

Mr. Armstrong inspects G-III; addresses campers at Texas SEP

PASADENA — In a two-day trip July 11 and 12, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong addressed the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Big Sandy and inspected the Church's newly completed G-III jet in Savannah, Ga., according to Aaron Dean, the pastor general's personal aide.

July 11 he left the Burbank, Calif., airport aboard the G-II at 8 a.m., Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), for Savannah, where he inspected the G-III at Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. and had his flight chair fitted.

"Since Mr. Armstrong does a great deal of writing when he's traveling, it's important that the chair be comfortable and fit him well," Mr. Dean said.

The pastor general was accompanied by evangelist Leslie McCullough, deputy chancellor of the Big Sandy campus; Mr. Dean; Robert Smith, an interior designer for the Church; and Mr. Armstrong's nurse, Elaine Browne. Mr. McCullough was in Pasadena for meetings with Mr. Armstrong, chancellor of Ambassador College, and was returning to Big Sandy.

The Gulfstream Corp. was host to a reception at the plant for the pastor general and presented him with a handcrafted model of the G-III.

The G-III is scheduled to be deliv-

ered to the Church in late July or early August, Mr. Deans said.

After the reception Mr. Armstrong left for Big Sandy at 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), arriving at the Big Sandy Ambassador College airstrip at 6 p.m., Central Daylight Time (CDT).

Mr. Armstrong was met at the airstrip by Kermit Nelson, SEP camp director; Donald Ward, academic dean; Larry Salyer, dean of students; and members of the SEP faculty and staff.

Before retiring, Mr. Armstrong watched a basketball game with faculty and SEP campers on both teams at 8:30 p.m., Dr. Nelson said.

Thursday, July 12, Mr. Armstrong visited SEP activities with Dr. Nelson, Mr. Dean and Mrs. Browne.

The first stop was the golf activity. "On the putting green Mr. Armstrong made putts in two strokes from 10, 15 and 20 feet," Dr. Nelson said. "He has a real good touch."

"Mr. [Jim] Kisse [financial aids officer at the college], who runs the golf activity, told Mr. Armstrong that if he wants to direct the putting station, he's ready to hire him. That drew a laugh," Dr. Nelson said.

The three went on to the video activity, where campers practice putting together newscasts. Twen-

ty-eight campers divide into groups of four and produce a newscast. They then watch a videotape of their presentation and receive advice on how to improve.

"After watching them, Mr. Armstrong talked to the group for about 10 minutes and gave them tips on how to improve their voices and how to increase their audience appeal," Dr. Nelson said.

After watching a demonstration in dance class, Mr. Armstrong looked in on an education class conducted by Dennis Van Deventer, pastor of the Houston West and Victoria, Tex., churches.

The group was discussing proofs of God's existence. "The area Mr. Armstrong enjoyed the most was where campers gave examples of design in nature that would require a Master Designer," Dr. Nelson said.

At 11 p.m., Mr. Armstrong addressed more than 300 campers, faculty and staff. "He explained the purpose of life, the present and future responsibilities of the campers, and he challenged them to study the Bible, to know it more thoroughly," Dr. Nelson said.

After lunch in the faculty dining room with SEP faculty and staff, Mr. Armstrong reviewed construction in the administration wing of the campus field house with Mr. McCullough.

Mr. Armstrong left the campus aboard the G-II at 3 p.m., CDT, arriving at Burbank at 4:30 p.m., PDT.



BIG SANDY SEP — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong tries his hand at putting at the Big Sandy Summer Educational Program (SEP) July 12. Kermit Nelson, camp director, looks on. [Photo by Aaron Dean]



ORR VISIT — Top photo, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong operates the electronic baseball scoreboard July 5 at the Orr, Minn., Summer Educational Program (SEP). Kevin Dean, Youth Opportunities United (YOU) director, is at left. Bottom photo, Mr. Armstrong visits the communications area at the camp. [Photos by Larry Omasta]



Media reports on Norwegian PT

By Roy Oestensen

BOREHAMWOOD, England — *Den Enkle Sannhet*, the Scandinavian edition of *The Plain Truth*, goes to more than 14,000 subscribers in 30 countries and areas. Published in Norwegian, it is the seventh-language edition of *The Plain Truth*.

Roy Oestensen is regional editor of Den Enkle Sannhet, the Scandinavian edition of The Plain Truth.

The magazine was launched March 6 at a press conference in Oslo, Norway (*W/N*, March 26). An extensive ad campaign followed in March and early April in 19 newspapers and magazines.

As of June 19 that campaign brought in 15,944 requests for *The Plain Truth*, bringing the circulation for the various language editions to 25,000 in the Nordic countries. That breaks down to 13,000 in Norway; 4,600 in Denmark; 4,400 in Sweden; and 3,000 in Finland.

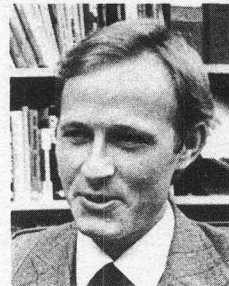
Circulation is expected to climb to 35,000 by the end of the year. The advertising campaign caught the attention of some newspapers. Response is mixed — some positive and some negative.

Dagen, the leading religious newspaper in Sweden, wrote in its March 23 issue. "Many also in Sweden have through the years read the colorful and interesting magazine that [the Worldwide Church of God] publishes. There is no adver-

tising in it, and the articles often cover interesting questions on life.

"Elegant color pictures and other picture material illustrate the not-cheaply done magazine."

Being a religious newspaper, *Dagen* attacks the teachings of the Church, which is to be expected. But at least most of it is factual.



