

For the first time: WORLDWIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

By Herbert W. Armstrong
For the first time, in this, our golden anniversary year, God's Church of this Philadelphia era is able to produce a financial statement that is worldwide, including all branch offices around the world.

We are not required by law to publish this report. But we want our brethren in all parts of the world to know the size and scope of this great Work of God committed to his Church and how God's tithe and the brethren's freewill offerings are handled.

Combined audited financial statements for God's Work worldwide appear on pages 5 to 7.

It is significant that we are first able to have such a combined statement on our 50th anniversary year since the transition from the Sardis era into

that of Philadelphia, as foretold by Jesus Christ in the third chapter of the book of Revelation. It is our "jubilee year."

This massive detailed report shows not only the growth of the Church, but how God has blessed it with financial strength and stability.

The statement has been examined by the auditing firm of Arthur Andersen & Co., one of the three largest auditing firms in the world. They are the auditors employed by some of the largest banks and major industrial corporations.

God blesses us, individually, or combined as His Church, according to the extent we please Him spiritually and as we are honest in financial affairs (Malachi 3:8-10).

This report, I feel, is evidence of your stewardship in faithfully paying God's tithe and generous giving of freewill offerings, and also of the faithful, diligent and honest service of those of us in positions of management and government of the work of the Church.

Discuss editorial and production technology

International PT managers meet

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Regional directors, *Plain Truth* editors, Publishing Services directors and other officials of the Church assembled here for a series of "very successful" international publishing and production meetings June 13 to 17, according to evangelist Frank Brown, who served as chairman.

The meetings were the second of their kind, following international meetings that took place in Pasadena Aug. 2 to 4, 1982 (See "Editor-in-Chief Sets Direction for International *Plain Truth*," *WN*, Aug. 16, 1982).

The overall purpose of the Borehamwood meetings was to continue bringing *The Plain Truth* and other Church publications into worldwide harmony for editorial and production purposes, according to Roger Lippross, production director of Publishing Services in Pasadena.

Present at the meetings in the Work's regional office here were evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor; Dexter H. Faulkner, *Plain Truth* executive editor and managing editor of the Work's publications; Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services in Pasadena; Mr. Lippross; Mr. Brown, regional director for the United Kingdom,

Scandinavia, the Middle East and Black Africa; Bram de Bree, regional director for Dutch-speaking areas; Frank Schnee, regional director for German-speaking areas; Carn Catherwood, regional director for Italian-speaking areas; David Hulme, director of media purchasing for the Work; John Ross Schroeder, *Plain Truth* senior writer and regional editor for Britain; Johan Wilms, business manager for the Dutch Regional Office; and David Gunn, *Plain Truth* circulation manager for the British Regional Office.

Topics discussed included a proposal for satellite transmission of text from Pasadena to the presses in England; development of a schedule for moving toward simultaneous translation and printing worldwide of all *Plain Truth* editions; editorial policy updates on the Work's publications; and plans for reprints, booklets, books and other Church literature, according to Mr. Faulkner.

Mr. Lippross explained that one of the meeting's chief goals was to continue working for simultaneous production and distribution of all *Plain Truths* worldwide. At present, the United States, Canada and a few other editions are printed first, followed a month later by the Ger-



SEP VISIT — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong visits campers and staff at the Church's Summer Educational Program (SEP) facilities in Orr, Minn., June 18. Mr. Armstrong addressed 809 brethren, campers and staff in the SEP gym. [Photo by Scott Weiner]

HWA delivers Sabbath sermon during visit to SEP at Orr, Minn.

ORR, Minn. — "Greetings young ambassadors... You young people are living in the last days of this civilization... But the good news is that a far better civilization is coming right after it."

"So you young people are going to live into that and you should be some kind of leaders in the new civilization. It's going to be a different world altogether," said Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong to 809 campers, staff and brethren assem-

bled for Sabbath services in the gymnasium of the Summer Educational Program (SEP) here June 18.

Mr. Armstrong arrived at the Orr airport aboard the Work's G-II jet at 1:20 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT). Aboard with the pastor general were evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services; Ralph Helge, adviser to the Church's Advisory Council of Elders, and his wife Ingrid; Joe Locke, principal of Imperial Schools in Pasadena; Robert Smith, interior designer for the Church's facilities; Warren Watson, director of the Church's Photography Services; and Aaron Dean, Mr. Armstrong's personal aide; and Mr. Dean's wife Michelle.

The pastor general was met at the Orr airport by Kevin Dean, director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU) and the SEP camp, and ministers serving on the SEP Orr faculty. Also present to greet Mr. Armstrong was Scott Erikson, one of the founders of the city of Orr.

Driving into the camp under clear skies, Mr. Armstrong was greeted by the campers and staff who lined

either side of the road to welcome the pastor general.

"Mr. Armstrong was very excited to be at the camp again," said Mr. Dean, the pastor general's aide. "He always enjoys and looks forward to speaking to the campers."

Before driving to the gym for the address, Mr. Armstrong toured the camp with Mr. Dean, the YOU director, and viewed the newly constructed softball field.

After resting at Mr. Dean's cabin, Mr. Armstrong was driven to the gym for the address.

The YOU director gave the announcements, after which Mrs. Helge performed the soprano descant part from *The Lord Is My Shepherd* by W. Baird Ross for special Sabbath music.

Mr. Armstrong then walked to the stage to address the assembled group, which included the Duluth and Grand Rapids, Minn., churches.

"It was interesting that this group of campers is about 85 percent first-timers," Mr. [Aaron] Dean said. "Outside of the Feast of Tabernacles, this was probably the first time many of the campers had ever heard Mr. Armstrong in person."

"The gym was extremely quiet," added Andrew Silcox, a local elder serving as activity director for the Orr camp. "The campers were very receptive to what Mr. Armstrong had to say."

"He talked about the human potential, and how Adam had made the wrong choice at the very beginning," Mr. Silcox continued.

"He showed what that wrong choice was leading to and the great need for Christ to return to govern this world."

"After Mr. Armstrong had explained the purpose of humanity, he asked the campers: 'What then, is your part in this?'" Mr. Silcox said.

"He then quoted I Corinthians 7:14 'For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the

man, Dutch, Italian, French and Spanish editions.

"Simultaneous printing, including coordination of article translation, was discussed in detail at the meetings," Mr. Lippross said. "We feel we now have the commitment... and the technology to

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Foundation announces 1983-84 concert season

By Michael A. Snyder
PASADENA — The Ambassador Foundation announced its 1983-84 season June 12 with the introduction of two new series, "Great Orchestras of the World" and "String."

The season, the ninth sponsored by Ambassador College, will coincide with the 10th anniversary of the Ambassador Auditorium.

In an article entitled "Ambassador Gets a Philharmonic," *Los Angeles Times* writer Daniel Cariaga wrote June 12: "The 10th anniversary season at Ambassador

Auditorium will see the Pasadena facility realizing one ambition its founder Herbert Armstrong... first tried to achieve for the opening of the auditorium in April, 1974: bringing the Vienna Philharmonic to Pasadena."

"Last season was so spectacular, it would seem hard to surpass," said evangelist Ellis La Ravia, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, in a June 16 interview with *The Worldwide News*. "But it's exhilarating to see the magnitude of this coming season."

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Western Europe suffers floods; cause traced to human mistakes

By John Ross Schroeder

BONN, West Germany — As of this writing (June 3), the Rhine is flooded. Shipping has been severely disrupted. Large vessels simply cannot get under the Kennedy Bridge here. Coal barges are stacked up at Stuttgart, West Germany, waiting for the floodwaters to recede.

John Ross Schroeder, author of "European Diary," submitted this commentary on Rhine River flooding in West Germany.

Floodwalls and sandbags kept the high waters from flooding out the U.S. Embassy and the German Ministry of Urban Planning and Building. Except for the severe flooding six weeks ago, Bonn has seen nothing like this high water since 1947.

But the situation is even more serious in Cologne, West Germany's, Old Town district where the Rhine reached a record level of 32½ feet (9.75 meters). Emergency repairs and redecoration from mid-April's flooding was completed when the floods struck again.

Two major floods in barely six weeks. It will take multiple millions of Deutschmarks to rectify the damage. Ten million marks worth of damage to grape growers alone. The famous Kaiserstuehler crop in the Black Forest has been devastated.

It's been raining far too much in Western Europe. Areas of Great Britain have had at least some rain for 48 consecutive days. Farmers can't get into the fields with their potato-planting machines. England's potato harvest may be very seriously threatened.

In Belgium I personally witnessed half of several barley crops flat on the ground. French farmers face a catastrophe because of appalling flooding and general bad weather.

