

## CHINA TRIP SET

By Herbert W. Armstrong

Mr. Stanley Rader has been in Tokyo and Peking, China, the past several days, making advance arrangements for my visit to the chiefs of government in China.

Plans are now complete. I will fly first to Tokyo, then to Peking. The visit to Peking will be an official visit, sponsored by the People's Republic of China government. Even the Chinese government has sponsored Mr. Rader's visit to set plans for mine — paying all his hotel bills, meals, transportation — everything but his laundry and long distance telephone calls.

Mr. Rader has been royally treated by the government in China. Since I wanted to limit my trip to Peking only, the government has insisted that he visit a few other cities in China — Nanking, Shanghai and one or two others. They will insist that I take one short side trip to see the great Chinese wall — surely one of the world's wonders built by man.

Mr. Rader has done a superb job in making all advance arrangements — sponsored by some of my "Japanese sons," influential members of the Japanese Diet.

I urgently ask your continued PRAYERS for my good health, and for wisdom as to what to say in China, and HOW to say it — for China is communist with no religion. I must tell their leaders of the coming WORLD

GOVERNMENT — we call it THE WORLD TOMORROW — but I will not be able to tell them in Christian- or Bible-sounding words. I am not going for the purpose of offending them — because God loves them as well as us — but I shall ask God to give me wisdom in what to say and how to say it.

Besides the two leaders in the government of the People's Republic, a large banquet is planned with 400 or more influential and high-ranking Chinese attending.

The government of China has very graciously planned for me to occupy a comparatively new suite in a new addition to their leading hotel. The great God who loves us all has given me great favor in their eyes, and opened their hearts and minds to provide for me their best. Give God THANKS!

The trip will take place very shortly after the Feast of Tabernacles — late October or early November.

*In preparation for Herbert W. Armstrong's visit to the People's Republic of China, Stanley Rader, executive vice president of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, announced that terms have been reached with representatives of the Chinese minister of education for the donation of some \$500,000 worth of books and the training of teachers and students in the field of library science.*

*While in Peking (Beijing), Mr. Rader met with officials of Peking University, the Peking Teacher's University, the Peking National Library, the University of Nanking and, in Shanghai, the Shanghai Library and Futean University. (See photos, page 8.)*



**NEW SEMESTER BEGINS** — A 25-foot banner welcomes students approaching the Ambassador Student Center as the 1979-80 school year begins. One hundred fifty freshmen are enrolled, bringing the student body to 400. (Photo by Roland Rees)

## Ambassador begins 33rd year, reinstitutes four-year program

PASADENA — Ambassador College launched its 33rd academic year here Aug. 27. Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of the college, pointed out that in the fall of 1978 the college's founder and chancellor, Herbert W. Armstrong, told the students that the college would continue — if the students showed by their conduct that they would do all they could to make Ambassador God's college. Mr. McNair said that last year's students did just that, and Ambassador is opening the 1979-80 year with high hopes of maintaining the standards that Mr. Armstrong

originally set and still demands for the college.

### New beginnings for Ambassador

Speaking to the college faculty Aug. 21 in Tucson, Ariz. (see article, page 8), Mr. Armstrong said that this year marks new beginnings for Ambassador College.

"Ambassador College was becoming just like any other college," Mr. Armstrong said. "It came to the place where Christ and God were kicked out. Morals were down to an all-time low.

"We had to make it better," Mr. Armstrong said. "I think we'll get off to a real good start this year."

The college is reinstituting a full four-year program and offering classes in a number of disciplines in addition to the major theological sequences this year.

Four hundred students, including 150 new freshmen, are enrolled and, according to William Stenger, college registrar, the group shows much potential.

"Every indication we have shows the students to be strong academically and socially," Dr. Stenger said. "Even with many students involved in a number of extracurricular activities in high school, they still maintained a high scholastic average."

New Student Week opened one week earlier with an orientation forum Aug. 20 conducted by Mr. McNair and Roderick Meredith, dean of faculty.

### West Point of the Work

"Ambassador College is the West Point of the Work of God," Mr. Meredith told the students, "and you should put yourselves square in the middle of Ambassador College with zeal."

"You students are preparing to become ambassadors for Jesus Christ

in a world torn by war," he continued. "You must be ready to be pioneers today and leaders in the world tomorrow."

Mr. McNair emphasized how privileged the students were to be able to attend Ambassador College. "Ambassador College is the only college on earth where God's way is taught and exemplified," he said, "and that kind of education will become increasingly sought after."

The first two weeks of this college year provided a suitable initiation into the rigors of college life for many of this year's incoming students. Along with registration procedures, special forums, meetings and job interviews, such events as the annual formal faculty reception the evening of Aug. 23 left little spare time in the students' schedules.

"The pace at Ambassador is very fast, very challenging," said freshman Darlene Parks of Windsor, Ont. "If the past two weeks are any indication, it's going to be an exciting year."

In a letter to Mr. McNair, Robert Cloninger, pastor of the Los Angeles and Reseda, Calif., churches wrote of the student body:

"I'd like to convey my joy and thrill that Ambassador College is being restored to the institution it once was. Again to see smiles and receive warm greetings from students who are total strangers is a beauty that had virtually disappeared over the past few years. Ambassador College has always been, in landscaping and ornamental aspects, the finest in the world. But how empty such quality is when it is void of students with purpose and direction."

Mr. McNair said that thanks to God's direct inspiration and guidance through the chancellor of Ambassador, Mr. Armstrong, the college is now back on track — once again bearing rich fruits.

## Book to be distributed at Feast

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's second book in less than a year will soon be available in bookstores across the United States and later internationally.

The book, *Tomorrow... What It Will Be Like*, is an enlarged and updated version of the booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow, What It Will Be Like*. The 120-page book will be published by Everest House Publishers, a division of Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, said Roger Lippross, director of publishing services.

*Tomorrow... What It Will Be Like* deals with the theme of the imminent return of Jesus Christ and the reestablishment of the government of God on the earth. As Mr. Armstrong states in the book: "World government — perfect government — is coming in our time, in the hands of the great ruling Christ, and unnumbered thousands of co-rulers given immortality with Him. And that good news is the true Gospel of Jesus Christ."



Herbert W. Armstrong

**NEW BOOK** — Herbert W. Armstrong's newest book, *Tomorrow... What It Will Be Like*, will be given free to Church members presenting a claim check at the 1979 Festival and will later be offered to co-workers. The book will soon appear in bookstores across the United States.

Mr. Armstrong has asked that the book be given free to members and co-workers. Members will receive their copy at the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles. Shortly after the Feast, co-workers will be sent a letter offering them the book.

Mr. Lippross said Mr. Armstrong's first book, *The Incredible Human Potential*, is on sale in major bookstores around the country. Initial sales figures indicate the book is selling well, and an advertising campaign is planned to promote further sales.

Mr. Armstrong feels both *The Incredible Human Potential* and *Tomorrow... What It Will Be Like* are an important new means of preaching the Gospel. As he stated in a recent co-worker letter: "Millions of people buy books and spend time on books instead of TV and magazines. The bookstores and shops offer us an entire new open door — a totally new audience to reach in the United States, Canada and Britain and other English-speaking countries."

# Trouble close to home for U.S.

PASADENA — With growing problems overseas, the United States can ill afford to have trouble on its own doorstep. Yet look at what is happening.

Marxist-led revolutionaries have come to power in Nicaragua; Cuban influence is growing in the islands of the eastern Caribbean; and on Oct. 1 the United States relinquishes control of the Canal Zone. All these factors point up grave new threats to U.S. security throughout its soft underbelly.

## God's hedge is being removed

In a very real sense God has, up until now, hedged America in. The oceans on both sides have acted as huge protective buffers. No major competing powers or ideologies — kept out by the imposition of the Monroe Doctrine — had, until recently, been permitted to take root in the Western Hemisphere. But this is no longer the case.

"I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard," God prophesied in Isaiah 5:5, explaining further (verse 7) that His vineyard is the house of Israel. Continuing in verse 5 (Revised Standard Version): "I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down."

The first breach in hemispheric security occurred in 1959 when Cuba was overthrown by Communist revolutionaries led by Fidel Castro. The American attempt in 1961 to unseat his revolutionary government — the notorious Bay of Pigs invasion — was an abysmal failure. A report on the invasion described it as "a disturbing story of confusion at top levels of government and complicated plans drawn up in haste, changed at the last minute and executed badly by military amateurs" (U.S. News & World Report, Aug. 13).

God was no longer fighting America's battles!

Ever since that time, communist Cuba — with a population of less than 10 million people — has been a painful thorn in America's side, especially since U.S. pride in its military power (Leviticus 26:19) was dealt a crushing blow in Vietnam.

Now, finally, Cuba's seeds of revolution have begun to sprout all over the Americas themselves.

## First domino: Nicaragua

The victory of the Cuban-supported Sandinista rebels in Nicaragua is a portent of a great upheaval to occur throughout Central America and the Caribbean area.

A new domino theory is in full operation: Today Nicaragua; tomorrow El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras — all of which are full of "dry kindling" — homegrown Marxist insurgents in the bush, trained in Cuba, inspired by the Sandinista victory, ready to take their turn in turning all of Central America red.

On July 24, shortly after the Sandinistas came to power, President Jimmy Carter declared over prime-time television that "I do not attribute all the change in Nicaragua to Cuba." Yet, at that moment, members of the Sandinista junta were aboard a Cuban airlines plane en route to Havana for another conference with *El Lider*.

