sad Sack Samurai Sandwich Shoppe and Disco," and Charles Palmer played the harmonica and guitar and sang almost simultaneously. Many instrumental and vocal numbers were composed and arranged by Cleveland church members such as Darlene Haynes' soulful "You Don't Do Wrong and Get by With the Lord" and Tim Schlenkerman's virtuoso harmonica medley. Rita Simms, Reggie Tuck, John Wyatt and an innumerable multitude of others had notable performances, and a quilt made by the Cleveland Widows' Club was raffled off. The extravaganza was produced and directed by Richard Masek, with John Reiter serving as master of ceremonies. *Jeff Smith.*

The **LETHBRIDGE**, Alta., church had its buffet-style formal social at the El Rancho Convention Room March 3, with people from anywhere between Shelby, Mont., and Calgary, Alta., attending. Larry Madge presented Jerry Peterson an award bearing his name and the inscription "Bad Joke of the Year." Then, after dinner, Ron Langlo and the Music Makers from the Calgary churches provided music for all kinds of dancing, from polkas to the swing. During the entertainment portion, minister Cecil Maranville was master of ceremonies for a skit patterned after *The Newlywed Game*, though

some of the couples had been married for a number of years. Prizes were given to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Melville and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belanger for having the most points. *Jan Peterson.*

Residents of the Kirkbrac Presbyterian Mission Homes were entertained with a variety concert by brethren of the **MELBOURNE**, Australia, East church March 18. The residents warmed to the renditions of "Danny Boy," "La Spafolya," instrumental items from piano, clarinet and saxophone and a whistling rendition of "My Little Grey Home in the West" by Ian Hyde. The concert was followed by a 20-minute sing-along, then the ladies of the home served afternoon tea. Church member Louise Goodger also presented each of the ladies a rose spray, which she had prepared from her own garden the night before. *John Coultysh.*

The **MISAMIS ORIENTAL**, Mindanao, Philippines, church held its first picnic Feb. 18 in a fine beach resort six miles east of Cagayan de Oro City. It was a needed social activity for the church brethren, who meet twice a month for Sabbath services. Thirty-nine adults and 11 children enjoyed the fellowship, the sing-along, barbecues, tropical fruits and juicy *kinilaw*, a delicacy of fresh raw fish cubes soaked in coconut vinegar and spices. Minister Encardio Benitez, just back from the ministerial conference in Tucson, Ariz., led the cheering in a spirited tug-of-war. *Pike Magno.*

For the second time this year, members of the **PLYMOUTH**, England, church visited a senior citizens' home to provide musical entertainment to the residents. The March 20 visit was arranged by the church's Club Community Involvement Committee and consisted of Seth Cardew's Brass Ensemble and John Collins on the piano, with Tony Hicks and Mr. Cardew serving as masters of ceremonies. The senior generation preferred the old favorites, singing and humming along and tapping their feet. Later the matron of the home wrote to the church pastor, John Jewell, to thank the members of the church for the entertainment program. Three days earlier, March 17, the Plymouth church held a family evening, with Seth Cardew's Brass Ensemble and Dennis Rowles' group, Misty, from the Exeter church, providing the music. A lively program was presented, and party games for the children. Angus Robertson manned the bar. *John Collins.*

The long-awaited, first annual, pre-Passover "Spring-Has-Sprung Funfest" of the **PORTLAND**, Ore., East church arrived March 31 as brethren from the Portland area gathered after the Sabbath service for an evening of home-cooked food and festive entertainment. The YOU group provided pastries to top off the pot-luck dinner. The fun show featured talented fiddler Bob Strelow, who played "Turkey in the Straw" and made a series of bird imitations; Dan Wilson and Ron Fritch as *Hee Haw* stars Roy Clark and Buck Owens; the Roy Hiccup band, led by Jim Qualls, which twanged out some country tunes; and the young King Tut



NEW MINISTER — Clifton Charles, right, new minister for the brethren of Trinidad, West Indies, and a native of that country, poses with Gordon Harry, a Guyanese minister who has served in Trinidad, now associate pastor in Woodbridge, N.J. The government of Trinidad has set a policy that religious leaders in the country must be native Trinidadians.