Worse yet, the long-term potential for flooding is frightening. The reason? Man has once again been tampering with nature.

Said Reiner Keller, professor of geography, to *Quick*, a West German magazine: "There have always been [instances of] high waters. Years ago the waterways were widely branched out and had much more room to expand. Today they are confined and restricted [the work of men]. This, along with the high-

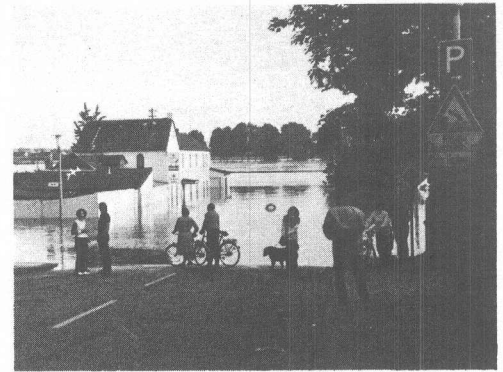
water dams and dykes, has advantages, but [it] has also produced disadvantages. It's the same for the river as with people. When they have to take medications, they have to reckon with side effects" (April 21).

Man is a prisoner of his own technology. Staff writers for *Quick* went on to say: "Almost all of the systems for regulating high water actually have achieved the opposite of what they were supposed to. Instead of reducing the danger, they actually created the prerequisites for today's catastrophic flooding."

The *Quick* article quoted U.

Lahl, head of the Bremen, West Germany, Environmental Institute, as saying: "The countryside hardly has any retention properties any more. The rain rushes unhindered into the rivers. Years ago the earth functioned like a sponge. Excessive precipitation was stored, and during the dry spells the water was gradually released. Today that is hardly possible any more."

As has been said many times before, manmade solutions to nature's problems often bring super problems just a few years down the line. (See **MISTAKES**, page 11)



RHINE FLOODING — The overflowing waters of the Rhine River in West Germany flooded crops and houses. At right, a sign in German warns motorists of the high water. [Photo by Gary Hopkins]

Auditorium 'incredible,' writes columnist

Beverly Jackson, a columnist for the Santa Barbara, Calif., News-Press, wrote this column after attending the May 26 performance by pianist Vladimir Horowitz in the Ambassador Auditorium. "We were surprised to see this unsolicited article, as Mrs. Jackson was invited as a personal guest and not as a member of the press," said evangelist Ellis La Ravia, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

"Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong hosted a dinner for about 80 dignitaries of the diplomatic corps stationed in Los Angeles [Calif.] and prominent business leaders from the community. This article shows what kind of impact the Auditorium has."

He added that Mrs. Jackson is a personal friend of Leopold de Rothschild of England [see "Pastor General Meets Royalty During Visit to United Kingdom," WN, May 30].

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By Beverly Jackson

An invitation from Herbert W. Armstrong and Ellis La Ravia to a dinner party and piano recital by Maestro Vladimir Horowitz was so tempting that even having to miss the American Wine and Food Institute benefit at the house being used for the filming of Julia Child's new

series, "Dinner at Julia's," and a party at Mr. and Mrs. Robert Straus' Birnam Wood home for Ian McCullum of the American Museum in Bath, England, couldn't keep me from jumping into evening dress and heading for Pasadena.

Armstrong, whom many of you have undoubtedly seen on television, is the founder and chairman of the Ambassador Foundation. And I have long wanted to attend a performance in his Ambassador Auditorium, which is rumored to have the finest acoustics in America. Now that I've been there, I can see what prompted this reputation. The acoustics are incredible. One of the young ushers was telling me during intermission that there are seven sets of draperies under the false ceiling that can be regulated electronically to adjust to the type of performance.

Jeffrey Rodes, who spends almost as much time in our town as in his native Pasadena, was my escort for the evening. And driving down Orange Grove Avenue with Jeffrey is a treat. He can tell you about every remaining mansion, and the history of those now gone. One square block that is now luxury condos was his grandparents' estate. Incidentally, Jeffrey's popular mother will once again be in residence in our town in August.

His maternal grandmother, Pauline Woltmann Brandt, by the way, was a well-known concert singer who sang for Frau Wagner, which explains Jeff's great interest in fine music.

Arriving at the Ambassador College complex, Jeff pointed out the wonderful old Tudor mansion where Ambassador College, funded by the Worldwide Church of God, started. And now, of course, the college and auditorium have grown to gigantic proportions all around that old mansion in the most magnificent, modern splendor. The auditorium rather reminds one of Lincoln Center.

The first thing one encounters is the 37-foot fountain consisting of five egrets, weighing one ton each, in the large pool out front. This was designed by the English sculptor, David Wynne. The next thing that attracts the attention is the gigantic chandelier in the grand lobby that reflects into the outside pool. Made in West Germany, the chandelier weighs more than two tons and contains 1,390 imported crystals. The two 9-foot Steinway concert grand pianos were also imported from Germany.

The black granite used outside for walkways and bridges is from Angola, while Brazil was the source of the emerald green granite used on exterior walls. The interior walls are of Brazilian rosewood, with vertical inserts.

Burma was the source of the teakwood, and from Hong Kong came the 100 percent wool carpeting in both the grand lobby and the lower lounge. The grand lobby carpet, with more than 250 ties per square inch, contains an abstract design of the reflections of the crystals in the chandelier. The purple and gold

wool carpeting in the main seating area comes from Philadelphia.

The French contribution is truly outstanding. It is two huge standing Baccarat candelabra in the lobby, each consisting of 802 pieces of crystal. The candelabra were used by the Shah of Iran for the 2,500th anniversary of the Persian Empire at Persepolis in October, 1971. They each weigh 650 pounds. I asked an usher who keeps the incredible standing candelabra (about 5 feet tall, at least) so sparkling, and he said that the custodial staff is in charge of that. Each item must be cleaned separately and care taken to replace them, as each of the 802 pieces will only fit into its correct place.

When we gathered for cocktails and dinner in the lower lounge, we found the black tie assemblage was most international, too. The majority of the Los Angeles Consular corps was there. We were all seated at tables of 10, about 10 of those, each centered with a lovely spring bouquet. Everything was so well organized. Arriving at the theater, we were handed our tickets for the concert and told our table number for dinner. And everywhere one looked were attractive young college students quietly attending to the guests every need.

As introductions were made, we met the consuls general of Norway, India, Australia and Spain and their spouses, and when we took our places at the table, much to my delight I found we were seated with two of the only people I knew at the party, the consul general of Mexico, Xavier Escobar, and his vivacious wife, Muriel. He had been in our town for a conference the previous week, and said that he'd enjoyed a round of golf at the Valley Club while here. Also seated with us were Giovanni Vincenti Mareri, consul general of Italy, and Sig. a Mareri.

Ellis La Ravia spoke briefly and amusingly. Mr. Armstrong spoke most interestingly and amusingly, as well. He told a bit about the dinner he attended at the home of a recent Santa Barbara visitor, Leopold de Rothschild, in England, where Princess Diana and Prince Charles were present. This was a benefit for the Royal College of Music, to which the Ambassador Foundation generously donated.

I was interested to learn that the Ambassador Foundation also contributes substantial funding to the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, David Ben-Gurion Exchange Professorship, the King Leopold III Foundation of Belgium, the Hillside and Refugee Program of Thailand, the China Fellowship at Oxford University, archaeological projects with the Israel Exploration Society, a school for retarded children in Jordan, Mount Sinai Peace Center and

(See **COLUMNIST**, page 11)



SESSION 19 — Ministers and wives attending the June 20 to 30 Ministerial Refreshing Program are pictured on the steps of the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus June 21. Individuals from the Philippines, Australia, England, Zambia, Canada and the United States attended. [Photo by Hal Finch]

WORLDWIDE AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT



To Herbert W. Armstrong (as Pastor General
of The Worldwide Church of God) and the Boards
of Directors of Worldwide Church of God and
Worldwide Affiliated Organizations:

We have examined the combined balance sheet of WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD (a California nonprofit corporation and various Corporations Sole) and worldwide affiliated organizations (see Notes 1 and 2) as of December 31, 1982, and the related combined statements of support and revenue, expenses, and changes in fund balances, and changes in financial position for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the combined financial position of Worldwide Church of God and worldwide affiliated organizations as of December 31, 1982, and the results of their operations and the changes in their financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Los Angeles, California,
April 29, 1983.