"While intensification of Soviet Cuban interests in the Caribbean is either ignored or overlooked by [President] Carter," report columnists Roland Evans and Robert Novak, "its meaning is well understood by his own professional analysts in national security and in-

telligence: Central America is going red. Only the time, not the eventual outcome, is in question, unless there is a reversal of U.S. policy.

"Specifically, the President's most sophisticated advisers do not doubt that, sooner or later, the Sandinista regime will be overtly communist. Present cordiality from Managua is like Fidel Castro's smiles in 1959, an effort to shake down

Cuban satellite. But, in a move that sent tremors through the White House and State Department, it immediately turned to Havana for arms, military advisers and other aid.

Since then, an island-hopping ripple effect has inspired other leftist groups throughout the eastern Caribbean to engage in labor strikes, demonstrations and other forms of confrontation with government.

## WORLDWATCH BY GENE H. HOGBERG

Uncle Sam [to pay billions of dollars in reconstruction costs] before the true colors are shown."

## Islands to fall also?

American officials fear that if the so-called domino theory prevails in Central America, the upheaval may spread to the tiny, independent islands of the Caribbean.

Many of these small, yet overpopulated minisates are ripe for revolutionary overthrows. Nearly all of them are facing bleak economic futures, with rising unemployment.

The roots of Washington concern in the eastern Caribbean island chain go back to the March 13 coup that overthrew the government of Grenada and put a self-proclaimed radical leftist regime in control of that tiny (population 106,000) republic.

Grenada's new government insists that it is neither communist nor a

The escalating unrest raises fears — both in Washington and in many of the Caribbean's larger countries — that what happened in Grenada could be repeated in Dominica (population 78,000), Antigua (70,000), St. Lucia (120,000) and St. Vincent (112,000).

## Unrest could spread

Unrest could conceivably spread to the northern and southern reaches of the Caribbean basin as well, eventually taking in Mexico, a critical source of oil for the United States as well as being one of America's primary trading partners.

Syndicated columnist Marquis Childs gives an especially chilling note concerning the potential impact upon Mexico:

"If worst comes to worst, a stronghold of dictatorial communism will exist at the heart of the Central American peninsula. This is of the greatest concern to Mexico, which

## FEAST OF TABERNACLES REMINDERS

Please do not send any 1979 Festival applications to the Festival Office, either in Tucson, Ariz., or Pasadena after Sept. 10. New members unable to send in an application by that time should go to their assigned site's housing office when they arrive at the Feast.

For those who must cancel their reservations, the deposit refund deadline is Sept. 5. All requests for refunds must be postmarked by this date or within 10 days of the date printed on your housing confirmation.

Even if you are no longer eligible for a refund, please let the Festival Office know if you will not be attending so these rooms can be reassigned to others. Ask your Festival adviser for the proper form (Reservation Action Request). This form and your confirmation should be mailed to Worldwide Convention Service, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

Remember, most of the housing officers will be at their site by the Day of Atonement, so please notify the Festival Office as early as possible.

has its own problems of poverty and terror. Guatemala has a long and often ill-defined border with Mexico's southernmost province of Chiapas and is in proximity to Mexico's rapidly developing oil fields."

As he left for exile, deposed Nicaraguan strong man Anastasio Somoza warned that communist insurgents could be "on the Rio Grande" — the U.S.-Mexican border — in a few years' time.

The mind boggles at the impact upon the social fabric of the United States were a Communist revolution to sweep Mexico.

## An official turnover

Viewing these disturbing events in the strife-torn Caribbean basin, there could not possibly be a more disadvantageous time for the United

States to relinquish exclusive control over the Panama Canal, the lifeline of U.S. oceanic commerce.

Yet T-Day — Oct. 1, 1979 — is now upon us. That's the day that the U.S.-controlled Canal Zone ceases to exist and the 547-square-mile territory is officially turned over (that's what the T stands for) to the Republic of Panama.

Almost unbelievably, the U.S. House of Representatives has yet to pass enabling legislation needed to put the new canal treaties into effect. And T-Day is just around the corner.

What happens if T-Day comes and the enabling legislation has not been finalized? No one seems to know at the moment. But one thing is for sure: If the date arrives and the United States does not relinquish control of the zone, there will be big trouble! T-Day will be Trouble Day.

Even if all goes well, and Oct. 1 passes peacefully, it will certainly be a milestone marking America's precipitous decline, with thousands of jubilant Panamanians streaming over the border into the former United States property.

## Seeds of disruption

The United States claims the new treaty gives it the right to defend the canal, unilaterally if necessary. Panama claims any such action would violate Panamanian sovereignty. Thus the seeds of future violent disruption have been sown.

Panama, though it is not communist, nevertheless cooperated hand in glove with Cuba in the Nicaragua revolution. Undoubtedly the Communist tide will eventually sweep over Panama as well. What then for America?

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# Stage is set for next Mideast war

By Moshe Ben-Simha  
JERUSALEM — Speculating on the course of future wars is always a risky business, but the likelihood of a Middle East explosion over the autumn steadily increases.

Many armies prepare for future wars by trying to avoid the mistakes of their previous ones, but events never repeat themselves so exactly. The French army built the Maginot Line expecting a repeat of World War I trench warfare, only to have the newly developed German tank panzers break through in World War II and cut them off from behind. Israeli attempts in 1973 to repeat their smashing tank victories of 1967 were blocked by the Arab use of new Soviet Sagger antitank missiles, which could be operated by ordinary foot soldiers.

## Lessons were learned

Nevertheless, both Israel and the Arabs have tried to learn from the lessons of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, when the Syrian army smashed through Israel's Golan Heights positions and had the whole of the Galilee, including the Jezreel Valley, the Jewish state's breadbasket, at their mercy.

Advance Syrian patrols even reached Tiberias, on the west side of the Sea of Galilee, the Kinneret, where Jesus walked. However, the Syrian tanks stopped on the edge of Golan 15 hours in accordance with their strict, Russian-designed battle plan, giving the Israeli army time to mobilize, move up and block them.

To avoid losing such a chance again, Saudi Arabia has been funding the united Arab Eastern Front of Jordan and Syria (now joined by Iraq) some \$200 million a year for the development of an advanced communications system to coordinate the movements of their 5,000-plus heavy

Soviet T-54 and T-62 tanks in battle.

When Israel was taken by surprise and nearly destroyed on the Day of Atonement, 1973, the holiest day of the Jewish year, all the men were called off to battle, and more than 3,000 never returned. (For America, an analogous attack would be on Christmas day, with 240,000 dead within three weeks.)

## Israel too self-confident

Despite its miraculous deliverance from the Syrian army, the state of Israel did not give thanks to the Living God. The Israeli army again got the credit. However, this arrogant and self-confident attitude leaves out many factors. The Arab Eastern Front facing Israel across the Golan Heights is estimated by reputable military observers to be twice as powerful as it was in 1973. More than half a million men are under arms.

The mobilization of the 400,000-strong Israeli citizen army that should have been completed in 24 hours took three days in October, 1973. To avoid such delays again, many major arms stores have been moved close to the fighting front against Syria. While more convenient, it also makes these depots far more vulnerable to napalm air attack or Palestinian guerrilla attack and sabotage.

Most important of all is the massive collapse in the quality of the Israeli army since the 1973 war. In an outspoken appearance before the education committee of the Knesset, Israel's parliament, in early July, army chief of staff Gen. Raphael "Rafael" Eitan, warned that Israel's soldiers "are not as good, and very much less inclined towards Zionism, than the country's young people of earlier years."

In a remarkable echo of the warn-

ings of American educators in the 1950s and 1960s before the Vietnam conflict, Gen. Eitan continued: "Zionist motivation today is on the decline and cannot be found in our homes, in our schools or in our universities." The situation has already gotten so bad, he said, that "drugs are indeed being used by soldiers, even by our best people — including soldiers who hail from kibbutzim."

## Confusion and criticism

Thus, even if Israel attacks first, the patriotic spirit and high morale and the sense of fighting in a righteous cause, which characterized Israel's previous wars, are no longer there. Premier Menachem Begin's placing of Israeli settlements on West Bank territories, whose Arab population have been granted autonomy in principle by him under the Israel-Egypt peace treaty, has caused confusion and criticism, not just in the United States, but at home as well.

Many Israelis would even be willing to give up Sharm el-Sheikh, Israel's gateway to the Red Sea, and the Rafiah Approaches that open the way to Tel Aviv, in a desperate gamble for peace. But they do not see why the whole business should be endangered over planting of tiny settlements of only symbolic significance.

Meanwhile, Israeli inflation tops 8 percent a month, and the cost of a small flat in Jerusalem has been calculated at eight years of an average salary, provided you buy no food during all that time! Against such a background of physical hardship, economic exploitation and corruption (tax evasion has been estimated to be as high as 40 percent of taxable income), the low morale and drug dependence of the young Israeli, who will be called upon to fight and die for his country, can be understood.



