

HWA leads anniversary celebration

PASADENA — "It was no doing of mine — it was entirely the doing of God," declared Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong Feb. 14, referring to the 50-year growth of God's Church worldwide.

Mr. Armstrong's remarks were part of a celebration in the Ambassador Auditorium marking the 50th anniversary of the Philadelphia era of the Church and *The Plain Truth*.

More than 1,200 Church employees, ministers, Ambassador College faculty and students attended the two-hour event. Five hundred people, including Church members and faculty and students from Imperial Schools, watched through a video and audio link in the Imperial gymnasium.

The event included an address by Mr. Armstrong, a video presentation of the history of the Philadelphia era, and the combined Pasadena Church Choir, Ambassador College Chorale and Young Ambassadors performing a new composition about the Church entitled "Jubilee."

"It was a very emotional event, reflecting on what God began through one man and woman 50 years ago," said evangelist Ellis La Ravia, director of facilities management and master of ceremonies for the Feb. 14 event.

"I just wish the entire Church could have been there," the evangelist continued in an interview with *The Worldwide News*. He added that the Feb. 14 date was chosen as "kind of a midpoint between all the historical dates and Mr. Armstrong's present busy itinerary."

According to Mr. Armstrong's autobiography, Oct. 1, 1933, marked the beginning of what was to become the Worldwide Church of God. Mr. Armstrong first spoke on KORE-radio in Eugene, Ore., Oct. 9, 1933. The first regularly scheduled broadcast was Jan. 7, 1933, and *The Plain Truth* was first published Feb. 1 of that year.

After welcoming the audience to the anniversary celebration, Mr. La Ravia introduced the videotape historical presentation of the Philadelphia era prepared by Media Services. It covered the activities of the Church to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and fulfill the great commission of Matthew 24:14.

Another anniversary

After the media presentation, Mr. La Ravia introduced Art Gilmore, the announcer for the *World Tomorrow* programs, who commented about his involvement with the Church.

"It does seem a great coincidence that about 300 miles north of Eugene, Ore. [where the Church's Philadelphia era began], I was starting in my career in broadcasting at the same time that Herbert Armstrong and his wife [Loma] were putting together the first *Plain Truth* and the first broadcast," Mr. Gilmore said.

In February, 1934, Mr. Gilmore began his career in Tacoma, Wash. (see "TV Broadcast Announcer Sticks to 'Old-fashioned' Work Motto," *WN*, Jan. 2).

He said that during his 45 years of announcing for Mr. Armstrong and the Church, "the one thing that stood out more than anything was loyalty... I think that loyalty is

something that sometimes slips away in the modern age, and I think it is to his [Mr. Armstrong's] credit that he is perhaps the most loyal person I have ever known."

After his talk, Mr. Gilmore was presented a plaque by Larry Omasta, director of Media Services, marking the 50th year of Mr. Gilmore's career. In response, Mr. Gilmore said, "As with everything about this organization, this [plaque] is really class."

Mr. La Ravia then introduced the combined chorales, conducted by John D. Schroeder. Faculty members John Beaver and Gerald Bieritz sang solos during the premier performance of "Jubilee." Ross Jutsum, director of Music Services, who wrote the piece, accompanied on the piano.

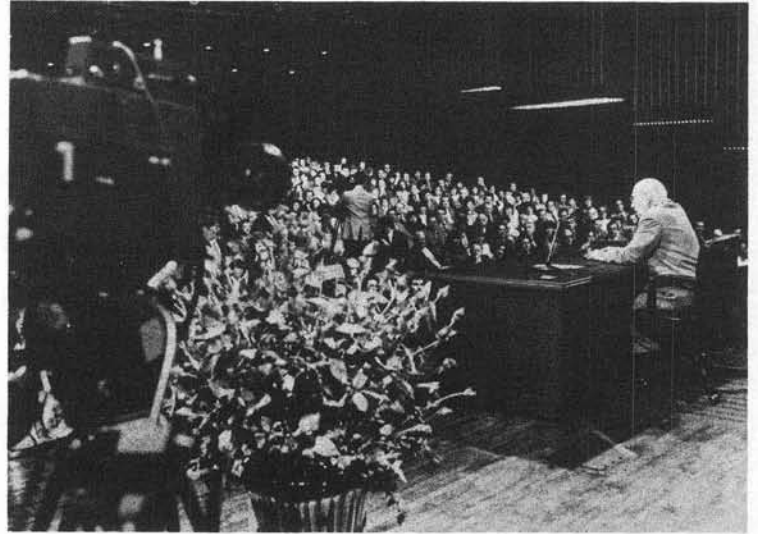
After the performance Mr. La Ravia introduced Mr. Armstrong.

"Today we honor the accomplishments of this era of the Philadelphia Church... [and] a man whom God called 57 years ago to be the apostle of this Church, to restore precious truths — truths that shall now remain for ever and ever — a voice familiar to millions around this earth, bringing good news of the wonderful world tomorrow — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong."

The early days

After entering to a standing ovation, Mr. Armstrong traced the early days of the Church and how God prepared him and his wife, Loma, for the Church's work.

He discussed how his ancestors



ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong recalls the early days of his life and ministry for a capacity audience of Church employees, ministers, Ambassador College students and faculty, and brethren in the Ambassador Auditorium Feb. 14. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

migrated in the 1600s from England to what is now Pennsylvania, later moving to Indiana and then to Iowa, where Mr. Armstrong was born.

After choosing advertising as a career, Mr. Armstrong said: "I was fired with ambition. I studied nights

instead of playing around. I educated myself... I always put myself in the type of position... that would put me under the direction and in constant company, one way or the other, with successful and important men."

Mr. Armstrong recalled "that I always wanted to understand. I had more of a desire for understanding than I did for either knowledge or wisdom. All three are important and each one is different."

(See CELEBRATION, page 7)



HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE — Clockwise from upper left: Larry Omasta (far right), director of Media Services, and evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr. (third from left), director of Ministerial Services, present Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong with a plaque marking 50 years of broadcasting. Evangelist Ellis La Ravia stands left; evangelist Herman L. Hoeh (second from left), editor of *The Plain Truth*, Dexter Faulkner, executive editor of *The Plain Truth*, and Ray Wright (far right), director of Publishing Services, present a plaque commemorating Mr. Armstrong's 50 years as editor in chief of *The Plain Truth*; Art Gilmore, announcer for *The World Tomorrow*, addresses the capacity audience in the Ambassador Auditorium; John D. Schroeder leads the combined Pasadena Church Choir, Ambassador College Chorale and Young Ambassadors in the performance of a new song about the Church entitled "Jubilee." [Photos by G.A. Belluche Jr. and Nathan Faulkner]



Chernenko in office; U.S. out of Lebanon

PASADENA — Two events in world affairs are worth examining in some detail. The first is the change in command in the Soviet Union. The second event, or trend, involves the collapsing fortunes of the United States in Lebanon.

Feb. 13, four days after the long-expected death of Yuri V. Andropov, the 12-man Soviet Politburo selected 72-year-old Konstantin U. Chernenko to take his place as general secretary of the Communist Party, the most powerful post in the Soviet Union.

By all accounts, Mr. Chernenko is not viewed as an innovator. "He is viewed by some U.S. analysts," reported the Feb. 14 *Wall Street Journal*, "as a plodding leader of the Soviet old guard, a drab bureaucrat who rose to prominence as an assistant to former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. His selection as Soviet Communist Party leader represents a holding action by the Soviet leadership against serious problems at home and abroad."

It is not likely, for example, that Mr. Chernenko will push as energetically as did Mr. Andropov for changes in the Soviet bureaucracy and industry to achieve greater efficiency.

Mr. Chernenko's main attribute, opined the *Journal*, "is that he isn't likely to rock the boat."

There's little to distinguish Mr. Chernenko's career. He has essentially been a career party official, with no significant experience in either domestic economics or foreign affairs.

He was born in Siberia, into what he has described as "a large and poor peasant family." His career seemed to be going nowhere until he met former President Leonid Brezhnev in 1950 in Moldavia, a southwestern Soviet republic.

The two became friends, and in 1960, when Mr. Brezhnev became chairman of the Supreme Soviet, he asked Mr. Chernenko to direct his personal staff. As Mr. Brezhnev's power increased, so did that of his protégé.

A man to watch: Gorbachev
In his first public appearance



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Can you express thanks?

Not long ago at a department store I held open the door at a department store for a woman with a child in one arm and a box in the other. She hurried right through the doorway, saying not a word. My first thought was, At least you could have said, thank you!

Maybe I was brought up too many years ago. Saying thank you was built into my vocabulary by my parents. Now it seems to be out-of-date to many people. Human beings seem to take others for granted. We expect other people to do good things for us.

Somehow society has developed the disposition that others owe us something. That others ought to automatically serve us. We see it everywhere, on the job, in school, at stores and even in the Church.

This attitude has permeated many families and marriages. We expect parents and mates to perform positively on our behalf. No need to say thanks. They are doing what is expected of them, and they should know we appreciate it.

Basically this is a selfish approach. Me first.

It isn't any more difficult to say

before foreign leaders, at the Andropov funeral, Mr. Chernenko did not make much of an impression. He appeared to be in rather poor health. And in the background, Western experts felt they detected the stirrings of a new power-behind-the-throne in the Kremlin, 52-year-old Mikhail Gorbachev.

Senior Kremlin aides reportedly told some visitors that Mr. Gorbachev was now the effective No. 2 man in the Kremlin, making him Mr. Chernenko's deputy and heir apparent.

"It looks as if Gorbachev [favored by the late Yuri Andropov] has been guaranteed second place as part of the deal which put Chernenko into power," one Western analyst said. "That would mean the leadership has already preprogrammed the next succession."

The overall impression is that the Chernenko era is likely to be short. Despite the obvious drawbacks, the members of the 12-man Politburo weren't willing to reach down at this time to someone in the half-generation below them.

Perhaps Mr. Gorbachev, if and when he takes control, might be more amenable to taking more innovative measures in both domestic affairs and in world politics, such as a "new deal" regarding Eastern Europe.

It would likely take a younger leader, not personally associated in any significant manner with the trials of World War II, to think in this manner. Gorbachev was only 13 when the war ended.

U.S. debacle in Lebanon

With the Lebanese army forces of President Amin Gemayel collapsing about them, the U.S. Marines, in their base south of Beirut, are all but surrounded by hostile forces, their backs against the Mediterranean Sea.

President Ronald Reagan has already announced a staged removal of the Marines to warships offshore.

American credibility and prestige have been dealt a severe blow, far worse than the U.S. public seems to comprehend. As recently as Feb. 3, the President said that for the United States to get out of Lebanon would

mean "a pretty disastrous result for us worldwide."

Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dam added: "America's credibility is at stake in Lebanon. Every regional state — friend and foe alike — is watching our actions for proof of America's strength and its ability to promote peace."

But after all this rhetoric, reality

and the Marine headquarters in Beirut, the U.S. never retaliated. Says this official: "If you don't have the will to use a gun, don't carry one. It's dangerous."

"One Lebanese official, reviewing the confused and sometimes contradictory course of U.S. policy in Lebanon during the last two years, comments: 'They were just ad-libbing. To



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

has set in on an ill-conceived policy and "the boys" are coming out.

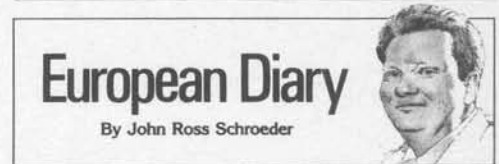
"President Reagan's decision to move U.S. Marines from Beirut to ships off the Lebanese coast," observed the Feb. 8 *Wall Street Journal*, "is an astounding defeat for his Lebanon policy and a haunting reminder of the Carter administration's failure in Iran. . . . President Reagan, who boasts that he hasn't 'lost' a single country during his presidency, has made Lebanon the major test of his administration's ability to contain Soviet-backed forces. . . .

"Some European allies, convinced that the U.S. has been making a mistake in Lebanon, might be relieved that the Marines will be moved out of Beirut. Nevertheless, there could be a lasting perception of U.S. weakness and a judgment that the Reagan administration, for all its tough talk, was unable to succeed in its most visible foreign-policy venture. . . . The Syrians, like Ayatollah [Ruhollah] Khomeini, eventually concluded the U.S. was a paper tiger."

The administration, continued the *Journal*, "for all its bluster toward Syria, also failed to make a convincing demonstration that it would use military force to punish Damascus. A Lebanese official notes that despite administration statements blaming Syria for allowing the bomb attacks last year against the U.S. Embassy

at this moment, they are just ad-libbing."

Analyst George Will, in his Feb. 9 syndicated column, also took the U.S. administration to task not so much for having to retreat but for executing an ill-conceived plan in the first place —



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

The Channel Gap

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Britain is having all kinds of difficulties with Continental Common Market countries.

Britain smarts under a European Parliament vote to withhold 450 million pounds of refund money due to Britain. The count was 268 to 73. Predictably all 73 dissenting votes were cast by Britons.

British farmers chafe at French milk imports, claiming that their

own dairy industry is threatened. And Europeans allege that Britain is out of step regarding workers' rights within the community. And so it goes *ad infinitum*. The list of grievances is too long to number in this column.

"The Channel Gap" is a convenient label for a whole range of Anglo-Continental cleavages. Of course, there is a literal channel of water between England and Continental Europe. But beyond the physical and the geographical are vast political and psychological conflicts.

It is natural that members of the European Economic Community have their differences with each other and with the EEC as a whole. But the British alienation goes far beyond that.

As former Tory Foreign Secretary Francis Pym said in the House of Commons in 1981: "Only in Britain see CHANNEL, page 11)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Worldwide perspective

Your articles about people and places all over the globe make me feel like a part of one big loving family, whereas, before being in the Church, people and strange cultures may have seemed hostile. . . .

Your format is helpful — most important articles on first, second and last pages, other articles arranged in between and maybe a theme in the paper, such as singles or alcoholism. You can always know where to look for the type of news you want to read first.

Thanks for all the details of Mr. Armstrong's trips and inside accounts of various goings-on and future plans in God's work.

I also appreciate the articles by Dexter Faulkner and [Gene] Hogberg. The new column by [John] Schroeder ["European Diary"] seems to have done quite a bit to relieve our ignorance of geography, and he has inspired me to start studying the globe so I can know where places are when they're mentioned in the news or Church articles.

Marcia Melrose
Oakes, N.D.

It is very inspiring to read and hear of the fantastic growth of the work all over the world. *The Worldwide News* helps draw us closer to our brethren in other church areas, to sympathize with them in their troubles and to rejoice with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dietz
Woodburn, Ore.

Thank you for . . . the past issues of *The Worldwide News*. I will use the regional directors section [see "Regional Directors Give Reports," *W/N*, Nov. 21] for better prayers for the areas of God's Church.

Diana Clark
Shelby, Mich.

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Seventh Czechoslovakian Feast open to international transfers

By Frank Schnee

This is the seventh year in a row that the Worldwide Church of God will keep the Feast of Tabernacles in Czechoslovakia.

For members from East Germany it is important that this door be kept open.

Frank Schnee is regional director for the Church in German-speaking areas.

The Church has official permission from both the Czechoslovakian Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Culture to conduct this Festival in Brno. The German Office can accept 160 Feastgoers from overseas, which means that you can play an important role in keeping the door open. Total attendance, including 100 from Europe, will be 260.

At Brno, the official government tourist agency Codok goes all out to make the Feast of Tabernacles a wonderful experience. Guests stay in the high-class Hotel Voronez on the outskirts of Brno near the city's trade-fair grounds.

Services take place in a modern convention hall in the hotel, which eliminates long drives and offers more opportunities for fellowship. By film and videotape, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong will be a guest speaker, and other ministers will bring English-language sermons on one day and German-language the next. There are professional quality simultaneous translations of the German sermons into English and vice versa.

Unusual and interesting activities have been planned for young and old alike. For example, there will be a festive meal at the Czech government's hunting lodge guest house.

Other activities include a folklore evening with entertainment presented by one of the best Czech folk dance groups, a dinner at hilltop fortress Spilberk, a dinner at the Queen Elizabeth wine cellar restaurant, a hike through the surroundings of Brno, a half-day trip to spectacular limestone caverns, a film evening, and a dance evening with music provided by a top Czech band. A Youth Opportunities United (YOU) and

children's activity is also planned.

The Festival package price for the entire stay at Brno (this includes room, breakfast, one warm meal a day, plus dinners at the Queen Elizabeth restaurant and the hunting lodge Zidlochovice, and the buffet meal at the farewell party) is as follows:

Single occupancy (one bed in one room): per adult \$380; per child, ages 3 through age 11, \$290.

Double occupancy (two beds in one room): per adult \$340; per child \$210.

Triple occupancy (three beds in one room): per adult \$280; per child, \$190.

For those flying in to Frankfurt, West Germany, the German Office has arranged a deluxe bus tour to Brno and return for 100 people. The buses depart Monday, Oct. 8, at 8 a.m. from the Sheraton Airport Hotel in Frankfurt and go to Munich, West Germany, for sight-seeing and refreshments. The next stop will be the Austrian city of Salzburg for an overnight stay.

The next day, after a guided tour of Salzburg, the buses will travel on to Vienna, Austria, for an overnight stay and sight-seeing, after which the tour goes on to Czechoslovakia, reaching Brno about mid-afternoon Wednesday, Oct. 10.

The return trip Friday, Oct. 19, takes brethren to Prague, Czechoslovakia, for lunch and sight-seeing, then on to the West German side of the border for an overnight stay and on to Nuremberg for Sabbath services.

Arrival at the Frankfurt airport is that evening. The cost is about \$250 per person and includes rooms, bus trip and breakfast, lunch or dinner every day.

A group train trip is also planned by the German Office. The trip begins in Frankfurt, Tuesday, Oct. 9 at about 7:30 a.m. and arrives in Vienna in time for sight-seeing and a special evening with those who are on the deluxe bus tour. Arrival in Brno is the next day, Wednesday, Oct. 10.

The return trip begins Friday, Oct. 19, by bus to Vienna early in the morning. The train then brings

everyone back to Frankfurt that evening at about 6 p.m.

The cost for this trip is about \$130 and includes the train fare, lunch package both ways and room with breakfast in Vienna Oct. 9.

If you are interested in attending this year's Feast in Brno, please write by airmail to Ambassador College, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, 5300 Bonn 1, West Germany (or call 49 [228] 218061), or Ambassador College, Ministerial Services, c/o Rod Matthews, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, U.S.A. (or call 818-304-6140), and detailed information and application forms will be sent to you by return mail. We hope to see you in Brno!



CZECH FEAST — A Czechoslovakian folk group performs at an afternoon hike in a forest near Brno during the 1983 Feast. The same event is scheduled for 1984. The German Office expects 260 brethren to keep the Feast of Tabernacles at this site in Eastern Europe. [Photo by Winfried Fritz]

Church names '84 Feast sites

By Rod Matthews

PASADENA — This year, 47 countries will be hosts to one or more Feast of Tabernacles. Each year many transfer outside their own country to enjoy the Festival with brethren from different social and economic backgrounds, and to experience the same Spirit of God in a different environment. Sites planned for 1984 are listed below. Services are in English unless otherwise noted.

United States

For those living in the United States and Canada, sign-up and transfer procedures to sites (in the United States and Canada) will be the same as in previous years. A list will be sent to each church area in April. You should do nothing in advance of this.

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

Festival Office
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U.S.A.

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- Lihue, Hawaii
- Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.
- Mount Pocono, Pa.
- Norfolk, Va.
- Pasadena
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Those living outside the United States and Canada wishing to attend an English-language Canadian site should write to the address below and include their names, address, ages of children and site they wish to attend.

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sites write immediately to the addresses listed. Do not wait until lists are sent to your church area.

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Attn: Rod Matthews
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- San Juan, Puerto Rico (in Spanish with English translations)

Pablo Gonzales
Box 2521
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00904

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- Hoogeveen, Netherlands (in Dutch with English translations)

Festival Office
Ambassador College
Box 333
Utrecht, Netherlands

- Hengelhof, Belgium (in French with English translations) (See FEAST, page 11)

HWA approves schedule of refreshing program

By Joseph W. Tkach Sr.

PASADENA — The third term of the ongoing Ministerial Refreshing Program, as approved by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, began Feb. 8 with more than 80 ministers and wives attending the first two-week session. The first session ended Feb. 21.

Evangelist Joseph W. Tkach Sr. is director of Ministerial Services in Pasadena.

Mr. Armstrong said that considering the Church's worldwide scope of operations, all ministers need to be refreshed and updated on an ongoing basis. To be efficient ministers of Jesus Christ, we must be current in the applied principles of God's law, unified in what we teach and preach, and well-grounded in sound doctrine.

While modifications are still being made to the new session format, each individual session will offer lectures and presentations, intensive review of Church doctrines and specific instructions in

critical areas of the ministry.

Each session will emphasize the minister's part in fulfilling Malachi 4:6: "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

The first session was composed mostly of regional directors, U.S. Festival coordinators and wives. The Festival coordinators remained in Pasadena Feb. 22 and 23 for planning meetings.