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD AND
WORLDWIDE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS (Notes 1 and 2)
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1982

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS (Note 3):	
Cash	\$ 4,608,000
Marketable securities	11,414,000
Receivables, net, and other assets	<u>3,246,000</u>
Total current assets	19,268,000
LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES, NET, AND OTHER ASSETS (Note 3)	1,503,000
DEPRECIABLE PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$19,587,000 in 1982 (Note 4)	17,157,000
NONDEPRECIABLE PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Note 4)	<u>56,085,000</u>
	<u>\$94,013,000</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Current portion of long-term debt and obligations under capital leases (Notes 5 and 6)	\$ 2,068,000
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>7,372,000</u>
Total current liabilities	9,440,000
LONG-TERM DEBT, net of current portion (Note 6)	6,028,000
OBLIGATIONS UNDER CAPITAL LEASES, net of current portion (Note 5)	1,774,000
DEPOSITS AND OTHER LIABILITIES	703,000
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 7)	
FUND BALANCES (Notes 3 and 7)	<u>76,068,000</u>
	<u>\$94,013,000</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined financial statements.

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD AND
WORLDWIDE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS (Notes 1 and 2)
COMBINED STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE, EXPENSES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1982

SUPPORT AND REVENUE:	
Contributions and bequests	\$110,870,000
College tuition, fees and services	3,754,000
Ambassador Foundation (Notes 2 and 8)	2,610,000
Rental and other revenue	<u>3,670,000</u>
Total support and revenue	120,904,000
EXPENSES (Note 3):	
Local congregations	28,468,000
Church publishing	21,552,000
Broadcasting and other media	19,347,000
Ambassador College (Note 2)	9,608,000
Ambassador Foundation (Notes 2 and 8)	6,277,000
Assistance to needy members	5,240,000
Personal proclaiming (Note 2)	2,988,000
Management and general	<u>22,617,000</u>
Total expenses	116,097,000
Support and revenue over expenses	4,807,000
Currency translation adjustment (Note 3)	(792,000)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>72,053,000</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$ 76,068,000</u>

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WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD AND
WORLDWIDE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS (Notes 1 and 2)
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1982

FUNDS WERE PROVIDED BY:	
Support and revenue over expenses	\$ 4,807,000
Add items not requiring cash-	
Depreciation and amortization	3,359,000
Net book value of property and equipment retired	1,028,000
Other-	
Decrease in receivables and other assets	2,316,000
Increase in deposits and other liabilities	<u>439,000</u>
	11,949,000
FUNDS WERE USED FOR:	
Purchases of property and equipment	7,683,000
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,022,000
Decrease in long-term debt and obligations under capital leases	736,000
Effect of exchange rate changes	<u>792,000</u>
	12,233,000
DECREASE IN CASH AND MARKETABLE SECURITIES	(284,000)
CASH AND MARKETABLE SECURITIES, beginning of year	<u>16,306,000</u>
CASH AND MARKETABLE SECURITIES, end of year	<u>\$16,022,000</u>

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**WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD AND
WORLDWIDE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS (Notes 1 and 2)**

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1982

(1) Basis of presentation-

The Worldwide Church of God is a worldwide religious association. It is headquartered in Pasadena, California, and consists of approximately 75,000 baptized members. Its affairs are conducted through the Worldwide Church of God (a California nonprofit, nonstock corporation) and various religious, academic and philanthropic organizations. These worldwide organizations are affiliated through certain common directors/trustees and officers and through shared monetary and service support. Such worldwide affiliated organizations are herein referred to collectively as the "Church."

The Church is governed by a spiritual theocracy which recognizes that ultimate human authority under Jesus Christ in the Church is exercised by Mr. Armstrong, now age 90, as Pastor General and with the spiritual rank of Apostle. Accordingly, Mr. Armstrong has ultimate authority as to the manner in which the Church operates and determines the appropriateness of all significant activities.

Mr. Armstrong has appointed an Advisory Council of Elders which consists of twelve senior church elders and evangelists. In most cases, they are directors, trustees or officers of the entities comprising the Church. The function of the Council is to help and advise Mr. Armstrong and "to take full charge of the Work (the Church) and all its assets and activities" in the event of Mr. Armstrong's death or complete disability, and to designate a successor.

The accompanying combined financial statements include the reporting worldwide affiliated organizations of the Church. This is the first year financial statements on a worldwide basis have been prepared for the Church, and, accordingly, only single-year financial statements are presented. All significant balances and transactions among the entities included in the combined financial statements have been eliminated.

(2) Organization and activities-

(a) Church-

The primary activity of the Church is twofold: "to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God in all the world for a witness unto all nations" and to "feed the flock" of the Church. To this end, the Gospel is preached through personal proclaiming (campaigns made by various ministers, Mr. Armstrong and his entourage to proclaim the Church's message to all nations) and mass communications, such as radio, television and printed publications. The Plain Truth, the Church's principal publication, had an approximate circulation of 5.1 million at December 31, 1982. The Church also had approximately 700 congregations in 54 countries throughout the world.

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used for assistance to needy members, operating expenses of the annual Church festivals, ministerial activities and the acquisition, construction and maintenance of buildings, as deemed appropriate by Church doctrine. In management's opinion, at December 31, 1982, all contributions received for specific purposes had been expended in accordance with, and in furtherance of, their intended purposes.

(c) Functional allocation of expenses-

The costs of providing the various programs have been presented on a functional basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Such functional expenses could also be expressed using the following classifications (amounts in thousands):

Salaries and related expenses	\$ 39,702
Time and print media	15,871
Printing services	12,904
Maintenance, repairs and supplies	7,538
Grants and charitable support	6,434
Postage and shipping	6,339
Building and equipment rentals	5,685
Travel and related expenses	4,088
Professional fees	3,979
Depreciation and amortization	3,359
Vehicle operating expenses	2,307
Other	7,891
	<u>\$116,097</u>

(d) Marketable securities-

Marketable securities, consisting primarily of certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements, are stated at cost which approximates market value.

(e) Receivables and other assets-

Receivables consist primarily of notes receivable from property sales and loans made to employees and students. The allowance for doubtful accounts totaled \$367,000 at December 31, 1982. In accordance with the Church's beliefs, receivables from Church members are noninterest-bearing. For financial statement purposes, noninterest-bearing receivables have been discounted using an appropriate interest factor.

Other current assets consist primarily of publication inventories and prepaid expenses. Church publications are distributed free of charge. These publications are stated at cost determined on a first-in, first-out basis, net of a reserve for inventories in excess of anticipated distribution, and are charged to expense in the period in which the literature is distributed. Such inventories were \$1,072,000 at December 31, 1982.

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(b) Ambassador College and Ambassador Foundation-

Ambassador College (the "College") was organized for the promotion of learning and knowledge in the liberal arts and theology and for the preparation of persons for service and ministry of the Church throughout the world. Ambassador Foundation (the "Foundation") was organized for conducting and supporting charitable, scientific, literary and educational endeavors. Foundation continuing operations include the promotion of concerts and other cultural events. Discontinued Foundation publishing operations are discussed in Note 8.

The College and Foundation are viewed as vehicles of the Church in accomplishing its primary activities and receive the substantial portion of their monetary and service support (\$13,567,000 in 1982) from the Church. The College and Foundation are also registered in certain other countries, primarily to represent and further the activities of the Church (see Note 1).

(3) Summary of significant accounting policies-

The combined financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States of America generally accepted accounting principles. This includes preparing the combined financial statements on an accrual basis of accounting.

(a) Revenue-

In the United States of America, contributions are recorded when the funds are constructively received. Constructive receipt includes contributions received during the first part of January, but postmarked prior to January 1. At December 31, 1982, cash includes \$1,750,000 of such constructive receipt contributions. In other regions, contributions are recorded when the funds are actually received. In management's opinion, the recording of contributions in this manner in other regions does not have a material effect on the combined financial statements.

Currency restrictions do not significantly affect the Church's operations. Revenues generated in countries with currency restrictions are generally expended in the country of origin. Accordingly, revenues subject to currency restrictions are reflected in the accompanying financial statements when received.

College tuition and receipts from performing arts activities that relate to future periods are deferred at December 31 and recognized as income when earned. The amount of deferred income at December 31, 1982, included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$949,000.

(b) Designated or restricted funds-

The Church teaches its members to tithe (which is ten percent of one's income for the Church's unrestricted use). The majority of Church support and revenue consists of such unrestricted donations. Additional donations are received for specific doctrinal purposes. Such donations are

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(f) Foreign currency translation-

All balance sheet accounts have been translated into United States of America dollars at exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses are translated at the average exchange rates during the period. Translation adjustments result from the process of translating the financial statements.

(g) Volunteer workers-

The efforts of volunteer workers are not recorded as contributions and expenses, since it is not practical to calculate the monetary value of the benefits received. Such services might constitute a significant factor in the Church's operations.