## New school year begins at Ambassador



**NEW COLLEGE YEAR** — Clockwise, from top left: Deputy Chancellor Raymond McNair addresses students in an orientation forum Aug. 20; new students take a campus tour; incoming students register; freshman Sue Hegvold listens during an academic advisement session; freshman Christi Cole discusses her schedule with faculty member George Geis; a student gets some help moving into a dormitory; freshman Susan McClain gets acquainted with another student; freshman Paula Faul begins her new job on campus; faculty member Herman Hoeh and student Ron Toth chat at the faculty reception. Below center: Ambassador faculty member Richard Paige explains class requirements to new students. (Photos by Roland Rees and James Capo)





# LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### HERE AND THERE

More than 150 nonmembers, most of them Spanish-speaking, in the MIAMI, Fla., area heard the message of the Gospel in two two-night minicampaigns conducted by Miami pastor Al Kersha July 17 and 18 and July 24 and 25. Mr. Kersha, who conducted similar campaigns while pastoring the Raleigh, N.C., church, spoke on "Formula for Global Crisis" and "Formula for Global Success." Almost all in attendance picked up free literature and filled out forms indicating their interest in attending the follow-up Bible studies. Mr. Kersha said he was "very encouraged" by the good turnout and the numerous positive comments from those attending. *Louetta S. Jones.*

Several days later, July 30, Mr. Kersha and his family visited three members and their families who live on the island of Key West, Fla. That evening the group of nine dined at La Lechona (Little Pig), a Spanish restaurant, afterward touring the old town of Key West. *Sally Smedley Knight and Ruth Bogle Foster.*

Brethren of the MONTREAL, Que., English church heard news of the Dutch Work July 28 from its director, Bram de Bree, who was in Montreal visiting relatives after attending a conference in Pasadena. Then the church's choir, which Mr. de Bree had directed before his transfer to head the Dutch Work more than a year ago, performed "God Is My Song." The next day about 185 brethren invaded Angignon Park for an old-fashioned picnic, with races, competitions, tug-of-war, volleyball and softball. The second softball game was a cliff-hanger, as the young men, mostly YOU members, edged out the older men 11-10 in extra innings. *Dominic Vincelli.*

About 250 brethren of the VISALIA and FRESNO, Calif., churches attended Sabbath services July 29 in the amphitheater in Sequoia National Park. Evangelist Dean Blackwell was guest speaker, also conducting a Bible study Friday evening and another Sunday morning by popular request. Bill Conway presented the sermonette, comparing a Christian's growth to the growth of a sequoia tree. Also attending were Visalia and Fresno ministers Don Billingsley and D.R. Sandoval and their wives. That evening Mr. and Mrs. Phil Nelson prepared a barbecue-pit dinner for the brethren at Wilsonia Lodge. Proceeds from the dinner were donated to the Work as a special offering. The Southern Knights band, composed of Church members, provided music for dancing. Many of the brethren went to the park several days early to camp. *Sheryl Justice and Luanna Guy.*

The GREENVILLE, S.C., church celebrated its 10th anniversary July 21. The congregation began meeting in Anderson, S.C., in June, 1969, and later moved to Greenville. Twenty-one brethren who were present at the church's first Sabbath service gathered for a group picture Aug. 4. *D.E. Johnson.*

Several men, women and children of the FLORENCE, S.C., church worked all day Sunday, July 8, cutting railroad cross ties as a fund-raising event. By 8 p.m. the men had cut 96 ties. *Winston and Cheryl Davis.*

Along with fund-raisers such as bake sales, garage sales, house paintings and



**BEST WRAP AROUND** — Mummy-contest winners Sue and Lorne Mattson show their winning style at the Duluth, Minn., church picnic July 29. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

jogathons on the beach of the Atlantic Ocean, members of the LAUREL, Del., church have begun having a fellowship hour once a month after the Sabbath service. Fran Kaplinger is chairwoman, with snacks provided and served by the brethren on a volunteer rotating schedule. The church is also beginning a Sabbath-school program, which will be for 45 minutes at the beginning of the Sabbath service for three age-groups: ages 2 to 4, 5 to 7 and 8 to 11. *Elaine Walker and Robert Carey.*

Nine volunteers of the SHREVEPORT, La., church worked two days putting a new roof on the home of member Bill Neely in early July. The men, toiling in the heat of the sun, removed the old roofing and laid down new shingles. *Lyle Timmons.*

The CUMBERLAND, Md., congregation earned \$92 to help pay for the church's piano at a bake sale Aug. 3 at Tri-Towns Plaza in Westernport, Md. Organized by Evelyn Fazenbaker, the sale featured pies, cakes, rolls and fudge made by the ladies. The Cumberland choir performed for the first time Aug. 4, singing "Not Many Wise Men Now Are Called" under the direction of Richard Ebersole. *Carolyn Raines.*

The LA MIRADA, Calif., church choir, which includes a few singers from the Garden Grove, Calif., church, has performed the cantata "Jesus Is Coming," written by John W. Peterson, before a number of Southern California congregations in recent weeks, as well as performing selections from the cantata for the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. and P.M. congregations. Formerly known as The New Horizon Singers, the choir also has 45-minute tape cassettes available that have become popular as gifts and are passed around to shut-ins. The singers, directed by Dan Sacedo, are preparing a program of modern music to present after a potluck dinner for the combined Garden Grove and La Mirada churches Sept. 15. *Allyn Aldridge and Dave Wallauch are*

sound technicians. *Jane Stanwood.*

Caren Crane of Jasper, Ga., and Valerie King of St. John's, Nfld., met for the first time since becoming pen pals six years ago. Caren placed an ad in *The Worldwide News* requesting a pen pal, and Valerie saw the ad and wrote to her. Valerie flew to Georgia July 20 for a 10-day visit with Caren, and together they visited several well-known places in Georgia and Chattanooga, Tenn. Caren and Valerie both attend the Worldwide Church of God. *Caren Crane.*

A dance class of several members of the MONTREAL, Que., church revisited La Salle Du-De-Mi for its second annual soiree July 21. By the end of four hours of nonstop dancing, both teachers and students felt they had reached a new plateau. Martin Connor and Francoise Deslites performed a merengue exhibition dance, and Lorena McBean exhibited her skills dancing the merengue and cha-cha with instructors Steve Diktakis and Dominic Vincelli. *D. Vincelli.*

### 14 PICNICS, TWO DANCES

Beautiful weather made the camp-out of the ADA and LAWTON, Okla., churches even better. Organized and coordinated by minister David Carley, the camp began with an enthusiastic bang July 22 and ended with an exhausted sigh July 26. Choice of activities were water-skiing, horseback riding, swimming, softball, horseshoes, fishing and archery. In the evening a Bible quiz enabled campers to keep up with the spiritual side of life, followed by movies. Kerry Lowber received a new Bible for winning the Bible quiz. Fishing-contest winner Tim Mann received a new rod and reel. The cooks were presented gifts of Coty cologne and bath powder, and head cook Mickey Russell was given a measuring-cup and spoon tree. Jim and Melody Mann were given new ski belts in appreciation for the use of their ski boat. *Patsy Pruett.*

Two inches of rain pelted the area as about 80 people of the BETHLEHEM, Pa., church attended their sixth annual family picnic at Living Memorial Park in Coopersburg, Pa., July 29. Beneath the protection of a park pavilion, many types of food were prepared on charcoal grills. Most activities were limited to card playing, games and conversation. Some teens braved the downpour to slip and slide through puddles while playing kickball. *Gordon S. Long.*

About 75 people of the BOWLING GREEN, Ky., congregation camped out July 14 to 15 at a nearby secluded but well-equipped summer camp. Fellowship was the main event, but beating the heat in the camp swimming pool ran a strong second. Minister John Reedy officiated in a session of organized games for the young and not-so-young, with prizes awarded to the winners. *Larry Hahn.*

The brethren of the BUFFALO, N.Y., church sponsored a surprise family potluck picnic for Larry Woodbridge and his family July 8 at the Lincoln Park in Tonawanda, N.Y. Woodbridge, who has been the associate pastor of the Buffalo church for about five years and was ordained preaching elder July 30, has been transferred to the Hartford, Conn., church. Gifts presented to the Woodbridges included a cassette tape recorder, a 35-mm. camera with flashgun attachment, an album of candid pictures of the brethren taken at services and church activities by member Judy Peterson, a floral arrangement from the Busy Bees and Blackhaws club members, and a large card, made by member Leah Tracey, signed by all the



**WALKATHON** — Members of the Halifax, N.S., YOU chapter pause for a group shot on a hill above the city during their walkathon.

brethren. *Bobbie Tonucci.*

The CHICAGO, Ill., Southside church had its annual picnic July 15 at Camp Sullivan featuring softball, volleyball and games and races for the children. Fathers and sons camped out the night preceding the picnic, with their families and other Church members joining them on Sunday for the picnic. *Barbara Williamson.*

The combined CONCORD, N.H., and MONTPELIER, Vt., churches gathered together July 28 and 29 for their annual camp-out and picnic in Lebanon, N.H., at the Shaker Mountain campgrounds by Lake Mascoma. Members started arriving early Friday afternoon to set up their tents. Sabbath services were the next afternoon with the forest as a natural amphitheater. Leonard Holladay, associate pastor of the churches, gave the sermon to the more than 65 members attending. The rest of the brethren arrived Sunday for swimming, softball and other outdoor activities. Culmination of the weekend for the brethren was witnessing two baptisms. *James P. Lewis Jr.*

Members of the DULUTH, Minn., congregation gathered at Pattison State Park in Wisconsin July 29 for their annual picnic. The traditional pie auction, auctioneered by Dan Saasala and Jim Williams, raised more than \$135 on 16 homemade pies, the highest bid of \$18.52 going for a luscious cherry cheesecake. Onlookers delighted in watching contestants get drenched by cold-water balloons, splattered by raw eggs, wrapped up like mummies and dragged to defeat in a tug-of-war, all coordinated by Bill Wells, director of activities. Fred Critari and Jim Williams supervised games and contests for the children. Special guests were former Duluth minister Otto Lochner and his family, vacationing in the area. Picnickers also took advantage of the park's walking trails and lake facilities. *Joanne Christian.*

