

1982 FEAST OF TABERNACLES TO BE LARGEST ASSEMBLY ON EARTH

By Herbert W. Armstrong
Begin now to focus your mind on the most joyous eight days of this year — to be anticipated and enjoyed by the LARGEST number of people to be gathered at any convention, assembly or festival on earth.

More than 100,000 happy brethren will share this time of rejoicing.

Stop and THINK of the real PURPOSE and MEANING of the Church in which you are a member! We live in a world of discontent, gloom, sorrow, frustration, despair. In boundless LOVE and mercy the Supreme GOD has chosen and called you and me and all our brethren in Christ OUT of this unhappy and futile world. WHY?

Not only to give into our lives His happiness and joy and blessed hope, but to PREPARE us through His Spirit and His spiritual knowledge to rule over and TEACH all humanity during the coming thousand years and the following great judgment to have their lives transformed into vigorous happiness, joy and accomplishment with the GIFT of eternal life — when we ALL shall live happily, gloriously, vigorously, productively FOR EVER AND EVER!

We now look forward to the coming FEAST OF TABERNACLES. At the Feast we shall rejoice eight days looking forward to the time when we may be used in bringing other millions and billions of precious human lives into immortal glorious GOD-LIVES! Yes, then born into the GOD FAMILY — being VERY God ourselves!

All whose hearts and minds are right with God will be spiritually refreshed, uplifted, filled with joyous anticipation, enjoying a real FEAST on the SPIRITUAL WORD OF GOD!

Think how important this Festival is! After the return of King of kings Jesus Christ, "it shall come to pass that every one... shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles" (Zechariah 14:16).

And there shall be plagues and severe punishment on nations that neglect or refuse to attend! People will be compelled to be happy! Of course, that is speaking of mortal people then left alive — not of Christ's saints who then will be immortal and in the very Family of God!

But you and I are, now, still mortal — and the above scripture shows us how very serious in God's eyes it is that we attend this wonderful Feast this year. For we may be attending it as

immortal-born children of God before this present decade is out! That certainly is a likely possibility.

We have undoubtedly entered the most explosive decade in the history of man. But it is possible that God will cut short the days of great tribulation ahead and bring us into the wonderful and glorious Kingdom of God before this decade is out. Again, remember, Jesus said no man will know the day or the hour. But He did say we may know by world events when it is near — even at the door!

This will be my 56th year of keeping the annual Fall Holy Days. We did not come to realize the meaning and need to keep the entire Feast of Tabernacles until 1945, though my wife and I began keeping the annual Sabbaths in 1927.

The Feast of Tabernacles pictures to us year after year the glorious thousand years just shortly ahead now of world peace, happiness and opportunity for eternal salvation for all not previously called! It will be a world without Satan! It will be a

world with Jesus Christ ruling with love!

It is a time for us to get away from the dreary routine of daily life in Satan's world and enjoy eight wonderful days with brethren in Christ and their families! It is the only time in the year that God provides a time when we may get away and rest from our daily regular duties —

to be with brethren in Christ to worship Him and look forward to His utopia!

This year we shall have 23 Festival sites in the United States and Canada. Worldwide there is a total of 76 Feast sites in 44 countries.

Brethren, as God shows us the importance of attending the Feast, it is equally important

that all shall have been saving the second tithe to pay your own expenses and enjoyment at the Festival.

Of course, part of that expense is rental of auditoriums or halls or convention centers and other expenses the Church must pay. So, as always, be sure to send in a tithe of your entire year's second tithe by return mail. Mark or list it separately from your regular first tithe or offering.

What a blessing from God that we have not had to borrow regularly at the banks during all the last three years and so far this year. Formerly we had to borrow a million dollars in January and pay back out of Passover special offerings.

Then we had to borrow another million in July to be paid back from the Fall Festival offerings. Loan rates to largest bank customers have gone over 20 percent! What a blessing not to have to pay these excessive interest rates!

Instructions for making your housing arrangements are included in this issue of *The Worldwide News*.



FESTIVAL SITES — Pictured above are the 1982 United States and Canadian Feast of Tabernacles sites approved by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. A list of sites worldwide appears on pages 7 and 8. (Artwork by Ron Grove)

HWA meets officials in Europe, Middle East

By Aaron Dean
JERUSALEM — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong arrived here in the Work's G-II jet April 2 following meetings in London; Brussels, Belgium; Amman, Jordan; and the island of Cyprus in the Mediterranean.

The pastor general left the Burbank, Calif., airport March 24 in the G-II with David Hulme, the Work's media liaison, Kevin Dean, director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU), myself and my wife Michelle.

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

The aircraft touched down at 5 a.m. London time at Luton airport in the United Kingdom, about 15 to 20 minutes from the former Ambassador College campus in Brickley Wood.

Later that day, Mr. Armstrong met with evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for God's Work in the United Kingdom, Scandinavia, the Middle East and East and West Africa, and ministers Paul Suckling, Robin Jones and Francis Berge in his Dorchester Hotel suite in London.

Mr. Armstrong answered questions from the men and discussed the Work in Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries.

The pastor general flew to Brussels March 27, where he met officials of the King Leopold III Foundation and had lunch with the king.

Mr. Armstrong took advantage of the one-hour time difference

between London and Brussels to fly back and conduct Sabbath services in St. Albans, England. Before his sermon, the pastor general raised Mr. Suckling and Mr. Jones to pastor rank. He followed with a powerful sermon exhorting members to properly prepare for the Passover.

On to Amman

Sunday, March 28, Mr. Armstrong and his group left in the G-II for Amman, where he was met by government officials and cameramen from Jordanian television.

The pastor general met March 29 with Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan for an hour and 15 minutes. They discussed the origin of the three major Middle East religions and their common ancestry in the patriarch Abraham.

At the prince's request, Mr. Armstrong photographed and presented a copy of his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* to the crown prince. The prince gave Mr. Armstrong his book, *Palestinian Self-determination*, and invited him to lunch the next day at the government state house.

Tuesday, March 30, before his lunch with the crown prince, Mr. Armstrong was given a guided tour of a school for the mentally retarded by Princess Sarvath. The crown prince had suggested that the Ambassador Foundation could help fund the school, which was started by the princess in 1972.

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Dean were impressed with the school, and the YOU director explained some similar projects in the United States.

The pastor general and Mr. Dean noted that the princess's project was educating both children and parents. In many countries, parents try to hide their retarded children, instead of helping them.

The princess's project begins working with the children at age 2½, continuing through age 16 when they go into vocational training. This helps with the severe labor shortage in Jordan.

After his luncheon with the crown prince, Mr. Armstrong presented a check from the Ambassador Foundation to help fund this worthwhile project.

Meeting canceled

The pastor general's scheduled meeting with King Hussein was unavoidably canceled when the king had to fly to Iraq because of an escalation in the Iran-Iraq conflict. [Jordan is supporting Iraq in the war, and has sent volunteers to serve in Iraq's army.]

Wednesday, March 31, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Hulme met with Dr. Kamal to discuss airing the *World Tomorrow* program on Jordan's television network. The talks went well, and the pastor general expects to return with a special audition videotape this summer. [Amman's television station can also be seen in Jerusalem.] After the meeting, Mr. Armstrong and his party left for Cyprus.

The pastor general met George Ladaf, acting president of Cyprus and president of Cyprus' House of Representatives, April 2. In the meeting, Mr. Ladaf gave a brief but candid explanation of the problems facing Cyprus. Mr. Armstrong then

explained to him the cause of both Cyprus' and the world's problems, and their solution, the Kingdom of God.

After the meeting in the presidential palace, Mr. Armstrong flew to the Jerusalem airport, where he was met by Michael Ravid, former Israeli consul in Los Angeles, Calif.

Sabbath morning, April 3, Mr. Armstrong was visited by His Beatitude Deodoros, the Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church in Jerusalem. The patriarch conferred one of the oldest orders in the world on the pastor general, who was the 131st recipient in the 1,546 years of the order. It was founded by the Roman emperor Constantine I in A.D. 336.

The pastor general and his group spent most of the Sabbath in their hotel, briefly visiting the Garden Tomb and Golgotha.

Sunday, Mr. Armstrong toured the Liberty Bell park with Teddy Kollek, mayor of Jerusalem. That evening, the mayor was host to a dinner in Mr. Armstrong's honor, and presented an ancient coin from his private collection to the pastor general.

The coin, called the platur and minted in A.D. 29 during Christ's ministry, was formed into a pendant for Mr. Armstrong. It was recovered in one of the Jerusalem excavations.

The next day, Mr. Armstrong had lunch with Joseph Aviram, director of the archaeological faculty at Hebrew University, and Benjamin Mazar, past president of the university, at the Chez Simon restaurant. They arranged the shipment of artifacts from the Jerusalem excavations for display in Prince Mikasa's

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Behind the movement for a nuclear freeze

PASADENA — One of the biggest pressures on President Ronald Reagan is the rather sudden emergence of a broad-based movement calling for a freeze on the nuclear arms stockpiles of the United States and the Soviet Union. Similar calls surfaced earlier in Western Europe.

Mr. Reagan's political opponents are attempting to capture the rather amorphous nuclear-freeze crowd for political gain. Hence, Senator Edward Kennedy, with eyes on the White House in 1984, has cosponsored legislation in the U.S. Senate calling for a joint, verifiable U.S.-U.S.S.R. nuclear freeze.

The moral issue of the 1980s?

Advocates of the freeze claim nuclear disarmament will become the central moral issue of the 1980s,

just as Vietnam was in the '60s. The politicians are responding to a flood of university teach-ins, referenda ranging from town-hall meetings in Vermont to statewide initiatives in California, as well as an upsurge in books describing in graphic detail the horrors of nuclear war.

Nuclear-freeze advocates cut across a rather wide swath of society, but mostly stem from the intellectual upper crust.

A list of the newer antinuclear organizations reflect this intellectual and professional orientation: Physicians for Social Responsibility, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, the Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control, the Business Alert to Nuclear War, Artists for Survival.

These groups join older antinuclear bodies plus the ever-present

anti-Vietnam carryover crowd always anxious for another issue. Religious groups are also playing an important role in the movement.

Idealistic approach

The movement, in addition, appeals to a growing segment of the public at large, primarily idealistic people and others who want a dramatic, simple quick fix to the arms race.

Statements by the Reagan administration that a nuclear war can be limited, or is survivable, add to the clamor.

Critics of the movement point up its essential idealistic flaw — that of getting the Soviets to agree to a verifiable freeze. This means that both sides would have the right to confirm the other's observance of the agreement, on site in the opponent's country, if necessary. The verifiability question has been the principal obstacle in all past disarmament talks with the Soviets.

Some of the most idealistic "freeze-firsters" (freeze now, negotiate afterward) are not overly concerned about verifiability. They are so frightened about the prospect of nuclear war — but not overly concerned over the certainty of Soviet nuclear superiority translated into political leverage and domination — that they call for the United States to take the first step "on faith."

Some go further still. Former attorney general, Ramsey Clark, called on the United States "to become the first nation to unilaterally disarm." Such action would work only if the United States turned wholeheartedly to God for protection.

President Reagan, according to the freeze-firsters, is the main culprit in the arms race, turning down offers of peace from the Kremlin, such as President Leonid Brezhnev's announcement of a moratorium on Soviet midrange nuclear missiles in the European part of Russia.

Of course, what the Kremlin really wants in this case is to force NATO countries to scrap their 1983 plan to install new Pershing II and cruise missiles in Europe that can reach the Soviet heartland.

Moscow is deathly afraid that these new weapons, though initially under U.S. control (the Soviets basically trust America), could someday fall into the wrong — meaning German — hands.

