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**MAKING BRETHREN FAMILY** — Clockwise from top left: During his April 3 to 5 visit to New Orleans, La., Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach speaks to 1,516 brethren on the Sabbath about building unity within God's family, converses with children after services and signs his autograph for a member in a wheelchair. [Photos by Michael Rasmussen]

## Hugs, handshakes greet Mr. Tkach in New Orleans

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA — "Just as Mr. Herbert Armstrong used to visit diplomats, kings and heads of state, so Mr. Joseph Tkach makes us feel like diplomats and heads of states on church visits," said David Stone, pastor of the Hattiesburg and Picayune, Miss., churches, about Mr. Tkach's visit to New Orleans, La., April 3 to 5.

For more than two and a half hours after services the pastor general shook hands with almost all of the 1,516 brethren in the University of New Orleans Lake Front Arena, according to Al Kersha, New Orleans pastor and visit coordinator.

"The elderly went up first," said Mr. Stone's wife, Rosaphine. "He made everybody feel so welcome, like one of his children, you know?"

Mr. Stone said, "The hugs and handshakes, humility and hospitality shown by Mr. Tkach have been the topic of all I speak with."

Mr. Tkach was accompanied to New Orleans by Joseph Locke, Ambassador Foundation vice president of international projects; Ellen Escat, his administrative assistant; Michael Rasmussen, an assistant to Mr. Tkach; Julie Stocker, an administrative assistant; and the Gulfstream III crew: Captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Die-

trich and steward Jay Brothers.

Churches represented at services April 4 were New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Lafayette, La., Hattiesburg, Picayune and Biloxi, Miss., and Mobile, Ala. Mr. Kersha said some brethren traveled from as far as Cantonment, Fla.

Before Mr. Tkach's sermon the Baton Rouge choir and the New Orleans ensemble performed "beautiful special music" titled "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," said Mrs. Escat.

After announcements by Mr. Kersha, the pastor general addressed the brethren about becoming at one with God as He builds unity in His family.

On behalf of the seven congregations, Alton Billingsley, Baton Rouge and Lafayette pastor, presented Mr. Tkach with a tupelo gum wood-carving titled "Dove in Flight," by area artist Ralph LeGaux.

An accompanying card read, "The flying dove — God's Spirit in action (Zechariah 4:6)."

Afterward Mr. Tkach hugged and shook hands with brethren.

### Mr. Tkach 'so energetic'

"A minister's wife commented that she was surprised that after (See MR. TKACH, page 5)

## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear brethren,

Some months ago I received a letter I'd like to share with you from a young man who has begun to learn a new approach to sports.

He wrote: "We have just come back from a basketball tournament, and boy are we excited. Your new instructions about 'round-robin playing' as opposed to competition and eliminations is just fantastic! Let me tell you some of my recent experiences.

"This was the first time I have ever asked a basketball player from an opposing team his name (we were instructed to do this). I did this in the beginning and we started out the game as friends.

But it did not reduce the intensity of our playing.

"Something else happened that also illustrates the impact of God's approach to sports. The center of the opposing team made a goal. I asked someone what his name was, and they told me it was 'Bobby.' Well, I went barreling down the court behind him and shouted out, 'Great shot, Bobby, great shot!' He had a big grin on his face as he turned around to acknowledge my compliment.

"You see, not only was this the first time I have ever complimented a player on another side, it was also the first time he had ever received a compliment from the other side.

"Thank you for implementing this new and pioneering aspect of God's way of life into the sport of basketball."

I deeply appreciated reading that letter, because it shows the benefits that come from following the way of *give* rather than the way of *get*. How much more sheer joy, peace of mind and overall happiness result from showing thoughtfulness, kindness, respect and encouragement to others rather than the typical "in your eye, chump" attitude that human beings tend to display in sports!

In God's Church, our focus should be on strengthening our relationship with God, and developing positive, godly relationships (See PERSONAL, page 5)

*It's time we got back to right and wrong!*

## Church officials hear President

By Sheila Graham

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — "If I had to characterize U.S.-Soviet relations in one word it would be this — *proceeding*. No great cause for excitement, no great cause for alarm."

Thus U.S. President Ronald Reagan described Soviet-American relations to the Los Angeles World Affairs Council at a luncheon at the Century Plaza Hotel here April 10.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, his administrative assistants, operation managers and their assistants and other headquarters administrative staff were at the luncheon. Thirty people altogether repre-

sented the Worldwide Church of God or the Ambassador Foundation.

Mr. Tkach was pleased with the respect and courtesy shown the President not only by the audience but by the press corps. "President Reagan was not bombarded by antagonistic questions. The reporters did not put him on the spot," Mr. Tkach said.

"It's wonderful to see people treat the President with the respect he is due," Mr. Tkach added. "We should have respect for our leaders. God places them in office. Showing them the proper respect causes them to have more pride in themselves and helps them to carry out the tremendous responsibilities they have been given."

Mr. Tkach found the President's speech "very interesting in terms of subject matter, and you can well understand what it was about — Russia — our personal relationship with them." Mr. Reagan's speech came just before Secretary of State George Shultz' trip to Moscow to discuss a full range of issues between the two countries.

"The President's speech was a graphic reminder of just how far apart the two superpowers are on issues of world importance," remarked Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor, who also attended the function. "Mr. Reagan called for 'candor and realism' in

dealing with Moscow."

Responding to a member of the audience questioning whether the espionage case involving Marine guards at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow was a breakdown in patriotism, the President said that he couldn't believe it was widespread, but added, "I've been very concerned and have been trying to do something about value-free education.

"I can't help but wonder, are we now seeing the fruit of education that predominantly throughout our country has stopped making any, or forming any, teaching on the basis of . . . principles of what is right or what is wrong?"

Mr. Reagan went on to say: "I (See PRESIDENT, page 3)

## Mr. Tkach Leaves for Africa

PASADENA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach left Pasadena April 15 for a 13-day trip to the Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

Details of his trip will appear in the next issue of *The Worldwide News*.

On the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 20, Mr. Tkach telephoned the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. congregation from Lagos, Nigeria, and sent greetings from 522 brethren who had gathered there on the Holy Day.

He spoke for almost six minutes about his experiences in West Africa, including a visit to the Church-owned self-supporting farm 30 minutes north of Accra, Ghana, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Church's new office in Lagos.

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# Leaders ponder: Who will defend Europe?

PASADENA — Political leaders in Western Europe are concerned over the swiftly evolving prospects of nuclear arms reductions.

First, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev dusted off an earlier American proposal with his sudden offer of a zero-zero plan for intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) in Europe.

Zero-zero means removing these so-called Euromissiles from the European strategic area. The Soviets would pull out and redeploy their SS-20 missiles east of the Ural Mountains; the Americans, in return, would withdraw Pershing 2 and cruise missiles to U.S. soil. Each side would only be allowed to keep 100 such mid-range missiles.

It looked like the offer would founder over U.S. demands of, first, mutual on-site verification and second, that the Soviets also withdraw their short-range missiles, a class of weapon in which they hold a near monopoly.

The surprising Mr. Gorbachev then announced he was willing to seriously negotiate on these sticking points also.

As a result the zero-zero scheme seems to have developed a certain inevitability about it — with the likelihood that it could be the centerpiece of a future summit conference between Mr. Gorbachev and President Ronald Reagan.

But how does Western Europe feel about this? Very nervous. There are few happy smiles in the capitals of the Continent.

The American-made Pershing 2s and cruise missiles were installed at European request beginning in the early 1980s. The deployment is only about two-thirds complete.

The missiles serve two purposes.

First, they are intended to redress the military imbalance along the East-West divide, where communist Warsaw Pact forces vastly outnumber NATO forces in nonnuclear conventional weaponry such as tanks, artillery and aircraft.

The second purpose is political and psychological: They affirm the continued U.S. commitment to the defense of Western Europe.

With these weapons removed, Europe's leaders will worry more than ever over the debate under way in American intellectual circles as to how long the United States should maintain its more than 300,000 military personnel in Europe.

The fact is, while Europeans supply the vast bulk of NATO conventional forces — a fact not understood by most Americans — they of themselves represent no match for the combined Warsaw Pact forces. Only the U.S. forces on the ground, backed by Washington's nuclear commitment, can presently redress the imbalance.

"Our defense must remain firmly grounded within the framework of the alliance," said Britain's Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe in a speech earlier this year. But Secretary Howe spoke of the winds of change blowing from across the ocean.