Eleven sessions are scheduled during 1984, and this term of the refreshing program is scheduled to end Sept. 3, 1985. No sessions are scheduled during the spring and fall Holy Day seasons. Because of expected traffic congestion and rising prices, no session is scheduled during the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, Calif.

More than 860 ministers and local church elders attended 20 sessions of the second Ministerial Refreshing Program, which lasted from Jan. 18, 1982 to Aug. 18, 1983.

Capacity audiences hear Vienna Philharmonic

By Michael A. Snyder

PASADENA — In what Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong termed "one of the outstanding performances in the Ambassador Auditorium," the Vienna Philharmonic performed here before capacity audiences Feb. 18 and 19.

The Vienna Philharmonic was conducted by Leonard Bernstein, an American composer and conductor who has composed symphonies, ballets, operas, musicals and song cycles. He has conducted both the New York and the London philharmonic orchestras, and served as a guest conductor for several orchestras in the United States and Europe.

"The performances were tremendous," said evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

10th concert season

Mr. Armstrong originally wanted the Berlin Philharmonic to perform at the official opening of the Auditorium in 1974. Mr. La

Ravia said.

After a meeting in Karlsruhe, West Germany, Herbert von Karajan, conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic, said he could not schedule a performance in time for the Auditorium's opening.

"Mr. Armstrong hoped then that the Vienna Philharmonic, another of the world's renowned orchestras, would be able to open the Auditorium," Mr. La Ravia said.

The Vienna Philharmonic also couldn't schedule a performance in time, and, as suggested by Mr. von Karajan, Carlo Maria Giulini was asked to conduct the Vienna Symphony Orchestra in the April 7, 1974, opening concert. Mr. Giulini now conducts the Los Angeles (Calif.) Philharmonic.

"Mr. Armstrong was thus very pleased that the [Ambassador] Foundation was able to schedule the Vienna Philharmonic for our 10th anniversary season in the Auditorium," the evangelist continued.

Music critics, writing in the *Los Angeles Times*, (See VIENNA, page 12)

To attend any of the following

Ministerial Refreshing Program III

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Frank & Esther Schnee
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tralia



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and Wautesha, Wis.



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er, Alaska



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Local church elder
Spokane, Wash.



Virgil Thompson
Local church elder
Terre Haute, Ind.



Donald & Joyce Wendt
Local elder
Big Sandy



William & Carolyn Winner
Pastor rank
Australian Office



Maurice & Lorraine Yurkiw
Church pastor
Saskatoon, Sask.

Not pictured:
Katharine Fraser

Students put training to practice at college speech club banquets

PASADENA — Pasadena and Big Sandy Ambassador Colleges each had their annual speech banquet and dance Sunday evening, Feb. 12.

The purpose of the banquets, according to Greg Albrecht, Pasadena dean of students, is to "provide an opportunity to highlight the clubs of Ambassador College — both the men's and the women's — and to highlight the efforts, talents and skills of the students."

Four students from each campus were selected through a series of speak-offs to speak before the student body, faculty and guests. At the banquet "each speaker gave more or less the same speech as was given in the speak-offs," said Joseph McNair, Pasadena student body president and host for the evening. Debra Chapman, overall Women's Club president, was hostess.

Students who spoke at the Pasadena banquet in the Student Center were sophomore Kerry Flaman, juniors Ken Tate and Katie Thomas and senior Paul Brown.

In Big Sandy, speakers were sophomores Andy Burnett, Gary Fakhoury, Sondra Fielder and

Wanda Gilbert. Host and hostess were Dean Newcomb, student body president, and Terri Walter, overall Women's Club president.

In Pasadena, the dinner began at 5:15 p.m., when pastor general Herbert W. Armstrong asked the blessing on the meal. The speeches began at 6:30. After the speaking portion, Mr. Albrecht had the Ambassador and Women's Club presidents present inscribed marble paperweights to their directors. These mementos "acknowledged their service and commitment to excellence during the 1983-84 school year," said Joseph McNair.

Raymond McNair, Pasadena deputy chancellor, presented a plaque to each speaker. The banquet was organized by members of all Ambassador and Women's Clubs.

While the Student Center was rearranged for the dance, students, faculty members and guests mingled in the Hall of Administration and heard selections sung by tenors Gerald Bieritz and John Beaver, faculty members.

Dancing began at 8:30 and continued until about 11 p.m. Ministers attending the refreshing program

were invited. Decorations and refreshments were provided by the sophomore class under the direction of Grant Ledingham, sophomore class president.

Music was provided by the college dance band under the direction of Ross Jutsum, director of music services.

In Big Sandy the banquet, served buffet-style in the Field House gymnasium, began at 5:30 p.m., according to Randy Duke of Student Services. A mural with a winter theme divided the room.

After the speaking portion, club presidents presented certificates of appreciation to their directors. Larry Salyer, Big Sandy dean of students, gave concluding remarks and presented a plaque to each speaker.

A dance followed in the dining hall. Music was provided by the college dance band, directed by freshman Mike Belloni. A student vocal ensemble also performed. The stage for the band was decorated to look like a ski chalet.

The evening was a combined effort of all Ambassador and Women's Clubs, according to Mr. Duke.



STUDENT SPEAKER — Pasadena junior Ken Tate delivers a speech at the 1984 Speech Banquet in Pasadena Feb. 12. Guests included students, faculty members, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and others. (Photo by Craig Clark)

FOCUS ON YOUTH

VIOLINIST AND PIANIST TAKE DIVISION FIRSTS

DAYTON, Ohio — Violinist Anita Peine, 17, daughter of Thomas and Susan Peine of the Indianapolis, Ind., church, performed "Czardas" and placed first in the senior division of the YOU regional talent contest here Nov. 13.

Second place in the senior division went to Karla Braman, 16, of Ortonville, Mich., for her vocal performance of "Run for the Roses."

First place in the junior division was awarded to pianist Kenneth Peace III, 14, son of Kenneth Jr. and Vicki Peace of Stow, Ohio. He performed "Sonatina for Piano" by Aram Khatchaturian.

Joy Waggoner, 14, of Chicago, Ill., placed second with her piano performance of Beethoven's "Fuer Elise."

Ten contestants participated in the contest, which took place at the University of Dayton. Each contestant was judged on technique, tone, rhythm, interpretation, originality and poise. Judges were Frank and Deborah Dolak, Bradford Meyerderks and Carolyn Scott.

Michael Blackwell, a local elder in the Dayton church, made hall arrangements and provided refreshments. Dayton YOU members were ushers. Families from Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio attended the contest. Vicki Peace.

YOU-PARENTS' BANQUET INCLUDES SPEECHES

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — About 150 attended the annual YOU-Parents' banquet here Dec. 12.

The program for the evening included a tabletops session and six speeches given by YOU members. Most of the speeches centered on the benefits of YOU and lessons learned during the past year.

At the end of the evening's activities, Roy McCarthy, re-

gional director for the Church in southern Africa, evaluated the program. He stressed the need for closer family ties and the importance of the role of the father.

Setup of the hall and preparation and serving of the meal were done by the singles. Andre van Belkum.

ERIE, PA., TEAM WINS A-LEAGUE VOLLEYBALL

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — More than 425 brethren from Binghamton, Corning, Buffalo, Syracuse and Rochester, N.Y., and Erie, Pa., gathered here Dec. 17 and 18 for the District 13 YOU girls' volleyball tournament.

On the Sabbath, Chris Beam, associate pastor of the Buffalo churches, gave a sermonette on being a positive person in all aspects of life. William Jacobs, pastor of the Erie church, gave a sermon on the art of being blessed with physical things, career goals, social life and peace of mind.

A Bible bowl with eight teams followed the sermon. Judges were Mr. Beam, Britton Taylor, pastor of the Binghamton and Corning churches, Leslie Schmides, pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse churches, and Thomas Melear, associate pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse churches.

David Pack, pastor of the Buffalo churches, asked the contestants questions. The Buffalo South team placed first, and Erie A was second.

A potluck provided by Rochester brethren took place in a hall decorated with a Noah's ark theme. After a family dance brethren stayed overnight in Rochester.

Sunday, Dec. 18, the volleyball tournament was played at Penfield High School in Penfield, N.Y. Winners were Erie, girls' A league; Binghamton and Corning, girls' B league; and Buffalo, women's A and women's B.

During the day homemade soup, drinks and baked goods were served by Theresa Beilstein, Mary DeFranco, Mary June Dowd, Norma McCullough and Virginia Tracy. Jake Hannold.

YES MEMBERS VISIT MUSEUM IN NEW YORK

MOUNT POCONO, Pa. — Members of the Mount Pocono church joined the YES children Dec. 18, for a day trip to New York City and a visit to the American Museum of Natural History.

There the group saw displays of dinosaurs, fossils, fish and other types of life that roamed the earth millions of years before man was created. Other animal displays were of creatures from the ocean, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals from Africa, Asia and North and South America. Also included in the five floors of exhibits they viewed were meteorites, minerals and gems.

Anthony Wojnar and Donald Pacyna arranged the outing under the direction of Roy Holaday, pastor of the Mount Pocono church. Margie Storm.

BRITISH COLUMBIA YOU ATTENDS SKI WEEKEND

VERNON, B.C. — More than 160 British Columbia YOU members traveled here Dec. 23 for a four-day weekend of skiing and other activities.

The activities were organized by Thomas Ecker, YOU regional coordinator and pastor of the Vancouver, B.C., church.

Colin Adair, Canadian regional director, gave the sermon on the Sabbath, Dec. 24, on the family. Dan Hope, pastor of the Abbotsford, B.C., church, gave a sermonette about having fun God's way.

After services 26 teams participated in a Bible bowl. Members of the winning team were Melanie Majerech, Carl Powell, Nadine Richoux, George Sieg-

ler, David Sorenson and Tanya Tolmie.

Judges were Mr. Adair, Charles Ranchie, pastor of the Kelowna and Penticton, B.C., churches, and Rainer Salomaa, pastor of the Kamloops and Salmon Arm, B.C., churches.

A potluck was provided by the Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Penticton and Kelowna brethren. A dance followed, with Mr. Hope as disc jockey.

Temperatures warmed from minus 24 Celsius (minus 13 Fahrenheit) to around minus 4 (25 degrees Fahrenheit) Sunday morning, Dec. 25, as YOU members and families headed for Silver Star ski resort. Over 263 participated in an active day on the slopes, a catered meal was served in the ski lodge. More skiing took place Monday, Dec. 26. Philip Hopwood.

YOU MEMBERS ATTEND FORMAL DINNER, DANCE

BRISBANE, Australia — Seventy YOU members from the Brisbane, Grafton, Caboolture, Toowoomba, Ipswich and Gold Coast churches attended a three-course dinner and dance at the Roseville Restaurant Sunday evening, Dec. 4.