Canoe Lake Tent and Trailer Park was the scene of the KINGSTON, Ont., church's barbecue July 23. Arnold and June Quinn, owners of the park, were hosts for the annual event. Church volunteers and YOU members prepared and served the tasty meal of barbecued chicken and side dishes to the 300 attending. This is the third year for the barbecue, and each year the number of meals served has increased by about 100, with the tickets selling for \$3 and \$4 and the ladies supplying the rolls and the pies. The brethren netted about \$600. *Joyce Sherwood.*

The LONDON and SOMERSET, Ky., churches met for a joint picnic July 29 at Cumberland Falls State Park. The brethren listened to a special performance of a Brussels, Belgium, bluegrass and country-music band, the Pygmies, who are touring Kentucky on their first trip to

America. The Pygmies, who had made a guest appearance the previous evening at Renfro Valley, agreed to play for the church picnic as a thank-you to the Church member who had arranged their American tour. *Gerry Russell.*

For the second time the OTTAWA, Ont., members' annual picnic was at Fitzroy Provincial Park. Festivities began July 29 at 10 a.m. with a volleyball tournament for teens and adults while the children went hiking in the woods. After lunch and a watermelon seed-spitting contest, Roman games got underway, with discus and javelin throws among other events. In the Great Chariot Race members entered their own ideas of chariots, made from converted baby buggies to barrels slung between two wagon wheels. Needless to say, some of the entries did not finish in one piece. In preparation for the evening meal, corn was boiled in a huge cauldron over an open wood fire, and minister John Adams and his assistants grilled several hundred hot dogs for the hungry crowd. Brian Schmitt and the entertainment committee organized the event. *Marvyn Henry.*

The three PORTLAND, Ore., churches had their annual picnic July 22 along the Columbia River at the Trojan nuclear power plant picnic grounds. Field-competition events between youngsters ages 3 to 11 years old, who were competing for ribbons and prizes, kicked off the full day of activities. Softball and volleyball, horseshoes and conversation rounded out the day. Many also took a tour of the nuclear plant facilities. *Woody Corsi.*

Members of the BRISTOL and TAUNTON, England, churches met for a picnic lunch at Selworthy Beacon Exmoor July 29. They walked around a bracken-covered Iron Age fort, down through the woods to a mill and water wheel and a small country museum. The day continued with a meal at a member's home, swimming, badminton and swingball in the garden, and finally a walk through fields where members watched fish in a stream at the wood's edge. *Diana Morcom.*

Under sunny skies beside Lake Ontario, the combined TORONTO, Ont., churches enjoyed a picnic July 29 at Petio Creek Park. There was something for everyone: a flea market, used-clothing pickup, volleyball, baseball, swimming, punning, hiking, football pass-throwing lessons by Vince McWhirter, children's games, table games, background music, beverages and more. Among those attending were Toronto ministers Richard Finelli, Doug Smith, Tom Ecker, Perc Burrows and Gary Moore and Sault Ste. Marie minister Gary King. *Bill Moore.*

VANCOUVER and SURREY, B.C., brethren combined for a picnic July 22 at Douglas Park. After the Vancouver men beat the Surrey men's team at baseball, the group dined on a lunch of barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs, with watermelon later in the day. The Vancouver and Surrey ladies' teams played a baseball game with Vancouver again victorious, and a game between the ministers and the YOU members was won by the ministers. Children were entertained with races and games. The Vancouver brethren became better acquainted with their new minister, Larry Greider, and his wife and family, and visiting minister Doug Johnson and his wife of Regina, Sask. *Lorna Lukinuk.*

Two churches sponsored dances instead of picnics. Brethren of the FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., church had a great time at their annual church dance July 28. Music was provided by the combined talents of the Combo-Minims (Bill and Jean Witty and Roy Thrall) and the Belthons (Frank and Grace Manchuso). (See CHURCH NEWS, page 5)



**ROMAN GAMES** — In the Great Chariot Race at the Ottawa, Ont., church's picnic July 29, 11-year-old Roy Davidson, wearing a motorcycle helmet and hanging on tight, is pulled by, from left, Danny Jones, Wayne Packham and Mark Henry to a second-place win. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Marvyn Henry]



**REBIBBONS AND PRIZES** — Winners and participants in field events for the 3- to 5-year-olds at the annual picnic for the Portland, Ore., churches July 22 display their prizes. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Woody Corsi]

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Joining them were Ron Adames and Mike Filcinski and his Yakkety Sax. Jackie Shimmel performed a clown act, and minister Randy Kobert dazzled all with his polka brilliance. Credit for the event goes to dance coordinators John Ronberg, refreshment organizer Harriet Adams, bartenders Waid Wrege and Stan Reuser and hall decorators Rob Goins, Cindy Hopkins, James Alexander, Christie Sullins and John Heun. *Cathy Chase.*

"The World Tomorrow" was the theme of the annual ball for the Western Australian churches July 14, attended by 270 members from the PERTH North and South congregations and the country churches of Bunbury, Wagin, Merredin and Geraldton. The Perth North church members organized the ball, directed by deacon Ray Harvey. YOU members, as-

tion to making a special offering to the Work. Sylvia Bisber's potted succulent plants were auctioned off after breakfast. *Jane Stanwood.*

The BIG SANDY, Tex., church's senior citizens' club, the Silver Ambassadors, met on the patio of Dr. and Mrs. Don Ward's home July 22. President James Jackson called the meeting to order, and treasurer Charles Crain reported that the club's fund-raising activities had been very successful. Then Dr. Ward, the church pastor, announced officers for the coming year: Mr. Jackson, president; Ken Warren, vice president; Marie Dellinger, secretary; and Louise Moore, treasurer. The officers will select the committee chairmen. Then club members and guests were served homemade ice cream and cookies and played card games. *Marie F. Dellinger.*



**INVENTORIES** — During the week of July 15, 277 brethren of the Dallas, Tex., churches and more than 100 from the Big Sandy, Tex., church took part in several department-store inventories in Dallas, netting more than \$3,900. Left, two Dallas members receive inventory dispatch cards from Kathryn Thibaux, assistant personnel manager of Sanger Harris, while other Church members wait outside the store, right. [Photos by Phil Edwards]



**ON STAGE** — Left: Amy and Heidi Morris sing a duet at a talent show sponsored by the Phoenix, Ariz., Spokesman Club July 1. Right: Larry Reichle plays his guitar while George Evans makes music with his harmonica in another of the show's musical numbers. [Photos by Efrain Rosario]



sisted by local elder Ted Mann, constructed a golden life-sized sculpture of the "Lion, Lamb and Child," one of the main features of the decorations. Other decorations included wall paintings of mountains, lakes, streams and waterfalls, real flowers and plants and a bubbling water fountain in the foreground. *Jim Hooser.*

## CLUB MEETINGS

The Over 35s of the NORFOLK, Va., church met at the home of Joe and Evelyn Baines July 22 for a social. Despite threatening weather, 29 attended. The noon meal featured dishes representing Spain, Syria, China, Mexico, Tahiti, Greece, Germany, Hawaii, Denmark and Austria. After games of horseshoes, darts and cards, all enjoyed an extra treat of homemade banana ice cream. *Evelyn Baines.*

Stop, caution and go in recognizing diets, how to set up balanced meals for the day and eat to live, not live to eat, were some of the suggestions given by member and speaker Gail Groves as she spoke about therapeutic dieting to the Lady Ambassadors of the BELLE VERNON, Pa., and CLARKSBURG, W. Va., churches at their monthly meetings July 29. *Peggy Henry.*

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The Silver Ambassadors of the LA MIRADA, Calif., church breakfasted on beer pancakes, beef sausages and scrambled eggs at the home of Edith Wilderdyk and Alice Everett Aug. 5. Chefs were Ralph Dickey and Earle Stanwood, assisted by Henry and Eloise Fox and Jane Stanwood. Special guests were minister Wayne Dunlap and his family and local elder John Reid and his wife. The group discussed money-making projects to help pay for a piano for the junior and senior choirs' practice room and some audio equipment for Sabbath services, in addi-

## SINGLES SCENE

About 25 young people of the Toronto, Ont., East and West churches attended a weekend camp-out July 20 through 22 at the Crowe Valley Campground, about 100 miles east of Toronto. The schedule included outdoor Sabbath services, led by Trevor Brown and featuring a tape by evangelist Gerald Waterhouse, listening to and discussing a variety of taped messages oriented to singles, a movie, a sing-along, canoeing, swimming and volleyball. *Rick Topper and Carola Finch.*

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

YOU members representing all four churches in ALASKA (Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer and Soldotna) joined together for a journey to the northwestern corner of British Columbia, where they hiked over Chilkoot Pass, first made famous in the Klondike gold rush in 1897-98. Dan Wegh, Chris Boltzern, James Reed, Tom Parker, David Kranich and Jon and Clyde Clucas joined their counselors in a giant camper for a day-and-night journey of 750 miles across Alaska and parts of the Yukon Territory of Canada to Skagway, B.C., where they began the hike. They were joined by Marcus Klett, Ambassador student from West Germany who had traveled 3,000 miles by bus and ferry to join the trek, and Alaskan pastor Earl Roemer and his 7-year-old son Thad. The hike over Chilkoot Pass took four days, 28 hours of hiking across 32 miles of rain forest, meadows and subarctic desert. The campers enjoyed magnificent weather during their hike, though rain had fallen steadily during the previous weeks.