The U.S. freeze-firsters, however, appear blinded to geopolitical realities. The Soviets, many of them

admit, are strong, perhaps even stronger than the United States. But for the United States to catch up, they feel, would only provoke the Soviets further.

Perhaps the best expression of this mind-set, which reflects an underlying "better Red than dead" resignation, was contained in a letter to the editor of the Los Angeles, Calif., Times:

WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOGBERG



"The people in this country are beginning to clamor for some kind of worldwide freeze on nuclear weapons, and, when the Soviets actually come forth on their own and make a positive first step in the direction of nuclear arms reductions [the European freeze offer], all the Reagan administration can do is scoff and say, 'It's not enough.' ...

"The Soviets claim that if we don't accept their present proposal they will retaliate by putting us and our allies in an 'analogous position.' ...

"I don't believe that the United States is in a position at the present time to repel another Cuban missile crisis situation. Twenty years ago we had nuclear superiority, but not anymore. We are not in a position to reject Soviet proposals."

Helen Caldicott, president of the Physicians for Social Responsibility, is a formidable leader in the freeze movement. Interviewed at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting in January, she told Plain Truth senior writer Michael A. Snyder that the Soviets should be trusted because "they haven't shown suicidal tendencies. They signed SALT II, and America did not ..."

"Survival is the only issue that matters," added Dr. Caldicott. "All other issues pale into total insignificance ... We stop building weapons, we move to sanity, we feed the people, and induce birth control — we can help most people on the planet. It just depends on our motivation and we have to stop being evil, projecting our dark sides out into the world."

Seeing evil selectively

The only evil that the single-issue

freeze-firsters apparently see is the evil of producing nuclear weapons (even other weapons, small and great, lie outside of their focus). Many of these people, primarily springing from the largely liberal, intellectual communities of the country, would hardly condemn the real evils in American society — which sins are so great God says our people are as Sodom.

"They proclaim their sin like Sodom," God says, "they do not hide it. Woe to them! For they have brought evil upon themselves

(Isaiah 3:9, Revised Standard edition throughout). The very thing they fear — nuclear destruction — is going to rain down like fire from heaven, as happened to Sodom. This will occur despite efforts to effect a nuclear freeze or rather partly because of them, since such pressure will only make the United States less able to prevent the nuclear holocaust so greatly feared.

The freeze advocates increasingly express great fear of "what will happen to our children." Yet how concerned are many so-called enlightened people to what is happening to young people today, especially their morals?

An absolutely shocking article is found in the April 5 issue of *Newsweek*. Entitled "Gays and Lesbians on Campus," it deals with the rapidly growing power and attraction of the homosexual movement on U.S. campuses. In college, the gays truly "proclaim their sin like Sodom, they hide it not." Concluded *Newsweek*: "Many gays and lesbians are no longer content to be tolerated as eccentrics. They want to get their sexuality out in the open so they can get it out of the way ... college may be the closest thing to a perfect world that gays will ever find ..."

America — a modern Sodom — is being set up for its day of reckoning, just as when "the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven" (Genesis 19:24).

But in the meantime, a merciful God who loves this people so much (Jeremiah 30 and 31), is greatly expanding His Work of warning (Isaiah 58:1). If we are diligent in our calling, more people, like Lot and his family, will escape the calamity to come.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Unjust criticism fosters division, misery, grief

What is one of the most devastatingly destructive and painful traits of man, yet one so common and seemingly so innocent?

Unfortunately, this human shortcoming also constantly seems to reappear in Christian life, limiting spiritual growth and subsequent happiness.

Do you know what it is? It's the act of evaluating and comparing ourselves with others!

The apostle Paul faced this problem in the first century Christian Church: "We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise" (II Corinthians 10:12, New International Version).

Comparing yourself with others, or comparing people against other people, fosters division and a whole list of attitudes described as "works of the flesh" in Galatians 5:19-21.

Human nature at work

Without God's guidance, people tend to think in ways that exalt the self. As Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong points out, left alone, our natural nature wants to be the authority (Romans 8:7) — to be the chief and let everyone else be the Indians. Submission to another is naturally contrary to human nature.

What happens, therefore? If we can't be the boss, we find fault with the person who is! Regardless of our qualifications or lack of same, our human nature automatically considers itself the authority on most everything. As our natural state views it, the person who thinks he (or she) can give us orders had better be practically perfect.

What a tragic and unfortunate attitude!

Our nature doesn't squawk as long as our superiors do what we like, but as soon as they ask us to do something we don't like, like an irritated cat the back arches and the fur stands up. We may have to cooperate, but we sometimes also grumble and complain and drag our feet along the way.

This is the same kind of attitude the ancient Israelites exhibited when the scouts returned with reports from Canaan. Notice this

account: "And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron; and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God that we had died in this wilderness!" (Numbers 14:1-2).

As the apostle Paul wrote, God wasn't pleased with this attitude (Hebrews 3:10); in fact, He granted their wish (verses 11, 17).

Jude also warned against this attitude, noting especially people who "despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities" (Jude 8). It often boomerangs: "Do not revile the king even in your thoughts, or curse the rich in your bedroom, because a bird of the air may carry your words, and a bird on the wing may report what you say" (Ecclesiastes 10:20, NIV).

Comparing one to another is useless and negative. God alone knows the underlying motivations of men (I Samuel 16:7), and we only make ourselves (and the people we compare) miserable when we start "second guessing" people.

Passing the test

How can we change? The annual Passover season gives us a positive opportunity to right ourselves through Christ's sacrifice and readjust and align our way of life to God's way.

Test yourself. Read I Corinthians 13:4-7 and substitute your name for "charity." Can you say that "[your name] suffereth long, and is kind," or that you "thinketh no evil"?

Instead of making yourself and others hurt through needless and often unwarranted criticism, follow this piece of advice: "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem [the] other better than themselves" (Philippians 2:3).

Have the big picture, with your heart, mind and energy fastened on the hope of all Christians — the Kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33). As we clear our minds and thoughts of impurities, we won't be dwelling on the alleged faults and shortcomings of others. "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ" (Ephesians 4:15, NIV).

HWA in Middle East

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Middle East museum in Tokyo, Japan.

That evening, Mr. Armstrong and his party attended a performance at Jerusalem's International Cultural Center for Youth (ICCY). The pastor general said he enjoyed the evening, which featured dancing by Yemenite Jews [see "Christ's Apostle in the Middle East," *W/N*, Dec. 14, 1981] and a German youth choir. The ICCY children presented Mr. Armstrong a handmade clay sculpture of a rabbi.

The next day, before touring Jerusalem with Mayor Kollek, Mr. Armstrong presented a piece of Steuben crystal entitled "David and Goliath" to the mayor. Mr. Kollek has governed Jerusalem for 16 years, and the pastor general gave the piece in recognition of the mayor's many achievements in maintaining and fostering peace there.

Moshe Kol, a former minister of tourism and cofounder of the ICCY ["ICCY: Exchanging War for Peace," *W/N*, Aug. 31, 1981], ICCY director Zvi Dagan and his wife joined Mr. Armstrong for lunch. They discussed the future of the ICCY.

Mr. Armstrong conducted a moving Passover service in his hotel suite that evening for the group. During the service, he recalled the early years of the Church, when he and his late wife Loma observed the Passover alone.

The group departed Jerusalem April 7 for London. There Mr. Armstrong and his party kept the Night to Be Much Observed with Mr. and Mrs. Brown and David Gunn of the Work's Borehamwood office, and his mother in the Pavilion Room of the Dorchester Hotel.

The pastor general toured the Work's new offices in Borehamwood before the weekly Sabbath, after he addressed brethren in the greater London area on the first day of Unleavened Bread. After speaking to brethren in Manchester, England, on the Sabbath, the pastor general flew to Pasadena, arriving in the late evening to conclude this successful trip.

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Vicious attack against God's Church

The following appeared in the March 19 Pastor General's Report.

By Herbert W. Armstrong
Thursday, March 11, the Los Angeles, Calif., *Times* came out with a blast against the Worldwide Church of God from a letter written by former Church member and auditor Jack Kessler, Dec. 30, addressed to the board and council of elders of the Church, making accusations against God's Church and its apostle personally.

On Friday and Sunday the Pasadena *Star-News* blazed forth the same attack with the same accusations.

God's Church has suffered much and long at the attacks of dissident former members "going to the public media against the Church." I have heretofore remained silent, never dignifying the allegations with a reply.

Some facts, however, have been written by the Church's attorney, Ralph Helge, which I feel you should know. His report follows.

But first let me give you a brief background, that you may see the situation in its true perspective.

Back in 1946 I realized the need of a college for the training of our own ministry and other personnel for the Work of the living God. I consulted with the chancellor of higher education over the state universities in Oregon. He agreed emphatically that education had become materialistic, having lost the true values.

Though he himself was in a position over the presidents of the universities of the state, he said he was powerless to change the existing system. He envied me, because in starting even a small private and independent college, I was free to "recapture the true values."

His expression "RECAPTURE THE TRUE VALUES" became the Ambassador College slogan.

I consulted a former boyhood Sunday school mate, with whom I grew up, who at that time was a dean at the University of San Francisco [Calif.]. He likewise said modern education was materialistic — off the track.

Jesus Christ, through me, started Ambassador College "ON Track." He had started God's Church of the Philadelphia era, small as a grain of mustard seed at first, but "ON Track!"

The Church, college and Work grew, and GREW and GREW! — at the rate of 30 percent increase per year for 35 years, up to 1968. In that year King Leopold of Belgium had invited me to see him. Also in the fall of that year Prince Mikasa, brother of the emperor of Japan, had invited me to a luncheon with him.

These meetings led to a continuous series of invitations to meet other heads of state in nations around the world. And these in turn opened the doors to carrying the true Gospel as

Christ's messenger — one "sent forth" as an apostle — to leaders in those nations.

For the next seven years I was away from Pasadena headquarters on this great commission up to 300 out of the 365 days of the year.

Meanwhile, leaving the day-to-day administration of the Church and college to others at Pasadena, both Church and college were getting sadly OFF TRACK. The Church was going "liberal," watering down doctrines and God's TRUTH.

The college was becoming just another "rubber stamp" of this world's colleges. The faculty was being loaded with professors from outside the Church, educated in universities of this

world. The evil of "tenure" was introduced in an effort to become "accredited" as one of this world's type institutions. The student body was growing beyond the numbers I had set. Illicit sex, drugs and abuses were fast entering the campus.

In August, 1977, my travels came to a sudden end with TOTAL HEART FAILURE! For many months I was bedridden. I had to learn to walk all over again. I was then living in Tucson, recuperating. I was becoming aware of what had been kept from me — the satanic state that was fast infiltrating the Church and college. I began removing some officials who were, perhaps without realizing it, being deceived by Satan, at the helm of

the Work at Pasadena.

With my typewriter, from Tucson, I began PUTTING THE CHURCH AND WORK BACK "ON Track!"

I closed down Ambassador College as then organized and operated. I put Raymond McNair in charge as deputy chancellor, and we started the college all over again with a freshman class only. The "outside" faculty members were terminated — a costly procedure, for they were on "tenure."

I began vigorously to put the Church back "ON TRACK" spiritually from Tucson.

By January, 1981, I began to find abuses I had surmised in supporting services to be true. I

prayed seriously, fervently, earnestly and continuously for days, that God would not let me misjudge some in leading positions of wrongdoing or wrong motives, IF what began to seem apparent was not in fact true. I had placed great confidence in certain high subordinates.