Troubadours, who portrayed ancient Egyptian dancing. Family talent dominated much of the fun show. Danny Desjardins, 11, presented some rollicking organ tunes and sang a duet with his father, Norm. The youngest performer, 3-year-old Nisei Myers, charmed the audience with basic ballet movements, and her mother, Debbie, later sang "Sunrise, Sunset." Laverne Zahner, playing guitar and harmonica simultaneously, presented several numbers, while her daughter, Mary Martin, strummed the guitar. The funfest was organized by local elder Randy Stiver. *Paul Halley.*

Family fellowship was also apparent when Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Tovey held an open house March 18 for the **PORTLAND**, Ore., West congregation. Assisting the Toveys in welcoming and serving refreshments to the guests were Mary Connor, Rennie Henson, Nancy Henkel, Bob and Ruth Nichols, Pete and Betty Swanson and Steve and Nancy Vink. Also attending the open house were Dan Fricke, Portland West pastor, and Richard Duncan, Portland North pastor. *Woody Corsi.*

"Spring Fiesta" was the theme of the social dance for the members of the **SPOKANE**, Wash., and **COEUR D'ALENE**, Idaho, churches March 25 in the newly constructed Sons of Norway hall in Spokane. Tasty snacks, hors d'oeuvres, punch and a bring-your-own-bottle cocktail hour started the members and their mates off to a fine evening of fellowship and enjoyment. All the music was produced by an instrumental band, a string band and a rhythm band with vocalists, resulting in a wide variety of light rock, folk ballads, country-and-western and popular music. During the intermission, entertainment, with skits and dance routines was on tap. Pastor Roger Foster's

comment that the social was to be "a lot of time for a good time" proved to be more than true. *Verne Enos.*

The **WOODBRIDGE**, N.J., brethren attended a special Sabbath service March 24, listening to Arthur Mokarow from Pasadena. Mr. Mokarow was in the area holding a seminar for the deaf March 23, and conducted a special seminar for the Church brethren March 25 on "How to Get Along With People" in addition to his Sabbath sermon, which dealt with the purpose of the Passover, self-examination, forgiveness and humility. *A.L. Legg.*

Hidden talent was brought to light at the first variety show put on by the **YOUNGSTOWN**, Ohio, brethren March 24. Several families performed musical acts together, and the children from the kindergarten and primary levels of the YES program delighted the audience with their exuberant performance as they sang a song on stage. During intermission, pizza, desserts baked by the women and coffee gave everyone an opportunity to mingle. The social affair was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wherston and Jim Guy, the master of ceremonies who tied the program together with his witty remarks and musical talent. *Marjorie Osborne.*

CLUB MEETINGS

A bilingual (English-French) Spokesman Club came to fruition March 13 in **MONTREAL**, Que., when members of the English Spokesman Club invited members of Montreal's two French-speaking Spokesman clubs to join them. The first half of the club involved impromptu vocal exercises followed by the topic session. Questions were related in French and English and answers were aired according to individual preference. The toastmaster employed English to introduce the French speakers and French to introduce the English speakers. The bilingual aspect of the evening resulted in an air of enthusiasm and excitement. The clubs hope such a combined evening will become a tradition for the Montreal members. *Melvin Rabel.*

For the first time in many years, the **BUFFALO**, N.Y., Spokesman Club held a joint club meeting with the **ROCHESTER**, N.Y., club. The cities are about 75 miles apart, so Batavia, N.Y., a halfway point, was selected for the meeting place. The March 22 meeting was attended by 17 Buffalo members and 29 Rochester members, with two directors, two topicmasters and speakers and evaluators from both clubs. The club was even more enjoyable than the members expected it to be, and they made plans to have a yearly gathering. *Phil Perry.*

Members of the **MILWAUKEE**, Wis., North and South Spokesman Club saw themselves on videotape at their March 13 meeting. The video equipment was supplied and operated by Roger Vavra of the South church. Each man gave a two-minute complete speech and was ranked on a scale of five points as to appearance, introduction, specific-purpose statement, conclusion, vocal variety and total effectiveness. A final tally

on each point was made for all the men by president Don Breen, and results were available at the next weekly meeting. Club director is Michael Hanisko, pastor of the Milwaukee South church. *E. Vincent Melancon.*