Chilkoot Pass, the "Golden Stairway," was the gateway to the Klondike and Alaska during the gold rush. Along the strenuous trek up to the pass are abandoned towns, long-forgotten graves and tons of discarded materials left behind by the gold seekers. The counselors set a pace

that gave everyone a chance to examine some of the historic remains.

Dan Wegh discovered he had carried a 10-pound rock to the top of the pass from the abandoned town of Sheep Camp several thousand feet below, an exchange for one of his pranks the previous evening. After accomplishing the hike up the pass, the campers were treated to a moose stew and bean dinner at the Bennett Railroad Station of the White Pass & Yukon Railroad. Returning to Skagway on the narrow-gauge train through precipitous White Pass, they took the Alaskan ferryboat *Taku* to Haines, Alaska, and set off on their race back to Anchorage on the Alaskan Highway, over hundreds of miles of dirt roads and through ranges of mountains. *Mike Pickett.*

The DES MOINES, Iowa, church sponsored the 1979 North-Central Region YOU talent contest July 21. Carl McNair was guest speaker at the Sabbath service, which was followed by a potluck dinner. That evening contestants performed in front of an audience of 200. Lisa Williamson of the Chicago, Ill., South church won the senior-division contest with a vocal solo, "Home," and will advance to the national competition in Pasadena. Regional coordinator James Reyer presented



**50TH ANNIVERSARY** — Members Cloyd and Baulah Merkle pose with the cake presented to them July 28 in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary by members of the Cumberland, Md., church.



**GRADUATES** — Spokesman Club graduates of the Bethlehem, Pa., church display their certificates June 30. From left are assistant director Richard Fenstermacher, David Kolb, John Zyskowski, George Nagle Jr., Steve Zavocki, Emery Kostura, Gary Muzzello and director Robert Bragg. [Photo by Gordon Long]

cash awards to the other winners: Rhonda Reyer of Des Moines, second; Michelle Carlie of Des Moines, third; and junior-division winners Stacey Boss of Des Moines, first; Corrine Braun of Milwaukee, Wis., second; and Julie Rehder of Iowa City, Iowa, third. Some members of the Des Moines congregation entertained the crowd for the remainder of the evening with guitar playing, singing and dancing. *Dennis Pelley.*

Thirty-eight children, ages 6 through 12, of the HAGERSTOWN and CUMBERLAND, Md., churches convened at a campground near Romney, W. Va., July 22 for five days of camping. The daily format included a Bible class taught by Terry Mattson, pastor of the two churches, arts and crafts, a nature study, a first-aid class, swimming, softball, archery and an evening sing-along. Early-morning fishing was available for those who cared to rise at 5 a.m. Camp concluded Thursday, July 26, with field-day events and presentation of awards. Outstanding camper awards went to Chris Stydinger and Victoria Cloud. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dawson, the organizers, were assisted in conducting the camp by 10 other members, in addition to others helping with the preparations. *Margie Dulaney.*

The GENEVA and PANAMA CITY, Fla., YOU members met at St. Andrews Beach along with Tallahassee, Fla., Moultrie and Atlanta, Ga., YOU members for lots of fun in the sun July 29.

While some tried to play volleyball on a hill, others got buried in the sand, and some even tried to stand on their hands and walk down the beach. The trip was made possible by coordinators Royce Phillips and Ken Hicks. *Patricia Grimes.*

The SAN JOSE, Calif., YOU chapter had its second annual YOU picnic July 15. The picnic featured a softball game. Jeff Smith and Rick Baer, the YOU chefs for the day, cooked barbecued chicken to perfection. Jeff Shamus and Kurt Dimitrov captured first place in the egg toss. *Mike Stallions.*

Members of the YOU chapter of the TOOWOOMBA, Australia, church sponsored an afternoon tea for the elderly at General Hospital July 22, a community project. Entertainment was provided by the children and their parents, with songs and instrumental numbers. The hospital staff joined the patients in sampling the abundance of home-cooked snacks. The teens presented bouquets of carnations to each of the patients. *Suzanne Burchard.*

In keeping with the pursuit for a better YOU program, the WOODBRIDGE, N.J., youths were given a major role in Sabbath services Aug. 4. YOU president Glenn Williams led the song service, John Schuller presented the sermonette, Barry Fleming gave the announcements, and the trio of M. Duroski, D. Scull and J. Scull performed special music. The sermon was given by minister Richard Frankel on parent-child relationships. *A.L. Legg.*



**YES STUDENTS** — Children of the Kansas City, Mo., church's YES program, first through third grades, pose for a group photo before beginning their summer recess. Classes will resume in September. [Photo by Ruby Curry]



# Ministers tour Spain, Portugal

PASADENA — During a 49-day tour of Spain and Portugal that began April 5, Fernando Barriga, an elder in the Pasadena Spanish church, and Larry Hinkle, a ministerial assistant in the Spanish Department here, baptized four people in Spain and conducted the first Passover service on the Iberian Peninsula in this era of God's Church.

Seventeen members met in Madrid, two of them traveling from Portugal, said Mr. Barriga, to keep the Passover and first day of Unleavened Bread. But Mr. Barriga added that it

over and Holy Day services in Madrid, Mr. Barriga and Mr. Hinkle traveled about 3,700 miles (6,000 kilometers) by car around the perimeter of Spain, spent a week in Portugal, made 92 visits to interested people, and got the postcard system of advertising *The Plain Truth* started in that area.

"Hopefully that will really bring in a lot more subscribers in various parts of Spain. Portugal too," Mr. Hinkle said.

The postcards, advertising *The Plain Truth* on one side and having a

ceiving the *PT* since then.

"But they were not communicating with us. Maybe they would write for a book or two, but they never asked questions. But then we sent this letter to all those who had been subscribers for more than one year [asking if they would like to be visited] . . . The response was terrific. There were some 80 visits we were expecting to make. We actually made 93."

Of the 93 visits, Mr. Barriga said 20 people in Spain became prospective members, adding to the 22 members there, and five in Portugal, where there are five members.

## Willing givers

Some of the people visited said they had tried to send money to the Work, related Mr. Barriga, but were frustrated by the expense and difficulty of sending money out of the country. He said they were delighted to hear that all they had to do was get a money order and send it to an in-country address. "We have a postal account in La Coruna that has been

taken care of by one of our long-standing members, Generosa Lopez," Mr. Barriga said.

The trip was mostly financed by tithes and offerings from the Spanish and Portuguese brethren, Mr. Barriga pointed out. "Portugal helped quite a bit," he said. "Last year we started an account in Portugal. . . In one year's time the six people contributing [five members and a co-worker] raised \$1,260."

The Spanish brethren also give willingly, but have had trouble in the past. Under Gen. Francisco Franco Bahamonde's rule, a certain percentage of every paycheck was taken out to subsidize the Catholic Church, said Mr. Barriga, and the present government is trying to pass a similar law, pending new legislation.

"I don't know whether it's going to affect their check or not," Mr. Barriga said. "Presently the government gives that portion to whatever church the person belongs to," he said.

Mr. Barriga said: "There is an awakening of the people in Spain, as far as religion is concerned, away from the Catholic Church. There are a number of religious groups over there that are very active," he said, citing the Jehovah's Witnesses and

the Mormons as examples.

## Building a requirement

The Worldwide Church of God is not receiving any of the money yet, because it is not registered as a church in Spain. However, steps are being taken to register, Mr. Barriga said.

"The catch on this is that we have to have a special building. It doesn't necessarily have to be a large building, it could be just a regular hall, rented. But used for a particular use, for the meeting of the group."

Mr. Barriga said Barcelona, in the northeastern part of the country near France, would be the logical place for the church location, as that is where the heaviest member population is.

Since the brethren in Spain are so scattered, they are sent tape recordings of the Spanish services in Pasadena. The Portuguese brethren also get the tapes in Spanish and receive Spanish literature. "They are able to understand it quite well," Mr. Hinkle said, in spite of the slight language difference.

Mr. Barriga hopes to travel to Spain again around the Feast of Trumpets, and then again to Portugal three months after that.



FERNANDO BARRIGA



LARRY HINKLE

was a long trip for all of them because most of the brethren live in scattered areas around the perimeter of Spain.

The members found it difficult at first, he said, to maintain a solemn atmosphere at the Passover service, because for most it was their first opportunity to meet other brethren. But Mr. Barriga explained the nature of the Passover service, and said: "It was very meaningful for them. It was new, but they were very much encouraged."

In addition to conducting the Pass-

Church address on the other, are printed in the area to save cost, then placed in Church-provided card holders where they will receive the maximum exposure.

There are 794 *Plain Truth* subscribers in Spain, and 189 in Portugal. "Some of them have been receiving the Spanish *PT* since 1969 or '70," said Mr. Barriga.

"We used to have a program broadcast from Porto [in northern Portugal], but that was canceled in 1973. So these people have been re-

HONAIRA, Solomon Islands — Take a mass of land 11,500 miles square, cut it in pieces and spread those pieces over a body of water more than 20 times that size, and you'd have something resembling the Solomon Islands, a newly independent country in the South Pacific.

It's a scattered archipelago of mountainous islands and low-lying coral atolls with a population of 200,000, of Melanesian, Polynesian, Micronesian and European extraction that includes seven active members of God's Church.