The Roseville Restaurant is known not only for its food, but also for its decor, which includes crystal chandeliers and rare paintings dating back 200 to 300 years.

The owners of the restaurant were delighted by the conduct and dress of the YOU members and commented throughout the evening. "This is the best group of well-mannered, courteous young people we have ever had in our restaurant." Ken Murray.

BRETHREN ATTEND FAMILY WEEKEND

LANSING, Mich. — About 600 brethren gathered here for a YOU family weekend, Dec. 24 to 26.

Families from 10 churches attended. Activities included

volleyball, movies, a talent show and family dance, family novelty olympics, swimming and family Bible baseball and basketball.

Other activities for the YOU, YES and the pre-YES were provided. Seminars were conducted with topics ranging from sportsmanship to child rearing. Ray Wooten and John Bensinger.

YOU MEMBERS SKI AT SNOWSHOE RESORT

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Twenty-seven YOU members from the Charleston, Parkersburg and Huntington, W.Va., congregations, left Charleston Dec. 25 for two days of skiing at Snowshoe Ski Resort in Pocahontas County, W.Va.

Each teen paid \$45, which covered the costs of ski equipment, lessons, transportation and one evening meal. They each paid for their own meals the second day.

The group stayed free in the apartment of a relative of a Church member. Todd and Patricia Carden organized the activity.

"Some of the teens had never put a ski on in their lives," said pastor Steven Botha. He added that the resort offered excellent instruction and most of the teens were skiing the more difficult slopes by the second day. Deborah Botha.

YES MEMBERS CAMP ON BARBADOS ISLAND

CHRIST CHURCH, Barbados — Thirty-eight YES members participated in a camp-out Dec. 25 to 27.

The camp site was on the eastern side of an island in St. John parish, where tents and temporary restroom facilities were set up.

Children's activities included indoor and outdoor games, sea-bathing and a sing-along, after which the children ate hot dogs.

Parents and members of the singles' and Spokesman clubs volunteered as counselors, cooks and security. Orville Harding.

Practicing patience, tact helps lessen tension on trips abroad

By Kerri Miles

When you visit someone's home, you wouldn't prop your feet up on the furniture, help yourself to what's in the refrigerator or in other ways act with no regard to your host or hostess' feelings. Instead you would be thoughtful and considerate.

This is how you should act when traveling in another country. Remember that you are a visitor there. Don't expect special treatment.

You represent your country and God's Church. You may be the first person from your country some have met. Your actions could produce a favorable or dim view of your entire country.

Be flexible and have a good sense of humor. In an unfamiliar country, the unexpected is almost guaranteed to happen. When it does, don't let it be a problem.

Think of it as part of your international experience.

Show respect for the people of the country. If a shopkeeper tells you the price of an item, don't ask him, "How much is that in real money?" Don't poke fun at the way the people look, dress or live.

Be careful about the way you dress. In some countries, it is inappropriate to wear certain clothing in public places. Some sites in Europe and the Middle East require women to wear skirts and to cover shoulders, and sometimes even elbows.

A good rule to follow is long pants for men and skirts or dresses for women. Women wearing slacks or shorts can take along a wraparound skirt to don at sightseeing stops.

Avoid the typical American look of blue jeans and T-shirts.

Don't expect everyone you meet to speak English. Many of the locals, depending on the country, will speak some English, but don't assume everyone does. Raising your voice won't help.

In general, practice common courtesy. Be polite and friendly, even if others are pushy and rude. Be a good guest and you are likely to be treated as one.

Reduce effects of jet lag by adjusting schedules

By Jeff Zhorne

The human body is controlled by a clock in the brain. Changing from one time frame to another upsets body rhythms, causing body fatigue or jet lag. Rhythms of sleeping, waking, digestion and elimination must adjust to a new time and place.

Jet lag is a phenomenon of crossing time zones during flight.

"When you virtually pitch yourself halfway around the globe, the unfamiliar timing requirements... set in motion a biochemical phase shift that marks the onslaught of jet lag," say Charles F. Ehret and Lynne Waller Scanlon, authors of *Overcoming Jet Lag*.

The severity of jet lag is determined by such factors as the number of time zones crossed, whether you have flown west to east or east to west, your personality, age and health factors.

Studies on jet lag symptoms indicate that recuperation takes about a day per time zone.

Studies from 1975 to 1981 recommend three keys to adjust your body to a new time zone.

- Use natural and artificial light to help reset your wake-sleep schedule to a new time frame.

Pull down the window shade when it is nighttime at your destination. To induce sleep cover yourself with a blanket and use a pillow to simulate a nighttime environment. This will trick your body into thinking it is already in its new time zone. Turn lights on to coincide with the daytime of your new destination.

- Alternate high-protein foods, which stimulate energy, with high-carbohydrate foods, which cause inactivity and sleep.

While in-flight, drink lots of fluids because the atmosphere in an

airplane's cabin is dry. Minimize alcohol intake as it adds to dehydration caused by poor cabin pressure, plus it has double the effect at flight altitudes.

- Mental and physical activity are also time-setters. Activity shifts your body clocks from a lethargic phase to an active phase.

"Non-activity such as being cramped into an airline seat will — at an astonishing rate — weaken muscles, stiffen joints and cause sluggish circulation," reported the *Los Angeles Times* Feb. 12. "The results: tension, fatigue, aches and pains, swollen feet and other unpleasant side effects."

The article suggests exercise such as stretching, moving joints, walking about the cabin or mental activities such as reading, writing or talking to someone.

Expect the unexpected

Even best made plans sometimes go awry. On an international trip chances are something will go wrong. If something unexpected does happen, don't panic.

If the desk clerk at your hotel can't find a record of your reservation, be patient. Be sure you have your confirmation notice with you. If this does not solve the problem, work it out later with your travel agent or whoever sold you the reservation.

Getting lost in a foreign country can be traumatic. Obtain maps for each group member and set specific meeting places at each place you visit in case someone gets separated from your group.

If you are traveling with a group from city to city, give each member

an itinerary of all stops and accommodations. If each person knows where the next stop is, it will be easier for anyone who gets separated to rejoin the group.

Keep in mind that food and water may not be the same as in your country. Even if the water is safe for drinking, it is safest to buy bottled mineral water.

When ordering in a restaurant, items with familiar names may not be what you expect. Be sure you know what you are getting. Also, in certain countries you will be charged separately for items you didn't order, but are automatically brought to the table.

For example, in Britain, two men ordered tea, and with it came a bas-

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TRAVEL KEY — A passport allows you to visit foreign countries. Apply early to receive your passport before departure. (Photo by Craig Clark)

Passports: apply early to be safe

To travel to most countries, before you even get off the ground, you need a passport.

A passport is a booklet containing personal information, including your photograph, for identification purposes.

How to get a passport varies from country to country. Check the government listings of your phone book. Mail-in applications are available at post offices in some countries.

To obtain a passport in most countries, you must fill out an application and present a certified copy of your birth certificate. If you don't have one, mark requests to the government office handling certified birth certificates, "urgent — for

travel purposes." You should receive it more quickly. Important: Check with your passport office about other identification and photo requirements before you apply.

Passports fees vary. In the United States, the fee is \$42 for a 10-year passport; in Australia it is \$30 for a five-year passport; but in England, the fee for a 10-year passport varies with international exchange rates.

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Summing Up Exchange Rates

If you are traveling abroad for the Feast of Tabernacles, chances are you'll need to convert some currency — which means you need to understand currency exchange rates.

You can save time, money and worry by watching exchange rates both before and during the Feast. An exchange rate is the amount of money that one currency is worth when exchanged for another country's currency.

Feb. 21, one British pound was worth U.S. \$1.45. The same day, one West German mark was worth 37 cents.

To convert currency you need to know how to read currency exchange tables. General tables are published in financial and daily newspapers and can be found at places of exchange and some banks. These tables tell at what rate a currency is bought and sold. A bank may sell one British pound for \$1.45, but it will only buy it back for \$1.39.

Banks and exchangers charge a fee for converting currency, so exchange money as few times as possible. (This fee is tax deductible in the United States.)

Exchange houses generally have high exchange fees. Banks are usually good places for currency conversion, but international airports often offer favorable exchange rates. It pays to compare rates.

Because of U.S. deficits, many financial investors feel

that in coming months currency speculators will lose confidence in the dollar. If this happens, the value of the dollar will decline.

A weakening dollar could mean a loss of spending power. If the British pound gained 20 cents on the U.S. dollar, brethren converting \$1,000 into pounds would in effect lose about \$83 in value.

Americans could take advantage of the exchange rate by buying a few hundred dollars worth of British pounds or other currency now before the expected weakening trend occurs in the dollar. But don't convert all of your cash before you leave.

Exchange rates, especially for the U.S. dollar, are often better in the country you visit.

Traveler's checks generally receive a better rate of exchange than cash and are safer to carry. Exchange them as you travel, especially if you are traveling to several countries.

Major traveler's check companies offer preprinted checks in British sterling, German marks, Japanese yen and other major denominations. These checks can be ordered in advance. Check with your bank or travel agent.

It is helpful to exchange some money before you leave. This provides ready cash for taxi, train or bus fare and tips in case you cannot immediately exchange your country's currency for the host country's money.



AIR TRAVEL — Jet lag, fatigue caused by crossing time zones, doesn't have to ruin your trip. It can be controlled by regulating sleep cycles, diet and activity. (Photo courtesy of Alcoa)

Avoid luggage burden; pack only essential items

By Kerri Miles

It's time to pack for your international trip, but what should you take?

An important principle is to pack light. Only take what you can carry comfortably by yourself. While you're walking from the baggage claim through customs, to a taxi and from the taxi to a hotel, you may not always have help.

A suggestion is to carry one medium-sized suitcase (about 26 inches long), which you can check in, and a carry-on bag (no larger than 21 inches by 9 inches by 16 inches), to keep with you on the airplane.

The carry-on bag is important. Pack in it one complete change of clothes along with toiletries and valuables.

Occasionally, luggage will be improperly routed and you may have to wait a day or two for its arrival. If you pack a change of clothing in your carry-on, you will have something to wear until your luggage arrives.

To avoid overpacking, plan your wardrobe for the activities you will participate in. Be sure to consider the weather.

Pack clothes that can be coordinated with other garments, such as a

skirt that can be worn with several blouses or several shirts that can be worn with one pair of pants, and plan to wear items more than once. Pack only clothing you know you will wear or use.

Because electrical currents vary from country to country, you may need a converter kit for blow dryers, electric razors or other appliances. Converter kits can be purchased at drug stores and department stores.

If you are traveling with a group, conserve packing space by sharing irons and blow dryers.

Other items good to include are a camera and more film than you think you will use, comfortable shoes, since most sight-seeing will include a good deal of walking, a pocket calculator for figuring exchange rates and budgeting, and an emergency fund for unexpected situations.