But as the living Christ led me, it became apparent that in putting God's Work back on track, certain personnel changes must be made in the supporting services, as well as spiritual.

I found it necessary to return to the home in Pasadena and take personal charge at headquarters.

I will let Mr. Helge's report relate the facts from there.

Church counsel refutes fiscal allegations

By Ralph K. Helge

PASADENA — As the apostle Paul had to refute and defend against rumor and accusation, so must the Church today.

Jack Kessler is a former auditor and attorney for the Church. He wrote a letter, which he addressed to the Church's board of directors and the Advisory Council of Elders, accusing ministers and executives alike of a wide spectrum of wrongdoing. The letter was then "leaked" to the press and many other sources.

Ralph K. Helge is counsel for the Worldwide Church of God.

The history of the Church shows that it does not attack people, nor attempt to destroy their reputation. The Church only defends when it is accused in order to preserve its name and those of its duly appointed leaders. Such a preservation of its reputation is essential in order not to hinder or impair the accomplishment of its great commission.

The accusations in Mr. Kessler's letter demand such a response. The following is a response that was published in the March 19 *Pastor General's Report* that will aid in evaluating the letter as well as placing it in the proper perspective.

The "leaked" letter of Mr. Kessler now requires we also respond to the media. We had hoped this would not be necessary. We had hoped to restrict our explanation of Mr. Kessler's accusations to the Church's ministry and membership. The following will at least furnish some background facts, which will aid in putting the "leaked" letter into perspective.

Mr. Kessler, while employed by the Church, found time to acquire his certified public accountant (CPA) credentials. He also achieved the highest exam grade in California on the CPA exam.

Later he was added to the accounting firm that became Rader, Cornwall & Kessler. He later became an attorney. Then there was the law firm of Palazzo & Kessler. Then there was the accounting firm of Rader, Cornwall, Kessler & Palazzo. Then there was the accounting firm of Rader & Kessler. The names of the other parties are only mentioned as a matter of fact in order to identify them.

You must wind your way through this twisted path in order to determine if Mr. Kessler in certain letters is defending himself, other former Church officials, clients or others.

Mr. Kessler, under one firm name or another, served as auditor for the Church since 1972. From

time to time a wish was expressed by others, most of the time privately, but sometimes publicly, for an "independent" auditor.

The expression of such a wish not only provoked a denial of a lack of "independence" but was accompanied by wrathful threats of a lawsuit. Two such examples are the lawsuits filed by Mr. Kessler during 1979 demanding in excess of \$563 million in damages.

By mentioning this matter the author does not accuse or even suggest by doing so that Mr. Kessler was acting as anything less than an "independent" auditor. It is mentioned only to emphasize a point.

As one can appreciate, such an attitude would have somewhat of a stifling effect upon any attempt to even suggest that financial conduct of certain ones in the Church, and the manner in which Mr. Kessler was handling the same, should be reviewed by anyone else.

Mr. Armstrong acts

During February, 1981, after the conclusion of the State vs. Church case, Mr. Armstrong determined definitely to make higher echelon personnel changes. As a consequence, certain persons were discharged and the resignation of others was demanded and received. Other personnel changes were also made.

At this time Mr. Armstrong emphatically and unequivocally stated that he was going to "put the Church back on the track." One of the very first steps Mr. Armstrong took was to appoint a group of men as the Advisory Council of Elders. Responsible men and ministers in the Church who have proven loyal and faithful to the Church over the years. Men whom the ministry and the congregations respected. Men whose word would be above reproach. Men who Mr. Armstrong felt could act independently.

One of their primary responsibilities was to commence an investigation of past conduct in the Church. This commission read:

"Take whatever steps are necessary in order to become fully knowledgeable of all the phases and facets of the legal, financial and other secular aspects of the Church, and all its affiliated organizations, so that they may be better able to advise and recommend regarding the same."

It is interesting to note that in other letters sent by Mr. Kessler, he is threatening to sue some of the very men that Mr. Armstrong commissioned to conduct the investigation.

First investigatory steps

One of the first steps of the investigation was the retention of the outside law firm of Gibson, Dunn &

Crutcher, one of the largest and most respected law firms in the nation. Their reputation is above reproach, therefore, no one would successfully be able to claim that they collaborated in a cover-up of any illegal matters that came to their attention.

A commensurate step was to initiate discussions between the new executive and financial personnel of the Church and Arthur Andersen, the outside auditors who had already been retained. They are one of the largest and most respected accounting firms in the nation, whose findings would also be above reproach.

Firstfruits of investigation

The very day that another person's resignation was demanded, that other person unilaterally signed a contract with the accounting firm of Kessler & Kessler, one Kessler of which was the author of the "leaked" letter. The other Kessler is his wife.

The contract provided that Mr. Kessler was to serve as a consultant in the furnishing of advice in the area of accounting with the Church, for a period of five years, at the tune of \$12,500 per month. An additional sum was to be paid should the demands of the Church upon his unique expertise become too taxing.

Apparently it was felt that the auditing and accounting services of Arthur Andersen, one of the world's largest accounting firms, was either not capable of handling the task, or it was necessary to have Mr. Kessler's continued involvement for other reasons.

The contract was immediately delivered to the Accounting Department with instructions to commence issuing checks to the Kessler firm. Two such checks were issued. Once the Church investigation uncovered the Kessler contract, the checks were ordered stopped. Mr. Kessler was advised that the Church did not consider the contract binding upon it and refused to honor the same.

The newspaper reports that Mr. Kessler does not know why he was excommunicated and suggested it might be because of his "friendship with Mr. [Stanley R.] Rader" or because of his "unwillingness to lie about Stanley Rader." Mr. Kessler omits his accusing the Church of "treachery" because it refused to honor the five-year contract.

It appears now that the decision not to honor his contract was not only legally and financially sound but providential. For now we must ask the question, if the Church had honored it, would some other person be accusing the Church today of "bribery" to prevent the leaking of

accusations in the "leaked" letter?

Further, it seems appropriate to comment here that the Church did not and does not have to request lies from anyone. The Church does not need to deal in lies. The Church is only interested in attempting to document the actual facts so as to defend itself from the false accusations of its accusers.

One of the first areas of inquiry with Arthur Andersen was to seek their advice as to the appropriateness of financial expenditures between the Church and the Ambassador Foundation. The commencement of the inquiry must have touched a nerve because promptly a fiery telex was received from Mr. Kessler.

As of March 1, 1981, he certainly felt there was no basis for the "leaked" letter accusations because he stated:

"The question was asked whether they thought there was any impropriety in the Church's giving funding to the foundation in order for the foundation to carry on its activities... to me it's embarrassing for Church officials to wonder aloud whether we're committing some major fraud of this nature. There was no need to ask Arthur Andersen what they thought since they have just given us completely unqualified opinions two years in a row."

It is surprising he now chooses to ignore the exonerating effect of Arthur Andersen's two years of "unqualified opinions."

The Church's investigation also uncovered a matter that caused it grave concern. It uncovered the existence of two corporations in Nevada that had ostensible legal authority to appoint a successor to Mr. Armstrong in the event of his inability to govern the Church.

Neither Mr. Armstrong, nor the ministers whom he looked to for aid in spiritually guiding the Church, nor I, who served as house counsel for the Church for years, had any knowledge of these two corporations. There has been absolutely no satisfactory documented legal evidence that any of such persons would have had any legal control whatsoever of these corporations.

Mr. Kessler was one of the attorneys who created these corporations and who was named as a director of one of them. The other directors were people in his office who were not members of the Church. Only after the many demand letters by the Church upon Mr. Kessler or his associates, attempting to effectuate the immediate dissolution of these corporations, and only after many dilatory responses, and only after the preparation of the pleadings by the Church of a lawsuit to force their dissolution, were documents

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The ABBOTSFORD, B.C., church had a Western social Feb. 27. A buffet dinner started off the evening. The Young Ambassadors Feast film was shown, followed by a square dance. The YOU sold lemonade as a fund raiser. Dan Hope and the Spokesman Club had a pie auction of 70 pies. The highest bid was \$22 for a pie sold to Charles Bryce. A cowboy hat made from birch tree bark took the prize in a hat contest. Used clothing, arranged by the YOU, was available throughout the evening. *Bryan and Shannon Ross.*

A winter social for the APPLETON, Wis., brethren took place March 6. Following afternoon services at Shattuck High School, members warmed up with hot homemade chili, crackers and cheese. The members then bid on items donated for the silent auction. In the family show that followed, master of ceremonies Gary Ehman introduced musical, magical and humorous skits, duets, solos, piano and guitar recitals and drum, trumpet and clarinet performances. Pianist Sylvia Daniels accompanied many of the singers. At the end of the show, the audience and cast sang "America the Beautiful." *Jane M. Robinson.*

BEND, Ore., members were joined by Albany and Eugene, Ore., brethren Feb. 27 for their annual winter fun show. Sabbath services were followed by a potluck. Randy Stiver, pastor of the Albany church, was master of ceremonies for the evening. His wife Linda accompanied vocalist Kate Damour on the piano. Ardith Makinson played the piano, and Chet Hiatt performed on his mandolin. Steve and Lori Sheppard sang their original composition "The Revealing Creation," accompanied by Mr. Sheppard on the guitar. The closing number was performed by Bob Straylo on fiddle, Jack Scruggs on banjo and Donna Cole and minister Jack Williams on guitars. Refreshments included popcorn and apple juice. *Chris Chambers.*

Brethren, relatives and friends of the BIRMINGHAM, England, church enjoyed an evening social Feb. 20. After a meal, the Motis, who are from India, discussed their native country's culture and then answered questions. Several women demonstrated dressing with a sari. The members next played table tennis and darts. The table-tennis winners were Carol Edwards and Tom Mahon, and the darts winner was Charles Stansbie. *Christian Phillips.*

The CANTON, Ohio, brethren enjoyed a family night at the Dalton High School March 13. Barry Richey was master of ceremonies for activities that called for participation of the family as a unit. *Dick Gay.*

The CHARLESTON, S.C., members had a Sabbath social Feb. 20. The members brought their own food or ate out and then returned to watch a play put on by the YOU. Afterward, the adults conducted a Bible quiz. *Jo Morris.*

A potluck after services March 13 was the beginning of an evening of entertainment for the CHICAGO, Ill., NORTHWEST church. The church's third annual talent show was directed by master of ceremonies Lowell Foster. Cheerleading dance routines and a children's skit on manners were among the 19 acts that spotlighted the talents of musicians, singers, dancers and comedians. Intermission entertainment was provided by juggler Robert Kuhne, Donna J. Jilek.

Members of the CHICO and EUREKA, Calif., churches had a snow party at the Lassen National Park March 7. Several members brought inner tubes for sledding. Others skied or engaged in friendly snowball throwing. Cathy Derick brought hot chili for everyone. David Neilsen Jr. performed on the drums. *Tom Alexander.*

The COLUMBIA, S.C., and AUGUSTA, Ga., brethren enjoyed an evening of square dancing March 6 at the Columbia church hall. It was the third evening of instruction by a professional teacher from Martinez, Ga.