"We feel the present number of

295 *PT* subscribers is very small — we want it to reach the thousands of people here," wrote Tapualiki Samosoni Jan. 16 on behalf of the Solomon Islands brethren to the regional director of Australia and Asia, Dean Wilson. "It's felt very strongly by the members that we should help in making the public more aware of the Work," he wrote.

## A plan is outlined

So the brethren outlined a plan. They suggested placing ads for *The Plain Truth* and other Church material in the newspaper, they suggested establishing a local address for the Work so potential subscribers would not feel intimidated about writing to an out-of-country address, and they suggested meeting all the costs — for the ads, for the post office box, everything — by themselves.

In their letter to Mr. Wilson, the brethren informed him they had already opened a savings account under the name "Solomon Work" and started saving out of their own pockets. Each member agreed to donate \$10 of their limited income to the fund every two weeks.

"The fortnightly \$10 is not tithing," the members assured Mr. Wilson in their letter, "it is our own contribution to the cause."

The members' enthusiasm was met with equal enthusiasm from Mr. Wilson. "We have no idea at this time how much the ads will cost," he wrote *The Worldwide News* March 1, "[but] we have sent ad mats for use in the local newspaper."

## Contract signed

The editors of the Solomon Island *News Drum*, the main newspaper, published weekly with a circulation under 3,000, were reluctant to accept the ads because of pressure from other religious groups. But the first ad appeared March 23, and a contract was signed to run an ad every week for 52 consecutive issues.

"We are most delighted that the ad has been published," said member Colin Darcy. "At one stage we feared the contract might be canceled, since the paper reserves the right to reject any advertisement it does not want to publish. We resorted to prayers, and they have been answered, and we are grateful."

Mr. Samosoni said they will renew the contract next year "because we feel that this is a big 'door' for the

Work, and we must go through it, whatever happens."

What might happen is hard to say. A statement issued over Radio Solomon Islands warned people against requesting religious publications from outside the country, and the *World Tomorrow* broadcast was canceled when a new board, appointed by the government to administer the station, made it a policy that no more religious broadcasts would be aired.

Solomons Radio, the main source of entertainment and news in the Solomon Islands (there is no television and newspapers don't reach much beyond the cities), reaches outside the island nation's population. Its secondary listening area includes Papua, New Guinea, the Gilbert and Ellice islands, New Hebrides and the east coast of Australia, a potential listening audience of 3.25 million.

But the members know there are "powers opposing the Gospel," and are undaunted by setbacks. "It shows us that we are on the right track," said Mr. Darcy. "Since God wants His Gospel preached to all the world including the Solomon Islands, we are confident and are praying that we will soon be on the air again over the Solomons."

## 'PT' list climbing

Even though the newspaper ads and word-of-mouth referrals are the only methods of reaching new people in the Solomons now, the *Plain Truth* mailing list has risen to 400 subscribers and is climbing. "And we've started looking at other ways and means by which we could further propagate the *PT* mailing list," said Mr. Samosoni. "It is our prayer that in the near future the *PT* would be a household name in [the capital city of] Honiara, and eventually all over the Solomons."

In Honiara June 14 and 15 and in Port Moresby, the capital city of neighboring Papua New Guinea, June 16 and 17, Chris Hunting, coordinator of the Asian Work, and Rod McQueen, pastor of the Brisbane, Australia, church, traveled from the Burleigh Heads, Australia, office to hold Bible studies. Seven new people attended the first night in Honiara, eight the second. In Port Moresby, there were 10 new people the first night and 18 the second.

It's all part of what Mr. Darcy referred to as "a great effort to publish the Gospel" in the Solomon Islands — by seven involved members.

# Sabbath services begin in Fiji

By Rex Morgan

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Bob Morton, regional director of the Work in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, returned June 25 from a 12-day visit to Fiji.

The point of the trip was the establishment of a weekly Sabbath service in Suva, Fiji's capital. Attendance at the first service, June 23, was 48, and Mr. Morton ordained Ratu Epeli Kanaimawi as a local elder (see *WN*, July 9).

Ratu is the official title for the hereditary chieftains of Fiji. Mr. Kanaimawi, closely related to both George Cakobau, the governor-general, and Kamiesse Mara, the prime minister of Fiji, is a senior civil servant serving as Permanent Secretary of Agriculture. His responsibilities frequently take him to the capitals of Europe and the Far East negotiating agricultural and fishing contracts for Fiji's growing economy.

At the same service, Mr. Morton ordained Lai Tora as deacon. Mr. Tora, a longtime member in Fiji, works as a draftsman-supervisor in the government's Native Land Trust Department in Suva.

## Five new members baptized

Five new members were baptized that Sabbath, two of them prisoners at Noboro Prison near Suva. After conferring with the prison authorities the previous day, Mr. Morton and Mr. Kanaimawi were allowed to counsel them early on a Saturday morning. Then a guard marched them down the hill to a stream where he watched as they were baptized.

Mr. Morton commented: "It was a very emotional moment as both these men had been waiting some time and had many difficulties to face. In the Fiji prisons an inmate isn't allowed to change his religion without first formally obtaining permission from the minister in his former religion. We also had to write the permanent secretary in charge of the prison system to obtain permission for them to keep the Sabbath."

"In addition to all this, the local Seventh-day Adventist minister conducting services for that church in the prison looks upon us as serious competition and had only the previous week preached a sermon on the religion of Herbert W. Armstrong. We've heard that some of our subscribers in the prison give him a rough time during their Sabbath discussion periods."

From now on, Mr. Tora will travel to the prison each Sabbath morning with a tape recorder and one of our sermons to play for our members and any interested subscribers. The prisoners receive an excellent witness, as the prison authorities regularly pipe *The World Tomorrow* broadcast throughout the prison every Sunday afternoon from Radio Fiji.

One of the others baptized is the wife of a Methodist minister. Mr. Morton pointed out that "she's obviously going to face some serious trials in the near future, but she's strong and determined."

## Various conferences conducted

Mr. Morton was also able to hold a number of business conferences

while in Fiji. He talked with the Suva chief postmaster regarding postage of *The Plain Truth* in Suva for the Fiji subscribers. He also met the manager of a bookstore chain that is running a trial newsstand promotion of *The Plain Truth*, and discussed *The World Tomorrow* broadcast with the chairman of the Fiji broadcasting commission.

Mr. Morton commented, "The broadcast is meeting with a lot of opposition from other church groups in Fiji, and the Fiji Council of Churches intends mounting a strong lobby to prevent the renewal of our broadcasting contract when it expires in October."

Conferences were also held with advertising firms seeking advice regarding methods of increasing the *Plain Truth* mailing list in Fiji. The magazine circulation stands at 2,852. Mr. Morton hopes this will double in the next 12 months. Mr. Morton also conducted a ministerial conference in Suva, which Tolu Ha'angana, a local elder in Tonga, was able to attend.

On his return here, Mr. Morton said he was "extremely encouraged" by the growth of the Work in Fiji. Income for the year to date is running at an 80 percent increase over the same period last year, and the five recent baptisms bring the membership to 27 people.

This year, for the first time, Suva will be a full Feast of Tabernacles site. Anyone wishing to attend the Feast in Fiji should write for details to The Festival Department, Worldwide Church of God, Box 2709, Auckland 1, New Zealand.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

ATKINS, Eugene and Terry (Jackson), of Tallahassee, Fla., July 26, 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

BEAL, Clifford and Linda (Sawell), of Grove, Okla., boy, Bryan Lee, June 11, 9 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BERUBE, Michael and Wanda (Johnson), Woodbridge, N.J., girl, Laura Ann, July 24, 9:29 a.m., 8 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CARRIER, Jacques and Francine (Dumoulin), of Longueuil, Que., boy, Daniel Michel Bruno, July 7, 4:35 a.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

CARTER, Michael and Bonnie (Lerch), of Denver, Colo., girl, Tracy Lynn, June 17, 4:15 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

CHAN, Peter and Shirley (Yap), of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, girl, Priscilla, July 21, 7:40 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

CHIMEZIE, Boniface and Phoebe, of Oguta, Nigeria, boy, Royal Nwazonwa Chimezie, May 22, 4:42 a.m., 8 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, first child.

CLOFTON, Roland and Mary, of Amarillo, Tex., boy, Nathaniel Sean, July 23, 9 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 boys.

FRIDDLE, Terry and Phoebe (Faulk), of Ashville, N.C., girl, Jeffery Allen, Aug. 6, 8:56 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

GRANT, Lewis and Lillie Mae (Lawson), of Columbia, S.C., boy, Matthew Lewis, July 29, 11:31 a.m., 8 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

OUTERBRIDGE, Vincent and Sandra (Taylor), of Southampton, Bermuda, girl, Tiffany Shayne Marie, June 30, 3:22 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HAEFFLE, Jim and Lois (Clutter), of Portland, Ore., boy, David Matthew, July 29, 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HEGVOLD, Jon and Leila (Dinger), of Puzosawney, Pa., boy, Jonathan Wesley, July 27, 4:32 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HLEBOFF, George and Joan (Craythorn), of Johannesburg, South Africa, boy, George Paul, July 18, 12:25 a.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HOPKINS, Gary and Gerda (Pfeiffer), of Bonn, West Germany, girl, Gloria Ruth, July 20, 8:10 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 girls.

ISAAC, Michael and Becky (Ciera), of El Paso, Tex., girl, Rachel Renee, June 27, 12:21 a.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 girls.

JETTY, Robert and Linda (Whitford), of Sudbury, Ont., boy, Desayne Drew, July 25, 12:33 p.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 3 boys.