(4) Property and equipment-

The December 31, 1982, balances of property and equipment are as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Depreciable		Nondepreciable
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	
Land	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 6,159
Land improvements	1,099	701	3,209
Buildings and improvements	5,670	1,144	42,498
Equipment and furnishings	16,257	10,717	--
Vehicles	6,179	3,136	--
Aircraft	3,805	2,306	--
Leased property and equipment	2,847	1,354	--
Leasehold improvements	887	229	--
Fine arts	--	--	2,103
Library books	--	--	1,133
Construction in progress	--	--	983
	<u>\$36,744</u>	<u>\$19,587</u>	<u>\$56,085</u>

Purchased property and equipment are recorded at cost. Donated property and equipment are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of the gift.

Generally accepted accounting principles for colleges and universities do not require depreciation of educational facilities. Accordingly, the College does not record depreciation for its educational buildings and related improvements, library collections or fine arts. Other College property, as well as substantially all Church and Foundation property and equipment, is depreciated using either straight-line or accelerated method (primarily for vehicles and certain production equipment) over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Land improvements	10 to 20 years
Buildings and improvements	45 to 50 years
Equipment and furnishings	5 to 10 years

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Vehicles	3 to 10 years
Aircraft	15 years
Leasehold improvements	6 to 25 years

Major improvements and refurbishments are capitalized, with normal repair and maintenance costs expensed as incurred. The Church's aircraft is scheduled to be modified in 1985 for an anticipated approximate cost of \$3,400,000.

(5) Leased property and equipment-

Leased property and equipment under capitalized leases consist primarily of a land and office building lease with a 20-year term expiring in 1992 and vehicles under capital leases having varying terms which expire over the next two to three years. The land and office building lease includes a renewal option of ten years at the then fair rental value, and purchase options at 10, 15 and 20 years from the beginning of the lease at the then appraised value.

Capital lease obligations at December 31, 1982, are \$2,069,000, of which \$295,000 is the current portion. Future minimum lease payments under capital leases range from \$626,000 in 1983 to \$113,000 in 1992, including deferred interest.

During 1982, rental expense for operating leases totaled \$5,043,000 (net of \$144,000 sublease rental income), including \$2,756,000 of local church hall rentals. Future minimum rental commitments under operating leases are not material.

(6) Long-term debt-

Long-term debt at December 31, 1982, consisted of \$6,966,000 of mortgages payable and \$835,000 of other debt, of which a total of \$1,773,000 was the current portion.

Mortgages are held by various lending institutions at interest rates varying from 6 to 16 percent and are payable to 2004. These mortgages are secured by property with a depreciated cost of \$33,167,000. Minimum principal payments on mortgages payable are as follows: \$1,110,000 in 1983, \$966,000 in 1984, \$874,000 in 1985, \$884,000 in 1986, \$933,000 in 1987 and \$2,199,000 thereafter. Other debt consists primarily of noninterest-bearing, unsecured notes, which are repayable on demand.

(7) Commitments and contingencies-

The Church has been named in various lawsuits and actions, some of which involve claims for substantial damages. Such claims include a contention that certain Church property should be subject to a community property settlement. In the opinion of management and counsel, the probability of an adverse judgment from any of these matters having a material effect on the combined financial statements is remote.

The Foundation, through Mr. Armstrong, makes contributions to selected domestic and international organizations. During 1982, these contributions totaled \$992,000. Long-term commitments to provide support to certain of these organizations will be funded by future years' support and revenue.

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The Church is currently providing benefits to certain former employees of approximately \$580,000 annually. Some of these benefits are provided on a discretionary basis and, accordingly, could be discontinued in the future. Other payments are provided in accordance with contractual obligations in which the employee remains available to serve the Church. No amounts have been accrued in the accompanying combined financial statements for future payments relating to these arrangements.

(8) Discontinued Foundation publishing operations-

Discontinued Foundation publishing operations included the publication of a cultural magazine entitled *Quest/81* and books under the name of Everest House, Publishers. In September 1981, the Foundation discontinued publishing *Quest/81*. During January 1982, agreements were entered into with several magazine publishers to assume the liabilities for unfulfilled subscriptions, through the substitution of other magazines.

In August 1982, the Foundation sold its book publishing operations to the chief operating officer of Everest House, Publishers, for \$150,000 plus the release of a contested employment agreement. In management's opinion, the terms of the sale were not less favorable than other disposal options.

The effect of these dispositions is not material to the accompanying combined financial statements.

(9) Tax-exempt status-

The Church is exempt from taxation in the majority of the countries in which it operates. The United States entities have received recognition of exempt status by ruling letters from the appropriate taxing authorities. Generally, when required, the worldwide affiliated organizations have also received recognition of their tax-exempt status from the appropriate local taxing authorities.

Leader

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debt, embassy terrorism, to name just a few.

Some Britons seemed to sense that sensible long-term solutions will not come from opportunistic politicians who habitually bend to pressure groups or take the line of least resistance. They were sick and tired of demagogues talking about "the art of the possible" and "keeping their options open."

There is a yearning for strong leadership. No matter abuses in the past, authority is needed in government.

The June 11-17 issue of *The Economist* has Mrs. Thatcher's picture on the cover with the "command" caption: "Now, Govern." *The Daily Mail* headlined a major pre-election editorial: "Finish the Job or Finish Britain!"

Hastily contrived political strategies would not do. People seemed to want resolute and consistent action. This was Conservative campaign policy. The party labeled it: the resolute approach.

Person of resolution

People are beginning to realize that the nation's survival may indeed be at stake. They were willing to give a person of resolution the benefit of the doubt. It is amazing that about one in three of the jobless voted for the prime minister. The populace wanted someone who would stick to her guns. This she did in the Falklands.

Said George Shultz, U.S. secretary of state, "She's a great and determined lady who's shown us what leadership is all about (*Time*, June 20).

People are also beginning to be aware that instant solutions are axiomatically impossible (on a human level) in today's complex world.

Said journalist Flora Lewis in a postelection article in *The New York Times*: "Pie in the sky has lost credibility. A better-educated, better-anchored public has come to accept Mrs. Thatcher's homilies that you can't expect to consume what you don't turn a hand to produce" (reprinted in *The International Herald Tribune*, June 11-12).

Veteran British writer Peregrine Worsthorne put it another way: "So long as ordinary people could be kept sweet by ever larger pay packets, new cars, fridges, and so on, so long could their rulers expect to get away with debauching all the proletarian moral proprieties. The elites were able to buy the privilege of transforming Britain in their progressive internationalist image by bribing the masses with consumer goods . . ."

"Today, however, with the diminution of material satisfaction, ordinary people are beginning to ask for their national heritage back" (*Sunday Telegraph*, June 12).

Biblical cause and effect

Cause and effect is a basic theme running throughout the pages of the Bible. Mrs. Thatcher has said repeatedly that we reap as we have sown — a distinct biblical doctrine.

More specifically Mrs. Thatcher said: "We are reaping what was sown in the sixties. The fashionable theories and permissive claptrap sets the scene for a society in which the old virtues of discipline and self restraint were denigrated" (Adam Raphael in *The Observer*, March 28, 1982).

Don't expect too much

Elections do not cancel out hydrogen bombs; elections do not obviate the potential for germ and chemical warfare; elections do not put food in the mouths of starving human beings.

Ms. Lewis observed that the British elections had "been an inward-looking, nationalistic campaign, with little sense of what is going on in the rest of the world" (*International Herald Tribune*, June 11-12). "Political vision, however admirable, is often limited to a local focus.

People who envision a future world government of necessity take a much broader view. We are living in a crisis of world order. We should not forget that for a moment.

Richard A. Falk, professor of international law and practice at Princeton University (New Jersey) said about elected leaders: "As yet no politician of national stature has done more than merely acknowledge the dangers generated by the interplay of such trends as population growth, mass poverty, ecological decay, political repression and spreading technologies of mass destruction" (*Worldview*, April, 1976).

Human leaders may have the best intentions in the world. But they do not have the real solutions to the manifold megaproblems threatening humanity.

As editor in chief Herbert W. Armstrong wrote: "Every form of human government has had its fling. It has had its try. And all have been tried in the balance of human experience and found wanting" ("Who Really Selects Your Government Head," November, 1968, *Plain Truth*).

World tomorrow

A future world government — a utopian state with superhuman rulers — will lead mankind out of all its manifold ills.

The Kingdom of God is running on a campaign of global reforms. The Government of God — and only the Government of God — can guarantee to solve the age-old prob-

lems of properly feeding, clothing, housing and educating mankind. It alone can bring about the abolition of warfare, and guarantee full and superbly satisfying employment and most important of all — religious reform.