The Columbia church had a fund-raising Tupperware party Feb. 22 at the home of Bill and Debbie Gray. Profits of about \$88 went into the church social fund. *Paul Noden.*

Brethren of the CORNING, N.Y., church enjoyed a potluck dinner following afternoon services March 16 at the Holiday Inn in Painted Post, N.Y. *Nancy Syllor.*

About 70 women of the DULUTH, Minn., church met at the home of Geri Chapman Feb. 21 to attend a seminar on foods and nutrition. Several members gave presentations on basic food groups and nutrients and how they affect our health. Snacks of nuts, cheese, fruits and vegetables were served. Pastor Bill Gordon evaluated the meeting and gave the closing remarks. *Carol Morken.*

The third annual variety show of the EVERETT, Wash., church was March 6. A potluck dinner after Sabbath services started the evening's activities. Master of ceremonies John Stiles began the show by narrating the children's skit. Other acts were dance routines, a piano solo, a barbershop quartet and a men's and women's chorus. A high point of the evening was a rendition of the Charleston dance performed by several women. The variety show clown, Jo Morehouse, delighted the children with surprises. *Rod Kleitz.*

Brethren of the FLORENCE, S.C., church bade farewell to pastor Paul V. Kieffer and his family at a farewell dinner at the Back Swamp Community Center Feb. 27. Also present at the occasion was the new pastor, Larry Greider. Mr. Kieffer will be serving in Europe. *Charles B. Edwards.*

FORT COLLINS, Colo., members and their families took to the slopes Feb. 20 for an evening of tobogganing down the mountain slope on inner tubes. Chili and beef stew were served later in the evening, along with hot chocolate, coffee and finger foods. *Roma Tennison.*

The second annual "Greatest Show on Earth" of the FORT WORTH, Tex., church took place March 7 at the Everman Community Center. The clowns, games, animals, contests, music and food provided a family-oriented entertaining afternoon. *Lester and Elaine Zimmermann.*

Alton B. Billingsley, pastor of the FRESNO, Calif., church, invited the Plain Truth distribution program members from the Modesto, Visalia, San Jose and Fresno, Calif., churches to a meeting and potluck in Kerman, Calif., Feb. 28. The purpose of the meeting was to share ideas, strategies and successes. John Jester gave a presentation on San Jose's successful program, outlining its organization and techniques. Other coordinators also presented their programs. *Armin Reese.*

GLENDAL, Calif., members and guests dined by candlelight and accordion music at an Italian evening meal Feb. 27. The social was dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Fink in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary and to Mr. and Mrs. Randal Walker, who are leaving the area after three years of service to the brethren. A talent show followed dinner and included a skit entitled "Life with Luigi and Friend Pasquale." The program ended with the song "Good-bye" from *The Sound of Music*, performed by seven youths, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Walker. Gifts were presented to both couples. *Lorraine Fakhoury.*

The GRANDE PRAIRIE and DAWSON CREEK, Alta., brethren met at the Nordic Hall in Grande Prairie Feb. 20 for a 25th wedding anniversary surprise for pastor Pieter Michielsens and his wife. Special guests included the Michielsens' children and their families, as well as Mr. and Mrs. D. Hildebrand. The Michielsens were presented with a silver champagne cooler. The evening concluded with refreshments and a dance. *Gerhard Richter.*

God's Church in HALIFAX, N.S., enjoyed a winter social March 13. Sabbath services included the ordination of Michael Baker as deacon. Officiating at the ceremony were pastor Jack Kost and minister Verdon Conrad. A potluck after services began the evening activities. Deacon Keith Conrad was master of ceremonies for the talent show that followed. The array of acts included an accordion virtuoso, skits and music. The grand finale, presented by the Ladies' Club and complemented by the children, comprised a medley of songs from *The Sound of Music*. *C. Starkey.*

A variety show took place in HAMMONTON, N.J., March 6 for brethren of the Hammonton and Trenton, N.J., and Philadelphia, Pa., churches. After a meal prepared by volunteers from the three areas, Bob Bitner introduced the acts, which ranged from musical numbers to comedy routines. *T.D. Cole.*

Members of the HAMMONTON and TRENTON, N.J., YOU and Singers' Club sponsored a dinner-dance Feb. 27 at the Hammonton Fire Hall. The singles provided food and transportation, and the YOU members prepared and served the food, which included roast

beef and fried chicken. The theme for the evening was "Respect for the Elderly." Activities began after sunset with pianist Jan Flynn providing dinner music and Mark Rusinko singing folk songs. A sing-along followed the buffet dinner. YOU member Carolyn Brath sang a song she wrote and dedicated to the elderly. In closing, YOU members



FAMILY FUN SHOW — Connie and Cherie Harrington sing as Tom Geiger accompanies on the guitar during the Appleton, Wis., winter social March 6. (From left) Sabrina Schurr, Sarah and Rebecca Van Lanen, Christina Schurr and Marty Van Lanen participate in the number entitled "If We Could Be Like Little Children." (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Jane Robinson]

and singles sang "I Can't Smile Without You." Dancing and fellowshiping completed the evening. *John Roser.*

The HARRISBURG, Pa., church enjoyed a covered-dish social after services March 6. A Bible bowl and family games rounded out the evening's activities. *Pam Brubaker.*

After morning services and a potluck March 6, HARRISON, Ark., brethren returned for an evening of games, a Spokesman Club skit, square dancing and refreshments. Pastor Tom Blackwell and his wife Pat were presented with a handcrafted sword and case representing God's Word, a check to buy a new Bible and an oil painting of the Buffalo River by Zetta Jones. The gifts were from the Harrison and Mountain View, Ark., brethren. Music for the evening was provided by Glen Farnsworth, Ron Herron, Earl Farnsworth and Jimmy Scott. Bill O'Neil was the square dance caller. *Evelyn Westcott.*

The JACKSON, Miss., members dined and danced at a formal at the Ridgeland Community Clubhouse Feb. 27. Pastor Robert Peoples announced the entertainment for the evening: Bina Brown played the viola; Kim Courtney, home on a visit from the Big Sandy campus, presented her singing debut; and Jerry Walker sang a medley of songs. Mrs. Clint Bradley accompanied them on the piano, and she also played a collection of Southern tunes. *Ann Quarles.*

The 25 entries in the JACKSONVILLE, Fla., church's talent show Feb. 27 included singing, dancing, clowns, bullerinas, acting and a talking parrot that didn't talk. Keith Cottrill was master of ceremonies for the first half, and minister Bill Powell narrated the last part. The evening closed with everyone singing "America the Beautiful." *Piper Ely.*

The KITCHENER, Ont., church had a social March 6. The evening featured a hot meal, followed by Walt Disney's film *Robin Hood* in the school auditorium. Those who chose to remain more active played volleyball and basketball in the gym. Table games were played in the cafeteria, where the tiny tots also enjoyed games. *Wendy Reis.*

About 220 people from the four church areas in Tasmania met at LAUNCESTON Feb. 27 for services and family activities. Pastors Alan Dean and D'Arcy Watson delivered sermons relating to the family. Films describing the growth of the Work and a tour of the Pasadena campus and office facilities were shown. Following a potluck, young singers, dancers and mime artists entertained, and later everybody joined in a

dance and family games. The next day, YOU members participated in noncompetitive fun sports, finishing with a swim at Cataract Gorge. *Max Hoskyns.*

The annual family fun night of the LIBERAL, Kan., church was Feb. 27. The YOU sponsored a fund-raising chili supper, which was followed by entertainment with a "Spanish Festival" theme. The show featured a Spanish guitar solo, gypsy and ballet dances, singing groups and teenage and adult skits, including one by the Dodge City Bunch. Pastor Kelly Barfield, who was master of cere-

mony, entertained between the acts. *Jane Wilkins.*

The LONDON, Ont., brethren participated in an aquatic social Feb. 27. Each family brought a selection of cold cuts, the singles added the extras and the social fund paid for the buns. Everyone built submarine sandwiches to suit his own taste. All ages enjoyed an hour of indoor swimming at the Roberts School pool. *Darrell Clutton.*

MACOMB, Ill., members attended a circus masquerade party Feb. 20. Mem-

bers of the social committee, under the direction of Larry and Terry Corteyou, manned brightly decorated carnival booths where every participant came away a winner. The prizes ranged from curling irons to pencils, all donated by merchants. Four-year-old Nathan Hahn enjoyed the fish pond, and pastor Jess Ernest favored the break-a-balloon-with-a-dart booth. YOU members helped dismantle the booths and clean up the 4-H center. *Cecé Wroblewski.*

More than 200 MACON, ATLANTA and MOULTREE, Ga., and CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., brethren gathered for an outdoor weekend March 13 and 14 near Glenwood, Ga. Macon pastor Otto Lochner gave the sermon Saturday afternoon. Some 150 brethren stayed overnight at the wooded lakeside area, sleeping in tents or out under the stars. That evening each family contributed to a community cookout, and the following morning a team of volunteer cooks prepared a hearty pancake breakfast. Participants divided into three age groups to compete in various races and games, breaking for a lunch of grilled steaks. *Phil Haynes.*

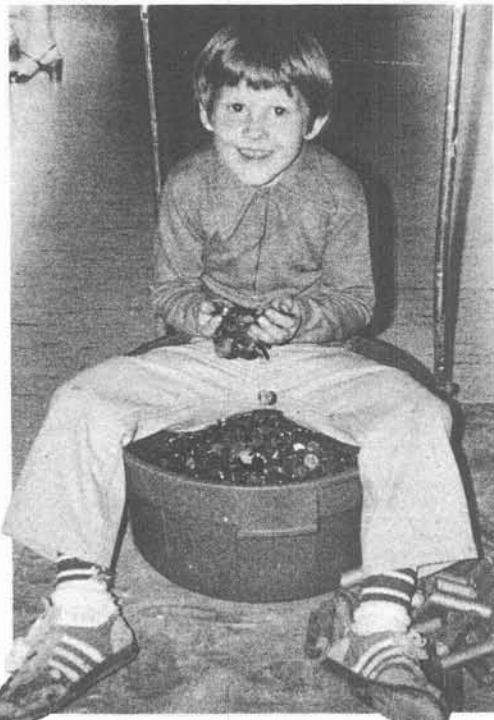
A social for the MANCHESTER, England, brethren was organized by the Manchester and Lancaster, England, United Singles Feb. 13. Sandwiches, trifles, cakes, tea and coffee were served. Activities were a slide show of the United States taken during the Feast by Mike Grant, a Bible quiz and a dance. *Peter Gout.*

The MEDFORD, ROSEBURG and KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., churches had combined services in Medford March 20. Minister Don Russell of Klamath Falls and associate pastor Greg Johnson of Roseburg delivered the Sabbath messages. Afterward, the women uncovered their goodies boxes, and everyone shared a potluck. At sundown, the Spokesman Club members adjourned to a private room for a combined meeting, while the movie *The Greatest Show on Earth* was viewed by everyone else. *Alys M. Henderson.*

MONROE, La., members, along with visitors from the Alexandria, La., church, enjoyed a formal dance Feb. 20. Music was provided by the Mac Tannehill Band. The evening was coordinated by Benny Canales, Joanne Coffill and Betty Carpenter. *Joyce Brown and Shirley Fulford.*

The NORFOLK, Va., church had a luncheon March 6 to welcome the new pastor, Ed Faulk, and his wife Thelma. Mr. Faulk, who served in the New York area for more than 10 years, is the church's first full-time pastor, as Norfolk, which observed its 11th anniversary last month, shared a pastor with its sister city, Richmond, Va. *William C. Pryke.*

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PENNIES! — Six-year-old Steve Horton sits on one of two bushels of pennies saved by the Phoenix and Mesa, Ariz., brethren and rolled at a penny-rolling social March 6, which concluded the fund-raising project that earned \$830.