The foreign secretary proposed greater European cooperation on defense. He urged that the headquarters of the seven-nation Western European Union defense forum be moved from London to Brussels, Belgium. The WEU (comprising Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and the Benelux countries) would thus be physically closer to the European headquarters of NATO, and also the European Community.

While the British Foreign Office denies it, newspaper accounts described the Howe speech as a trial balloon. Journalist John Lichfield of *The Independent* called it "thinking the unthinkable, hinting that the time has come to prepare behind the scenes for a Western European

500 by the mid-1990s."

The French are seriously reconsidering the validity of their independent nuclear force concept inherited from the days of Charles de Gaulle. A former French prime minister, Raymond Barre, has even gone so far as to propose a "new

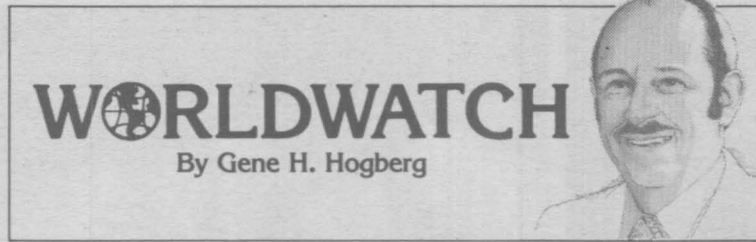
not opt for a nuclear-free *Mittel-europa* (Central Europe) concept, should Moscow offer such in return for German reunification.

Thus the prospect of a partial nuclear vacuum in the heart of Europe and worries about America's future defense role on the Continent are causing European leaders to examine options for the future they would never have considered had NATO's outlook remained firm.

The April 20 *U.S. News & World Report* summarized this trend: "The prospect is that Western Europe will abandon its subordinate military role and seek means to assure its own defense outside the American guarantee . . .

"The probability . . . is that Britain and France — and even West Germany, though it has renounced nuclear weapons — will seek to make themselves a free-standing nuclear bloc by the next century . . .

"A Western European Union, with its own deterrent, would be a third force in the NATO-Warsaw Pact confrontation of which both of the superpowers would have to take account."



## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

Treaty Organization."

The French, although their military command is not under NATO control, are even more concerned than the British over America's commitment to the alliance.

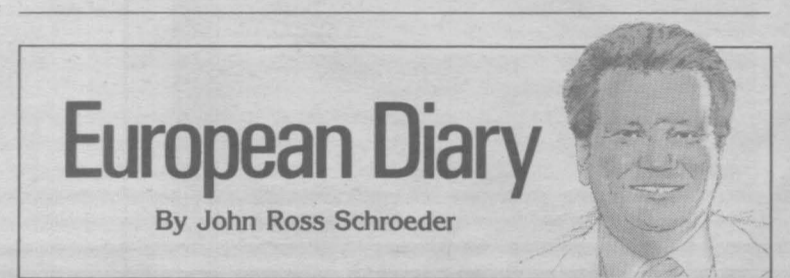
April 10, the French parliament overwhelmingly approved a major five-year rearmament program. The \$78 billion effort provides, according to the April 11 *New York Times*, "for a substantial increase in France's nuclear and conventional armaments, including a quadrupling of the number of strategic nuclear warheads . . . and construction of the country's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier . . .

"Under the program, the Government will press ahead with refitting its [missile-firing] submarines with new sixwarheaded M-4 missiles and developing a new submarine and a new missile, the M-5, capable of carrying 10 warheads.

"As a result, the number of strategic nuclear warheads French submarines could fire against an aggressor will rise from less than 200 at present to more than

Franco-British Entente Cordiale" that could extend to shared targeting for the two nations' nuclear submarines and even to "the joint construction of new weapons."

Paris is also concerned that West Germany be bound to any future defense bloc in Europe; that Bonn



## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

# Exact timing is critical for elections in Britain

BOREHAMWOOD, England — In baseball, timing is important. The successful hitter skillfully times the pitch with the swing of his bat. This helps explain why a relatively small man like Hank Aaron could hit so many more home runs than bigger, much stronger men. You swing at the wrong time; you miss the ball.

Skillful timing affects many facets of life — including politics. In the not-too-distant future British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher faces yet another test of political timing.

Mrs. Thatcher must call a general election before June, 1988, but the timing is her decision. The polls open about one month after she presses the election button — thankfully not much time for campaigning.

But when? The prime minister will go to the country when she thinks she will win — maybe coinciding with an economic upswing or some other positive event.

### Bad timing

Nonetheless as Paul Johnson wrote in the Feb. 23 *Daily Mail*, "History is littered with fallen premiers who, in fear or euphoria, pressed it [the election button] at the wrong moment." Elections were lost. Likely they were mistimed.

Vermont Royster, editor emeritus of *The Wall Street Journal*, observed May 16, 1984: "One of the trickiest maneuvers a political leader can undertake is that of reversing course on some major policy. Unless it's done very skillfully . . . he risks losing many of his own supporters, arming his enemies and confusing everybody." It must be done at the right time.

U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had a marvelous gift of timing. He was just that much ahead of events. He knew just when to shift gears. That's one reason why he served longer than any other President in American history.

### Leaders with good timing

But why is it that some have a masterful sense of timing and others clearly do not? Let's continue.

Several British statesmen also had the gift of timing. Take Arthur James Balfour — British prime minister in the early years of this century.

Winston Churchill wrote of him in *Great Contemporaries*: "But he knew when to change, and not only when to change, but how to change, in accordance with the pressures of events.

"Holding to his own convictions, steering always by the same stars, diverging only so far as was inevitable under the thrust of adverse winds, he moved with the times, and lived in the forefront of nearly three generations" (page 185). Again good timing led to longevity of political usefulness.

Mr. Balfour's remarkable sense of timing spilled over into other areas of his life. Mr. Churchill continued: "Whatever had to be said, he knew how to say it and when others blundered into foolish or offensive remarks, he knew how to defend himself or retaliate with point, justice or severity. At the right time and in the right place he could and did say with dignity and suavity any hard things which were necessary" (page 186).

Clearly vision is intimately related to timing. If you have a good idea of what's going to happen, you can act accordingly.

Obviously Mrs. Thatcher is a woman of clearly stated convictions and no little vision. She timed the 1983 general election perfectly. This doesn't mean she always makes the right choice, however.

Who knows what a day may bring forth? The paths of nations are strewn with banana peels. Unexpected occurrences can instantly alter circumstances in this highly complex world. A major scandal could follow the pushing of the election button. What then?

Thankfully God is the Master Timer. He sent Jesus Christ to this earth just at the right time in world history (Galatians 4:4).

He is now watching the confluence of circumstances and events. He knows just when to intervene. He will send Jesus back to this earth with perfect timing.



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

# It takes more than luck

Have you ever felt like your luck's run out or said, "Just like my luck!"? My grandmother used to always say, "Thank my lucky stars!"

It's amazing how many common expressions are built around the word *luck*. Luck of the Irish, no such luck, down on his luck, out of luck, streak of luck, lucky guess, lucky break, don't push your luck, this is your lucky day — just to name a few. The most common of all, a simple "Good luck!"

Then there are the superstitious notions about situations that bring bad luck: having a black cat cross your path, opening an umbrella indoors, breaking a mirror and walking under a ladder. Rabbits' feet are said to bring good luck, although the donor rabbits seldom agree.

Few of us could be considered superstitious. Breaking a mirror might ruin our day, but it certainly won't spoil the next seven years! But what role, if any, *does* luck play in our lives?

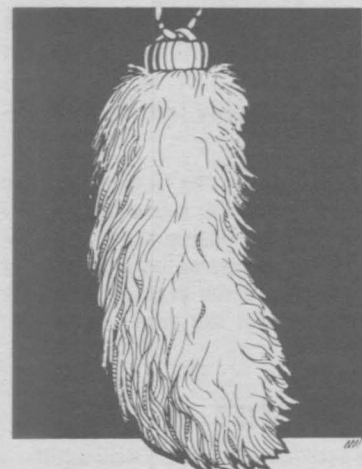
### What is luck?

Although the exact origin of the word *luck* is not clear, etymological dictionaries suggest it came into the English language as a gambling term.

Webster's definition, "implies more than mere chance," is involved. This may be because of the word's association with rabbits' feet, charms, amulets, crosses and other objects supposedly endowed with supernatural powers.

Luck may also be defined as favoring chance. Solomon speaks of this kind of luck when he says, "the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill" (Ecclesiastes 9:11).