"A Touch of Spring," a program of musical numbers and a presentation of home-sewn fashions sponsored by the **FINDLAY**, Ohio, Ladies' Club, was featured at a church social March 24. Forty-eight outfits in five divisions were modeled: children's wear, sportswear, better dresses, evening wear and bridal gowns. The bridal-gown division featured gowns worn between 1918 and 1978. Musical numbers corresponded to the categories: "Second-Hand Clothes, No More," sung by the ladies' quartet; "With a Smile and a Song" by Cathy Benjamin and Barbara Smart; "Sunny Side of the Street" by Dorothy Brassell; "I Feel Pretty" by Janet Tewers and Tena Pfeiffer; "A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody" by Gary Benjamin; "Always" by Gary and Barbara Benjamin; and "An Evening Scene" by the girls' ensemble. Decorations for the presentation included plants, flower creations and carpeted walkway, all prepared or furnished by Linda and Theresa Holcomb, Nancy Knott, Susan Koppes, Larry Wells and Jack Reed. Linda Boyer narrated the fashion show, and Karen Dicht wrote the script. *Rosemary Bendum.*

The **LUBBOCK**, Tex., Ladies' Club held a special dinner meeting March 29 in the Gold Room of Hemphill Wells, a leading department store. The dinner was followed by a showing of the latest ladies' spring fashions and accessories presented by the fashion coordinator for Hemphill Wells. This was the latest of several meetings held by the club since its inception in November, 1978. Other meetings included a slide presentation on Jerusalem presented by Dr. Cliff Anderson, the care and selection of houseplants and special skin care. *Martha L. Magruder.*

WISE (Women in Service and Education), the **JONESBORO**, Ark., ladies' club, sponsored a taco dinner March 17 to raise funds for a coming cheerleading clinic. Dinner was followed by a talent show, cake judging, a cakewalk and a disco dance. Two retiring cheerleaders, Robin Poag and Daya Burns, were honored for their years of loyal service. After expenses, about \$200 remained to be donated to the fund. *Kathy Holmes.*

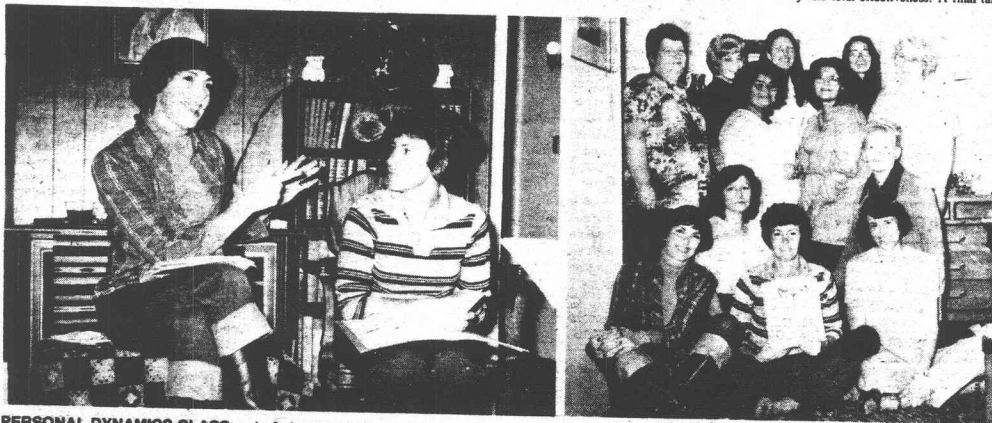
"Fashion, Food and Fun" was the theme for the **DES MOINES**, Iowa, SHE Club combination style show and craft contest April 1. Carol Westbrook narrated while 24 men, women and children modeled fashions they had made. Eric Katzer won in the junior division, and Rena Roy and Joette Hummel took the honors in the senior division. Many crafts were displayed and judged, with Bea Hardyck, Sue Stream, Angeline Grove and Elaine Schabelen winning the prizes. Then baked goods were auctioned off in a lively fashion by Julian Carrillo, with profits totaling \$261. Phyllis Bright was the highest bidder, paying \$50.50 for a cherry cheesecake. The day was topped off with a luncheon. A \$250 donation from the SHE Club was sent to Herbert W. Armstrong to show its support in God's Work. *Sharon Carrillo.*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The **TORONTO**, Ont., East deacons and their wives played host to the church's senior members at the Thornhill Community Center March 18. About 80 people enjoyed the hors d'oeuvres and wine and fellowship, followed by a scrumptious dinner topped off with creme de menthe parfait. Every effort was made to please, and when one guest requested apple pie, it was sent for. The evening was brought to a close after games and a sing-along. *Warren Schiefelke.*

Twenty members of the **BRISBANE**, Australia, Seniors Club met at Newstead Park March 12 to conduct a meeting and partake of refreshments before visiting Newstead House, a museum. A barbecued lunch at Peter Wright's Beeneleigh retreat was planned for April, and luncheon at Toowoomba's picnic-point kiosk (atop the Great Dividing Range, about 80 miles from Brisbane) for May. On April 4 some of the older women of the Brisbane East church, which meets in Camp Hill, gathered at the Mt. Gravatt home of David and Deanne Humberstone for a barbecue. *Olivia Waterman.*