God's coming utopia will fundamentally reshape the political, economic and social fabric not just of Britain, but of all the world.

Bold and compassionate leaders

A minority of Britons are frankly afraid of Mrs. Thatcher. They fear she will misuse her vast mandate to

govern to wield near-dictatorial powers. They wonder if she has the flexibility to go with the authority. They wonder if she can temper her rulership abilities with tolerance and compassion.

Mrs. Thatcher replies to this criticism: "All power is a trust. We have to use our power wisely and well." Remember that all world leaders are only human. That, in a nutshell, is the crux of the problem.

The bold and compassionate rulers of the world tomorrow will not be human. That's why they are sure to succeed.

Poland

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Church of the Eastern Rite. The Uniate Church, as it is also known, has for centuries commanded the allegiance of the people in the western Ukraine. In an attempt to control Ukrainian nationalism, the Uniate Church was long ago outlawed.

Nevertheless, noted Mr. Alexiev: "In the spring of 1980, the pontiff convoked the first synod of Uniate bishops, which openly called for the restoration of the church . . . In February 1983 John Paul II convened another synod of the Uniate bishops and urged them to intensify their efforts in connection with the thousandth anniversary of Christianity in the Ukraine in 1988."

Mr. Alexiev concluded his account by stating: "It should come as no surprise then that the Kremlin's attitudes toward the pope some four years after his election and close to two years after the attempt on his life continue to be unremittingly hostile and increasingly confrontational . . ."

"As early as 1979 during his visit to Poland he [the pope] told an audience: 'I'm sure there are people out there who are already having a hard time

taking this Slavic pope.' Hard enough, it seems to prompt an exasperated Kremlin to cry out, as Henry II once did regarding the Archbishop of Canterbury: 'Will no one rid me of this turbulent priest?'"

It is too early to tell what the immediate impact of the latest trip to Poland will be. Perhaps, in the short run, only more frustration for the Poles, coupled with intensified official oppression.

But the pope's vision of a Poland between East and West is for the not-to-distant future. Not only Poland, but a 10-nation United Europe, containing countries of Eastern and Western Europe, will stand on its own feet (and 10 toes) — Daniel 2:33, 42. It will comprise a church-state superpower between the East (the Soviet Union) and the West (the United States).

Finally, note this United Press International dispatch from Krakow, Poland, June 22:

"What the pope is preaching is the spiritual unity of Europe, irrespective of frontiers. One of the prayers during his final Krakow mass was for 'all the Christians of East and West, that they may become united in Christ and expand the Kingdom of Christ throughout the world.'"

CHURCH NEWS

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Charles Wise and Howard Poole. Mr. Poole gave the Most Effective Speech, Mr. Smith was the Most Improved Speaker and Mr. Nanney was the Most Helpful Evaluator. Director Charles Groce gave encouragement and closed with comments on the growth of the club during this first year. *Angie Turner.*

The **PADUCAH, Ky.**, Spokesman Club had a ladies' night May 15 at the Bonanza Restaurant. The director for the evening was pastor John Cafourek. Topics were conducted by Raymond Culp, Richard Whitt served as toastmaster and speeches were given by Ed Knight, Loyd Gholson, Bill Bryan, Julius Lumpkin and Daryl McClure. Mr. Lumpkin was the Most Improved Speaker, Mr. McClure gave the Most Effective Speech and Dale Prince was Most Helpful Evaluator. *Teresa Hopkins.*

The concluding meeting of the **RALEIGH, N.C.**, Graduate Spokesman Club was May 29 in a shelter house at Camp Durant north of Raleigh. Guests included Spokesman Club members, wives and other brethren. Roger King was topicmaster, and Ted Carter was toastmaster. Speakers were Sonny Quesinberry, George Little, George Webb and Roscoe Little. The meeting was followed by a church picnic. *Harlan Brown.*

Graduation and ladies' night for the **RED DEER and WETASKIWIN, Alta.**, Spokesman Clubs took place at the Capri Centre May 15. Seventy-five members and guests feasted on roast turkey, vegetables, salad, beans and strawberry shortcake for dessert. Topics were led by Hilliard Merchant, and toastmaster for the evening was Gil McDavid. The five speakers are graduates. Steve Beaulieu was the sole graduate this year. Director Will Wooster was given a framed picture of an American golden eagle from both clubs. Fifty members and guests stayed for an evening of country dancing to taped music provided by Gil and Eleanor McDavid. *M.E. Morrison.*

May 25 was the last meeting of the **ROLLA, Mo.**, Spokesman Club this season. Avery Ruch was toastmaster, and Tim Lea led the men in tabletopics. Randy Mathews, Don Crook, David Ruch and Myron Johnson were the speakers. Director Joe Dobson presented Mr. Crook and Mr. Lea their certificates of merit for completion of all lessons in Spokesman Club. *Johnta Wells.*

Graduation night for the **ST. LOUIS, Mo.**, Spokesman Club took place at the Heritage House May 24. Director Ron Washington, associate pastor of the St. Louis churches, welcomed the guests and gave opening remarks.

Ed Koehnemann, president of the club, conducted tabletopics. After a smorgasbord the speakers were introduced to the club and guests by the toastmaster Anthony Curry, who gave his first impression of each of the speakers. Those speaking were Tom Zefo, Roger DePriest, Vern Runnels, Bob Nevin and Floyd Millsaps. New officers were introduced by Mr. Washington and certificates were given to Mr. Curry, Mr. Zefo, Mr. Runnels and Mr. DePriest as Spokesman Club graduates. Mr. Koehnemann presented gifts to Mr. Washington. *Betty and Bill Sough Sr.*

The **ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.**, Spokesman Club had a combined graduation and ladies' night at Spoto's Stockyard Inn in Seminole, Fla., May 25. Activities began at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour followed by a prime rib or cornish hen dinner. As the meal was concluding, Vice President Dave Blackwell introduced topicmaster Clint Massey.

After a recess Mr. Blackwell introduced toastmaster Ken Pearson who presented Jackie Corley, Roscoe Corley, Vernon Gould and Dave Noel for speeches. Afterward, church pastor and club director Bob Jones gave the overall evaluation and a lecture showing how the goals of the club can make better husbands and fathers. Graduates Wayne McChesney, Mr. Massey, Mr. Noel, Mr. Pearson and Mike Wille were presented certificates of merit by Mr. Jones and local elder Dick McCall. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

The **SALT LAKE CITY, Utah**, Spokesman Club had its final meeting and ladies' night May 14 at the Mansion House Restaurant in Ogden, Utah. After a meal the activities began as President Albert Kurzawa welcomed the guests. Topicmaster Marshall Waters elicited responses from each of the women as well as the men. Speakers for the evening, Mr. Kurzawa, Willis Rynerson and Norm Foster, were introduced by toastmaster Don Ninness. Graduation certificates were awarded to William "Buddy" Car-

den and Dan Loring, following which Mr. Kurzawa presented a gift of appreciation to the pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swanson.

Mr. Swanson commented favorably on the humorous tone of the evening and announced the officers for the coming year: Mr. Waters, president; Cal White, vice president; Walt Mosher, secretary; Mr. Rynerson, treasurer; and J.T. Mudd, sergeant at arms. *Phyllis Taylor.*

The **TACOMA and OLYMPIA, Wash.**, Spokesman Clubs combined for a graduation and ladies' night May 15 at the Executive Inn near Tacoma. The men introduced their companions with a poem, and then the meeting proceeded with the introduction of officers. Awards were given to directors Gil Goethals and Mel Dahlgren for their dedication and leadership. Also honored were David Anthony for best joke, Steve Chiechi, who received a scroll showing the correct pronunciation of his name, and Bob James, who was given a kite for the Ben Franklin dry wit award. Tacoma members John Tibbs, John Bran and Dave Madsen were also recognized for their humorous achievements.

Speakers for the evening were the graduating members: Charles Green, Jim Robinson and Ron Voetberg from Olympia; and Robert Hansen and Mr. Tibbs from Tacoma. Mr. Dahlgren presented certificates of merit to the graduates to complete the evening. *R.D. Voetberg.*

The **TEXARKANA, Tex.**, Spokesman Club had its second ladies' night of the season May 29 at the Ramada Inn. After the meal President Leon Caskey opened the club meeting in which Danny Anderson conducted tabletopics.