Let's face it, many things that occur in our lives are not a result of our



skills and abilities. It would be a mistake, of course, to categorize everything that happens as either good or bad luck. To do so would be to minimize the importance of individual efforts — not to mention the significance of God's involvement.

It's surprising what things people will attribute to bad luck. Traffic tickets, accidents and injuries, financial problems, illness, lack of

friends — you name it! But God says, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

### Luck or success?

The phrase "Good luck!" tends to be a negative comment. It does not put much hope in God's help or in the abilities and talents of the individual. If we believe that God hears and answers our prayers, and is involved in our lives, then we know a lot more than luck is behind our good fortune.

Instead of "Good luck!" why not say "I wish you success!"? After all, if our success and good fortune depends entirely on luck, the odds are certainly against us.

All of us have a certain amount of control over our own destinies, but we are warned not to be too confident that we alone can do everything we plan. God tells us to say, "If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that" (James 4:15).

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is" (Jeremiah 17:7). Also, Proverbs 3:6, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." The Bible is full of examples showing that obedience to God brings lasting success.

### Make good things happen

God wants us to actively make good things happen in our lives. He expects us to set right goals for ourselves and then to purposely pursue them.

If you want good things to happen in your life, send for and read, or review, the *Seven Laws of Success* booklet and employ those principles in every aspect of your life.

If we apply ourselves diligently and rely on God for strength and guidance, our success will be guaranteed. Or, as the apostle Paul puts it, "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

# President

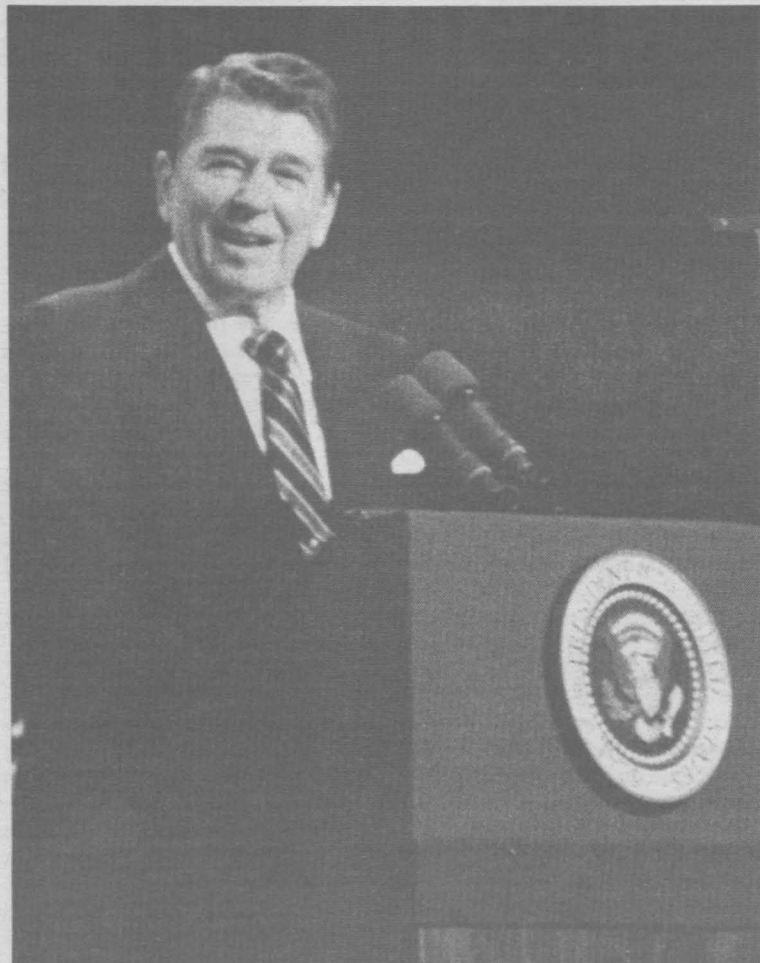
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think it's high time that we got back to saying there are things that are wrong. There is a right and wrong!" The more than 1,500 people attending responded with extended applause.

Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications, said an article by Paul Kroll on education, showing where the real source of true values may be found, is planned for the October *Plain Truth*.

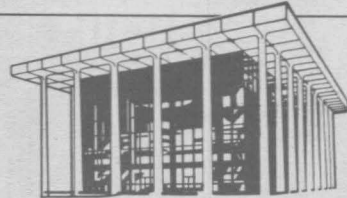
"There is a solution to the many problems of education," Mr. Faulkner said. "But it is not to be found in education. The solution to the problem of the schools is not in the school system itself. The answer hinges on the question of where truth and wisdom are to be found — where they originate."

Mr. Tkach's table was near the front, just to the President's right. At his table were Mr. Faulkner; Michael Fezell, personal assistant to Mr. Tkach; Ralph Helge, Church legal counsel; Herman L. Hoeh, editor of *The Plain Truth*; David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs; Joseph Locke, personal assistant to Mr. Tkach; Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Ambassador College; Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration; and Joseph Tkach Jr., assistant director of Church Administration.



**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS** — U.S. President Ronald Reagan delivers a major foreign policy address to the Los Angeles, Calif., World Affairs Council April 10 on the subject of Soviet-American relations. [Photo by Dexter H. Faulkner]

## Onstage at Ambassador



Ambassador International Cultural Foundation

### Nureyev's skill, discipline demonstrate star quality

By Sheila Graham

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — More than 25 years after his "leap to freedom" in Paris in 1961, Rudolf Nureyev still has a powerful hold on the hearts of ballet lovers. His "Rudolf Nureyev & Friends" filled the 6,225-seat Shrine Auditorium, with the auditorium staff setting up extra seats where space allowed.

Nureyev's one-night performance March 28 was sponsored by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation.

"The performance was extraordinary. It was what we would have anticipated from one of the world's greatest dancers. Rudolf Nureyev is a legend in his own time and he proved it," said Wayne Shilkret, director of Performing Arts.

Now the artistic director of the Paris Opera Ballet, Nureyev, 49, ei-

ther personally or indirectly, dominated the stage.

The audience was there to see Nureyev dance. An enthusiastic spontaneous burst of applause anticipated his appearance in *Apollon Musagete*.

On the huge, empty stage, the sparse, disciplined choreography of George Balanchine was performed with appropriate restraint by Nureyev as Apollo and Clotilde Vayer, Isabelle Guerin and Fanny Gaida as the three muses.

The Grand Pas de Deux from Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty* was next. Choreographed by Nureyev, Charles Jude was the gallant prince and Florence Clerc the beautiful princess.

Nureyev also choreographed the Grand Pas de Deux from the wedding finale of *Don Quixote*. Isabelle Guerin ably performed the part of Kitri, while Laurent Hilaire as the male lead aroused bursts of applause from the audience with his sparkling energetic leaps.

After the intermission, Nureyev returned to dance *Song of a Wayfarer* with Charles Jude. Soloist was baritone Rodney Gilfrey. *Song of a Wayfarer* was originally created for Nureyev and was first danced by him in Brussels, Belgium, in 1971.

Nureyev and Jude also danced the finale of the evening, *Two Brothers*, an amusing representation of sibling rivalry choreographed by David Parsons.

The orchestra was conducted by Varujan Kojian, music director of Ballet West.



**BALLET LEGEND** — Rudolf Nureyev, 49, is still dancing more than 25 years after defecting from the Soviet Union. He is artistic director for the Paris Opera Ballet.

## Overseas assignments selected

PASADENA — Ambassador College is an "opportunity factory on a conveyor belt of give," Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach told students at an assembly here April 2. At the assembly he announced students chosen for overseas projects.

Eleven students were chosen to go to Jordan to teach mentally or physically handicapped at the Bunyat School for Special Education, the Al Hussein Center, the Jordan Sports Federation and YWMA [Young Women's Muslim Association] Sheltered Workshop for the Handicapped near Amman.

Men chosen are Philip Dick, Neil Hunter, Brett Langford, Thomas Piasceny, Daniel Vander Poel and Daniel Wegh. Women chosen for the project are Nancy Blouin,

Joanna Fahey, Linda Hirschler, Jane Leavell and Laurel Miller.

David Andrews, Barry Baker, Michael Cook, Eric Myers and Timothy Waddle will teach English at the Parama Chetiya temple in Mount Lavinia or at the Waterfield

Institute in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka.

Students to teach English in Thailand at the Chitralada School, a secondary school associated with Chulalongkorn University; and a Buddhist temple; are Robert Bax-

ter, David Bensinger, John Fentress, Rod Shrader and Monica Shaw.