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PERSONAL DYNAMICS CLASS — Left: Instructor Nancy Parker emphasizes a point while another instructor, Lourae McCallum, listens at the concluding of a series of four classes on Personal Dynamics March 21 at the Skip Miller home in San Diego, Calif. The course, sponsored by the San Diego South Women's Club, was made available by the Jaycees of

America, a community-service organization. Right: Graduates of the course are, front, from left: instructors Nancy Parker and Lourae McCallum and Jan Chadwick; middle, Stella Dwinell and Susan Karoska; back, Janie Rogers, Lillian Voss, Florence Cox, Suzanne Miller, Delores Herrera, Ruth Hammons and Doris Martin. (Photos by Iva Presnell)

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

PASADENA — Seventeen members of God's Church living in Spain and Portugal met in Madrid, Spain, to participate in the first Passover service known to be conducted on the Iberian Peninsula in this era of God's Church, according to **Fernando Barriga**, an elder of the Pasadena Spanish church.

Mr. Barriga and **Larry Hinkle** of the Spanish Department here are traveling through Spain and Portugal to visit some 70 individuals who have requested a visit from a representative of the Church.

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PASADENA — The International Office here has announced the following ordinations during the recent Festival season:

John Halford was ordained to pastor rank by **Roderick C. Meredith**, director of the ministry worldwide. Mr. Halford served in Australia for 11 years and was area coordinator for Asia before being transferred to Pasadena for a sabbatical in January, 1978. He was named as an adviser and assistant in the international area of the Pastoral Administration Department.

Richard Wilding, currently serving in the Halifax, N.S., church, was also raised to pastor rank.

Ordained to preaching elder rank were **Don Abraham**, Canberra, Australia; **Bernard Andrist**, Geneva, Switzerland; **Bernard Audlon**, Toulouse, France; **Karl Karlov**, Hamilton and Tauranga, New Zealand; **James Muir**, Lyon, France; and **Ken Webster**, Salmon Arm, B.C. **Rex Morgan**, Auckland, New Zealand, was ordained a local elder.

Ordained local church elders were **John Clune**, Brisbane East, Australia; **Graeme Cook**, Townsville, Australia; **Jim England**, Mackay, Australia; **Gordon Graham**, Edmonton, Alta.; **Norm Keeble**, Morwell, Australia; **Peter Lindop**, Hamilton and Tauranga, New Zealand; **Ted Mann**, Perth, Australia; **Bob Orchard**, Brisbane North, Australia, and **Peter Van Waardhuizen**, Calgary, Alta.

Encardio Benitez of the Misamis Oriental church in the Philippines, reported as having been ordained a local elder, was actually ordained a preaching elder.

New churches have been established in Berlin, Mannheim, Munich and Nuremberg, West Germany, and Innsbruck and Vienna, Austria. A new church in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, has replaced the one previously conducted in St. Augustine.

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PASADENA — The Ministerial Services Department here has released the following manpower changes:

Gordon Harry moved from Puerto Rico to the United States to serve as an associate pastor in the Woodbridge, N.J., congregation. Formerly, Mr. Harry assisted **Stan Bass** in the San Juan, Puerto Rico, church area.

Graeme Marshall and **Richard Wilding** have completed their sabbaticals in Pasadena. Mr. Marshall is the pastor of the Melbourne West, Australia, church; and Mr. Wilding is the pastor of the Halifax, N.S., church.

Dave Odar has entered the non-career ministry. Replacing Mr. Odar as church pastor of the Baltimore, Md., church is **Roy Demarest**. Mr.

Demarest was in Pasadena on sabbatical.

The following men are no longer in the ministry: **Helmut Levens**, Pasadena, and **John Ouvrier**, Honolulu, Hawaii.

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PASADENA — **Epeli Kanaimawi** was evangelist **Herman Hoeh's** guest here for the first day of the Days of Unleavened Bread April 12. Mr. Kanaimawi is the permanent secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in Fiji and is the brother-in-law of the governor general, leader of the island.

Mr. Hoeh introduced Mr. Kanaimawi to a combined congregation of Pasadena churches meeting in the Ambassador College gymnasium on the first Holy Day. Mr. Kanaimawi spoke briefly about the brethren in Fiji and invited everyone to visit his island. He was visiting Southern California on a return trip to Fiji from London.