LINK, Robert and Patricia (Day), of Kingwood, Tex., girl, Christine Elizabeth, July 6, 6:48 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

LONDON, Peter and Joy (Caher), of Watford, England, boy, James Edward Philip, June 29, 9:29 a.m., 8 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, first child.

LOPEZ, Andrea and Lane, of Wadsworth, Tex., girl, Deborah Leah, July 22, 11:16 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

LOVING, Isaac and Sandra (Muggleton), of Chantilly, Va., girl, Christina Marie, July 9, 9:24 a.m., 7 pounds, 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MBAKWE, James and Phoebe, of Oguta, Nigeria, boy, Mark Chidi, July 11, 9:50 p.m., 5 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

McCLAMMER, Roger and Denise (Lawson), of Indianapolis, Ind., boy, Courtney Aaron, July 27, 1:50 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

METZEL, David and Joy, of Cleveland, Ohio, boy, Jonathan David, June 14, 7:31 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PATTISON, Lee and Angelica (Becker), of Milwaukee, Wis., boy, Ian, July 26, 8:56 a.m., 7 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, first child.

## WANT YOUR PHOTOS RETURNED?

If you want your photos from "Local Church News," "Announcements," the baby coupon or feature articles returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with the pictures.

Write your name and address on the back of each photo with a felt-tip pen or use a gummed label, as the pressure from writing with a pen or pencil frequently damages the image on the reverse side.

We also recommend including a piece of cardboard roughly equal in size to the inside dimensions of the return envelope for protection of your photos in the mail.

These steps will greatly reduce expenses and time on our part and insure that your photos are returned undamaged. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

RISEBOROUGH, Colin and Dene (Cullen), of Nelson, New Zealand, girl, Katie Lee, July 29, 9:24 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

ROLAND, Richard and Mary (Sheridan), of Abilene, Pa., girl, Amberly Michele, July 25, 11:03 a.m., 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 3 girls.

SCHOLLES, Henry and Dorothy (Zylstra), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Melinda Jeanette, July 26, 8:44 a.m., 6 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

SCHOON, Kenneth and Pamela (Robson), of Ames, Iowa, girl, Gina Lynn, Aug. 6, 8:34 a.m., 6 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SNITKER, Larry and Linda (Lisson), of Denver, Colo., girl, Jennifer Nicole, July 26, 1:47 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SOLOWIEJ, John and Noreen (Shepherd), of Newcastle, Australia, girl, Monica Serena-Lee, July 22, 5:08 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

STAHL, Dean and Carol (Hordkogl), of East Grand Forks, Minn., girl, Lynette Ellen, Aug. 8, 10 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

STROMQUIST, Lloyd and Phyllis (Hanson), of Dallas, Tex., boy, Jonathan Lloyd, July 25, 8:11 a.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, first child.

TURNER, Wille and Eloise (Dumas), of Chicago, Ill., boy, Brian Dashon, July 10, 12:11 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

UCHMANOWICZ, Joseph and Dorothy (Kuhn), of Wallon, N.C., boy, Joseph, July 10, 7:15 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

VIALA, Dan and Lois (Fortune), of Victoria, B.C., girl, Shannon Marie, July 26, 1:40 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

WILKINSON, Geoff and Jenny (Sanderson), of Sydney, Australia, boy, Daniel Leon, May 28, 1:05 p.m., 7 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, first child.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Wilhelm Rademacher and Kathryn Mabry would like to announce their engagement. Both are graduates of Ambassador College. A fall wedding is planned in Hamburg, West Germany.

Alan J. Jongerjens is happy to announce his recent engagement to Wendell L. Spring. A Sept. 22 wedding in Jacksonville, Fla., is planned.

David Bliggs of Edmonton, Alta., is happy to announce the engagement of his daughter Muriel to Jerry Johnson, son of Ray and Vela Johnson of Pasadena, Calif. The marriage will take place Sept. 30 in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Linda Neff of Texas, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Violet Arleen to Gene Turney Thompson of Shreveport, La. A September wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS

Gary Doring and Fleta Harding were united in marriage July 15 by Valden Weis, pastor of the Sedro-Woolley, Wash., church. The outdoor wedding took place at the home of the bridegroom's brother, Alan. The couple will reside in Bellingham, Wash.



MR. AND MRS. RODNEY HUDSON

Karyn Guinn Blevins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger G. Townsend of Grants Pass, Ore., and Rodney Allen Hudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Hudson of Moses City, Wash., were united in marriage June 17 at the home of the bride's parents. They are at home at Warden, Wash.



MR. AND MRS. DENNIS E. BEERY

Bill Jo Mittenberger and Dennis E. Beery were united in marriage July 22 in Island Park, Ekhart, Ind. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Mittenberger of Goshen, Ind., and Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Beery of Bremen, Ind. Best man was Randy Duke of Osage Beach, Mo., and master of honor was Roxanne Weiss of Goshen. The ceremony was performed by Rand Miltch, pastor of the Michigan City and Ekhart, Ind., churches.



MR. AND MRS. J.B. STEWART JR.

Karen Ellen Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Miller of Maitland, Fla., and James Benjamin Stewart Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Benjamin Stewart of Sheridan, Wyo., were united in marriage June 30. The ceremony was performed by Al Kersha, pastor of the Miami, Fla., church. Nancy Carol Evans of Clark Summit, Pa., was the maid of honor, and Kenneth Brady of Miami was the best man. The couple now reside in Maitland.



MR. AND MRS. BOB STEPHENS

Mr. and Mrs. John Bakley of Bettendorf, Iowa, are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Dana to Bob Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sam Stephens of Kalamazoo, Mich. The bride's father gave her daughter away and performed the June 24 ceremony. Dana and Bob are former Ambassador College students and plan to attend church and live in Kalamazoo.



MR. AND MRS. E.B. OWENS

Anita Tapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Tapp of Winchester, Ky., and E.B. Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Owens of West Liberty, Ky., were united in marriage March 17. Rowan Tucker, pastor of the Lexington, Ky., church, performed the ceremony. The couple reside at 1135 W. Broadway, Mayfield, Ky., 42066.



MR. AND MRS. B. GREENAWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wait of the Champaign, Ill., church are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter Debbie Kay to Bruce Greenaway, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Greenaway of Sale, Australia. Kerry Gubb, pastor of the Monwell, Australia, church, officiated at the July 22 wedding at Churchville, Australia. The couple were attended by Geoff and Deirdre Sykes, Robin Jackson and Debbie's sister Vicki. The couple, graduates of Ambassador College in Pasadena, now reside at 13 Belbrosok St., East Newborough, Victoria, Australia, 3826.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.

Our coupon baby this issue is Jesse Ray Pritchard, son of Danny and Michelle Pritchard of Pasadena.



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## ANNIVERSARIES

Happy 16th anniversary Aug. 24, Mom and Dad, From Wray, Joette, Brenda and Sheila. We love you always.



MR. AND MRS. K. CLEMONS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clemons of Pasadena celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Aug. 8. Festivities included banqueting at an area restaurant and presentation of a color television set and other gifts. Mr. Clemons is employed in the Church's Ministerial Services Department. The Clemons were married in 1944 at Long Prairie, Minn., and came to Pasadena in 1958. They have a son, Kenneth Jr., of Pasadena, and two daughters, Joan of Pasadena and Barbara of Truckee, Calif.

The children of William Riley and Jessie Alice Kelley proudly announce the 50th anniversary of their parents' wedding Aug. 25. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley were married at Mounds City, Ill., Aug. 25, 1929. They have 10 children, 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The Kelleys, members of the Church since September, 1963, now live in Metropolis, Ill., and attend the Padouah, Ky., church.

Colin, thanks for that happy first year of marriage and those happy moments together. You have been a loving husband. Hope to see many more happy years to come. Love, Meena.

Happy seventh anniversary, John and Levaldi! Love and best wishes always. Your "Lollipop."

Dad and Mom Rupp: Congratulations on your 40th wedding anniversary Aug. 30. Love and best wishes from Earl and Shirley Rupp, John, Sandy, David and Connie Rupp; Stan, Betty, Kathy and Jeffrey Suchocki; Phil, Helen, Mark and Debbie Salato; Harry, Bonnie, Becky and Richard Rupp; Jim, Marlene, Alisa and Ryan Cowell; Gene, Esther, Bryan and Brenda Hodgepeth; and Joe, Danny, Janice and Martin Rupp.

Sarah-Ann and Dave Hageman are happy to announce the 25th anniversary of their parents, Wayne and Margaret Hageman, Sept. 5. Best wishes and many more happy years to you both. Love, your proud kids.

To Marvin and Maryanne Root: I want to wish you a very happy 25th anniversary. You have been wonderful parents to me and to Aaron and Laura, and we all love you. Thank you for giving us such a happy home in which to grow up. With love, Maria.

## Obituaries

DETROIT, Mich. — Theodore R. Smith, a member of God's Church since 1960, died unexpectedly July 13. Earl Williams, pastor of the Detroit East church, officiated at funeral services.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife Aggie Lee; three daughters, Pauline, Dorothy and Virginia; three sons, Roosevelt, Rosco and Franklin; one daughter-in-law, Ella; two sisters, Minnie

Beasley of Arkansas and Pauline Brazil of New York State; one brother, Gus Smith of Arkansas; and 10 grandchildren, all of Detroit.

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — George Watson died July 19 at the age of 79. He was a member of God's Church for 10 years.