Junior Bryan Rogers will work in the Caribbean Office for one year before returning for his senior year.

Mr. Tkach encouraged students to take advantage of every opportunity. "You are being groomed at God's West Point academy for active duty," he told them.

## AC student leaders announced

PASADENA — At a student assembly April 2 Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach announced the following students as ministerial trainees after graduation:

Kevin Armstrong, Canada; Nigel Bearman, England; Daniel Boesch,

Italy; Abraham Mathiu, Kenya; Ghislain Ringuette, French Canada; Pedro Rufian, Chile; Gordon Green, Gerald Schnarrenberger, Steve Sheppherd, Daniel Zachariah and Warren Zehrung, U.S. field churches.

Juniors Neil Hunter and Jim Little will serve as ministerial trainees in Canada for the summer.

The following students were announced as student body leaders during the 1987-88 school year:

Michael Kuykendall, student body president; Matthew Fenchel, vice president; Cory Erickson, *Portfolio* editor; Stacey Cole, overall Women's Club president.

Grant Richards, senior class president; Jim Little, vice president; Douglas Orban, junior class president; Cliff Worthing, vice president; Peter Francis, sophomore class president; Mark Wine, vice president.

The following men will serve as 1987-88 resident assistants and club presidents as senior leaders at Big Sandy: Daniel Apartian, C.W. Davis, Nick Efthyvoulos, Todd Gibbs, John Hanson, Andrew Lee and Tim Rule. Women chosen are Peggy Benedetti, Lisa Davis, Arlene Dion, Laura Hirschler, Nada Millikin, Jennifer Montano and Amy Ruxton.

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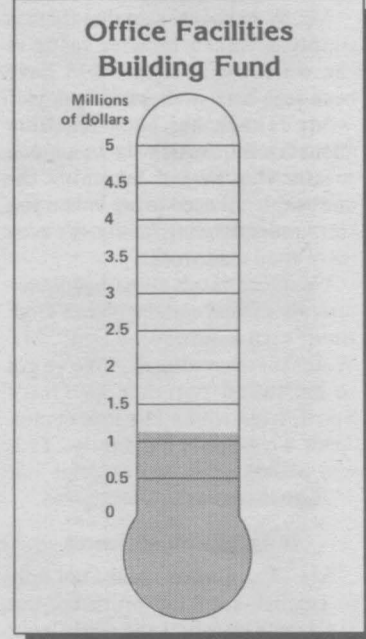
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**MORE THAN A MILLION** — As of April 22 individuals and church areas donated \$1,120,206.60 to the Office Facilities Building Fund, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center.

## Pianist honored at 90

By Daphne Affleck  
CABOOLTURE, Australia — Brethren honored Alice Sewell, 90, one of the oldest members of the Church here, Nov. 22, 1986.

*Daphne Affleck is a member who attends the Caboolture, Australia, church.*

After seeing her sister, Ethel Noad, baptized in 1966, Miss Sewell studied the Correspondence Course, *The Plain Truth* and other Church literature.

While reading Paul's epistles she noted I Corinthians 16:8, "But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost." She thought that if Paul was so convinced about the validity of the Holy Days, the Church must be right.

After counseling with Royston Page, now pastor of the Prince George, B.C., church, Miss Sewell

was baptized in 1968 and attended her first Feast of Tabernacles at Blackheath, Australia.

Miss Sewell, affectionately called Allie by Church members, was presented with a bouquet Nov. 22 by Rodney Dean, pastor of the Caboolture and Brisbane, Australia, North churches.

Alan Dettwiler, a deacon in the Caboolture church, noted Miss Sewell's contribution as piano accompanist for Church hymns.

### Art Department Needs Pictures, Old Calendars

The Ambassador College Art Department needs scenic, human interest, animal or floral pictures or calendars for its picture file. Please send color or black and white pictures to Terry Henson, Art Department, Fine Arts, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

## Evangelist leaves on 10th tour, still carrying 'headquarters-itis'

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA — As he embarked on his 10th world tour of area churches in March, traveling evangelist Gerald Waterhouse, 60, said he never tires, despite speaking five or six times a week.

"The main thing is when you know it's God's will and you know it's good for the people, you can do it repeatedly. If it weren't for that, then it'd be difficult to continue doing what I do."

There's hardly time to get lonely. "The time I am off is spent traveling, resting the voice and getting the relaxation that's required," he told *The Worldwide News*.

Mr. Waterhouse concluded his ninth tour this year in Pasadena after speaking 649 times over a 23-month period. Seventeen months of that were spent logging 55,000 miles as he toured the United States and Canada in his Volvo.

"I never said the same thing any

two times," he said. "There are different ways of tying the message together, and there are different aspects that come to mind when you're preaching. I guess you're learning as you preach."

Yet each church hears basically the same message from Mr. Waterhouse, "thereby unifying the Church in a common way of understanding God's overall plan, where we fit in, where Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong was, where Mr. [Joseph] Tkach is and where we're going," he said.

### 34 years of service

Mr. Waterhouse traces his beginnings in God's Church to the spring of 1953, when he was baptized in Big Sandy just before the Passover.

He came to Ambassador College in Pasadena that fall, gave his first sermonette in November, his first sermon during Unleavened Bread the following year and was sent on a baptizing tour in the summer.

After being ordained a preaching elder during the Feast of Tabernacles in 1956, he was sent to expand the London Office in 1957 with the late Richard Armstrong, eldest son of Herbert and Loma Armstrong. Evangelist Raymond McNair, now deputy chancellor at Pasadena Ambassador College, took over 18 months later.

Ordained a pastor during the Feast in 1959, Mr. Waterhouse then went to Australia, where he started the regional office Dec. 24. The first Sabbath service in Sydney was conducted Jan. 30, 1960, with 30 people.

After a two-year stay in Australia, Mr. Waterhouse and Carn Catherwood, now regional director for Italian-speaking areas, began the Birmingham, Ala., church Feb. 24, 1962.

"From there I went to Manila [Philippines] to open the office there in July," he said. "Then to South Africa in March of '63 until August of '65."

—He was ordained an evangelist in January, 1963, and Jan. 13, 1966, his duties took a turn. Mr. Armstrong commissioned Mr. Waterhouse to visit churches worldwide — binding them together, pointing them to headquarters, focusing them on the coming Kingdom of God.

"Now I'm just going around and . . . zeroing in a little bit more specifically on where we are in God's plan in this particular Church era and the purpose of it."

Mr. Waterhouse said that there is simply a "much broader scope to the work today than could have been seen back in those early days."

Mr. Tkach has been teaching about family, "which shows a much greater step toward becoming the one people we need to be. When you start understanding family, it's even more than teamwork."

"You can teach about headquarters, about God and the plan of God. But it's got to go beyond that," Mr. Waterhouse continued. "We've got to be bound together by God's Spirit, from which His love comes. Then we'll really be family. That way we can be made immortal."

"Get the point?"

### In touch with audiences

Mr. Waterhouse speaks not only to English-speaking brethren, but to Church members the world over.

"I don't know how the translators keep up with me but they do. I wouldn't be able to translate myself that fast."

He said the churches he misses are mainly Spanish-speaking, because of a lack of translators and translating equipment.

How much does audience size affect his message? "The audience has something to do with it, but not that much," he said. "If I speak to a group of 20 or 25 or more, then, you know, I tend to get pretty well stirred up. But sitting around a table in Hong Kong with five members, you tend to be more casual."

"You can't let the size slow you down all that much, or they begin to feel they're not that important. That element of importance must always be before them, so they don't feel neglected."

"It's like Mr. Tkach told me, 'You're going to speak to large groups and small groups — wherever God's people are,' so I try to be as concerned for five as 105 or 1,005."

His longest sermon? Seventeen hours in Durban, South Africa, in December, 1962.

"Well, it wasn't really a sermon — more of a counseling, really," he said. "The people were interested in many things, and they asked many questions."

"I had a seven-hour question-and-answer session starting in the morning. In the afternoon we went to another home for another seven hours. That evening we went another three hours."

### Personal life

When Mr. Waterhouse isn't speaking, he's plotting his itinerary months in advance, driving to another city or eating a meal with the ministry — a different minister virtually every night of the week.

If he's passing through West Texas, his birthplace, he spends some time with his mother, two brothers, sister and other relatives, he said. "They're just friendly, you know, not concerned about religion, one way or the other."

As the years go by, "it seems that the days are shorter, for some reason," he said. "I used to get exercise at health spas and play more golf. But it seems like I've gotten a little older and don't tend to get started as quickly in the morning."