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PASADENA — A telephone network has been formed to keep Worldwide Church of God members more up to date on news of the Work, according to **Richard Rice**, director of the Work's Mail Processing Center.

Cassette tapes of messages are first recorded by Church leaders, then played to ministers calling on the Mail Processing Center's WATS (Wide Area Telephone Service) lines. They can then relay the message to members in their area.

"Because of its capability for swift communication throughout the Church, we anticipate this WATS line message service will continue in the future even after the current crisis has passed," Mr. Rice said. "Through the WATS lines, Mr. Armstrong can get a message to the brethren in hours, and the cost is virtually nil, since we are already paying for the WATS equipment anyway."

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE MAIL PROCESSING CENTER SERVE YOU

Which mailing address to use:

Please send tithes and offerings to: **Herbert W. Armstrong**, Box 431, Tucson, Ariz., 85702. Donation envelopes are available again from Pasadena with the Tucson address.

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Literature requests or changes of address can be made by calling our toll-free WATS line (1-800-423-4444). (Residents of California, Alaska and Hawaii, call 1-213-577-5225 collect.)

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Please include your old name and/or address as well as the new one. A subscription label is helpful because it has your individual computer number on it. If you are getting married, please include the complete name and old address of the person you are marrying. If a member of your household moves to another address and is interested in receiving our literature, send his or her current address.

Please don't send us a change of address until you begin receiving your mail at your new location. The post office will forward mail from your old address if you notify them; but if your mail arrives at your new address before you do, the postman will return it to us marked "Unknown."

Each *Plain Truth*, *Good News* or *Worldwide News* that is not delivered is returned to us, and the Work is charged 25 cents for each. (The bill for postal returns from third-class mail for March was \$2,175.)

If you fail to receive literature:

Please contact us immediately (in Pasadena) if you miss even one letter or magazine that you know others in your area have received. This will allow us to check out the problem and correct it as well as sending the item you missed.

Mr. Rader's April 19 statement

PASADENA — The following is a press release to the media from Church treasurer **Stanley R. Rader** April 19.

Those of you who saw last Sunday's 60 Minutes segment relating to the Church may remember **Mike Wallace's** so-called tag line, in which he stated that I was "under investigation" by the Internal Revenue Service for criminal tax evasion. This statement was no doubt intended to somehow bolster the thrust (both express and implied) of the segment, namely, that there is some merit to the patently ridiculous charges made against the Church, Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong, myself and others by the State attorney general, **George "Duke" Deukmejian**.

My purpose today is not to refute either the charges made by the attorney general or the charges of tax evasion made against me, all of which, I assure you, are absolutely false. Rather, my purpose here is simply to share my feelings and perceptions with you and, with your aid, to identify the lessons that we and others must learn from the abuse of government power we have been witnessing these past few months and its treatment by the media.

What I find most instructive and revealing about the so-called tag line is that which was not said, or more aptly, that which was deliberately left out. First, although Mr. Wallace saw fit to tell millions of Americans that the Internal Revenue Service is "investigating" me for "tax evasion," he failed to disclose that I HAVE VOLUNTARILY GIVEN THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE COMPLETE ACCESS TO ALL OF MY FINANCIAL RECORDS as well as my permission to look at the Church's financial records relating to me, and that the Internal Revenue Service has been conducting its examination for approximately 2½ months and has found no evidence of any wrongdoing.

Moreover, Mr. Wallace also failed to state that the investigation relates in substantial part to several years in which both I and the Church were audited and given clean bills of health.

Second, although Mr. Wallace

stated that his information regarding the so-called tag line was fathered from "[his] source," HE FAILED TO DISCLOSE, either during the main segment when I asked him or otherwise, WHO THAT "SOURCE" IS. I have no doubt in my mind that the "source" also was responsible for: a) the surreptitious and unlawful recording of Mr. Armstrong's telephone conversations, b) the instigation and initiation of the attorney general's baseless lawsuit, and c) initiation of the Internal Revenue Service investigation itself.

In this respect, I am reminded that commencing in 1974, the Church, Mr. Armstrong and myself were hounded and harassed for several years by the U.S. Customs Service in our travels spreading the Gospel, allegedly seeking evidence linking the Church and its leaders to the smuggling of drugs, gold and diamonds. When we sought to ascertain, through the Freedom of Information Act, the identities of the people making these baseless accusations against us, we were told that even that law did not permit the disclosure of those "sources." Even after we demonstrated that the charges were false, the government still refused to tell us who had unjustly subjected us to several years of harassment.