You may also want to include a trip diary. Keeping a record of your trip — the places you visited and your thoughts about the country and its people — can be a valuable souvenir. Children may want to keep their own trip diaries.

Finally, save some room in your luggage for souvenirs. You'll almost certainly return home with more than you took.



PACK IT AWAY — Carrying too much luggage is a sure road to an unhappy trip. Plan your wardrobe around scheduled activities and take only what you'll need. [Photo by Craig Clark]

Make travel plans early

Once you've decided where you want to travel, it's time to make arrangements.

Make arrangements for your trip as far in advance as possible. This may allow you to take advantage of lower fares and special rates.

The biggest expense is usually airline tickets. If you purchase them early you can often avoid increases in air fares. If you already have your

tickets and the fares go down, purchase tickets at the new prices and return the old ones for a refund.

Tickets to a popular location often sell out quickly, especially if bargain fares are offered.

When making your own arrangements, a travel agent can be invaluable. Travel agents are usually available at no fee to you. They receive a commission from the airlines.

When looking for travel agents, it pays (sometimes substantially) to shop around. Call several agencies to find an agent who will best suit your needs. Consider agencies that specialize in travel to the country you plan to visit. Often these agencies can offer better service for lower rates.

A travel agent can find the lowest air fares, arrange car rentals or other travel within another country, book accommodations and provide background information. (If traveling overseas for the Feast, follow the instructions in *The Worldwide News* for each site. For many sites the regional office can help you book accommodations. See accompanying article.)

A travel agent also can advise you of currency exchange rates in the country or countries you will visit. Taking the time to become familiar with exchange rates gives you a better idea of how far your native currency will go.

Some countries are surprisingly affordable to visit, even though air fare may be high.

Call the airline to confirm return flight reservations at least 72 hours before departure. Confirmation of return flights is also often required. This is best done from the country you are visiting.

Preparation: key for touring

By Sandi Borax

Travel means planning. Months and weeks beforehand, airplane, bus or train tickets need to be purchased, or cars tuned up. Deciding what to pack, arranging for mail pick-up and the care of pets must be done before you leave.

Whether you are going to another continent or traveling a few miles from home, it is also valuable to learn as much as possible about your destination before you leave.

Get acquainted with the history

of the area. History helps explain a country's government, religions, customs and languages. A summary can be found in encyclopedias and other books. See if your library has films of the region.

Study a map of the region. You will probably spend most of your time at the Feast site, but look at the surrounding area for side trip ideas or to plan your route. You may find a route that is less congested and passes through historical or scenic areas. Detailed maps are available at

libraries, and road maps are available at travel agencies or gas stations.

Next, concentrate on what the area is noted for, such as scenery, activities, culture and products. For example, Brno, Czechoslovakia, produces fine crystal and in Italy you can buy silk and leather. Start thinking of quality mementos to bring back. And be sure to sample the food and drink of the area.

Finally, find out about the people themselves. Talk to those from the area or people that have visited there. See if there are local activities that coincide with your trip. Read about customs of eating, family living, clothing and shopping.

It is helpful to learn a few words in the languages you will encounter. "Hello," "good-bye," "thank you" and "how much does it cost?" are useful, and most people appreciate the effort of a foreigner to speak their language. If you know a foreign language, opportunities to speak to the local people will open up. Often the best memories are of the hospitality you are shown and the friends you make in other countries.

Hoeh, editor of *The Plain Truth*; Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the Church's publications; and Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services, to name an onstage.

They presented Mr. Armstrong with a plaque with the inscription: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14). The plaque also bears a cast bronze facsimile of the February, 1934, and February, 1984, *Plain Truth* magazine covers.

"All I can say is that I don't deserve any credit," Mr. Armstrong responded. "But many of these loyal helpers that have been at my side and have been loyal and stuck through these years deserve their share of the credit too."

"And yet," he concluded, "all the real credit goes to our great God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you all."

After a closing prayer and blessing on the noon meal by evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College, Mr. Armstrong and the Auditorium audience had a luncheon of chicken salad in hollowed-out pineapple halves, seedless grapes, carrot cake and sparkling apple cider. Tables were set up and food was served on the mall in front of the Auditorium and in the Student Center.

"Mr. [Carlton] Green [director of the campus Food Service Department] and the Food Service people really did an incredible job," Mr. La Ravia said. "It was a perfect end to a very positive and emotional celebration."

Celebration

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He talked about his early prayer life: "Now after I was married I did pray once in a while. And when I prayed I had what you call the 'gimmies.' That is, I prayed, 'Dear Lord, gimme this, gimme that'... But there was just one, perhaps real good thing that I usually did pray. I always thanked God for giving me the wife He did."

He recalled how his businesses crumbled during the depression of 1920, and how God used both the business depression and Mrs. Armstrong's apparent "religious fanaticism" to prepare him for his later worldwide ministry.

At the conclusion of his talk, Mr. Armstrong spoke of the new booklet *Where Is the True Church?* that he began writing on his trip to the Far East.

He said that it contains new knowledge and understanding that he acquired within the last six months. He commented that even in his 90s, he is still learning. "And I hope I'll continue to learn, even forever, because I believe God continues to learn."

Anniversary presentations

Mr. La Ravia, Mr. Omasta and evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services, presented the pastor general with a plaque bearing a microphone of the 1930s and an original transcription disk of a *World Tomorrow* broadcast.

After the presentation Mr. La Ravia asked evangelist Herman

Passports

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Fees and length of validity for those under 18 can be different than for adults. Ask the passport office for details. Children in the United States can no longer travel on their parents' passports.

You should receive your passport in two to six weeks. Apply early — especially before peak travel periods when passports are in demand. When you receive your passport, be sure to sign it. It's not valid otherwise.

Before leaving your country, make two photocopies of the passport page that contains your name, address, signature, passport number and photo. Put one copy in your suitcase and give the other to a person with whom you are traveling.

The photocopies will save you time and trouble if your passport is lost. In some countries, it can take days or even weeks to replace a lost passport without proper identification. Remember to keep your passport with you at all times.

If you do lose your passport, take one of the copies to the consulate or embassy that represents your country. This will speed the issuance of a new passport or of a letter allowing you to enter and leave countries.

Your passport can be a souvenir, too. Often, when you enter a country, your passport will be stamped. If it is not and you would like it to be, just ask.

To find out if a visa is required to visit a country, contact the consulate of that country or call your travel agent.

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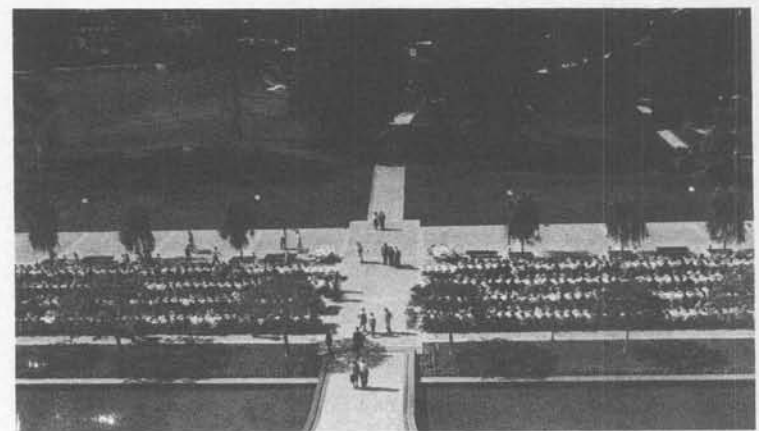
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ket of scones. Assuming the scones came with the tea free of charge, they ate them. Much to their dismay, they were charged for each one. Don't assume. When in doubt, it pays to ask.

Be aware of the laws of the land, particularly those relating to driving or alcohol. In Norway, drinking laws are especially strict. Less alcohol than is in one average drink can constitute intoxication and offenders can be jailed for 21 days. Tourists are not exempt from this law.

Since tourists usually carry cash, they are prime targets for pickpockets. To avoid being a victim, carry traveler's checks, and keep valuables in a pouch or inside pocket. Don't carry a wallet in your back pocket.

Sometimes, you will encounter problems with the airlines. The most common are lost luggage and missed flight connections. Be sure to ask airline officials about assistance in these situations. Most airlines will offer compensation.



ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON — Church employees, ministers and Ambassador College faculty and students attend a luncheon on the Auditorium mall after a forum to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Philadelphia era of God's Church and *The Plain Truth*. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



TEAM-SPIRIT TROPHY — Pierre Bernard holds the team-spirit trophy awarded to the Montreal, Que., French team during a YOU volleyball tournament in Montreal Jan. 22. Left, coach Jean Claude Tremblay; right, YOU coordinator Donat Picard.

Clubs focus on special events

A profit of \$625 was earned by 10 members of the **BILLINGS**, Mont., and **SHERIDAN**, Wyo., Spokesman Club who in December built open-faced bookshelf-type cabinets for an insurance company that employs Lowell Knowlen, club vice president.

Jon Hay and Dick Wilcox, builders by trade, supervised materials purchased and tools used. Dec. 25 club members began to cut, hammer, sand and stain ¾-inch oak veneer plywood into cabinets measuring 8 feet by 6 feet by 14 inches.

By the close of the day one cabinet was constructed. Club members resolved that the project would take dedication and drive.

During the next week the men gathered when they could, sometimes working alone, other times gathering in small groups as the work progressed. Soon the second cabinet took shape.

The men gathered again Jan. 4. Hammers flew, and the men replaced the obsolete file cabinets and set the new ones in place. Pounding and action filled the room.

Curious onlookers scrutinized. Then the work ended. Club members stood in groups to view their handiwork.

The **LLOYDMINSTER**, Sask., Spokesman Club conducted a ladies' night Jan. 7 at the Wayside Inn. After a roast beef dinner, Walter Zamonsky welcomed the guests. Cliff Magnusson, topicsmaster, set the tone for the evening with a humorous story.

A speech by Mr. Zamonsky, a longtime deacon in the Church, showed the growth in God's Church in Canada during its early years.

A second speech, given by Bruce Rogers, was titled "Don't Be Too Sure That Death and Taxes Are the Only Two Reliable Things in Life." The third speech, titled "Do We Walk in Faith?", was given by Dieter Mintz, who told how his mother's faith in God led her and her children across war-torn Germany in the path of advancing armies.

"Cold is a Killer" was the title of

Ed Rogers' speech, which recounted the incident of a rescue mission into the northern bush country in temperatures of minus 60 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 49 Celsius).

In his overall evaluation, Owen Murphy, pastor of the Lloydminster and North Battleford, Sask., and Bonnyville, Alta., churches, brought out that women can add to their husbands' natural ability in speaking with encouragement, vocabulary and aid in grammar and word power.