A rebounder has taken the place of spas and golf courses.

Sickness doesn't plague Mr. Waterhouse. The last time he can remember missing a Bible study because of sickness was in Australia in 1960. He has been sick, he said, but always during unscheduled time.

Each Sabbath he picks up his mail from ministers, sent to them by Esther Apperson, his secretary in Pasadena since 1980.

Mr. Waterhouse usually goes to bed at 1 a.m. and rises at about 8. "If I start the day too early, the day is too long, and I'm a little bit too tired before the study," he explained.

"Too, staying up after a Bible study, talking with the brethren, getting back to the motel room, washing out socks and a shirt, I can't get to bed earlier anyway," he added. "That works out pretty well for me, since my activities are in the evening."

In his address to Pasadena Auditorium P.M. brethren Feb. 21, Mr. Waterhouse said: "It's going to be a real surprise to see what God can produce out of me. It's going to be amazing. Then to look at each of you and see what He did with you. Then we all mutually praise God for what He can do as the Master Potter."

"So let's look forward to the world tomorrow, on down to the new earth and on out into eternity . . . and never look back. Live by vision, live by faith!"

"As Mr. Armstrong used to say to me quite often, 'Gerald, keep on keeping on.' And I intend to do just that."



**FINAL PREPARATIONS** — Traveling evangelist Gerald Waterhouse gears up for his 10th world tour at headquarters by turning to one of his favorite scriptures, Isaiah 29:14, "Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people . . ." [Photo by Jeff E. Zhorne]

### Trips build working relationships

## Treasurer visits overseas offices

PASADENA — Evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, returned to Pasadena March 16, after a 20-day trip to New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong and the Philippines. Mr. Neff was accompanied by his wife, Maxine.

While in Auckland, New Zealand, Feb. 26 to 28, the treasurer toured the Auckland Regional Office, had dinner with the office staff and ministers and met with auditors from Arthur Andersen, an auditing firm retained by the Church. He conducted morning Sabbath services in Auckland Feb. 28 and afternoon services in Wellington.

March 1 to 4 the Neffs visited Queenstown and the Festival site in Rotorua and returned to Auckland. They left for Australia March 4.

The next day Robert Fahey, regional director for Australia and Asia, presented an overview of God's work in the area to Mr. Neff. Also attending were William Winner, director of Church Administration in the Australian Office, and

Robert Kelly, business manager.

"I enjoyed being able to sit down with one of the headquarters evangelists and explain all the things we had been working on since I arrived in early December," Mr. Fahey said. "These trips help build working relationships between the international offices and headquarters."

March 7 Mr. Neff spoke to the Gold Coast and Grafton churches in the morning, and to the Brisbane North and South, Caboolture, Lake Moogerah and Toowoomba churches in the afternoon.

March 8 the Neffs and Faheys drove to the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp at Lake Moogerah.

March 9 the Neffs left for Hong Kong, where Mr. Neff conducted a Bible study in the Sheraton Hotel two days later.

After arriving in Manila, Philippines, March 12, the Neffs toured Malacanang Palace, former seat of government and residence of former President Ferdinand Marcos.

President Corazon Aquino holds office in what was formerly the Malacanang guest house and lives outside the palace grounds.

"After the tour, the Neffs visited the regional office in the Makati district of Metro Manila" and met the office staff, according to Rodney Matthews, office manager.

March 14 the treasurer conducted morning Sabbath services for 402 brethren in San Fernando, Pampanga, and afternoon services in Manila for 1,344.

"I was able to speak to 12 churches, seven in San Fernando and five in Manila," said Mr. Neff.

March 15, after a visit to the American War Memorial Cemetery in Makati, Mr. and Mrs. Neff were guests at a dinner in the Ames' home for area ministers, department heads of the office and wives.

After discussions with Mr. Ames and Mr. Matthews the next morning about office needs, budgets and reporting, the Neffs returned to Pasadena March 16.

## Brethren in Sri Lanka protected despite outbreaks of violence

By Thomas C. Hanson

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — No members were hurt in the wave of violence that began in Sri Lanka April 17, according to Mohan Jayasekera, pastor of the church here, in a telephone interview April 24.

"I drove around the city early in the morning before I got here, and it's basically quiet," Mr. Jayasekera said.

"None of the members are in any danger as far as we can tell," said Colin Kelly, an assistant to regional director Robert Fahey, who traveled to this island nation off the southeast coast of India after conducting Spring Holy Day services in India.

About 170 people were killed and more than 200 injured April 21 when a bomb went off at the central bus station, Mr. Jayasekera said. The government suspects that Tamil militants planted the bomb. Some of the minority Tamils are battling the majority Sinhalese for

an independent Tamil homeland.

"The bomb went off on Tuesday afternoon just before 5 in the evening," Mr. Jayasekera said. "I was working with Mr. Kelly here in the office, about four miles from where the blast took place. The windows in the room where we were working all began to shudder."

Normally Victor Rodrigo, a Church member who handles mail dispatch in the Colombo Office, would have been at the bus terminal at that time.

However, the evening before, after services on the last day of Unleavened Bread, Mr. Rodrigo asked Mr. Jayasekera for a day off.

Ambassador College students who teach English on an Ambassador Foundation project at the Waterfield Institute in Nuwara Eliya, 125 miles from Colombo in the central hills, were in Colombo for the Holy Days at the time of the blast.

"We're in an area that's quite safe. We don't feel really threat-

ened," said Jennifer Pairitz, an Ambassador College junior from Mishawaka, Ind. The students were to return to Nuwara Eliya April 26.

"The project is very far away from where any of the trouble is," Mr. Jayasekera said. "There is no real danger to the personnel working on the projects. If necessary we can have access to government protection, as our people are here on their invitation."

Only central Colombo, which includes the Church's office, remains under curfew. The government imposed the curfew to quell any attempted backlash by the Sinhalese against the Tamil population.

"However we don't really feel that there is any serious danger" to Tamil members, Mr. Kelly said.

"We certainly need the prayers for God's protection," Mr. Jayasekera said. He also asked for brethren to pray that the nation's leaders handle the situation with wisdom.

"It seems to me they are doing a good job at the moment," he said.



# IRON SHARPENS IRON

## Tune out pesky interferences to amplify your prayers to God

By Garland Snuffer

Did you know that communication with God in prayer is a lot like the communication that takes place between amateur radio operators? There are days when both types of communication are very difficult!

*Garland Snuffer, supervisor of the Church's Radio Production Department, serves as coordinator of the Ambassador Amateur Radio Association.*

Always, there is so much going on in life. There is just not enough time to do everything one wishes to do. Contact with friends by radio — and contact with God by prayer — go by the board because you are so busy with something else that draws your attention. Time goes by without contact. Even though it may be unintentional, you still lose out!

God tells us, "Pray without

ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). It is a matter of scheduling time wisely.

### Make prayers a priority

Efficient business managers know the answer to this dilemma. A little planning is in order. Priorities must be assigned to one's jobs and activities.

For two people to be able to talk together by radio, they must schedule the time and frequency so they can find each other. By the same token, personal activities must be scheduled to include that most important contact with God through prayer, even, if necessary, to the exclusion of less important things.

King David made prayer a priority every day (Psalm 86:3) — in fact, several times a day: "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice" (Psalm 55:17).

OK, so you set a schedule. The

time comes for that radio contact. So what happens? Someone or something interrupts you. How often does something distract you when you're all set to talk to God?

Unless it is awfully important, it can be taken care of later. Tactfully make it clear to those around you — usually your family — that you intend to devote this time to God in prayer, and that you will be happy to talk with them afterward.

In radio communication, you finally get on the air and meet your friend. But what's this? Other people like to use the air waves, too. Some of their signals splatter over and make it difficult for you and your friend to hear each other.

Sometimes it is possible to persuade others to change their frequencies a little. Other times it pays to make a move yourself. Then you're able to continue your conversation with a minimum of interference.

Loud televisions, conversations

in the next room and an assortment of other distractions can in a similar way interfere with your ability to talk to God in prayer. This interference to your prayer can be minimized by the same method used to lessen radio interference. Most people, especially family, will turn

avaieth much." When you pray fervently — with full concentration, seriousness and even emotion — you'll block out extraneous ideas.

Even without any of the already noted problems, it seems sometimes you just can't get through to God. Does the same thing happen on radio? Yes. Sometimes poor propagation of radio waves makes communication quite difficult.