After intermission toastmaster Ray Kuykendall introduced speakers Bill Thomas, James Neff, Bob Arthur, Marvin Capel and Cecil Neff. *Arthur C. Burton Jr.*

The **WACO, Tex.**, Spokesman Club had a luncheon at Lakewood Country Club May 29 to honor its eight graduates. Wives and dates were guests. Ben Mauldin, club president, conducted the program, which included speeches by Gene Janicek and Delton Cox. Wendell Wolaver led tabletopics. Walter Johnson, minister in the Waco church, presented diplomas to Kendall Wolaver, Dan



CHOIR OUTING — Pictured are Manila, Philippines, choir members and guests during an outing May 6-8. (See "Church Activities," page 8.) [Photo by Rafael Uy]

Motal, Nick Frazier, Dennis Brown, Kenneth Young, Robert Mahan, Mr. Janicek and Jack Rigdon. *Jo Gail Fry.*

The final **WINDSOR, Ont.**, Spokesman Club meeting of the season took place May 15. A ladies' night and banquet at the Chicken Court restaurant marked the occasion.

Speeches were given by Jack Klundert, John Kambouris, Seymour Schott, Maurice Fortin and Darwin Brandt. Fran Ricchi, Windsor pastor, presented Mike Greaves his graduation certificate. Mr. Ricchi also announced the new Spokesman Club officers for the coming year: Nestor Klem, president; Mr. Klundert, vice president; Jim Brown, secretary; Gary Goebel, treasurer; and Brian Hancock, sergeant at arms.

After club, guests were served roast beef, chicken, cabbage rolls with salad, vegetables and ice cream. *Patricia Klem.*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The Young at Heart Club of **MIAMI, Fla.**, sponsored an evening of entertainment for themselves and other members of the Miami church May 4. The event

took place at the Miami Beach Convention Center and featured the ice-skating of Walt Disney's Great Ice Odyssey. Marion McMakin made reservations and purchased tickets for the 46 who attended. *Shirley Segall.*

The May 15 meeting of the **SPRINGFIELD, Mo.**, 60-plus Club occurred in Nixa, Mo., with 46 members present. A potluck was served at noon. Club director Jess McClain called the meeting to order. Pictures were taken of the 80-plus and 90-plus groups. Pastor George Meeker conducted a Bible study and asked questions from the "Mini-study" in the May issue of *The Good News*. *Polly Rose.*

SINGLES SCENE

The **CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.**, Young Adult Club sponsored a singles' dinner-dance May 14. After a catered dinner, dance music was provided by the Chattanooga church band, Loving Touch. A surprise played by Chattanooga's Smurfette (played by Lori Tenold) added to the evening. May 15 rain cut short outdoor games at Chickamauga Park though other activities were resumed indoors. Table games, relay races, sing-alongs and a water-balloon toss finished the day. *Barb Keesep.*

The **COLUMBIA, S.C.**, and **AUGUSTA, Ga.**, Singles' Club sponsored a dance and talent show at the Columbia church hall May 29. Augusta member Bill Reeder is a member of the five-piece band, Night Lights, which provided music for the about 175 persons who attended and enjoyed dancing, snack foods and a talent show featuring pianists, soloists, a bluegrass group, harmonica players, comedy skits and other acts. Associate pastor Carlos Nieto was the overall director. Guests came from faraway points such as Chicago, Ill. *Paul Nowlen.*

Stars and Stripes Park in Oklahoma City, Okla., was the setting for an **OKLAHOMA CITY and ENID, Okla.**, singles' outing May 15. Activities included Frisbee, touch football and kickball with a break for a picnic lunch. *Mike Crist.*

The **SAN JOSE, Calif.**, Singles' Club had its monthly Bible study and potluck May 28. Forty-eight people attended, including visitors from Sacramento and San Francisco, Calif., churches. Sara Abatiell presented Bible topics before the Bible study conducted by local elder Larry Shamus. The day ended with desserts. *Mike Light.*

SPORTS

More than 130 people were present at the **HOUSTON, Tex.**, **NORTH**, sports banquet May 29 for YOU members who participated in basketball, volleyball, track or Bible bowl during the past season. The banquet was organized by pastor John Ogwyn and catered by an area restaurant. An achievement award for the most outstanding YOU member for the 1982-83 year was presented to Marie Myers.

Awards were given as follows: boys' A basketball: Todd Thompson, Most Valuable Player; Phillip Whitley, most improved player; and David Taylor, best sportsmanship; boys' B basketball: Bruce Nichols, Most Valuable Player; Mike Linder, most improved player; and Donald Reed, best sportsmanship; girls' A basketball: Leah West, Most Valuable

Player; Sharon Thompson, most improved player; and Gina West, best sportsmanship; girls' B basketball: Capri Foy, Most Valuable Player; Susie Nickerson, most improved player; and Michele Healan, best sportsmanship.

In track, a Most Valuable Player award was presented in each division. Mike Henry received the award in the boys' senior division; James Whitley, boys' junior division; Stephanie Smith, girls' senior division; and Marlene Myers, girls' junior division.

In volleyball Marie Myers received the Most Valuable Player award and Simone Kashanipour was given the most improved player award. Matt Hees and Marie Myers received Most Valuable Player recognition for the two Bible bowl teams competing last season. *Simone Kashanipour and Marlene Myers.*

Districts 81, 82, 83 and 84 participated in a YOU regional track meet May 15 at Edgar Browne Memorial Stadium in Pasco, Wash. District 82 (western Oregon) placed first in the meet.

The activities began with a YOU Bible study by Roger Foster, pastor of the Spokane, Wash., and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, churches, Friday evening, May 13. Sabbath services took place at the Pasco Masonic Lodge. Bill Quillen, Northwest region YOU coordinator, gave the sermon. After services the Pasco church was host to a potluck for out-of-town members. A dance for YOU members took place at the Burbank, Wash., High School. At the dance Pasco YOU members honored Dan Sykes and John Oestrich for transporting YOU members to events.

The day ended with the Northwest region's unofficial pee-wee races. Children ages 1 to 12 were given the opportunity to participate in a 400-meter dash. *Dennis R. Leap.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Eighteen YES members from the **KINGSTON, Jamaica**, church, participated in a party at Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson's home May 29. Party games preceded refreshments with four types of cake, sandwiches, Jamaican patty, fresh fruit, peanuts, orange or grape drink and ice cream. Stories were told by Mrs. R. Sutherland. A talent show included poetry, song and dance. *Bobby Zachariah.*

The fourth Summer Educational Program took place at Penafancia Resort in NAGA CITY, Philippines, April 24-28. The affair consisted of varied activities for the 44 youths from Naga City, Legaspi, Daet and Sorsogon, Philippines, who attended. Ministers gave lectures, which were complemented by physical activities and entertainment. The youths enjoyed a field trip to Lake Buhl. Outstanding YOU participants and winners in games and sports were recognized during a dance and awards night. *Ernesto Mistola.*

The Busy Betsys of **PALMER, Alaska**, welcomed new member April Griswold to the first summer meeting May 31. Role playing was used to teach the girls how to make friends. The mothers acted out bad examples then the girls followed with good examples. The girls made individualized thumbprint stationary to use when writing to their friends. Elise Vench was appointed treasurer. *Linda Orcharid.*

PEORIA and MACOMB, Ill., YOU members enjoyed an outing May 14 and 15. The girls packed lunches and after (See CHURCH NEWS, page 10)



PERSEVERING PEEWEE — K.C. Hartman, son of Don and Teresa Hartman, crosses the finish line during the peewee races at the Northwest regional YOU track meet May 15 in Pasco, Wash. (See "Sports," this page.) [Photo by Barry Baker]

Mistakes

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road. Soon man finds himself reaping the bitter and baleful fruits of his own problem solving.

He confines and restricts the natural course of rivers; he paves the ancient riverbanks with tar and cement; he forces brooks and rivers out of their natural banks into artificial channels. The effects have proved catastrophic. Nature is striking back.

It is man's total way of life that is bringing his own solutions right back into his lap like an Australian boomerang. The proverb says: "Where there is no vision the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18, King James Version, throughout).

Mankind's solutions are often conceived with an eye to quick profits. In other words, problemsolving is oftentimes based on raw greed — the primary motive is to get.

God says: "Cursed be the man who trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places" (Jeremiah 17:5-6).

Even nature is in a state of rebellion against the way of man. Indeed we shall have weather disasters until man at long last learns to live God's way.

Feast

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Columnist

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the modernization of the Royal Opera House in London, to name a few.

After dinner we went up to find our seats in the fabulous auditorium. I was delighted to be seated with Hannah and Edward Carter. Hannah, a two-time Olympic skier, has just won another gold medal for skiing. Ed was telling me as the lights went out and Maestro Horowitz appeared. So I never heard where. The program consisted of Beethoven's *Sonata in A Major, Opus 101*; Schumann's "Carnival, Opus 9," and four Chopin pieces.

CHURCH NEWS

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THUNDER BAY, Ont., YOU members and parents met May 15 at the Vahalla Inn for an afternoon of swimming and table tennis. Carol Brown.