Indeed, it is not unlikely that the same "source" — one or more dissident Church members out to destroy the Church for their own gain — is responsible both for our harassment by the Customs Service and for the instant wholesale State intrusion and Internal Revenue Service examination.

What lessons should we learn from these experiences? I believe that basically there are three. First, as the Watergate episode also teaches, government officials are capable of monstrous abuses of power in the course of which they use government agencies as instruments to oppress those who do not share their beliefs and biases. "Enemy lists" whose members are, without just cause, subject to "investigation" by the IRS and other agencies, office break-ins and wiretaps are not figments of the imagination; they are, until political and religious freedom are restored in this country, the price that you, Mr. Armstrong, I and others may be paying for doing God's Work. Although we must fight against such oppression, we must bear it with pride while we carry out His will.

Second, government officials and agencies, in attempts to make names for themselves, procure larger budget appropriations and gain other political objectives, frequently act precipitously on the specious claims of venomous vipers, without any independent investigation or corroboration of those claims. To facilitate these attempts, however, the politicians keep the identities of the real accusers secret, lest the innocent victim confront them and, in doing so, expose the politicians as the charlatans they are.

Finally, in its own inimitable way, the media frequently is, intentionally or unwittingly, the primary instrument of oppression. Its cry of "freedom of the press" is, in reality, but a subterfuge for the right to slant public opinion in favor of the media's own personal and political prejudices through sensationalism and biased reporting.

So-called "investigative reporting" is a misnomer for the blatant form of yellow journalism; the "investigator" starts with his conclusion (that is, the view he wishes the public to hold) and carefully builds up to it through selective investigation (again, frequently through "undisclosed sources"), selective and/or incorrect quotation, and subtly

placed innuendo. The masquerade of "investigative reporting" as news is, therefore, a sham.

In short, I have nothing to hide, either from the attorney general or from the Internal Revenue Service. I have given all there is to give to the IRS regarding my financial activities. Why have I not done so to the attorney general? Because contrary to the professional behavior of the IRS, who rightfully has left the Church and Mr. Armstrong out of the matter, "Duke" Deukmejian has confused himself with "Duke" Wayne and ridden in, guns blazing at everyone in sight, but, in reality, only firing blanks.

On more than one occasion I have offered to provide to the attorney general the access I have given to the IRS on the condition that he dismiss his action against the Church, Mr. Armstrong and the other defendants and focus his attention on me if he feels I have done something wrong; my offers have been refused. As long as the attorney general insists on including the Church, Mr. Armstrong and the others, who under no set of circumstances should be involved in his harassment, I will use every lawful means in my power to frustrate him.

In so doing, however, I am not "hiding behind" either the First or the Fifth Amendment; I am merely refusing to accede to or acquiesce in a clear abuse of power and flagrant violation of the public trust.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

A trouble shared

We may live thousands of miles from Pasadena, but thanks to the *WN* we have been able to share all the things that have happened recently with our brethren around the world, and I am sure this can only help to make us feel more and more united. After all, a trouble shared is a trouble halved.

Rosemary J. Beck
Skipton, England

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Positive news

We think you're doing a fine job in the *WN* — so good to read positive news — like a cool drink of water. Keep it up!

We especially like Mr. Armstrong's articles and the "Worldwatch" section. John and Cindy Karlik
Brooklyn Park, Minn.

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'Who writes this stuff?'

Congratulations on a good paper! Keep up the good work.

But where are the by-lines? Who writes this stuff? Don't you think by-lines will help improve the understanding of articles and give credit (or blame) to whom it is due? Who is "official Church sources"? Who edited the responses?

Ryan Watkins
Odessa, Tex.

The articles published in The Worldwide News sans by-lines are written by staff members, listed in the *WN* staff box.

We routinely write articles from reports forwarded to us from various headquarters' departments. The department therefore is the official source. Unless the writer personally researches and writes an in-depth report himself, such as in a feature article, we ordinarily do not use by-lines. As far as official Church sources, these sources are Herbert W. Armstrong and those he has placed in key positions in the Church and the Work.

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Sad, but true

I want you to know we identify with the article about job seekers, March 26 issue, by Philip Stevens. It was very well written, and it is true about the attitude in our midst in general. It's a sad day, it is.

Gail Walstenholm
Colorado Springs, Colo.