Usually the easy solution is to change frequencies. At times, though, that isn't possible. You have to stay where you are and boost the transmitter power even more. Sometimes the same is necessary in prayer. Occasional fasting will help you draw closer to God and make your prayers more fervent.

### What to say

One other item that is sometimes a problem both in radio communication and prayer is what to say. And if you do know what to say, sometimes you get halfway through the message and forget something important.

A good memory helps, but here is a suggestion that will work even if your memory isn't quite up to par: Write it down. When radio operators handle messages for third parties, it is mandatory that the messages be relayed accurately. The only way to ensure accuracy is to have it in writing.

Having the subjects of your "messages" to God in writing in the form of a prayer list will keep you from leaving something out in prayer.

These methods of improving radio communication become almost automatic to a radio operator as he or she gains experience. Make them an automatic part of your prayer life, and they will make a world of difference for you spiritually!



down the TV when asked nicely. There might also be a room in the house where it is quieter.

Sometimes no other radio stations are interfering, but you're still having trouble hearing each other. There must be a storm nearby, because you keep hearing a lot of loud static and it's making things difficult. Adjusting the controls on your receiver doesn't help. Only one thing left to do — increase the power output from your transmitter. Ah, that does it.

Can static cause trouble during prayer? Sure, it happens. All those random thoughts keep cropping up. They make you forget what you want to say to God. This can be resolved in exactly the same way. Crank up the power!

James 5:16 says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man

And it means seeking first the Kingdom of God — even in sports.

Brethren, thank you as always for your letters and cards of encouragement, and your unfailing prayers. Let's continue to grow together as God's elect, precious in His sight.

With love, in Jesus' name,  
Joseph W. Tkach

## Personal

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with one another. This effort must become a part of every activity we undertake. The true Christian is led by the Holy Spirit of God — not only in Sabbath activities and service projects, but in everything he does.

For some, sports and competition seem to be a terribly difficult area in which to let Christ live in them. It has been said that a person's real attitude or nature comes out on the court or in the playing field. I think that is probably a little too strong a statement, but certainly a competitive situation does provide a greater challenge to control one's attitude.

How sad when a "light of the world" blows his stack on a basketball court. He hurts not only himself, by perpetuating a bad habit and tearing down character, but also all those watching.

Some are discouraged because of his poor example. Others react in kind, behaving just as poorly. Others are offended and upset that a "Christian" would conduct himself in that manner. Children and teenagers are given a bad example from an adult they perhaps hold a certain respect for. In short, everybody suffers, nobody is the winner.

God's way of life does not end at game time. The way of love, of give, must be incorporated into every activity in which we participate. If we cannot play without becoming upset, angry or unsportsmanlike, we should not play!

Jesus told us that if our eye or our hand offend us, we should cut it off. He said that it is better to enter into the Kingdom blind and maimed than not at all.

Of course, Jesus was only speaking in principle. He meant that we should avoid or give up those things that we cannot control without sinning. The apostle Paul gave the same principle when he said, "Flee fornication."

Brethren, let's see to it that all of us who are involved in sports activities display a Christian attitude in all our play. You coaches and captains see to it! Make sure you are setting the right example yourselves. Your attitude toward the game and toward opposing teams will wear off on your players. Let it be an attitude that reflects Jesus Christ! Remember, we are Christians first, and ball players second!

If you have an attitude or temper problem why not ask a teammate to help you keep it under control? Maybe ask him to gently remind you when you begin to get "hot under the collar."

Above all, let's keep sports in perspective. A true Christian must know not only how to lose gracefully, but also how to win gracefully. After all, even if you have a temper problem in sports, that problem isn't likely to show up when you are winning, is it?

But often, a superior, selfish attitude can crop up instead. You see, having a right attitude is something we all need to work on every day of our lives in every kind of situation we encounter. And that entails much more than just "not getting mad."

It means developing an interest and concern for others. It means learning how to be a skilled peacemaker. It means learning how to encourage and support the other players, whether on your team or the opposing team. It means learning how to help the others to have a good time. It means learning how to accept criticism and instruction from others properly, and how to wisely and appropriately give advice without causing offense. It means learning to give more than you take. It also means learning how to take wrong attitudes from others without offense yourself.

In other words, it means taking your Christian responsibility right onto the court, field, card table or chess board with you.

## Mr. Tkach

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over an hour of shaking hands, signing autographs and taking pictures, Mr. Tkach was still so energetic and willing to take the time to see everyone — even though it meant postponing the ministers meeting," Miss Stocker said.

"I know the brethren enjoy it and respect Mr. Tkach for taking time to get to know each and every member. But what is truly special is that Mr. Tkach enjoys it as much as they do," Mr. Rasmussen said.

"I am inspired by the fact we are a family," said Charles Voss, a local church elder in Picayune. "The leader we have for the family is really like a big brother."

"I was impressed with Mr. Tkach's down-to-earth approach to leadership," said Warren Waian, Baton Rouge and Lafayette assistant pastor.

"A leader leads not by title but by example," said Mrs. Escat.

At the ministers meeting the pastor general spoke about new developments in the work, the building fund and the telecast, Mr. Kersha said.

After a question-and-answer session, Mr. Tkach was host at a buffet in his hotel room for ordained ministers, their wives and his traveling group. The buffet featured fried chicken, blackened red fish, white gravy, biscuits, red beans and rice.

"The atmosphere was relaxed and homey," said Mrs. Stone. "Everybody from headquarters made you comfortable and very much a part of this work. I found that fascinating."

"The teamwork that the six coordinating ministers shared was very encouraging, in light of Mr. Tkach's thrust on the family and unity," Mr. Rasmussen said.

According to Mrs. Escat: "You could tell how warm and concerned Mr. [Steven] Moody [Mobile and Biloxi pastor] was toward Mr. Billingsley. There is rapport between the men there — between Mr. Stone and Mr. [John] Roper and Mr. [Edwin] Marrs."

### Jazz brunch

The next morning Mr. Tkach, his party and Mr. Kersha and his wife, Suzanne, attended a jazz brunch beside the Mississippi River.

"It seems like every restaurant

has jazz playing while you're eating, because New Orleans is the home of jazz," Mrs. Escat said.

Afterward they toured the city, at the mouth of the Mississippi-Missouri river system.

Near Jackson Square, Mr. Tkach saw St. Louis Cathedral, the oldest cathedral in the United States and still in use, said Mr. Rasmussen. The pastor general paused for a picture by the building where the Louisiana Purchase was signed in 1803.

As Mr. Tkach and his party departed April 5, they saw the 24-mile bridge spanning Lake Pontchartrain.

"Mr. Tkach's visit has made the Holy Days even more special," Mrs. Stone concluded.



U.S. LANDMARK — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach visits Jackson Square in New Orleans, La., April 5, near where the Louisiana Purchase was signed in 1803. [Photo by Michael Rasmussen]



## Pictures, text etched into copper cylinder

# Rotogravure boosts PT quality

PASADENA — Beginning with the May issue, printing of *The Plain Truth* in the United States will be by the rotogravure process instead of by offset lithography, which has been used to produce the magazine since the 1940s, according to Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services.

In offset printing, an inked image is transferred from a flexible metal plate, attached to a cylinder, to a rubber-blanketed cylinder, which rolls the image onto paper.

In gravure printing, pictures and text are etched into a copper cylinder. That cylinder, when placed on the press, rotates in an ink bath, and the image is transferred directly to the paper.

"Today gravure printing is a highly involved process using well-trained technicians and sophisticated equipment," Mr. Wright said. "It is capable of reproducing vibrant colors on economical grades of paper."

Publications such as *National Geographic* and *Family Circle* use gravure printing.

"The gravure capability was one of the main reasons we started printing with the R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co. in 1975," said Mr. Wright. "Unfortunately, at that time volumes in excess of eight million copies were necessary to make this process cost effective."

About 4.5 million *Plain Truths* are printed in the United States, and 2.3 million at six other locations worldwide.

New technology at Donnelley, however, allows them to offer gravure printing of quantities beginning at four million. This gives the Church cost savings "that could previously be achieved only with the higher volumes."

Offset printing requires downtime on the presses, because plates must be changed after each one mil-

lion impressions, he added. Gravure virtually eliminates the need to halt the printing process.

Gravure cylinders can make more than 10 million impressions without requiring replacement, according to Mr. Wright. "By eliminating interruptions, actual production time will be reduced, saving the work approximately one-half million dollars annually."

Variations in color consistency will also be "greatly minimized," and, to maintain compatibility with international editions of *The Plain Truth*, the original printing film can be used at all seven printing locations.