Larry and Nancy Tait organized a cartoon party at their home for 12 pre-YES

children and their families from the WINDSOR, Ont., church May 29. The social began with the viewing of four cartoons followed by a luncheon. Sandwiches, desserts and beverages were supplied by Mary Ann Ropp, Carol Paterson, Elizabeth Suralvo, Barb Hancrar, Betty Turvey and Beth Brown. Nancy Tait.

Children's Corner New Friends

By Vivian Pettijohn

Chris dashed noisily into the house through the front door. "Mommy! I don't want to meet *them* — ever! They're weird!"

"In here, Chris," Mother called from the kitchen. "Calm down now. Who is weird?"

"Those new neighbors across the street!" Chris said, trying to catch his breath after running. "I just went over there to meet them — like you suggested — and guess what? They've got something strange looking in the yard — like parts of a tall tower! And when I knocked at the front door — I heard mysterious noises — and nobody came to the door!"

"What kind of noises, honey?" Mother asked quietly as she stirred a simmering pot of Texas-style chili.

"Well," Chris answered, "there aren't any curtains up yet at the front window, so I peeked inside. I saw a boy about Debbie's size talking to a man — I guess it's his father. But their words were in sounds like dahs and dits! Do you think they're from outer space?"

"No, I don't," Mother answered as she hid a smile.

"Who's from outer space?" Debbie asked as she hurried into the kitchen to get bowls and spoons to set on the dining room table.

"Chris was describing," Mother answered, "our new neighbors across the street who moved in today. He said two of them were talking in a strange language. Well, they probably speak English, too, so I tell you what, after dinner our whole family will go over there. We will meet them and welcome them to our neighborhood. Would you like that?"

"No. You go without me," Chris said. "If nobody ever welcomes them, maybe they'll go away. Then some normal family can move in there. We don't want weird people living near us."

"I don't want to go, either, Mommy," Debbie chimed in, frowning.

During dinner Chris repeated to Dad what he had seen and heard. Then he pleaded: "I don't have to go with you over there, do I? I've already gone once. Isn't that enough?"

"Now, Chris," Dad scolded, "you are setting yourself up as a judge. You are deciding what these new neighbors are like and you haven't even met them yet. We'll all go over in a few minutes and welcome them. So, get rid of those gloomy faces and practice smiling

before we go."

"By the way," Dad continued, "this reminds me of a Bible proverb we should learn about right now."

Twisting around in his chair, Dad reached for a Bible lying on the buffet behind him and turned to Proverbs 18:24.

"Children," he said, "listen carefully to this verse while you finish drinking your milk. All of us need this reminder sometimes."

Dad read slowly: "A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Revised Authorized Version). Then Dad commented: "Right now think about just the first part of the verse: 'A man who has friends must himself be friendly.' Chris, what does that mean that we should do?"

"Oh, I suppose," Chris said, his eyes lowered, "that we're to try to act friendly — even when we don't want to — or we won't have friends."

"Yes, and don't forget," Mother added, "that these people feel strange in a new neighborhood. They probably miss their old friends, just like we would if we were to move to a new place. So, let's get these dishes rinsed — we can wash them when we get back — and go right now. We'll take some of the chocolate chip cookies I baked today. Do you children have your smiles ready?"

Mr. and Mrs. Ellison, Chris and Debbie walked across the street. They climbed the cement steps to the white wooden porch. Dad pushed the doorbell. Chris and Debbie stepped back behind their parents and peeked around them.

A boy about Debbie's size, with dark, curly hair, answered the door.

"Hi!" he said, looking puzzled.

"Want to see my parents?"

"Why, yes," Dad answered, smiling, "we're your neighbors across the street — there, see?" he asked, pointing to the tan stone house. "Our name is Ellison."

"Dad, Mom," the boy called as he turned around, "we have company — the Ellisons!"

Soon the four Ellisons were seated in chairs that had been hurriedly cleared. Partly unpacked boxes were stacked all around the room.

Unpacked items cluttered the dining room table in the next room. The Winfield children stood near their seated parents.

"We appreciate your coming over," the father said, "because ever since we bought this house we've been eager to meet our neighbors. I'll introduce our family. My name is Leon Winfield. This is my wife, Virginia. And these are our children: Rocky (his real name is Arthur), who just turned 7 years old last week; Jeffrey, who is 4½; and Kathryn, who is 3. I guess you could say that on our family train she's the caboose."

"We're glad to meet all of you," Mr. Ellison said before introducing his own family. Chris and Debbie said "hello" politely, but without enthusiasm.

After Mrs. Ellison presented the box of homemade cookies to Mrs. Winfield, the two sets of parents exchanged small talk for a few minutes. The children glanced now and then at each other, as though sizing each other up.

Mr. Winfield turned the subject to religion. "By the way," he asked, "do you folks attend a local church?"

Mr. Ellison smiled. "Why, yes, we do — but not one of the better known ones. We're members of the Worldwide Church of God."

The Winfield parents looked at each other and began laughing. Their three children also laughed and began clapping their hands as they jumped around.

Mr. Ellison looked puzzled. "What is so funny? We're curious."

Mr. Winfield answered, "Well, you see, Andy, we are members of the same church! And we asked God to lead us to some other Church members soon who would be our friends. And to think you are our neighbors!"

Chris and Debbie jumped up, smiling. Chris shook hands enthusiastically with Rocky and asked: "Would you tell me about the dahs and dits you used when I heard you today talking with your father? I thought you must be from outer space! Is it some kind of code?"

Rocky grinned and nodded. "It's international Morse code. Dad is a ham radio operator, and I'm learning the code, too, by saying out loud the dots and dashes. They sound like dits and dahs when code is sent on a keyer. Do you want to learn it?"

"Sure!" Chris exclaimed. "And is that what the parts of a tower are for in your yard — a tower for a ham radio antenna?"

"Right," Rocky said. "Say," Chris said, "we have a model railroad layout in our basement. Would you and Jeffrey want to help me operate the trains sometime? And Kathryn could maybe help Debbie with something?"

"Virginia," Mrs. Ellison asked, "could I help you get settled tomorrow? And could your family join ours for dinner in the evening? By the way, which congregation did you move here from? Our families have so much to talk about!"

"Beth," Mrs. Winfield answered, "we were part of the Knoxville, Tenn., congregation and lived in Maryville, Tenn. We already miss our old friends so much, but," she said, pausing and smiling warmly, "now we feel at home again. God has certainly answered our prayers."

"And, Rocky," Chris admitted sheepishly, "I found out that Proverbs 18:24 is true. You *do* have to be friendly if you want to have friends. I didn't even want to come over here tonight. And just think of what I would have missed out on — a whole family of new friends!"

What Is Missing?

First, fill in the missing letters in the blanks to spell the names used in the story. (You may look again if you wish.)

Name of 4½-year-old boy JE__FREY

Name of 7-year-old boy (nickname) __OCKY

Name of Winfield mother VIRG__NIA

Name of Winfield father L__ON

Name of 3-year-old girl KATHRY__

Last name of new neighbors WINFIEL__

Last name of Chris' family ELLI__ON

Now, starting at the top blank and reading down the letters you filled in, what word do they spell? Print these letters below. (Clue: It is what the Ellisons and Winfields became after they met.)

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

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — More than 900 new people attended public Bible lectures here and in San Jose, Costa Rica, according to **Herbert Cisneros**, pastor of the churches in Central America.

Mr. Cisneros said that 358 new people attended the two lectures in San Jose June 11 and 12, and 101 requested visits from a minister. Of the 1,975 *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) readers invited, 18 percent attended, a standing-room-only audience. San Jose has a population of about 203,000.

In San Salvador 563 new people attended lectures June 18 and 19. Also a standing-room-only audience, more than 50 people could not get into the meeting hall the first night. Fifty people requested visits, and 187 people said that they would attend another Bible lecture July 16. Of the 2,358 *PV* readers invited, almost 24 percent attended. San Salvador has a population of 349,000.

Mr. Cisneros said that in San Salvador people from all ranks of society attended — peasants, doctors, lawyers, an army officer and a top government official. People also came from San Miguel, El Salvador, a six-hour trip through guerrilla territory.

Mr. Cisneros was scheduled to give Bible lectures in Guatemala City, Guatemala, June 25 and 26 but details were not yet available. **Pablo Gonzalez**, pastor of the San Juan, Puerto Rico, church, was scheduled to give Bible lectures in Caracas, Venezuela, the same weekend.

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PASADENA — The Work has contracted for space in more than 550 supermarkets in New York for distribution of *The Plain Truth*, according to **Boyd Leeson**, *PT* circulation manager, June 20.