Members of the **OKLAHOMA CITY**, Okla., Spokesman and Graduate clubs served each other at ladies' nights Dec. 11 and Jan. 8. (See **CLUBS**, page 9)

Members sample culture

After almost three months of rehearsing, the **CHICAGO**, Ill., **SOUTH** chorale, wind ensemble and jazz band performed an annual concert Jan. 15 in the Kenwood High School auditorium.

With about 200 people in attendance, the program began with the chorale, directed by Ivan Lane, singing "Alleluia" and a variety of songs. Women in the chorale wore long-sleeved white blouses and long black skirts, and men wore dark suits. The wind ensemble then performed for the second portion, followed by the jazz band.

The young piano players who participated in the concert were Tracy Dumas, 12, who played "Fuer Elise" by Beethoven and Tamara Adams, 12, who played Sonatina Opus No. 1 by Clementi. Michele Talison, 12, sang in the chorale, and Rhonda and Denise Hardin, Joanna Bar and Isaac Reed played in the wind ensemble.

Douglas Bragg led the Chicago Southside bands, assisted by Don Gibson. Twenty-five persons comprise the wind ensemble, 16 are in the jazz band and 35 are in the chorale.

An evening of culture was set aside for **HOUSTON**, Tex., brethren Jan. 7 at the University of Houston at Clear Lake City Concert Au-

Brethren take part in variety of activities

More than 550 brethren from 11 churches were on hand for a family weekend played host to by the **FAYETTEVILLE**, Ark., church Jan. 7 and 8. Activities included a Bible study on marriage, Bible bowls for adults and teens, a slide show on South Africa, a YOU district scavenger hunt and an all-day volleyball tournament.

The sermon on the Sabbath was given by Thomas Blackwell, pastor of the Harrison and Mountain View, Ark., churches, on God's character and personality. A potluck for nearly 500 was prepared and served by brethren in the Fayetteville and Fort Smith, Ark., churches.

Activities were planned and coordinated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gerstner, Glenn Gerstner, Jim Hollis, Charles May and Dick Schmill. John R. Elliott, pastor of the Fayetteville and Fort Smith congregations, was overall coordinator.

Bible studies take place in Philippines

Fifty-four people from **TACLOBAN** and **CATBALOGAN**, Philippines, attended a Bible study Jan. 21 conducted by Pedro Melendez Jr., a minister in the Manila, Philippines, churches.

Those attending the study were asked to envision themselves as priests, kings and judges in the Millennium and fill out a 26-item questionnaire concerning decisions they might make in those positions. Most of the principles were taken from the books of Exodus, Leviticus and Proverbs.

The first home Bible study in **NAVAL**, Philippines, was conducted by Felipe Casing, pastor of the Tacloban and Catbalogan churches, in the home of Antilla Tambis Dec. 31. Twelve attended the study.

Mr. Casing exhorted those present to have constant contact with God's ministers and to speak the same things under God's government. The study was the first home Bible study ever conducted on the island subprovince in Leyte. *Antilla T. Tambis.*

ditorium. Mr. and Mrs. Roger C. Bryant from Big Sandy were special guests.

The evening opened with a piano solo of Schubert's "Phantasie-stuecke" by Teresa Craven and solos by Ella Mae Snell, Betty Jones and Louisa Marshall. D.F. Walker and Patti McGee performed the humorous selection "Maggie Blues." A clarinet solo was given by George Foshee.

After the Houston North Quartet performed a rendition of "David's Lamentation," the first part concluded with a piano solo titled "The Moon Rocket March" by Jack Haas.

The Houston Chorale Ensemble introduced the second part of the evening with two selections, "On Great Lone Hills" and Verdi's "Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves," conducted by Rodger L. Bardo.

High points of the evening were selections by Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, "Vesti La Giubba" by Leoncavallo from "I Pagliacci" brought the audience to its feet requesting an encore. The Bryants concluded the evening with a humorous operatic rendition of "Old Mother Hubbard." A champagne reception followed.

Barbara Williamson and Rodger L. Bardo.

The **CAMBRIDGE**, Ohio, church celebrated its second arts and crafts social Jan. 7. A Western theme was chosen, and tables were decorated with cacti, horse models, miniature logs with rope fences and clumps of dried wild flowers and weeds.

A display of saddles, bridles, hats, ropes and a cowboy's guitar rested on bales of straw occupying one corner of the room.

After a meal of meat loaf, chicken, baked beans, salad and an assortment of desserts served by Western-clad women and girls, members set up their craft projects ranging from drawings to wood carvings.

Despite a temperature of zero degrees Fahrenheit (minus 18 Celsius) **TORONTO**, Ont., **WEST** brethren met for a social Jan. 21 inside the Martingrove Collegiate. After a Bible study and Sabbath services, many of the nearly 500 brethren stayed for evening activities.

After dinner the young used the gymnasium for volleyball, running and basketball shooting. In the cafeteria adults were involved in various games conducted by associate pastor Robert Elliott and deacon Dewey Peterson.

EUGENE, Ore., brethren attended a potluck, fun show and family dance Jan. 21 at Shasta Junior High School. After the meal pastor Leonard Schreiber introduced a dozen vocal, instrumental, dance and

comedy acts performed by Eugene members plus Bob Strelow of the Portland, Ore., South church.

Mr. Strelow accompanied Mr. Schreiber, who led the audience in singing "The Boarding House Where I Live" to the tune of "Silver Hairs Among the Gold."

A band organized by Jack Scruggs included Mr. Strelow, Delbert Langdon, Loren Cowan, Glenn Harmon Sr. and Spike Jones, a member of the Bend, Ore., church.

Dancing included a bunny hop led by Mr. and Mrs. Schreiber and a Mexican hat dance in which all were encouraged to participate.

Eighty-two brethren from **QUEBEC CITY**, Que., took part in an evening of dances and dishes native to Chile Jan. 14. Herminia Desjardins, a native-born member from Chile, provided a wealth of information about the country and its traditions.

(Mrs. Desjardins left Jan. 16 for a two-month stay in Chile, where she will meet for the first time the minister and members in Santiago. She plans to bring back photographs of the brethren to create a link between the two churches.)

Cyrille Richard, a ministerial trainee, plans to send photos of the Chile night to brethren in Santiago.

The evening continued with a Chilean meal served by waiters dressed in native attire. *Julie Toutant*
(See **MEMBERS**, page 9)

Funds raised at inventories

The united efforts of 119 members of the **SAN DIEGO**, Calif., church who took an inventory of two May Co. stores Jan. 11 proved "a big, big success," according to associate pastor Jerold Aust.

Training sessions were conducted before the inventory. Store officials were so pleased with the group's performance that they are scheduled to take inventory again at both stores in July.

After paying a tithe to the Church, earnings from the inventory project (\$2,252.40) will go to the YOU and church social funds.

After the Sabbath Jan. 14, 112 Church and YOU members from **PASCO** and **TONASKET**, Wash., combined for a fund-raising inventory at the Bon Marche department store.

Under the direction of Gerald Flurry, pastor of the Pasco, Quincy, Tonasket and Yakima, Wash., churches, the churches have conducted inventories to raise funds since 1978.

The original contact with store officials was made by Patty Sexton, wife of Rex Sexton, a local elder in the Tonasket church. During the inventory 10 to 20 members assigned to each department in the store work under

the supervision of department managers.

Most of the goods were listed on an inventory sheet so brethren could count each item and verify it by style, price, color and age codes printed on the price tag.

Orren Fricke, a Pasco member who assisted Mr. Flurry in coordinating the project, says the only problem he has experienced is that brethren complete the task a bit faster each year, thereby cutting earnings realized from the project. The rise in the minimum wage, however, keeps the amount earned at a consistent level.

One of the major values of the project, other than the money earned, says Mr. Fricke, is the attitude displayed by Church members who open their homes to other brethren who travel from out of town.

Part of the money earned from the Bon Marche inventory will be sent to Pasadena, and the rest will help finance annual formal dances.

"I believe the opportunity for direct service and working and cooperating between brethren is valuable experience for the future," said Mr. Flurry. "I believe we'll be doing a lot of this in the future."

Susan Karoska and Don Smythe.



INVENTORY TAKERS — Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Gangnath participate in the Pasco and Tonasket, Wash., churches' fund-raising inventory Jan. 14 at Bon Marche, a department store in Richland, Wash.

Clubs

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Discussing some of the advantages of service, Don Avilez, Graduate Club president, said, "The three purposes were to serve one another, to have the club work together as a unit and to provide a quality meal at an affordable price with top quality surroundings and excellent service."

Dec. 11, Jim Rivers, Spokesman Club president, cooked the meat and potatoes and gave overall directions. Vice President Keith McBroom coordinated serving the food. Headwaiter and club treasurer Warren Hamblet supervised table service. Sergeant at arms James Goodman directed the setup crew. Secretary Dan Wetzel took charge of cleanup.

Jan. 8, the Spokesman Club enjoyed its ladies' night, served by the Graduate Club under the direction of Mr. Avilez. Vice President Gene Yarbrough and his assistants bought, prepared and delivered the meat, potatoes, rolls and salad.

Secretary W.R. Adams coordinated the kitchen activities, while treasurer Melvin Meyer led the serving staff. Sergeant at arms Les Coleman supervised setup, decoration and cleanup. Flowers were provided by Mr. Goodman. Arnold Clauson, pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., churches, said, "It was really a thrill to be served by converted waiters."

The ROSEBURG, Ore., Spokesman Club was host to wives and the Young-at-Heart seniors' group at a dinner meeting Jan. 2 in the home of Reed Nielsen, a deacon, and his wife, Geri.

Thirty brethren shared an informal potluck to begin the evening. Finger foods and conversation accented the meal hour. While the dishes were cleared, sergeant at arms Conrad Bloomquist arranged seating for the meeting.

Stuart Segall, club director, called the meeting to order with a welcome to members and guests and introduced Mr. Nielsen for vocal exercises.

Club President Bill Englander gave guests a synopsis of the club program and introduced club secretary Kermit Barrett as topicsmaster. After a break toastmaster Alfred Peterson introduced speakers Mr. Englander, Gerald Bonney, club vice president, and Don Olson, treasurer.

Mr. Segall rounded out the evening with an evaluation and awards presentation.

The KITCHENER, Ont., Spokesman Club conducted a father and son meeting Dec. 27 to introduce sons to a regular Spokesman Club

meeting. Twenty-one members, eight sons and one guest attended.

Toastmaster Craig Marley introduced speakers George Carter, George DeVlugt Sr., George DeVlugt Jr., John Atkins and Murray Campbell. Topicsmaster Don Berkstrom asked club members and guests about their most memorable winter experiences, whether young men should cook and if East and West Germany will unite. Pastor Terry Johnson was overall evaluator.