He pointed out that the only production change will be moving the

pressroom activity from the Donnelley plant in Glasgow, Ky., to Mattoon, Ill.

"This facility uses the most up-to-date equipment and is located in an industrial belt served by efficient highway and rail links," Mr. Wright said.

Whereas the Glasgow plant handles more than 100 publications each month, at the Mattoon plant *The Plain Truth* will be printed with only six other publications. "More individual attention has been promised in moving to Mattoon."

Mr. Wright said, "Changing from offset to gravure printing is yet another notable milestone as God's work continues to advance."



**IN THE SPOTLIGHT** — Lisa Hyun and Mervyn Kang perform a dance during the Imperial High School Choralliers' annual concert April 9 in the Ambassador Auditorium. [Photo by Marie Myers]

## Videotaped teens win contest

PASADENA — For the first time since 1981 U.S. Church youths participated in a Youth Opportunities United (YOU) national talent contest.

Youths were videotaped as they performed at the regional level. Tapes of the first place winners were sent to Pasadena for judging at the national level.

"Although a videotape is not as ideal as a live performance, the interest and the enthusiasm of the participants were evident," said Kermit Nelson, who coordinates YOU in Church Administration. "There will be some changes in the categories, but the national talent contest will be scheduled with the same format next year."

Plaques will be awarded to the youths who placed first, second and third in each category. Participation plaques will be sent to all finalists, and participants in the district and

regional contests will receive certificates. Church pastors will present the awards.

Karen Pelley, 17, of Pasadena, placed first in the vocal category; Bethlei Faulkner, 18, of Tyler, Tex., was second; and Mara-Alison Hof, 17, of Black Hawk, S.D., was third.

Violinist Conway Kuo, 14, of Cherry Hill, N.J., placed first in the piano and strings category. Pianists Denise Zvorak, 18, of Gladstone, Mo., and Teresa Milich, 18, of Lakewood, Colo., placed second and third.

In the instrumental category Nathan Kitts, 17, of Milwaukee, Wis., placed first with a clarinet solo; Lia Haskell, 18, of Bristol, Tenn., was second with a flute solo; and Travis Riddle, 18, of Sylvester, W.Va., and Rod McNair, 18, of Tucson, Ariz., tied for third. Both played a trombone solo.

First place in the vocal group category went to the Knick Girls' Trio (Angela Benjamin, 16, Audrey Knick, 15, and Sylvie Knick, 17) from Findlay, Ohio, and the Crow Quintet (William Crow, 17, Richard Crow, 19, Jesus Balderas III, 15, Joseph Vanek, 17, and Mack Rogers, 16) from Houston, Tex., took second place.

Judges were Gerald Bieritz, associate professor of voice at Pasadena Ambassador College; John D. Schroeder, director of the Pasadena Ambassador College Chorale; Kathryn Ames, instructor in violin and wife of evangelist Richard Ames; Paul Heisler, instructor in piano; and Ben Kanter, woodwind instructor and former member of the Benny Goodman and Gene Krupa bands and George Gershwin's orchestra. Ross Jutsum, director of Music Services, coordinated the judging.

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### Tithe of the tithe

A number of years ago I did not agree with the tithe of the tithe the Church asks for; the Festival fund.

Several years I did not send it in at all. I had the selfish idea that all my second tithe was for one big party . . .

Two years ago when the annual letter was sent out requesting the tithe of the tithe, I had no idea what I would make, so I sent in \$200 more tithe of the tithe than I did the previous year, based on my 1984 income.

I made \$20,000 more that year which meant I had an additional \$2,000 in second tithe . . .

[Last] year I did not know what I would make in income. It started off bad for the first half. I sent in \$100 more in tithe of the tithe than I did [the previous] year. The way things are going I am making \$10,000 more than I did last year.

It pays to obey God, and God's leadership even in the little one percent income things.

Name withheld

# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Members visit museum

About 50 Church members from the Bradford, Leeds, Hull, Manchester, Sheffield and Nottingham, England, churches gathered March 22 at the Bradford Museum.

They saw an exhibition of cameras and television equipment ranging from antiques to the latest mod-

els. They also watched two films on a 52-foot by 64-foot screen. The first film gave an insight into rocket travel into outer space with views of the earth. The second simulated what it would feel like to be in a plane flying over mountain peaks and canyons. *Patricia MacLiam.*

## Area catches German spirit

"*Ein Froelicher Deutscher Abend*" (A joyful German evening) was the theme for a Kitchener, Ont., social Feb. 21.

Decorations included shops displaying authentic German items, a mural, window boxes with flowers and posters. German background music was provided.

Brethren dressed to represent different areas of Germany and ate a German meal of *Kartoffelsalat* (potato salad), *sauerkraut*, *Koenigsberger Klopse* (spiced meatballs) and *Torten* (layered cakes) prepared by the women.

Toni Treberg, dressed in *Lederhosen und Hut* (leather pants and hat), was master of ceremonies for a musical program. Brethren with German ancestry presented German folk songs and dances. Leah Brubacher, in her 94th year, narrated a poem, *Wettstreit* (Contest).

Guests Joe Spitzl and Jerry Helmond played hunting and mountain horns and performed Bavarian *Schuhplattler* (stomping, shoe slapping) dances. Rudy Roth, singles and YES-age children presented a skit titled "Your First German Lesson."

The evening concluded with a sing-along. *Marnie Hills.*



**EXTENDING THE FAMILY** — Above: Phil Strickland (left) and Larry Swain make strawberry shortcake March 22 for a senior citizens brunch sponsored by the San Francisco and Oakland, Calif., Graduate Club. Right: Club members serve the 65 guests egg frittatas, sausages, toast, fruit cups, shortcake and beverages. Forty-five club members and wives also attended the brunch and club meeting. The theme of speeches was "The Extended Family." [Photos by Tom Purnell]

## Australians learn sports at the beach

Gold Coast, Australia, Church youths and parents gathered at Kingscliffe Beach March 22 for a beach party.

Activities began at 9 a.m. Instruction was given in fishing, volleyball and scuba diving and snorkeling. The youths were divided into three groups and took turns at each activity before lunch.

After lunch there was a mini-emu (large swift-running Australian bird) parade, and volleyball games were played between fathers and sons, mothers and daughters and mixed teams. *Janelle Downes and Laila Patey.*



## Canadians sponsor hockey meet

Prince George, B.C., brethren were hosts to and provided housing for 30 Vancouver, B.C., brethren, including 20 hockey players, one referee and spouses March 14 and 15.

Sabbath services were conducted by Royston Page, pastor of the Prince George church. He spoke about Christian competition and true sportsmanship. A potluck dinner and social evening of square dancing and games followed the service.

Vancouver won the hockey tournament, which began at 6 a.m., Sunday. *Carolynn Wetton.*

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

PASADENA — The Feast site in Argentina will be Villa Gesell, a resort on the Atlantic coast, about 380 kilometers (235 miles) from Buenos Aires, according to the Spanish Department here. Services will be in Spanish with English translations.

Attendance will be about 400, including 50 transfers.

The site offers golf, fishing and tennis. Lodging is available within a few blocks of the meeting hall. Apartments range from \$100 to \$200 for eight days, and three- and four-star hotels are \$15 to \$25 a day double occupancy. The city's only five-star hotel is \$40 a night double occupancy, including breakfast. All rooms have a sea view. Daily food costs average \$15 a person.

Buses and taxis are available. A round-trip bus ticket from Buenos Aires costs about \$12. Car rentals are not recommended. Temperatures range from 60 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit (16 to 24 Celsius).

For more information write to the Spanish Department, Attention: Argentina Feast Application, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

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BONN, West Germany — "March was a month of dramatic growth for the German-language newsstand program," according to **Wade Fransson, Klar & Wahr** (German *Plain Truth*) newsstand program coordinator.

A six-month contract with the *Bahnhofhandelsgesellschaft* (Railway Station Trading Co. or BHG) in West Berlin, West Germany, went into effect March 1, increasing circulation there to 40,000 copies a month, Mr. Fransson said.

Under the new contract, magazines will be distributed in all 40 BHG outlets, included a high volume outlet in West Berlin's main train station and international airport.

The other outlets are in high traffic areas of the West Berlin subway system.

"This program in West Berlin will have especially far-reaching results since 1987 is Berlin's 750th anniversary," Mr. Fransson said.

"The *Plain Truth* was immediately perceived by BHG as a high quality international publication," he added.