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Combined services for the PEORIA and MACOMB, Ill., and IOWA CITY and DAVENPORT, Iowa, churches took place in Galesburg, Ill., March 6. A potluck was served and after the Sabbath, the brethren enjoyed swimming, racquetball, jogging, volleyball, basketball and table games. *Janice Keefe.*

The POPLAR BLUFF, Mo., brethren enjoyed a potluck social March 6. The evening's entertainment was the movie *Animals Are Beautiful People*. *Linda Boyce.*

Combined services for the ST. CATHARINES and HAMILTON, Ont., members took place in St. Catharines Feb. 13, followed by a potluck. After the Sabbath, the brethren enjoyed a square dance. While YOU members decorated the school gymnasium and YES members prepared a wall mural for all to enjoy, the 3- to 6-year-olds attempted to break a pinata filled with boxes of raisins, which eventually burst open thanks to Henry Hol. Juices and snacks were served at the end of the evening. *Betty Kish.*

The 19th annual banquet of the ST. LOUIS, Mo., church was March 14. Director Will Malone was a charter member of the church. Pastor Robert Spence and his wife Edna were special guests. The evening's festivities were presided over by Mr. Malone, who read letters of appreciation from the nursing homes where the church presented its winter show. Gifts of appreciation were presented to pianists Richard Stanley and Patricia Goodwin and to Jan Maddox, who designed and made many of the costumes for the show. Special thanks were expressed to Elizabeth Yochum and Ethyl Hall for providing care for the children of the church members while they practiced. The climax of the evening was a slide show presented by Mr. Malone of some of the activities of the church for the past year. *Bob Nevin.*

The ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., church enjoyed a potluck luncheon at the Ridgewood Activity Center in Seminole, Fla., Feb. 21. Music was provided by George Day on the organ. After lunch, the group was entertained by a talent show composed of vocals and instrumentals, with Bobby Sommerkamp as master of ceremonies. Talent show participants were Lynn Stanford, Tonia Rust, the Rust family, Leonard Johnson, Kathy Terry, Karen Liebold and Mr. Day. Afterward, the members enjoyed playing various games. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

About 40 SAN JOSE, Calif., brethren attended the annual family snow trip to Mt. Reba in Bear Valley Feb. 21. The first part of the day was spent skiing, and then a few of the parents took the younger children tobogganing. *Kim Hendren.*

The March 6 social of the SARNIA, Ont., church featured a potluck dinner and a square dance. The caller taught the members the various square dancing steps. *Iva Mae Grimes.*

A combined service and social for the SHEFFIELD, England, church and surrounding areas took place Feb. 27. Guest speaker for the service was George Delap, minister in the St. Albans, England, church. The evening's entertainment centered around a carnival theme. With a background of music from the old organ grinders' melodies, 14 decorated stalls offered such fun as darts and wacky road races. There were prizes for the winners and drinks for those who tried. A farewell was bid to Peter and Heather Bacon, who are moving to Canada. *David Hacker.*

The SHIREVEPORT, Ia., church had an informal family night Feb. 27. Members brought spaghetti dishes for supper, and then they enjoyed card games, dominoes, pool and group singing. *Bill Gay.*

SUVA, Fiji, brethren spent Feb. 28 picnicking at the beach fronting the Beachcomber Hotel, Pacific Harbour, Deuba. The occasion celebrated the completion of a YOU fund-raising project by the men of the church. Minister Epeli Kanaimawi is already lining up another fund-raising project. Early in the morning the bus picked up families from their front doors, beginning with the Duabie family in Nepani and ending with the Young brothers in Suva. After the bus ride to the beach, the members set up for the day, under the leadership of Dick Marr. The singles played volleyball under Marika Yalimawai's leadership, and the children played games, including balloon catching and races, which Watsoni Bole organized. Sweets were distributed as prizes. Sand-castle building followed, while some members went swimming. At noon, the women set up tables, and 10 families enjoyed a pot-

luck, including sugarcane, green coconuts, fresh fruit and drinks. After lunch, most went for a swim. A ladies vs. gentlemen game of water polo got underway, which the women won easily, the gentlemen being gentlemen. Brethren cleaned up the area and returned home on the bus. *Apenisa Naiguleva.*

The VICTORIA, B.C., church had its annual formal dinner-dance at the Harbour Towers ballroom March 6. After a smorgasbord, the members danced to the music of a six-piece orchestra. During the intermission, regional director Colin Adair entertained with jokes and Warren Dyck sang and played the piano. *Peter Crompton.*

The WATERTOWN, S.D., church played host to a weekend family social March 6 and 7. Brethren from the Grand Forks, Fargo and Bismarck, N.D., and Sioux Falls and Yankton, S.D., churches attended. Services were at the Guest House Motor Inn, followed by a dinner in the motel's banquet hall. The evening continued with a dance for the teens and swimming and games for the youngsters at Watertown's high school gymnasium and pool. Sunday morning, the Sioux Falls YOU boys' basketball team beat the Bismarck YOU team. The North Dakota men played the South Dakota men, and South Dakota won. In the girls' YOU volleyball game, Bismarck beat Fargo two games to one. Glen Thompson won the free-throw shooting contest. Refreshments were provided by the Watertown women. *Beth L'Amour.*

A monthly Bible study was conducted in WENTZVILLE, Mo., March 16 at



MARIONETTE SHOW — Children from the four Pasadena church congregations enjoy a marionette show March 28 at a party played host to by the Pasadena Senior Girls' Club. (See "Youth Activities," page 7.) [Photo by Sylvia Owen]

the Cuivre River Electric Hall by Ron Washington, associate pastor of the St. Louis, Mo., churches. *Bill Stough Sr.*

The WINCHESTER, Va., and HAGERSTOWN and CUMBERLAND, Md., churches met at the Winchester church hall Feb. 27 for combined services, followed by a potluck and variety program. Master of ceremonies was Brian Drawbaugh. The deacons and elders participated in a Bible bowl, which was presided over by pastor William Pack. *Bill House.*

Fifty members and their children of the ZÜRICH and BASEL, Switzerland, churches took a 30-kilometer bicycle trip around Lake Baldeg March 14. For the noon meal, the group gathered in and around a rented log house, where a barbecue was prepared on an open fire. Before the ride back to the train station where the bicycles were rented, there was time for fun and fellowship. *Eric C. Ronchetti.*



TEAM EFFORT — The Buffalo, N.Y., YOU basketball team celebrates with cheerleaders after winning the Division I title in the YOU district tournament in Buffalo March 13 and 14. Photo at right shows Division II game between Buffalo and Erie, Pa. (See "Youth Activities," this page.) [Photos by Bill Koehn]

CLUB MEETINGS

"Time or Chance" was the theme of the ALBANY, Ore., Women's Club meeting March 14. President Regina Kuipers opened the club with humorous anecdotes. Rhonda Johnson reviewed the book *Getting Organized*. Susan Wheeler read an article about a pioneer housewife's life-style, and Gloria Mason led tabletopics. After a refreshment break, hostess Donna Sils introduced the speakers: Grace Sanner, Imogene Riddle, Linda Stiver and Pam Penrod.

The BRUSSELS, Belgium, Spokesman Club combined with the Ladies' Club Feb. 27 for a meeting that church members attended and participated in. Topics were presented by the Lechiens. To close the first half, director Olivier Carion conducted a Bible quiz for the children and teenagers. Sue Carion, president of the Ladies' Club, and the Spokesman Club toastmaster presented speakers drawn from both clubs. Mr. Verlegh, the Spokesman Club president, encouraged the guests to join the clubs and share their talents. *Bob Harper.*

The New Century Ladies' Club of the COLORADO SPRINGS and PUEBLO, Colo., churches met at the Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs Feb. 28. Sue Vandegriff led the tabletopics, and Cherie Samuels led the business portion of the meeting. During the break, the women enjoyed fruit, cheeses and crackers catered by the hotel. Pastor Clint Zimmerman was guest speaker. Charity Sarvis and Bonnie Rickel financed the refreshments. *Susan Peterson.*

A combined ladies' night for the GREENSBORO, N.C., Spokesman and Graduate clubs took place Feb. 28 at the Thomasville Women's Club. Following the meal and a short break, director Dan Orban and pastor Bob League spoke to the members and guests. *Vicki Hart.*

The Ladies' Club of the HOUSTON, Tex., EAST church met March 9 at the Railroad Museum in Dickinson, Tex. George Meador gave a slide presentation on edible landscape, and a potluck luncheon was served. *Barbara Morris.*

Members of the JONESBORO, Ark., Ladies' Club met at the Ramada Inn for a mother-daughter night March 6. Ora Pack led the tabletopics, which were followed by the program "Children's Education," with Marta Harrell as hostess. "How to Prepare Your Child for School" was given by Marta Harrell. Betty Petty, a high school teacher, supplied helpful information about "How to be a Successful Student." A panel consisting of Nancy Puckett, Bernice Tackett, Aleeta Dame and Joyce Thompson discussed questions pertaining to the teenage years. The meeting was closed by pastor Clyde Kilough's discussion on "Teach Your Child About God." *Barbara Chase.*

The KNOXVILLE and KINGS-PORT, Tenn., Spokesman Clubs had a combined luncheon meeting Feb. 21 at the Morristown, Tenn., Holiday Inn. Kingsport pastor George Elkins opened the meeting and later evaluated the topics session. Knoxville club President Ed Corbett was chairman for the meeting. Phil Owenby and Danny Roop shared the topics. Dana Behm and Ellis Necessary were toastmasters. Each club had three speakers, who were evaluated by members of the other club. Knoxville pastor David Orban evaluated the second half of the meeting. Link Fox gave the Most Effective Speech, and Enoch Anderson gave the Most Helpful Evaluation.

The Knoxville club had its second ladies' night of the year Feb. 27 at the Alcoa Holiday Inn. Director David Orban asked that each member invite eligible men who had not attended a club meeting. Elders, deacons and former club members were also invited. Vice President Enoch Anderson was chairman for the first half of the meeting, and President Ed Corbett was the topicsmaster. Toastmaster for the night was Andy Thomas. Pete Austin gave the Most Helpful Evaluation, Dexter Marlow was the Most Improved Speaker and Charlie Green gave the Most Effective Speech. After the meeting, music was provided for dancing.

The Knoxville club had a special volleyball night Feb. 23 at the Arnsstein Jewish Community Center. *Andy Thomas.*

The LOS ANGELES, Calif., Spokes-

man Club members and their wives or dates enjoyed a brunch meeting Feb. 21. Widows of the church also attended. President Ward Johnson conducted the business session. Secretary Ron Greene read the minutes, and treasurer Bob Anderson gave a treasury report. Tabletopics were conducted by Joe Clarke. Toastmaster Jeff Patten introduced speakers John Logan, Leno Burk (Most Improved Speaker), Geoff Berg (Most Effective Speech) and Vice President Ron Green. Pastor Abner Washington was overall evaluator. *Geoffrey S. Berg.*

The Feb. 28 meeting of the MONROE, La., Women's Club honored the widows of the church. The theme of the meeting was "Etiquette." Director for the night was ministerial trainee John Knaack. Shirley Fulford presented tabletopics, and Janice Massey was hostess. Speeches were given by Irene O'Neal, Barbara Roberts and Jamie Rouse. After the meeting, the club honored the widows with a tea. *Wanda Martin.*

The MONTREAL, Que., English Spokesman Club members and wives or guests enjoyed a wine and cheese afternoon March 7. Following Steve Postiak's tabletopics, a variety of 23 wines and 26 cheeses, all garnished with pickles, olives, celery, crackers and bread, was available for sampling. In the second half, five speeches were given, reflecting the theme "Teaching Your Children About God." The Most Effective Speech was given by President Claudius Brown, the Most Improved Speaker was Fawzi Behmann and the Most Helpful Evaluation was given by Gaston Santander. Pastor Cecil E. Maranville evaluated the club, and his assistant, Malcolm Tofts, spoke about this world's psychoanalysis. *Melvin R. Rahel.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

A YOU district family weekend took place in BUFFALO, N.Y., March 13 and 14. More than 210 brethren from (See CHURCH NEWS, page 7)



MIGHTY SWING — A youth tries to break open a pinata at a combined social of the St. Catharines and Hamilton, Ont., churches Feb. 13. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Bill Heykoop]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BROWN, David Keith and Marie (Stephens), of Anchorage, Alaska, girl, Sarah Alicia, Feb. 23, 5:23 a.m., 9 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

BURNHAUSER, Jerry and Linda (Ruth), of Bethlehem, Pa., girl, Janel Marie, March 18, 5 p.m., 7 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, first child.