The CINCINNATI, Ohio, NORTH and SOUTH churches met for a combined Graduate Club Jan. 14 with wives attending. A table was decorated with candles, flowers, silver serving pieces and dishes brought by club members and guests.

The North church served beverages and waited on tables, while the South church cleaned up afterward. After dinner Don McCole, Henry Ward and Henry Spencer delivered speeches.

After the speeches pastor Bob League told the group about the goals of Graduate Club and how to better serve God and the brethren. He stressed the need for the knowledge of who and what God is.

Thirty EUREKA, Ore., Spokesman Club members took part in a progressive dinner Jan. 28, starting at the home of Mike and Carol Norris for salad and tabletopics. Two speeches and a main course were served at the home of John and Marilyn Falkenstrom.

Two more speeches were given at Victor and Loretta Johnson's residence, followed by dessert. The evening concluded with cocktails at Max and Margie Arnold's home.

The combined BRAINERD and GRAND RAPIDS, Minn., Graduate Club conducted its first ladies' night of the year Jan. 22 at Forest Lake Inn in Grand Rapids.

Nathan Petersen started off the evening with tabletopics centered on a theme of child rearing. Toastmaster LeRoy Smith introduced speakers Mirv Borkholder, who gave a historic example spotlighting Solomon's proverbs; Ralph Mayer, who spoke on personal example; and Andy Freeman, who delivered a humorous speech titled "My Girl, Fred."

Overall evaluator and director Stanley McNeil, pastor of the two churches, mentioned scriptures that deal with child rearing. Mr. McNeil elaborated on Malachi 4, explaining how club members can help turn the hearts of the fathers to the children.

John R. Rife, E.L. Lifeso, Mike Crist, J.E. Christopherson, Dave Cook, Robert Merki, Kathleen Buck and Jess McAllister.



FAMILY FUN SHOW — From left: Willie Edwards, Jackie Spurgeon, Scott Wertz and Richard Brewster present a pantomime of "The Great Pretender" at the Imperial church's talent night Jan. 28 in the Imperial Gymnasium in Pasadena. [Photo by Tom Toman]

Church areas commemorate anniversaries

The golden jubilee of the Philadelphia era of God's Church was celebrated by about 430 brethren from the BIRMINGHAM, GLOUCESTER, NORTHAMPTON and NOT-

TINGHAM, England, churches Jan. 7 at Clarendon Centre in Birmingham.

Graham Mitchell, a local church elder from Northampton, showed in a sermonette that this era of God's Church has kept the word of God, as foretold in Revelation 3:8.

Regional director Frank Brown described in a sermon the expansion of the work in the past 50 years, paralleled by the world becoming a more dangerous place. Mr. Brown warned brethren to not let the cares of the world undermine spiritual development.

A showing of "The History of the True Church" and a buffet took place after services. For the remainder of the evening the group took part in a

formal dance with music provided by the Ambassador Band. Children played games organized by Tom Mabon, and games were provided for the elderly.

The high point in the evening was reached when Mr. and Mrs. Brown cut the jubilee cake, amid cheers of those present. After having cake and punch, brethren continued with activities and dancing until 10:30 p.m.

TAMPA, Fla., brethren reflected on past events when they observed the 10th anniversary of the Tampa church Jan. 14. The church's first Sabbath took place in December, 1973, conducted by then pastor Roger V. Foster at King High School. (See CHURCH, page 11)

Snow party in Canada

A snow party took place Jan. 15 at the farm of John Allam, with 45 young adults from EDMONTON, Alta. Activities began at 9 a.m. with a pancake breakfast, complete with beef bacon and hot chocolate.

After a hayride, teams were organized for a game of Capture the Flag, which ended in a tie. A piping-hot chili dinner was served, with the group eating around a bonfire to dry out.

Throughout the day young adults enjoyed cross-country skiing and tobogganing. After dinner some loaded up in four-wheel-drive trucks and drove to the farm pond for ice skating. A game of ice soccer was played. Some had skates and some didn't.

The day wound down in late afternoon with a sing-along around a bonfire. Debbie Morgan.

Members

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gave a presentation of Chilean geography, followed by a slide show by Mrs. Desjardins.

Antoine Desjardins and Helene Lafamme demonstrated a Chilean folk dance, and members followed by dancing to Spanish and popular music.

"The Good Old Days" was the theme for a combined social of the BRADFORD, HULL and SHEFFIELD, England, churches that took place Feb. 28 in Yorkshire, England. Many of the 170 members dressed in Victorian and Edwardian clothing for a potluck supper and Old Tyme Music Hall entertainment after Sabbath services.

David Magowan, pastor of the Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough, Newcastle on Tyne and Sheffield, England, churches, welcomed guest Sabbath speaker Francis Bergin, a minister from the Borehamwood, England, Office. Mr. Bergin spoke on Christian stewardship over finances, a particularly helpful subject for those living in the economically depressed north.

Richard Whiting, a minister in the Sheffield church, organized the Period Music Hall with help from deacons David Hacker and Mark Reynard. Ray Walker of Sheffield arranged lighting. Stuart Powell of the Hull church served as chairman of the music hall, wielding a gavel and giving introductions.

An opening sing-along featured "Daisy, Daisy," "Oh! Oh! Antonio" and other bygone favorites, leading into a virtuoso program of acts performed by Church members and their children.

Music, dances and monologue were from the turn of the century. The evening concluded with the Summer Educational Program (SEP) singers from Loch Lomond, Scotland, leading the cast and audience in a sing-along. DAUPHIN, Man., brethren and

guests dined on a variety of dishes after Sabbath services Jan. 21. Featured were home-canned salmon and pies.

After the meal brethren played rounds of curling and ice-skated. Others played Hula and fellowshipping. Coffee and dainties brought the evening's activities to a close.

FORT WORTH, Tex., brethren conducted an annual winter dance with a Southern Ball theme Jan. 21 in the ballroom of the General Dynamics Association complex, where more than 300 brethren danced to the 14-piece Big Band of Harry Burgess.

Many couples were photographed by Bill Hohmann in front of a gazebo that housed a fountain of continually flowing punch. Those in their senior year of high school received special invitations to compensate for often-missed Friday-night proms. Those in attendance included 90-year-old Mary Buchanan and the new daughter of associate pastor Raymond Taylor and his wife, Cindi.

A combined family night of the LAS CRUCES, N.M., and EL PASO, Tex., churches took place Jan. 21 in El Paso, after men baked homemade cakes from scratch. Wives could offer only technical help.

The evening began with a buffet dinner, followed by judging the men's creations. Mary Lou Pepper, Eleanora Henry and Marian Brittain, wife of pastor Keith Brittain, were official taste-testers. Cakes were judged on overall appearance, texture and taste.

Bruce Carson placed first with an orange supreme cake. He was rewarded with a baker's apron and pot holder. Last place was not overlooked; the award was a box of cake mix. The evening was topped off by a movie.

Dan Jefferson, Leonard Rinehart, Bill Moore, Tim and Lin Rhay, Robert Scott, Stuart M. Powell, Olive Weaver, Robert Smith and Wayne Abraham.

Singles fill weekends with activities

About 100 singles, some traveling up to 1,150 miles (about 1,840 kilometers) attended an activity-filled weekend in WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 30 to Jan. 1.

Starting off events Friday evening, Dec. 30, was a Bible study on fellowship given by Alvin Nordstrom, pastor of the Winnipeg and Morden, Man., and Williams, Minn., churches. Mr. Nordstrom, who reminded singles that true Christian fellowship must begin with God, urged them to be of one spirit, thereby promoting better fellowship.

An ethnic clothing dance Saturday evening, Dec. 31, inspired a variety of attire ranging from Arabian, African and Hawaiian to French-Canadian and Hutterite dress. Taped dance music was supplied by Dave Sollefeld. Halfway through the evening, singles provided entertainment.

Early Sunday morning, Jan. 1, singles were found in inner tubes or toboggans on Spring Hill on the Winnipeg floodway. At noon the group went to East Selkirk, Man., to build fires and cook hot dogs. After being warmed and filled, some went ice-skating, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Others played snow soccer or lingered around the fire.

As the sun began to set the group

headed for the farm of Mike Yurkiw for a chili dinner and sing-along led by guitarists Art Dupas and Dave Labowich. Mr. Nordstrom considered the weekend profitable because "it built a closeness between the singles" and "provided an opportunity to know a wide variety of people."

Activities were organized by Paul Carson, with the help of other members of the Winnipeg Singles' Committee.

Two singles from the United States, one from England, one from Belgium, two from France and two from Switzerland spent the week of Dec. 25 to Jan. 2 skiing in SWITZERLAND. The group met in Paris, France, and traveled 420 miles (672 kilometers) to the eastern part of Switzerland.

The house of one of the participant's parents served as the starting point for activities such as alpine skiing, hiking and a visit to the Falls of the Rhine near Schaffhausen, Switzerland.

The eight singles spent two days with another Church family near Bern, Switzerland's capital. They attended Sabbath services in the Neuchatel, Switzerland, church, pastored by Bernard Andrist.

To communicate the group not

only spoke in English, French and German but also with their hands and feet.

About 10 singles from CLARKSBURG, W.Va., skied at Timberline Ski Resort Jan. 15. Clarksburg member James Judy, who is legally blind, traversed the slopes with relative ease and astounded fellow skiers.

At midday the singles rested in a ski lodge and ate packed lunches before finishing their outing on the slopes.

MERIDEN, Conn., singles sponsored a supper and 1950s sock hop for about 300 singles from Meriden and Springfield, Mass., Jan. 14. Singles prepared a variety of salads and grinders (submarine sandwiches) with beef cold cuts, tuna, lettuce, tomatoes, onions and cheese. Afterward brethren pushed tables aside to twist, stroll, boogie or jitterbug to the "50s beat of U.S. Rhythm, a Meriden group. Pastor Larry Woodridge and his wife, Joan, joined in the fun.

To add interest to the evening, many of the men slicked back their hair and donned black leather jackets and jeans, while women wore poodle skirts and sweaters from 30 years ago.

Christine Birkholz, Rainer Tanner, Josie Cotti-Rausch and Carol Bonsey.

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

PASADENA — "The Mail Processing Center experienced the busiest January ever," according to Richard Rice, MPC director.

The center mailed 447,313 pieces of mail during the month, a 10 percent increase over January, 1983. The center received 397,073 pieces of mail in January, a 40 percent increase over last year. A total of 56,762 calls were received by the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines in response to the *World Tomorrow* television program, a 28 percent increase over January, 1983, and the second highest monthly total ever, according to Mr. Rice.

PASADENA — Despite the steady weakening of the French franc, 1983 was "a good year for God's Church" in French-speaking areas, according to evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director.