Mr. Watson is survived by his wife Lucille; a daughter, Barbara Warner; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

SAN ANGELO, Tex. — Richard A. "Pepe" Hohertz, 80, died July 26 after a short illness. He was born in McLellan County, Tex., April 1, 1899, and had lived in the San Angelo area since 1937. A longtime member, Mr. Hohertz was baptized in 1953. He and his wife of 54



RICHARD A. HOHERTZ

years have been affectionately known as "Grandpa" and "Grandma" by a number of brethren of the San Angelo church.

Mr. Hohertz is survived by his wife Alwine, three brothers, three sisters, seven children, 27 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mark Robinson, pastor of the San Angelo and Abilene, Tex., churches, conducted graveside services July 29.

WHEELING, W. Va. — Elbert Mills, 56, a member of God's Church since March, 1974, was electrocuted at work July 19. Loyal Johnston, pastor of the church here, officiated.

Mr. Mills was a self-employed carpenter. He is survived by his wife Irene, his parents, three daughters, two sons, two sisters, two brothers and seven grandchildren.

WHEELING, W. Va. — Donna Louise Howard, 44, of Cambridge, Ohio, died July 26 after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were conducted by Loyal Johnston, pastor here.

Mrs. Howard is survived by her husband Raymond, her parents, three brothers, one sister, two daughters and three grandchildren. Her husband and daughter-in-law, Vicki, are also members.



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

PASADENA — A critical flare-up in the legal situation has occurred, report the Legal and Public Information departments, because of the filing of an amended complaint by the State of California requiring that 1) all documents, regardless of content, in the possession of former members or employees, be given to the State, and 2) that all Church documents, financial, physical or ecclesiastical, be given to the State at their request.

Judge Thomas T. Johnson will preside over a hearing Aug. 29 that will decide the outcome of the amended complaint.

The Pasadena churches are mobilizing toward a show of support at the courthouse that day. Classes at Ambassador College will be canceled to allow students and faculty members to participate. Other employees of the Work were also encouraged to attend if their jobs allowed.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Chris Hunting, coordinator of the Asian Work, reports that Spaulding Kulasingam, minister in India, had a "very successful tour" of eight south Indian cities July 14 to 22.

Most of the 192 people reached were from Hindu homes (the native religion and philosophy of India) and had been in touch with the Work for up to eight years.

Four people were baptized, and seven Bible studies will be started in the near future, Mr. Hunting reports.

Mr. Kulasingam said: "This is the monsoon season for the south, yet the great God made it possible for us to visit all these places without rain. We had sunshine all the way. Today the papers say that all the places we visited have heavy rains and in some areas floods."

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LONDON — The office here reports that the monthly mail flow for July was the largest this year for the United Kingdom as a result of promotional campaigns through national ads. To date, 16,006 responses have

come in, and 13,834 booklets have been mailed out.

Mail income continues to increase, up 20 percent for the year to date. However, the office reports, "while the current income figures are very positive, they have to be set against an inflation rate that is creeping steadily and relentlessly upwards."

During the past 18 months the price of gasoline in Britain has increased to \$2.64 a gallon, a 100 percent increase, according to the office.

Regular Bible studies in Middlesborough, Cardiff and Carmarthen have been made churches, bringing the number of churches meeting each Sabbath in the United Kingdom to 40.

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PASADENA — July was the best month for income in Canada in about three years, reports Rod Matthews, international office manager.

"There has been a noticeable increase in co-worker activity over the past month, along with a growing number of positive comments on the radio program," Mr. Matthews said.

The 24 percent increase for the month puts the year-to-date income up 11 percent.

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Stan Bass, director of the Caribbean Work, conducted a leadership seminar for the Caribbean region Aug. 12 to 23 to "enhance and develop leadership within the local churches and scattered brethren throughout the region," he said.

John Halford, coordinator of the international office in Pasadena, flew here to join Mr. Bass in conducting the seminar on the island of Tobago for the 23 men who attended, accompanied by their wives.

Forty-seven hours of instruction in Christian leadership included such topics as developing family relations, improving communication skills and spiritual development.

Mr. Bass also reported a "substantial gain in mail containing contributions" for the month of June, up 37 percent from May's mail and 40 percent over the same period last year.



**PREPARING FOR TRIP** — Stanley R. Rader, executive vice president of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and personal assistant to Herbert W. Armstrong, has been making arrangements for Mr. Armstrong's trip to the People's Republic of China and the foundation's planned project to donate English-language books and to train teachers and students in the field of library science. Mr. Rader meets with library officials in front of the Peking University Library, left, and tours the Fudan University Library in Shanghai, right.

## Chancellor meets with faculty

TUCSON, Ariz. — Ambassador College Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong welcomed 21 members of the college faculty to his home here Aug. 21 for an afternoon meeting concerning various college-related topics.

The faculty arrived around 2 p.m. to be greeted by the 87-year-old college founder, who said that he was glad that Ambassador College is getting back on God's track.

"Ambassador College was becoming just like any other college," Mr. Armstrong said. "It came to the place where Christ and God were kicked out. Morals were down to an all-time low."

"We had to make it better," he said. "I think we'll get off to a real good start this year."

Mr. Armstrong explained the difference between Ambassador and other universities and colleges, saying that Ambassador approaches education from the standpoint of God's laws and His way of life.

"I never intended Ambassador College to be just any college," Mr. Armstrong said. "It had to be different. Ambassador College had to be based on the laws of God and the government of God."

"Ambassador College's whole focus and approach to knowledge is based on the Bible," he said. "God's main purpose is to build character, and we teach students how to recapture true values — the values of

God's right way in contrast to man's wrong way."

After about two hours of general remarks, Mr. Armstrong opened the meeting to questions from the faculty. Topics ranged from the design and purpose of the college forums to various student responsibilities.

In the comfortable, familylike atmosphere, Mr. Armstrong took part of the three-hour session to reminisce about the beginnings of Ambassador, describing some of the obstacles that had to be overcome just to open the college that first year.

"I had no money to start a college with," Mr. Armstrong said, "but through a lease-purchase option, I obtained the first property of Ambassador College, which is now our library building."

"What I didn't know," Mr. Armstrong said, "was that the owner never intended to sell us that prop-

erty. He had planned to just take our money and keep the building. But we eventually did gain full title."

Even though there were other hurdles to overcome, the college eventually opened with four students and eight faculty members in October, 1947.

Mr. Armstrong's concern and commitment to the youths of the Church is stronger now than ever before. During the session he again reiterated his excitement about the Church's new program of youth education and involvement, the Youth Educational Service (see *Worldwide News*, Aug. 13, page 1). And he also affirmed his belief in the goals and objectives of Ambassador College.

"I don't think God wants Ambassador College closed," he said. "We've had problems, but we will solve them."

## ACLU proclaims support of Church's legal position

PASADENA — Southern California's American Civil Liberties Union announced at the Pasadena-Foothills chapter's Aug. 20 meeting that the organization will file a friend-of-the-court brief (amicus curiae) in support of the Worldwide Church of God.

John Hutchison, a professor at Claremont Theology School and a member of the ACLU's church and state committee, said the ACLU has unanimously decided to join the Church's defense after lengthy debate. He said that the State, although professing to be interested only in financial matters, interfered with the Church's religious activities and First Amendment rights.

"You cannot separate the raising of money with the proclamation of a

religious message," Mr. Hutchison said. The steps taken by the California Attorney General's Office in the civil suit filed against the Church, Ambassador College and Ambassador International Cultural Foundation in January violated the Church's constitutional rights, he said.

"In this case," Mr. Hutchison continued, "our conclusion is that the attorney general is in violation of the law, and his violation of the law is a grave precedent for all of us."

According to the Work's Legal Department the friend-of-the-court brief can be simply defined as an additional argument presented to the court as to how the Church's rights have been violated. It may be filed with the court's permission by any party not involved with the litigation.

## College holds student seminars

PASADENA — Thirty-six Ambassador College students chosen for student body leadership positions participated in a seminar Aug. 13 to 16.

Resident assistants, class presidents, student body officers, men's and women's club officers and Portfolio representatives heard Deputy Chancellor Raymond McNair outline several points of effective leadership in the keynote address. Mr. McNair closed the seminar with an informal question-and-answer session in the reception area of a suite of offices prepared for the use of the student body officers.

Other sessions were conducted by Greg Albrecht, dean of students; Ron Wroblewski, financial aids officer; Dr. Robert Oberlander and Richard Ames, faculty members; and Dave Myers, student body president.

Mr. McNair, along with the other speakers, said he was anticipating one of the best years in the history of the college and was pleased with the caliber of the students this year and their appointed student leaders.



**LEADERSHIP SEMINAR** — Greg Albrecht, Ambassador College dean of students, addresses leaders of the campus community in one of 12 sessions of a seminar designed to help them to be more effective and helpful in their leadership roles. [Photo by James Capio]

### INFLATION FIGHTER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Festival Office completed arrangements with the Hertz Corporation to secure special convention discounts for this year's Feast of Tabernacles. Members requiring a rental car during the Feast may receive a 20 percent discount at all U.S. sites. A special identification number will be given to those interested. Simply give your name and address and the site or area where you will be renting the car, to your minister. He will forward the information to the Festival Office.

You will then be notified of your ID number, which you will use when making your Hertz rental car reservation. The 20 percent discount will be in effect for a 15-day period beginning Oct. 2 through Oct. 16. Be sure to include your complete address including your zip code and the name of the city in which you intend picking up the car.