At least 55,000 magazines were distributed in the first month of the program, which began in May. After a three-month trial period, Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** will determine if the program should be expanded.

The supermarket chains include A & P, First National, Sloan's, Dominoe and Shop Rite, all in the New York, N.Y., area. Later this summer the program will be tested in California.

The Work rents space on the Good Neighbor bulletin boards found in many major supermarkets, according to Mr. Leeson.

"Mr. Armstrong has said that this is one of the biggest doors ever opened to the Work and asks that members pray fervently that the program be a success," Mr. Leeson said.

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PASADENA — Brethren can continue to help the Work and Imperial Schools cut costs by sending labels from Campbell's and Swanson food products, said **Joseph Locke**, Imperial Schools' principal June 21. (See "Updates," Dec. 13.)

"We have had an overwhelming response," said Mr. Locke. "We probably have more than 20,000 labels." In exchange for these labels the school can receive physical education and audiovisual equipment at no cost.

Labels from Campbell's soup, bean and juice products (including V-8 juice cans) and labels from Swanson food products should be sent to: Imperial Schools, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, Attention: Joseph Locke. If brethren send only the front part of the label, they can save on postage costs, Mr. Locke said.

Mr. Locke thanked those who donated audiovisual and other

equipment to the school. Brethren have sent equipment, and Imperial Schools has reimbursed for shipping charges, saving the Work several hundred dollars.

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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Only one Church family suffered more than minor damage during the flooding here and in surrounding areas, according to **William Swanson**, pastor of the Salt Lake City church, June 16.

The family, which lives in Farmington, Utah, one of the hardest hit towns in the flooding, received 1½ inches (3.8 centimeters) of mud in their basement. Mr. Swanson said that two of the three Church families living in Farmington had to evacuate their homes when a 30-foot wall (9 meters) of water deluged part of the town.



INTERNATIONAL DESK BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — God's Church is continuing to grow in Peru.

Two full-time elders in Lima, the capital, serve the brethren there. In late April Reg Killingley, a graduate of Ambassador College, was transferred from Pasadena to Lima to pastor congregations in Lima Huaraz, Piura and Tacna. Wilfredo Saenz assists him.

About 80 people attend services regularly in Lima, and a Spokesman Club has started.

As you may have read, the members in Peru have, over the last few months, suffered from various diverse weather conditions that are blamed on a warm water current called *El Niño*, which this year has traveled farther south and stayed much longer than normal.

Especially in April and May devastating torrential rains afflicted parts of Peru causing mud slides and floods and bringing hundreds of deaths and millions of dollars worth of damage.

Several members live in the afflicted area (mainly around Piura) but God has protected them all. In one case the house of a neighbor of a member was almost destroyed by a landslide while the member's home remained intact.

Members have endured stagnant waters that have been polluted by overflowing sewage systems — conditions ripe for the spread of disease.

Economically, the country has faced a number of devaluations on the sol, the unit of Peruvian currency. But the price of many goods and services are pegged to the dollar, which means the price in local currency goes up every time the sol is devalued.

But Mr. Killingley reports that, overall, members are doing well, and God is looking after their needs. Mr. Killingley would, of course, appreciate prayers of the brethren.

Asia

During the first week of May, Colin Kelly, Asian coordinator in the Burleigh Heads, Australia, Office, traveled to Rangoon, Burma, for five days of meetings with Saw Lay Beh, the Burmese minister.

Over the past 12 months, God has greatly blessed the church in Burma, which now numbers 60 baptized members. The government introduced the five-day workweek,

The flooding started when record high temperatures melted mountain snowpacks, according to *Newsweek*, June 13.

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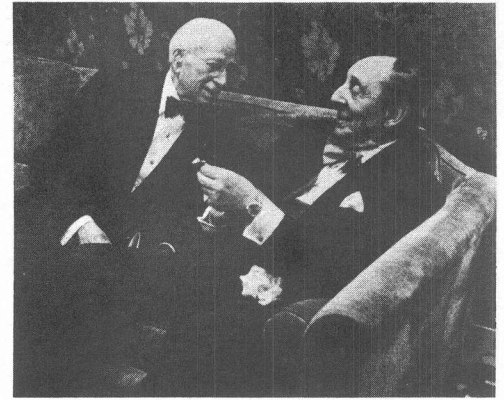
PASADENA — Ministerial Services here released the following ordinations.

The following men were ordained local elders employed by the Work: **Michael Blackwell**, Dayton, Ohio, A.M. and P.M., May 28; **Josef Forson**, Accra and Kumasi, Ghana, June 11; and **Martin L. Yale**, San Antonio and Uvalde, Tex., Pentecost, May 22.

The following men were ordained local church elders: **Kenneth J. Banks**, Bathurst, Australia, Pentecost; **Gerald D. Cranford**, Salem, Ore., Pentecost; **William D. Lemmon Jr.**, Erie, Pa., Pentecost; and **Wayne E. Jamison**, Houston, Tex., East, first day of Unleavened Bread.

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PASADENA — The summer session of Ambassador College began June 20, according to the Registrar's Office. About 120 people enrolled in the classes that



PIANIST RETURNS — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (left) and pianist Vladimir Horowitz talk after Mr. Horowitz' performance in the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena May 26. (See "Updates," May 30.) [Photo by Warren Watson]

continue until Aug. 5.

Summer classes began May 26 in Big Sandy, according to the Registrar's Office there. Classes end July

1. The summer session started earlier in Big Sandy to accommodate the Summer Educational Program (SEP) that begins July 6.

Hulme had meetings with the representatives of the U.S. division of the advertising agency Caravetta A. Kimbrough/Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, Inc., in pursuit of additional Caribbean media outlets.

This group went on to Barbados, then to Trinidad, for negotiations with television station directors and sales personnel in both areas. Renewed television exposure in these two areas is expected before the end of the year.

This has been a spectacular year for media growth with statistics leaping ahead of last year's excellent growth rate.

At the end of 1982 *Plain Truth* circulation in the Caribbean stood at 29,863 subscriptions, with an additional 22,750 newsstand copies distributed. The first five months of 1983 have seen a net increase of 26 percent or 7,794 names added to the subscription list. May subscriptions ran 32 percent ahead of May, 1982, and 4.9 percent above April.

Another area of healthy increase is the addition of donors and co-workers. For the first five months of 1983, 281 donors were added to the files, an 80.5 percent increase over the same period last year. Also, 262 people, a 60.2 percent increase over last year, have become co-workers.

Membership in the Caribbean also increased. With 64 baptisms so far this year, the membership file is at 949, 12.5 percent higher than May, 1982. Income for May, 1983, when calculated in U.S. dollars, was up 8.2 percent over May, 1982.

Update from Canada

May income was up by a healthy 17.5 percent over last May, bringing the year-to-date figure to a plus 13.5 percent. It is exciting to see the continued dedication of the Canadian membership in supporting the Work.

Even though Pentecost offerings showed the brethren are experiencing some financial difficulties, with unemployment still a problem, it is interesting to see how the Church has grown. The amount received in offerings on the first three Holy Days of 1983 almost surpassed the total received for all the Holy Days of 1967. It is rewarding to see how God has blessed His Work in Canada.

The latest update from Baker-Lovick, the advertising agency retained by the Work, shows the broadcast is aired on 142 radio stations from coast to coast.

With communities in Canada being hooked up to cable television, more people can be reached by fewer television stations. An example is Alberta, where cable television allows the telecast to be seen as far north as Grande Prairie, 500 miles

(800 kilometers) from the original station in Spokane, Wash.

International moves

Bill Bradford, a pastor-rank minister, his wife and children arrived in Australia in May to serve in the Melbourne area. He has served 18 years in the ministry, including five years in Brisbane, Australia, up until 1973, with his most recent assignment in Shreveport, La.

After a year's study at Pasadena Ambassador College, **Yong Chin Gee** returned to Malaysia to pastor the Kuala Lumpur and Johore Bahru churches; **Rey Taniajura** returned to the Philippines to pastor the Quezon City church (northern Manila area); and **Lateef Edalere** is returning to Nigeria to resume pastoring churches in Lagos and Oguta. It has been an exciting year in Pasadena having international ministers adding to the international atmosphere of headquarters.

From this year's graduating class **Josef Forson** was assigned to Accra, Ghana. Mr. Forson was ordained a local elder June 11 in the Los Angeles, Calif., church where he assisted pastor **Abner Washington** during his final year at Ambassador College.

Phillip Hopwood was assigned to Vancouver, B.C.; **Cyrille Richard** to Quebec City, Que.; **Phil Gray** to London, England; and **Ruel Guerrero** to Manila, Philippines; all to work as ministerial trainees.

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