"The work of the Church moved forward with increased efficiency, unity and growth," said Mr. Apartian.

Church membership in French-speaking areas was up 5.2 percent over the previous year. New French-speaking churches were started in Narbonne and Rouen, France, and Bathurst, N.B.

Subscriptions to *La Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*) were up 6.9 percent over 1982. Circulation of the French *Good News* tripled after

the magazine was offered to *Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course* students as well as to new co-workers and prospective members, according to Mr. Apartian.

A centralized and computerized mail processing system for the French Department in Pasadena was initiated in January, according to Mr. Apartian. "The system is very flexible and can accommodate different . . . mailing locations all over the world," he said. "It has proven to be extremely useful and efficient."

PASADENA — Ministerial Services announced that the follow-

ing men were ordained local church elders: David Rambel, Parkersburg, W. Va., Feb. 4; and Lloyd B. Garrett Jr. and Willard High, Pasadena Imperial, Feb. 11.

LAKE CRYSTAL, Minn. — A surprise blizzard roared through southwestern Minnesota and the extreme eastern Dakotas Feb. 4, killing 25 people and leaving thousands stranded, according to Victor Kubik, pastor of the Lake Crystal and Minneapolis, Minn., South churches.

"National Weather Service meteorologists were caught off guard by the blizzard," the St. Paul, Minn., *Pioneer Press* reported Feb. 6.

Mr. Kubik said several brethren returning home from Sabbath services in Lake Crystal were caught in their cars overnight as the wind chill factor dropped to minus 70 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 56 Celsius). Other brethren found shelter in farmhouses.

When the storm hit, the Bruce Kutsons of Lakefield, Minn., followed a semitrailer truck for a few miles but got stuck in a snowbank, according to Mr. Kubik.

For the next 12 hours they were trapped in their car. Their heater was not working, but with three blankets and God's help they survived, Mr. Kubik said.

Brethren are grateful to God for protecting His people in the Minnesota area, he said.

Those who perished in the storm died either of carbon monoxide poisoning when they left their car engines running or of exposure after leaving their vehicles and getting lost.

"Visibility was so poor, many of the victims became disoriented and died only yards from shelter," according to the *Pioneer Press*.

PASADENA — Ministerial Services here released the following itinerary of evangelist Gerald Waterhouse:

March 1, Santa Barbara, Calif.; March 3, Long Beach, Calif., A.M. and P.M., Sabbath services; March 5, Los Angeles, Calif.; March 6, Garden Grove, Calif.; March 7, Riverside, Calif.; March 8, Yuma, Ariz.; March 10, San Diego, Calif., Sabbath services.

March 12, Mojave, Calif.; March 13, Bakersfield, Calif.; March 14, Visalia, Calif.; March 15, Fresno, Calif.; March 17, San Francisco, Calif., Sabbath services; March 18, San Jose and Aptos, Calif., combined Bible study; March 19, Santa Rosa, Calif.; March 20, Fairfield, Calif.; March 21, Chico, Calif.

March 22, Stockton and Modesto, Calif., combined Bible study; March 24, Sacramento, Calif., Sabbath services; March 25, Reno, Nev.; March 26, Medford, Ore.; March 27, Roseburg, Ore.; March 28, Eugene, Ore.; March 29, Albany and Salem, Ore., combined Bible study; and March 31, Portland, Ore., East, South and West, and Vancouver and Hood River, Wash., combined Sabbath services.



INTERNATIONAL DESK BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — Despite the political and economic crises that affected the Philippines last year, it was still a good year for God's Church there. Guy Ames, regional director, reported encouraging news that income was up 30 percent over 1982.

Co-workers contributed 50 percent more than they did the previous year, and donors gave 56 percent more. A total of 1,515 people (including 495 co-workers) contributed to the work, in addition to Church members.

Mr. Ames said that the articles in *The Plain Truth* on tithing, and the prayers of God's people, have contributed to this increase.

In 1983, *Plain Truth* circulation more than doubled in the Philippines. Circulation peaked in early December at 160,357, but the renewal system trimmed that back to 149,405 by the year's end.

From the first quarter of the year, *Plain Truth* insert subscription cards were no longer put in the magazine, "because of the burgeoning subscription list." This reduced the incoming mail, but the volume of outgoing mail was not diminished, and actually rose 5.4 percent.

The most-requested booklet during the year was Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's *Never Before Understood — Why Humanity Cannot Solve Its Evils* (13,866 copies). *Good News* circulation increased 58 percent, when 5,045 subscribers were added. This was largely because of offering *The Good News at Plain Truth* Bible lectures that took place at 30 locations during the year. A total of 2,712 new people attended these lectures.

As the year ended, a camp for singles largely from the Metro Manila area took place at the Volcano Lakeview Resort on the southern end of Lake Taal. This setting provided a variety of daily activities for a record 146 singles and 14 married staff members.

Activities included basketball, dance instruction, swimming, volleyball and an obstacle course. An acquaintance bonfire, impromptu talent show, Bible bowl and semi-formal dance took place. Camp director, Reynaldo Taniajura, pastor of the Quezon City, Marikina and Bocaue churches, and Pedro Melendez, Ministerial Services assistant in the Manila Office, gave lectures on proper dating, true masculinity and femininity and marriage. Other singles' camps took place simultaneously in Tabaco and in Davao City.

Caribbean

God blessed the Caribbean area in 1983. Five television and two radio stations were added to the coverage during the year, and a member-monitoring system was estab-

lished to provide media agents and the television and radio stations with feedback from listeners and viewers.

The Caribbean churches experienced a collective growth of 11.6 percent during 1983, according to Stan Bass, regional director. The membership total stands at 956 in the English-speaking areas with 97 baptisms being recorded during the year. Subscriber, co-worker and donor numbers all showed encouraging growth during the year, with 1,030 people becoming donors (up 23 percent) and 457 becoming co-workers (up 15 percent).

The countries of the Caribbean with churches and their attendances are: Barbice, Guyana, 25; Bridgetown, Barbados, 431; Castries, St. Lucia, 80; Freeport, Bahamas, 35; Georgetown, Guyana, 51; Hamilton, Bermuda, 156; Kingston, Jamaica, 213; Nassau, Bahamas, 111; Port of Spain, Trinidad, 442; Roseau, Dominica, 55; Scarborough, Tobago, 14; St. George's, Grenada, 54; and St. John's, Antigua, 21.

The Church has outlying Bible studies in Frederiksted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands; and Kingstown, St. Vincent and Montego Bay, Jamaica. These areas do not include the Spanish-speaking church in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and the French-speaking churches in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Fort-de-France, Martinique, and Pointe-a-Pitre and Basse Terre in Guadeloupe.

Dutch update

It was also a good year in the Netherlands, according to Bram de Bree, regional director. Some 16,000 subscribers were added to the *Echte Waarheid* list (up 34.6 percent). Ads were placed in the Dutch and Belgian Automobile Association magazine and in TV guides, and flyers were placed in *De Telegraaf*, a national newspaper.

Twelve additional booklets were translated in 1983, bringing the number of Dutch-language booklets to 40, an increase of 40 percent over 1982. In 1983, 12 people were baptized, bringing the membership to 201 in the four churches. Total attendance is now 294.

Weekly services take place in Zwolle, De Bilt and Tilburg, Netherlands, with twice-monthly services in Antwerp, Belgium. (All services are in Dutch, although English translations are provided regularly in the De Bilt church, just outside of Utrecht.)

Financially, the year ended with an increase in income of 0.2 percent.

Spanish language

Last year the work bustled with activity in 22 Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries, according to the Spanish Department here.

Vienna

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Angels Times, the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner and the Pasadena Star-News, noted both Mr. Armstrong's presence at the concerts, and that the concerts were a fulfillment of Mr. Armstrong's hopes.

"Ambassador Auditorium, where the lobby proudly proclaims a dedication to honor and glory of not just any but 'The Great God,' finally lived up to its words Saturday night [Feb. 18] when Leonard Bernstein led the Vienna Philharmonic in the first of two programs celebrating the hall's 10th anniversary," wrote critic Mark Swed in the Feb. 20 *Herald-Examiner*.

Added David Buendler of the *Star-News*: "When Ambassador Auditorium opened a decade ago, founding father Herbert Armstrong wished for the Vienna Philharmonic to open the inaugural season . . ."

"But Saturday night [Feb. 18]," he continued, "Armstrong watched from his aisle seat along with a capacity audience as the Vienna Philharmonic played the first of two Ambassador concerts."

Dinner reception

Before the Feb. 19 concert, Mr. Armstrong was host to a reception and dinner for dignitaries in the Los Angeles area, according to Aaron Dean, the pastor general's personal aide.

"The reception featured quite a distinguished group," said Mr. La Ravia. "Business leaders, presidents and chairmen of the boards from major corporations attended, as well as [Los Angeles] mayor [Thomas] Bradley, and consular generals from 14 countries."

"The reception, which took place on the upper balcony above the Grand Loggia in the Auditorium, provided a beautiful view of the upper campus as the sun set," Mr. Dean said. "With darkness approaching, the guests and Mr. Armstrong descended to the lower lobby for dinner, where

Mr. Armstrong welcomed them in a short address."

David Hulme, director of media purchasing for the Church, said Mr. Armstrong also discussed God's truth at the reception and dinner.

"One executive told Mr. Armstrong that he regularly had been watching him on the *World Tomorrow* television program, but that he didn't agree that the world would be plunged into a devastating nuclear war, as Mr. Armstrong has explained on the program," Mr. Hulme said in a Feb. 21 interview with *The Worldwide News*.

"Mr. Armstrong listened as the executive argued that the world would find a way to avoid nuclear war. He paused a moment and then asked the executive, 'Do you know better than God?'" Mr. Hulme continued. "The executive, a little taken aback, said that he didn't."

"Mr. Armstrong then explained that God is not now involving Himself in humanity's affairs and that God will allow nuclear war to come as a lesson to mankind. The exchange was a positive but unexpected way for Mr. Armstrong to fulfill a little more of the great commission," Mr. Hulme concluded.

Mr. La Ravia said that the tour of the Vienna Philharmonic in the United States includes performances in New York; Chicago, Ill.; San Francisco, Calif.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ann Arbor, Mich.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Pasadena; and Washington, D.C.

The evangelist added that Mr. Armstrong is scheduled to attend the Feb. 27 performance of the philharmonic in the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington as the guest of the Austrian ambassador.

The Pasadena performances featured Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Jupiter* symphony and Johannes Brahms' *Symphony No. 2 in D Major*. At Feb. 19 rehearsals, Mr. La Ravia said that Mr. Bernstein expressed that it was "a glorious experience to be here," and that several of the philharmonic members expressed a desire to return to the Auditorium in the future.

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