CALKA, Edward and Ferrona (Kuzak), of Montreal, Que., girl, Diane Dawn, March 14, 1:06 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

CADE, Norman and Mary (Steven), of Buffalo, N.Y., boy, Jeffrey Christopher, March 8, 5:13 a.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DEMPESEY, Paul and Carol (Bargar), of Severn, Md., boy, Daniel Cortin, March 17, 10 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

DORSEY, Roger B. and Kathy D. (Peiers), of Charleston, W.Va., boy, Roger Matthew, Feb. 23, 10:32 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FRAMPTON, Thomas and Rachel (Rushing), of Pasadena, girl, Jennifer Colleen, March 19, 7:11 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GEIDER, Hal and Scarle (Smith), of Milwaukee, Wis., boy, Jordan Michael, Feb. 9, 1:30 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

GOETHALS, David and Betty (Hedge), of Wickes, Ark., boy, Bryan David, Feb. 22, 9:35 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

HAMBLETT, Warren and Toni (O'Shan), of Oklahoma City, Okla., girl, Emily Rachel, Feb. 28, 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

HUTNIK, David and Michelle (Malvey), of Glendora, Calif., girl, Elizabeth Michelle, March 12, 6:25 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

JOHNSON, Ronald and Shirley (Hottle), of Grand Rapids, Minn., boy, Steven Mark, Feb. 6, 8:10 a.m., 11 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

JONES, Joe and Judy (Vivide), of Lamar, Ark., boy, David Westly, March 7, 5:05 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

KRUPATNICK, Tom and Sarah (Carr), of Boone, N.C., girl, Sarah Lee, March 24, 2 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

KURK, Larry and Mary Rose (Stanco), of Long Island, N.Y., girl, Rachel, March 15, 1:56 p.m., 7 pounds, first child.

LARSON, Michael and Melanie (McCadden), of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Rachel Marie, Dec. 27, 12:10 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

LAUCHLAN, Colin and Susan (Thomson), of Johannesburg, South Africa, boy, Clifford Wayne, Feb. 4, 12:40 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

LEIGHTON, Paul and Judith (Atherton), of Gloucester, England, boy, James Rostine, Feb. 25, 12:52 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

LINDSEY, Rick and Jacki (Smith), of Dallas, Tex., boy, Bradley Ryan, March 5, 8:58 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

McPHEE, Peter and Val (Thomson), of Darwin, Australia, twin boys, Bruce Andrew and Neil Douglas, Dec. 18, 8 pounds 7 ounces and 5 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

MANSKER, Bob and Kathy (Climmer), of Great Bend, Kan., girl, Kari Ellen, March 19, 11:28 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

MAPES, Stephen and Jean (Stokes), of South Pasadena, girl, Elizabeth Catherine, March 12, 2:43 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

MAY, Dean and Laurie (Frad), of Pasadena, girl, Stacy Ann, March 17, 6:18 p.m., 8 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, first child.

MEYER, Linda and Cheryl (Cros), of Fresno, Calif., girl, Amanda Yvonne, March 10, 6:30 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

MILLER, David and Marie (LeMoine), of St. Paul, Minn., boy, Elijah Steven, Feb. 27, 3:27 p.m., 9 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 boys.

MILLS, Geoff and Liza (Ortiz), of Wellington, New Zealand, girl, Michelle Elizabeth, March 10, 7 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MORLEY, Ronald and Patricia (Stewart), of Regina, Sask., boy, David Douglas, Jan. 16, 3:35 a.m., 9 pounds, now 4 boys.

NYANJULU, Rowland M. and Betty (Ngubane), of Malawi, boy, Rabson, Jan. 26, 5 a.m., 7 pounds, now 1 girl, 1 girl.

O'DELL, Sammy and Julie (Lane), of Amarillo, Tex., girl, Kame Beth, Feb. 25, 11:55 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

OLIVER, Ronald and Lori (Geiger), of Milwaukee, Wis., boy, Mark Benjamin, March 5, 1:07 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

OLSON, Ronald and Jeanne (Stones), of Cornelius, Ore., boy, Jonathan David, Dec. 15, 12:42 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

OGIER, Peter and Janis (Lang), of Geraldton, Australia, boy, Karl Erik, March 12, 5:00 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 5 girls.

OSTAPKO, Roy and Carla, of Pasadena, boy, Andrew Joseph, Dec. 28, 6:18 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

RICHARDSON, Brian and Pauline (Grier), of St. Albans, England, boy, Jonathan Alexander, March 2, 8:15 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

ROBERTS, Dennis and Elizabeth (Brownson), of Anchorage, Alaska, boy, Nathan Keith, March 13, 3:20 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 boys.

ROWE, Brian and Lorraine (Seaton), of St. Albans, England, girl, Katherine Nicole, Dec. 22, 1:57 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

SMITH, Tom and Pam (Carver), of Tyler, Tex., girl, Carrie Elizabeth, March 1, 9:17 a.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SOLT, Gordon and Shelley (Stiles), of Glendale, Calif., girl, Shannon Nancy Virginia, Feb. 20, 9:52 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

TRACH, Alan and Roseanne (Soelner), of Allentown, Pa., boy, David Allen, March 12, 4:13 p.m., 9 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

WALKER, David and Caroline (Wiley), of San Diego, Calif., boy, Edward Richard, March 13, 9 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

WEDMAN, Charles and Kathy (King), of Winchester, Va., girl, Sarah Estelle, Dec. 5, 11:09 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WHIPKEY, Steve and Marilyn (Ellis), of Santa Barbara, Calif., boy, Joseph Andrew, March 11, 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

WHITE, George and Renee (Dugger), of Harrison,

Ark., girl, Felicia Lily Ann, Feb. 22, 6:32 p.m., 9 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

WILSON, John and Vikki (Selveto), of Pasadena, boy, Brandon James, March 20, 3:49 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

WILSON, Robert and Melissa (Amm), of Casper, Wyo., girl, Amanda Cordelia, Feb. 4, 8:20 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS



D. BURKES AND C. FOGLE

Dolores Fogle of the Sacramento, Calif., church is happy to announce the engagement of her daughter Cynthia S. to Douglas W. Burkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howell H. Burkes Jr. of Fresno, Calif. The wedding is planned for May 15th in Sacramento. The couple live in San Jose, Calif.



B. McDOWELL AND R. COSCO

Dr. and Mrs. Franco Cosco of San Carlos, Calif., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Rhonda to Brad McDowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett McDowell of Grand Island, Neb. A May 31 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Christopher of Chillicothe, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Alice Rae to Craig Brian Harper, son of Marty Harper and the late Roy Harper of Parkersburg, W.Va. The wedding will take place in Marietta, Ohio, June 13.



K. BRUNZ AND E. WILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frederick Brunz of Ft. Worth, Tex., and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Williams of Asheville, N.C., are happy to announce the engagement of their children Kathleen Louise and L. Evan. Both are seniors at Pasadena Ambassador College. A May 25 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Matheson of Johannesburg, South Africa, are pleased to announce the engagement of their oldest daughter, Debbie, to Robert Kynamith, a local church elder in Durban, South Africa. A May wedding is planned in Johannesburg.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. RYAN BECHTOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. Porter are happy to announce

the marriage of their daughter Jean Ann to Ryan D. Bechtold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bechtold, Feb. 26. The ceremony was performed by Horace Smith, pastor of the San Diego, Calif., church. The couple reside in Escondido, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. HERNAN HERRERA

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Belfert are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Kathleen Marie to Hernan Herrera Sept. 19 in Pasadena. Gary Anton, Ambassador College faculty member, performed the ceremony. The couple reside in Pasadena, where the groom is employed in the Personal Correspondence Department.



MR. AND MRS. DUANE MALM

Toye Ellen Hubbard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hubbard Jr. of Fresno, Calif., and Duane Lloyd Malm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Malm of Fort Macleod, Alta., were united in marriage Jan. 23 in Lethbridge, Alta. The ceremony was performed by Ken Webster, pastor of the Lethbridge and Maple Creek, Alta., churches. The bride was maid of honor, and Norbert Bohner was best man. The couple's address is Box 1225, Fort Macleod, Alta., Canada T0G 0G0.

Terry F. White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cassano of Irving, Tex., and William R. Seipe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seipe of Irving, were united in marriage Jan. 9. The ceremony was performed by Wayne Outlap, a minister in the Dallas, Tex., North church. The couple reside in Irving.

Helena Nordman of Longmont, Colo., and Eldor Iverson of Sioux Falls, S.D., were united in marriage March 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dominguez in Longmont. The ceremony was performed by Chuck

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 Amy Joy Potthoff, daughter of Fred and Judy Potthoff of Eden Prairie, Minn.

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Last name	Father's first name	Mother's first name
Mother's maiden name*	Church area or city of residence/state/country	
Baby's sex <input type="checkbox"/> Boy <input type="checkbox"/> Girl	Baby's first and middle names	
Month of birth	Day of month	Time of day <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M.
Weight	Number of sons you now have*	
Number of daughters you now have*		

*Including newborn

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Zimmerman, pastor of the Scottsbluff, Neb., Wheatland, Wyo., and Fort Collins, Colo., churches. Julie Hoffman was maid of honor, and Tom Hoffman was best man. The couple reside at Route 2, Sprague Lake, Berthoud, Colo.



MR. AND MRS. W. CONNELLY

William A. Connelly and Elaine Connelly were united in marriage Nov. 21 in the Midland Odeon Symphony Building in Midland, Tex. The ceremony was performed by Keith Walder, pastor of the Midland and Lubbock, Tex., and Hobbs, N.M., churches. Attendees were Ethelene and J.L. Whithead. The couple is at home in Midland.

MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS PARK

Linda Jo Proulx, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Proulx of the Kent, Wash., church, and Douglas M. Park, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Park of the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, church, were united in marriage Feb. 21. The ceremony was performed by Richard Parker, pastor of the Kent church. Rose Bennett was maid of honor, and Dan Park was best man.

Weddings Made of Gold

BIG SANDY — Jim and Viola Smith were married in Galveston, Tex., March 22, 1922. They were both 21 years old. They first heard Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in 1954 over radio station XEG in Monterrey, Mexico, and started attending services in 1955 in San Antonio, Tex. They were baptized by Burk McNair in 1956.



MR. AND MRS. JIM SMITH

After Mr. Smith retired they moved to Big Sandy to be near the Church. They celebrated their anniversary with some Ambassador College students and brethren.

GLENDAL, Calif. — Gottfried and Lea Fink celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 27 with the Glendale church. A gift was presented to the Finks by the Glendale brethren.

Mr. Fink was a 33-year-old farm-

er in South Dakota and Mrs. Fink was a 29-year-old farmer's daughter when they were married Feb. 22, 1932. The Finks first heard Mr. Armstrong on KSOO Sioux Falls, S.D., in the mid '50s, and then moved to California in 1960 where they were both baptized in September.

The Finks have one daughter, Mrs. Harold Butler of the Monroe, La., church, and one son, Leonard, of the Salt Lake City, Utah, church.