Since distribution began last December, subscription requests have also been received from East-bloc nations such as East Germany, Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

*Plain Truths* in English, French and Italian are also being placed in West Berlin's main train station and international airport.

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PASADENA — U.S. brethren planning to move, get married or change their names or addresses for any reason need to contact the Mail Processing Center (MPC), said evangelist **Richard Rice**, MPC director.

"We ask, however, that you don't give us a new address any sooner than two weeks before you are ready to receive mail at your new location. If your mail arrives at the new address before you do, the post office will return it to us marked 'Unknown.' As a result, we will be unable to send mail to you until you contact us," Mr. Rice said.

To submit a change of address or a name change or to request a missed issue of a Church publication write to *The Worldwide Church of God*, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123, or call 1-800-423-4444 on weekdays rather than on weekends.

Whether writing or calling, in-

clude your old address and the names of any children involved in the name or address change. If you are getting married, include the name and old address of your spouse.

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PASADENA — Church Administration released the following ordinations.

**Ronald Weinland**, associate pastor of the Cincinnati, Ohio, North and South churches, was raised in rank from local elder to preaching elder on the Sabbath, March 21.

**Jeffrey Fall** of the Mountain View, Ark., church was ordained a

local church elder on the Sabbath, March 21.

**Keith Stump** of the Reseda, Calif., church was ordained a local elder on the Sabbath, March 28.

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COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Festival services in Ahungalla, Sri Lanka, will be conducted at the Triton Hotel on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka, according to **Mohan Jayasekera**, pastor of the Colombo church.

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PASADENA — **Gene Hogberg**, world news editor of *The Plain Truth*, was interviewed at random April 10 by **Linda Douglas**, news reporter for KNBC-Channel 4 in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Hogberg was asked to comment on President **Ronald Reagan's** speech to a meeting of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, which had just concluded in the Century Plaza Hotel. (See article, page 1.)



"That also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

PASADENA — Traveling for eight days mostly on foot, **Thomas Tial Hoe**, a deacon in northern Burma, and **John Vai Kia** and his wife arrived in Rangoon, Burma, to meet with **Colin Kelly**, who assists **Robert Fahey**, regional director for Australia and Asia.

**Saw Lay Beh**, the full-time minister in Burma, also traveled to Rangoon to meet Mr. Kelly in early March. (Saw Lay Beh is unable to leave Burma to attend regional ministerial conferences or the Ministerial Refreshing Program.)

The Australian Office reported March 31 that the meeting was "very profitable and gave Saw Lay Beh the opportunity to discuss the needs of the Church."

Mr. Kelly also traveled to Taiwan to visit **Kenneth Lee**, the lone member there for about 20 years. "Mr. Lee continues to enjoy excellent health at 80 years of age," Mr. Kelly said.

He then went to Malaysia to meet with the ministry and members who operate a mailing house on behalf of the Church.

"The family atmosphere at the meeting helped promote further cooperation and communication in taking care of the needs of the work in Malaysia," Mr. Kelly said.

Mr. Kelly's last stop was in Hong Kong, where he met with the six members and several new people before returning to Australia in mid-March.

"Irene Lee in Hong Kong is presently experiencing a severe struggle with cancer and extensive blood loss," Mr. Kelly said. "She would appreciate the prayers of God's people for her divine healing."

### East and West Africa

Fish are being harvested in the Church-owned fish farm 30 miles north of Accra, Ghana, reported **David Stirk**, business manager for East and West Africa in the Borehamwood, England, Office, after a visit there.

A second crop of rice was to be ready for harvesting when **Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach** visited April 18.

"The farm project continues to be an enormously successful venture of our church in Ghana," Mr. Stirk said.

He also said that **Adebayo Ogunlase**, a local church elder in Lagos, Nigeria, was transferred to Owerri,

Nigeria, to be a resident minister for members in eastern Nigeria.

Mr. Ogunlase, who was ordained in 1983, and his wife, **Grace**, have four children.

"The eastern region of Nigeria is showing the most growth at the moment, and with a church of 170 people, is in great need of the care and attention that a man on the spot can provide," Mr. Stirk said.

In mid-February an agreement to lease new office premises in Lagos was formalized, he said. The offices are in a new building and will provide spacious and practical new facilities.

"It is expected that the work will experience much growth in this part of the world in the next few years and this new facility will serve us very well during that time," Mr. Stirk said.

### God protecting Ugandans

For the first time **Owen Willis**, pastor of the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches, and **Clement Obuba**, an employee in the Nairobi Office, drove through central and western Uganda Feb. 7 to 13. They covered 1,400 miles (2,250 kilometers) in 40 hours of driving.



**BURMESE BRETHREN** — During a trip to Rangoon, Burma, in March, **Colin Kelly** (center) visits with (from left) **Saw Lay Beh**, the full-time minister in Burma; **Mrs. and Mr. John Vai Kia**, members; and **Thomas Tial Hoe**, a deacon in northern Burma. Mr. Kelly is an assistant to **Robert Fahey**, regional director for Australia and Asia.

"She asked me about the speech itself, the subject matter, and whether I felt President Reagan was clear and got his point across," Mr. Hogberg said.

"I said, 'The main point that he stressed was that America's relationship with the Soviet Union must be based upon realism — not illusion or fancies.'"

Ms. Douglas also asked Mr. Hogberg if he noticed a difference in the President as compared to a few months earlier.

"I said, 'Of course, months ago,

in the aftermath of the Iran-*contra* affair, there were very difficult days for the President. But today it seemed he has recovered from that situation.'"

"She also asked me if I was a political supporter of the President," continued Mr. Hogberg. "Thinking quickly, I responded that I was not a political supporter, but certainly supported many of the things the President stands for."

KNBC aired excerpts of the interview in newscasts later the same day.

## Feast in Brno, Czechoslovakia

BONN, West Germany — A limited number of openings are available for transfers to the Festival site in Brno, Czechoslovakia. Anyone wishing to attend should send a transfer application immediately to Ambassador College, Festival Department, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, 5300 Bonn 1, West Germany.

"Driving in Uganda is not easy as most of the roads are in a very poor state of repair and frequent stops at army checkpoints make for slow progress," Mr. Willis said.

After crossing into Uganda early Feb. 7, they conducted a Bible study for 37 people in the home of **William Othieno**, a member in Tororo.

Feb. 8, after Mr. Othieno spent the morning hacking a path through dense forest to a stream, Mr. Willis and Mr. Obuba baptized a man. There are now 12 baptized members in Uganda.

After counseling with members and prospective members in the area, Mr. Willis, Mr. Obuba and Mr. Othieno drove to Kampala, the nation's capital, and made four visits.

From Kampala the group drove north through the "infamous Luwero Triangle, the scene of some of the country's greatest sufferings in recent years," said Mr. Willis.

They saw the "killing fields," where villages display human skulls and bones — "grisly reminders" of Uganda's civil war.

"Homes are derelict and dilapidated, with huts abandoned in the troubles being swallowed up by the thick bush," he continued. Burned-out army vehicles and rusting tanks lie on the roadsides.

Stopping to buy some pineapples and bananas, the group asked a vendor about conditions there. "His broad, beaming smile said it all as he explained how life was no longer filled with fear and terror for the residents of the area," Mr. Willis said.

After six visits in Masindi, they returned south Feb. 9 and visited Mr. and Mrs. **Sammy Muwonge**,

two Church members in Mityana.

For about eight months in late 1985 and early 1986, the Church lost contact with them, because of the collapse of the postal system and the danger of traveling to the area.

Mr. Willis said: "However, in spite of troubles, violence and bloodshed all around them, God had safely protected them. Their small, neat home framed by climbing roses is a shining example of God's way in the midst of a tortured land."

Mr. Willis and Mr. Obuba viewed a possible Feast of Tabernacles site between Kampala and Entebbe, then returned to Kenya.

Although the situation in southern Uganda has much improved, "peace has not yet returned," Mr. Willis said.

"A fierce campaign is being fought against former soldiers of the previous regime in the north," he continued. "With intertribal hostility continuing unabated, there is little hope of a real solution to the conflict in the immediate future."

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), or "slim disease," is already "exacting a fearsome toll."

Mr. Willis said that one of the biggest problems brethren and prospective members face is raging inflation.

"Salaries in the towns and crop prices in the country are totally inadequate to meet the increase," he said. "Some prices can even change in the period between early morning and late afternoon."

He added, "Truly the Kingdom of God is the only lasting solution to Uganda's seemingly insoluble problems."

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