HAYS, Kan. — Oliver and Besie Baker celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Feb. 6, by inviting the Hays church to join them after services for cake and ice cream. The children's choir sang "Happy Anniversary" for them.

Mr. Baker farmed the same land on which he was born until he retired. Mrs. Baker worked in her father's dry-cleaning store for a short time. She started receiving *The Plain Truth* in 1947. Soon thereafter, she heard Mr. Armstrong on the radio for the first time.

Mr. Baker was not interested, however, until later.

One night Mrs. Baker asked her husband to put down his novel for a few minutes to read something from Mr. Armstrong. It was an article on the Sabbath. That sparked Mr. Baker's interest and they began studying together. The Bakers have been members of God's Church for six years.

MR. AND MRS. FRED De MENT

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffith are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Donna Joyce, to Fred Allen De Mest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic De Mest. The wedding was performed Oct. 3 in Marietta, Ohio, and was officiated by Garvin Deems of the Richmond, Ind., church. The couple reside at Route 2, Lower Salem, Ohio.



MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN MILLER

Betty Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sullivan, and Stephen Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Miller, were united in marriage Jan. 2, Gerald Sullivan, a minister in the Kansas City, Mo., North church, performed the ceremony.

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy first anniversary Ken. Thanks for being you. Love Sue.

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Church names 1982 Feast sites for annual eight-day gathering

By Rod Matthews

PASADENA — Brethren from 120 countries and territories will gather at 76 sites in 44 countries to keep the 1982 Feast of Tabernacles. No inhabited continent will have less than four sites.

In the French Alps, on a Pacific island, on the northwest coast of England or in the Philippine highlands, more than 115,000 of God's people will keep the Feast.

Rod Matthews is manager of the Work's International Office in Pasadena.

Following is a summary of sites around the world, and who to contact for information and permission to attend there.

Please Note: All services will be conducted in English unless otherwise stated. Permission to attend must come from the Festival office of the site you wish to attend.

United States and Canada

For brethren outside of North America.

The sites in the United States this year are Anchorage, Alaska; Big Sandy, Biloxi, Miss.; Cape Cod, Mass.; Dayton, Ohio; Jekyll Island, Ga.; Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii; Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; Mount Pocono, Pa.; Norfolk, Va.; Pasadena; Rapid City, S.D.; Spokane, Wash.; Squaw Valley, Calif.; St. Petersburg, Fla.; Tucson, and Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Details on the sites and accommodations were published in a supplement accompanying this issue and sent to brethren in the United States and Canada. Overseas brethren may obtain that same information by writing to their regional office. See box accompanying this article for information on how to apply to North American sites.

For Canada, the sites are: Calgary, Alta; Penitence, B.C.; Toronto, Ont.; Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Regina, Sask.; and Jonquiere, Que. Applications should follow the same format as the United States, but should be directed to George Patrickson, Box 44, Station A, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 2M2, Canada.

To apply to the French-language site at Jonquiere write to Bob Scott, 26 Des Tulipes, St-Etienne-de-Lauzon, Que., Canada, G0S 2L0. A simultaneous English translation will be provided.

Caribbean

The Worldwide News listed each of the English-language sites in the Caribbean [W/N, Feb. 1] — Southampton, Bermuda; Nassau, Bahamas; Runaway Bay, Jamaica; Christ Church, Barbados; Crown Point, Tobago; Trinidad and Tobago; Morne, St. Lucia; Main Stay Lake, Guyana (yet to be confirmed).

To attend one of these sites it is mandatory to use an International

Transfer Form from the International Office; 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, or by using the toll-free number (800-423-4444) in the United States.

Please state which site you wish to attend. Information will be returned with the form. Space restrictions do not permit members to attend here without permission.

Spanish will be spoken in Rincon, Puerto Rico, with simultaneous English translations. Details and requests to attend should be sent to Pablo Gonzalez, Apdo 3272, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00904.

For the first time translations into English will be provided at the French-language sites of Tartane near Fort-de-France, Martinique, and if required at Saint-Francois, Guadeloupe.

In Martinique, visitors will use 36 studios (apartments), just a seven-minute walk from services. Costs are \$25 a room for two or more people, and \$22 a person a day for three meals.

Guadeloupe's site in Saint-Francois has apartments with kitchenettes at \$25 a family a night. Food must be purchased and prepared.

Allegations

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received from Mr. Kessler's office that permitted the dissolution of the two corporations without the need of filing a lawsuit.

Recovering property

Demands were then made to commence recovering of all corporate moneys, records and property from Mr. Kessler and some of the former officials and employees. An accounting was requested from Mr. Kessler for Church moneys that were in his possession.

In due time a statement was received from one of Mr. Kessler's firms, which sought to account for \$150,000 of the funds that had come into his possession on behalf of the Church. After deducting expenditures on behalf of the Church, including a claim for attorney's fees in the sum of \$28,562.50, he conceded there was \$13.82 due the Church.

It was necessary that another demand go out to him asking for a breakdown of the services justifying said fee.

A demand was also made that the thousands of dollars of law books the Church had purchased and that were in the library in the Century City office should be returned to the Church.

Mr. Kessler responded, castigating Mr. Armstrong for even suggesting that they should be returned. He contended that a former official of the Church had a right to have the books remain there, under his contract, so he could furnish advice if and when he was called upon to do so.

The Church considers this as a totally untenable excuse. As of this date the books have still not been returned.

A demand for an accounting was

also made against the assistant of one of the persons whose resignation was demanded. The demand was for an accounting for expense money during a trip overseas. It was in the approximate sum of \$43,000.

Response then came from the assistant that if he was not reinstated to the Church, reinstated to the position previously held by him, given full back salary, an apology made by Church officials, etc., etc., that he would disclose a rumor of a confidential nature.

Upon a refusal to be intimidated, a second demand for an accounting was sent. A letter was then received from Mr. Kessler saying that he was representing the assistant. He then demanded after serving as auditor of the Church's books for eight years, the right to look at the Church's books. He claimed the assistant could easily account for the money, but as of this date no accounting has been seen, much less the return of any of the moneys.

Interesting observations

It is interesting to note that the divine light revealing the alleged facts giving rise to Mr. Kessler's accusations in his "leaked" letter came after all the foregoing events.

The newspapers quote Mr. Kessler as remorsefully stating that no Church official has seen fit to contact him regarding his "leaked" letter. Mr. Kessler apparently failed, however, to mention that he was contacted by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher as attorneys for the Church. He failed to mention their ardent requests for the backup information and documentation supporting his accusation, if there be any. He failed to mention his two short, sarcastic responses.

Our attorneys had attempted to work with Mr. Kessler. They extended a willing hand, but unfortunately that hand remains empty of any evidence of the accusations in the "leaked" letter.

CHURCH NEWS

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the Rochester, Syracuse, Binghamton and Corning, N.Y., and Erie, Pa., churches participated. At Sabbath services in West Seneca, N.Y., pastor David Pack established the theme with a sermon about the family. A Bible bowl between six teams was won by the Erie team. A potluck dinner was served in the decorated hall. Essays by the teens on "What Is a Family?" were displayed along with family pictures. YOU members participated in a baby-picture contest and a Scripture-cookie game. The evening's main event was a family dance, which included dance contests for fathers and daughters, mothers and sons and the YOU members and a freeze dance.

Sunday featured a day of basketball tournaments. Twelve teams competed in three divisions. In the men's division, the Buffalo team took the first-place trophy from Rochester, 58-53. The Division I tournament saw Binghamton-Corning take top honors, along with the sportsmanship award. The Division II trophy

was captured by the Erie team. Halftime activities were acrobatic and dance displays by the cheerleaders, who also brought the weekend to a close when they presented specially prepared cakes to their teams. Gail Bielski and Val Marzke were.

The PASADENA Senior Girls' Club played host at a party March 28 for 130 children from the four Pasadena congregations, to conclude its sessions on child training.

The party was designed to serve the younger members of the Pasadena churches and also provide an opportunity for the Senior Girls to practice their newly acquired skills and knowledge.

The afternoon began with a variety of party games followed by special refreshments. After this the children were entertained with a professional marionette show, which included a rabbit on a trapeze and an egg-laying ostrich.

Following a final game the children were presented with gifts to take home with them. Barry Gridley.

Transferring to the United States?

Those wishing to transfer to the U.S. Feast sites from outside the United States or Canada should write to the U.S. Festival Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129. The letter should contain the following information: family name, site of first preference, two other choices in order of preference, full mailing address, number of adults (age 19 and over) and children and ages of children.

Please state whether additional information is needed, or whether arrangements will be handled through a travel agent.

The U.S. Festival Office will accept as many overseas brethren as possible, subject to the limitations of each site. Applicants will be notified as soon as possible of acceptance, including any additional information needed. Travel and lodging plans should remain tentative until final acceptance is received.

The Feast site in Haiti is at Les Cayes again this year, but no translations from French to English will be available.

For more details and requests to transfer, please write Dibar Apar-

tian, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

United Kingdom

There will be three sites in the (See 1982 FEAST, page 8)

December, 1981. Therefore, the question is when, where and how did he receive such a divine light?

Accusations suspect

Most all the accusations in the "leaked" letter appear to be of ancient origin. This was even conceded to by a deputy attorney general who was quoted in the newspaper as saying that Mr. Kessler's charges "are the type of financial transactions that our suit was concerned with." What prompted their resurrection? Could it have been the fact of the Church's own investigation?

Is it possible that some of the motives behind the "leaked" letter are to engender such harassment that former dismissed personnel would be, along with Mr. Kessler, drafted back into the ranks of the Church with its financial blessings?

Could it be possible that a motive would be to create an ostensible furor of problems? A furor so great it would prove beyond a doubt that the Church could only have achieved its present position of power and prestige due to the acumen of some of the formerly discharged persons? Could it be to prove that without the presence of these persons constantly at the ship's helm the ship is bound for inevitable destruction?

At this point in time we do not purport to suggest any answer to these questions or impute any motives. Time and truth will themselves do this.

Time does not permit the type of response the accusations call for. Therefore, such responses shall follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Mr. and Mrs. John Griffiths of Cardiff, Wales, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary March 11. A surprise party in their home was given by the wife of Robin and Tina Brace. A silver rose bowl was presented on behalf of the Cardiff Church members.

Babe: You get lovelier and more precious every year. I thank God I have you, and for being able to begin the Passover season, April 7, with our 13th anniversary. Much love and a happy future. Mr. Babe.

To my sweetie: Happy anniversary March 21. Thank you for the most wonderful year of my life. I know this next year will be better than the first. I love you. Chell.

Dear Larry and Debbie: Happy first anniversary, April 15. May this special day be the brightest ever, and may the coming year be filled with every happiness. Much love, Charlene and Mary.

Jim, happy 5th anniversary. I love you very much. Janice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Former members of the Salina, Kan., church are invited to the 15th anniversary celebration at the Cavalier Club in Salina, Sunday evening May 30. The event includes meal (\$8.70 adults and \$5.25 children through age 6), talent program and dance. To request reservations or additional information write Edrickie, 902 Lena, Salina, Kan., 67401 or call (913) 823-6273 weekdays or (913) 825-5222 evenings and weekends. Any past member unable to attend please send a written update on your life since moving from Salina.

Obituaries

BIG SANDY — Freda B. Jauch, 91, a Church member since 1961, died of a

stroke March 1. Mrs. Jauch attended churches in Chicago and Bloomington, Ill., and Fontana and Pasadena, Calif.

Gravestone services were conducted by James Lee, pastor of the Longview and Lufkin, Tex., churches.

Mrs. Jauch is survived by two sons, Eric of the Big Sandy church and Erv of Metamora, Ill.; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

BIRMINGHAM, England — Ted Johnson, 69, died March 9. Mr. Johnson was housebound for a number of years, but kept in touch through visits from the Church. Mr. Johnson was an amateur radio enthusiast.

Funeral services were conducted March 17. Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife Carrie and two sons, Robert and Jeffrey.

BIRMINGHAM, England — Albert Street, 65, a longtime member of God's Church, died Jan. 30. Funeral services were conducted by Barry Bourne, pastor of the Birmingham, Nottingham and Northampton, England, churches.

Mr. Street was an original member of the Birmingham congregation, having attended the first campaigns in the area in 1960 by evangelist Roderick C. Meredith. He also attended the first official Feast of Tabernacles in Europe at Brickell Wood, England, in 1961. Mr. Street is survived by his wife, one daughter, Pauline, and one son, David.

For the record

PASADENA — Several names of waterskiing instructors and counselors at SEP in Orr, Minn., were deleted in the article "YOU Names 1982 Staffs" [W/N, March 29]. Those two paragraphs should read:

Waterskiing: Lex Baer, Page Coon, Stuart Huse (Big Sandy), Ronda Kelly, Gerard Landreth, Dudley Quisenberry and Bill Vernich.

Counselors: Duane Abler, John Andrews, Renae Bechtold, Bertha Brandon, Jay Brothers, Bruce Dague (Big Sandy), Scott Gjesvold, Joyce Harrar (Big Sandy), Maria Kosior, Wilma Nickamp, Russ O'Quinn (Big Sandy), Donna Ramon, Mike Suder and Susie Suter.

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

PASADENA — *The World Tomorrow* was featured on a television commercial aired in the Lexington, Ky., area, according to Ronald Reedy, pastor of the Lexington and Morehead, Ky., churches.

Mr. Reedy reported that the commercial, which was for an electrical appliance store in Lexington, showed a woman standing in front of the store's selection of television sets. At least one of the sets was tuned to the channel on which *The World Tomorrow* is shown.

"They obviously filmed it between 9:30 and 10 a.m. on a Sunday morning," observed Mr. Reedy, pointing out that this is the time when Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's program can be seen in the Lexington area.

During the commercial Mr.

Armstrong could be clearly seen expounding the Scriptures, said Mr. Reedy, adding that such exposure could subtly remind viewers of the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

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PASADENA — The Ambassador Foundation purchased part of the El Monte, Calif., school district stringed instrument collection and donated them to the Pasadena Unified School District's music program, according to Ellis LaRavia, who assists Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in the foundation.

Mr. LaRavia presented a one-eighth-size violin from the 67-piece El Monte purchase to Pasadena third-grader Jennifer Frautschi April 2 in the office of Ramon C. Cortines, superintendent of the Pasadena school district.

Fiji sets Festival plans

By Rex Morgan

PACIFIC HARBOR, Fiji — The beauty of this South Pacific island lies in its palm-fringed beaches protected by coral reefs and luxuriant countryside of flowering trees and shrubs, sugar plantations and banana groves. This is the sixth year the Festival has been observed in Fiji.

Brethren will meet hospitable and friendly Fijians and learn of their culture. Feastgoers can feast each day on fresh coconut milk, pineapples, bananas, pawpaws and other tropical fruits and vegetables.

Pacific Harbour, a resort area, is a 35-minute drive west of Suva, the capital of Fiji. Services will take place in Sakura House near the

Beachcomber Hotel.

One afternoon during the Festival is set aside for shopping in Suva's duty-free shops. In such stores it is customary to bargain.

Overseas brethren can receive special rates in private villas right on Pacific Harbour. For more information on this special arrangement and other details about the 1982 Festival in Fiji, write as soon as possible to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Box 2709, Auckland 1, New Zealand.

1982 Feast

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United Kingdom again this year — Eastbourne, south of London on the coast; Southport, on the northwest coast; and Tenby in South Wales. (See article, this page.) Information can be obtained from David Gunn, Box 111, Borehamwood, Herts., WD6 1LU, England. (Note: There is no site in Ireland this year, but plans are to return to Galway in 1983.)

Norway

The Scandinavian site will again be at Krokklieva, Norway, west of Oslo. All services will be in English, and those interested should write to David Gunn, Festival Office, Box 111, Borehamwood, Herts., WD6 1LU, England.

Europe

Praz-sur-Arly, the lone Feast site in France, is at the foot of Mt. Blanc, just an hour's drive from Geneva, Switzerland. Accommodation and three meals a day (with wine) are only \$20 a day a person, with children less than 12 half price.

A simultaneous translation into English will be provided. Details and applications can be obtained from Dabar Apartian, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Bonndorf, in the Black Forest of southern West Germany, will again be a Feast site. Services will be in German and English with translations carried by wireless headphone equipment.

To apply, write to the Festival Office, Ambassador College, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, 5300 Bonn 1, West Germany, or Rod Matthews, International Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Brno, Czechoslovakia, was much in demand last year. Those who were turned down, and given priority this year, have already filled the available capacity for international transfers. Sorry — perhaps 1983!

It's Exloo again this year, a beautiful resort in northeastern Holland. Services will be in Dutch, but all will

Mr. LaRavia said the presentation "fits in very nicely with the philosophy of Mr. Herbert Armstrong and the Ambassador Foundation. These instruments will provide the means for students to develop confidence and enrich their lives."

Mr. Cortines, who was present for the presentation with Wayne Shilkret, director of performing arts for the Ambassador Foundation, thanked the foundation for its contributions in Pasadena, noting that development of music appreciation adds depth and stability both to students and adults.

The Pasadena music program serves more than 1,950 students from fourth grade to senior high school. Two hundred fifty students performed March 30 at the Ambassador Auditorium in the All-City Honor Music Festival.

British Feast sites open

BRITISH ISLES — The Feast will be observed at three sites in Britain this year, each offering a different blend of scenery and facilities, but all offering the warmth and hospitality of the brethren from Britain and Ireland.

Certain factors make a Feast in the British Isles appealing. Accommodations are inexpensive. For example, those wishing to attend the Feast in Tenby, South Wales, can rent a modern trailer (caravan) with room for the whole family for no more than \$90 (£50) for 10 days, including electricity and gas.

Trailers are equipped for meal preparation with shops nearby.

Housing is available in hotels at the Southport, Merseyside, site. At the Pontins Self-Catering Holiday

New Zealand site offers geysers, mineral springs

By Rex Morgan

ROTORUA, New Zealand — Boasting some of the finest scenery and natural wonders found anywhere, Rotorua will be the lone Feast site in New Zealand this year.

Rex Morgan is a local elder serving the Auckland, New Zealand, church.

This area is replete with geysers, crystal springs, bathing pools of hot mineral water, richly colored craters and glittering silica terraces in beautiful formations.

Thermal attractions, however, are only some of the activities available for visitors to this city 145 miles (234 kilometers) south of Auckland, the country's capital.

Lakes surrounded by native forests, placid trout pools, scenic walks and bush tracks have attracted God's people to this site for the past 14 years.

Anglers from the world over come to the Rotorua region to fight rainbow and brown trout that abound in lakes and streams.

New Zealand has its own native race, the Maoris, who are renowned for their friendship and for preserving the character, traditions and love of their heritage.

Brethren can experience Maori history by visiting the villages of Whakarewarewa and Ohinemutu. Feastgoers will see culture recreated at a *hongi* (Maori feast) and a traditional Maori concert.

About 1,200 of God's people are expected to attend this year. Services will take place in the Sportsdrome, in the beautiful government grounds.

The Sportsdrome is near the shores of Lake Rotorua and close to the main street and shopping center in the heart of the city. Fine motels are available within walking distance of the hall.

Overseas visitors considering transferring to Rotorua for the 1982 Festival should write for further information as soon as possible to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Box 2709, Auckland 1, New Zealand.

Village, accommodations range from \$105 (£58) for one person to \$215 (£119.60) for seven people.

At the Eastbourne site, on the south coast, a number of hotels and guest houses are available. At Kings Holiday Park and Country Club, costs for a self-catering chalet are \$190 to \$215 (£105 to £120).

An optional four-night, three-day stay in London after the Feast is being planned. The tour offers unparalleled sightseeing activities and events, capped by a good-bye banquet. Price for the optional tour will be about \$165 (£90) a person, sharing a twin room.

For more information, write the Festival Office, Box 111, Borehamwood, Herts., England WD6 1LU, or telephone 01 953 1633.

site is at Bentota, Sri Lanka, with exact location yet to be confirmed. Write to the Australian Office to apply for a transfer. The Feast site in Burma is not open to transfers because of language and visa restrictions.

For information about Jerusalem see article in the March 29 *W.N.*

Philippines

The five Philippine sites are Baguio City, Cebu, Davao City, Cagayan de Oro and Naga. Information and applications can be acquired from Guy Ames, Box 7519, M.I.A., Metro Manila 3120, Philippines.

Southern Africa

In South Africa, brethren will meet at Durban, George, Sonesta and Umgababa again this year. The South African Office is also responsible for sites at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, and Black River Bay, Mauritius.

Contact Bryan Mathie, Festival Office, Box 1060, Johannesburg, Transvaal, Republic of South Africa, 2000.

East and West Africa

For information on the Feast in Ghana (location not yet confirmed); Kano, Nigeria; Naro Moru, Kenya; and Cape McLeer, Malawi, contact David Stirk, Box 111, Borehamwood, Herts., WD6 1LU, England.

Mexico

Mexico's site is again at Oaxtepec. Services will be in Spanish. No English translation will be provided. To apply, write to Tom Turk, Ambassador, Instit Cultural Y Educativa, A.C., Torcuato Tasso No. 207, Colonia Polanco, Mexico 5, DF, Mexico.

Central and South America

Because of the uncertain situation in Central America the Feast site is yet to be confirmed, but it is likely to be in Honduras or Costa Rica.

In Colombia the site is at Mel.

Germany accepting transfers

PASADENA — Bonndorf, West Germany, will again accept international transfers to the Feast of Tabernacles this year, according to Tom Lapacka, Basel and Zurich, Switzerland, church pastor and Festival elder for the Bonndorf Feast site.

Mr. Lapacka said that with a projected attendance of 850, Bonndorf can accommodate 150 transfers from overseas. Services will be in German and English with simultaneous translations. Family activities are planned.

The Feast site is in the Black Forest of southern West Germany, offering many tourist attractions. During the Feast, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's Festival address will be shown.

Bungalows, hotels and boarding house accommodations are available ranging in cost from \$15 to \$25 a bed a night. Frankfurt, West Germany, can be reached by air from most major cities and the Zurich airport is only 1½ hours away by car.

Those wishing to attend the West German Feast site should obtain application forms as soon as possible, Mr. Lapacka stated. These are available from Ambassador College, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, 5300 Bonn 1, West Germany, or the International Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, U.S.A. General inquiries can be directed to Rod Matthews in Pasadena (213) 777-5155 or John Karlson in Bonn (0228) 210621.

gar; in Peru at Huanaz; and there is a possibility of a new site in Venezuela, but this won't be confirmed for several weeks.

No English translation will be provided for sites in Central and South America, so they are restricted to those who can gain full value listening and fellowshiping in Spanish.

For details contact the Spanish Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

In Argentina, the Feast will be at Monte Hermoso. Details are available from Al Sousa, Casilla Correo 4 Suc 19 (B), 1419 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In Chile, the Feast will be at Lago Rapel. Details will be provided by Mario Sieglie, Casilla 10384, Santiago, Chile.

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