ROY OESTENSEN

The article mentioned: "Humans are not only the images of God, but are to be God"; "Worldwide Church of God is the only true announcer of Christian belief today"; and "God revealed in three persons, the trinity, is false teaching."

Korsets seier, a newspaper published by the Pentecostal movement in Norway, published an article March 23 titled: "Warning to Students and Schoolchildren — 'The

Plain Truth' Now in Norwegian." Instead of outside sources, the author quoted Church literature.

The article says that the teaching through *The Plain Truth* is not "plain" at all, but rather complicated, and that it "surely must create faith conflict among those groups that mostly read it... The Norwegian Christianity should survive, also without all the colorful literature which lately has come to us from America, from movements who believe themselves to have an absolute demand on the 'truth' in a world where everyone else is wrong."

Both articles mentioned the Church's teaching on Israel.

A *Plain Truth* subscriber wrote to the Church: "I would... like to know more about this church... I would very much like to keep Saturday holy and live according to the Ten Commandments, but since there is no such church here where I live, how can I manage it all alone? My husband doesn't want any of it either, but now when I know better I just can't turn my back to it either, I can't think of anything else."

Certain booklets and lessons of the Bible Correspondence Course are available in Norwegian and Danish. Most are translated by Dierdrik Zernichow, a local elder serving in the Oslo, Norway, church. There are 14 members in Denmark; six in Finland; 24 in Norway; and 17 in Sweden; making a total of 61 members out of a population of 22 million.

The feminization of politics in America

PASADENA — Brethren should not be surprised to see, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong has said, a woman occupying the office, some day, of President of the United States.

The first step toward the possible fulfillment of that may well be the selection of Geraldine Ferraro, a 48-year-old New York congresswoman, as the vice-presidential candidate by the Democratic Party.

Ms. Ferraro (she prefers to use her maiden name rather than her married name) was the favorite of the National Organization of Women (NOW), which exerted enormous pressure on Walter Mondale, the Democratic Presidential candidate, to put a woman on the ticket. Described as "pragmatic," "forthright," "tough" and "hard-nosed," Ms. Ferraro could add a little backbone to what some view as an otherwise soft ticket.

Her selection by Mr. Mondale appeared to many to be a capitulation to the feminist NOW organization and a bold stroke to try to reduce quickly the sizable lead that polls show is enjoyed by President Ronald Reagan.

The presence of Ms. Ferraro puts Mr. Reagan on the defensive. Most experts believe that the President will focus on the liberal views and voting records of Mr. Mondale, and his role in the ill-fated 1977 to 1981 Carter-Mondale administration.

Ms. Ferraro will likely not be targeted directly so as not to antagonize the nation's women voters, who this

year could outnumber the men by nine million.

For his part President Reagan indicated that he felt Ms. Ferraro's selection was essentially tokenism, and that she lacked the qualifications for the second-highest office in the land. He said that Margaret Thatcher, whom he holds in the highest esteem, became the first woman prime minister of Great Britain "not because she is a woman but because she was the best person for the job."

Mr. Reagan then predicted that "there is going to be a woman President of the United States," but expressed the hope that she would come from his own Republican Party, "because we have the greatest talent." He then mentioned the number of women he had appointed in his administration, because, he said, of their qualifications.

(The Bible, too, gives examples of instances when exceptional women rose to prominence. Read the account in Judges 4 and 5 of the prophetess Deborah, who became a great judge in Israel.)

Ms. Ferraro openly admitted that her gender was the biggest factor in her selection. She remarked, during Mr. Mondale's selection process, that "obviously, if I were not a woman, I would not be discussed." She also said that if her name were Gerald instead of Geraldine, she would not have been considered.

Critics have been quick to point up Ms. Ferraro's lack of expertise in foreign affairs, an area of prime impor-

importance to someone who would occupy an office "a heartbeat away from the White House." She has attempted to widen her knowledge in this area this year, by visiting Central America and the Middle East.

In a remark that, according to *Time* magazine July 23, "revealed both her naivete and directness," she ex-

pressed her determination to be a very modern woman."

Mr. Zaccaro lives in their home in Queens (a borough of New York City), and his wife commutes home on weekends during congressional sessions.

Continued *Time*: "If his wife actually became Vice President, Zaccaro says, he would remain in Queens

Ms. Ferraro (who has been described as "one of the boys" in Congress) answered, in part: "Why should it? Walter Mondale sees the vice presidency as he experienced the office himself. He defined the vice presidency [in the Carter administration]... The job will not be redefined again because I'm a female. I ain't going to be any helpmate."

Powerful political force

The candidacy of Ms. Ferraro highlights one other growing trend in America. As the July 23 issue of *Newsweek* put it, "American women have emerged as a powerful and rebellious political force."

Both major political parties are showing, this year, that they recognize this trend is here to stay. Almost half of the delegates to the Democratic convention in San Francisco, Calif., were women. Nearly that many female delegates (44 percent) will be at the Republican convention in Dallas, Tex., in August.

More than 10,000 women held elected offices across the country. Political experts emphasize that the emergence of women in politics is the logical end result of the wholesale entrance of women into the work force

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WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



claimed: "I didn't know what the West Bank was until I got there. It's so teeny!"

"Very modern woman"

Ms. Ferraro has been happily married for 24 years to a successful real-estate developer, John Zaccaro. They have three children.

Their marriage, nevertheless, reflects contemporary ethics and lifestyles. Out of respect for her hard-working mother, who largely reared her, Ms. Ferraro informed her husband she would retain her maiden name after marriage. (Ms. Ferraro's father died when she was 8.)

"The Brooklyn-born Zaccaro," added the July 23 *Time* analysis, "has adapted to a self-effacing role as the proud and supportive husband of a

and concentrate on his business, rather than move to Washington. Says he: 'She does her thing and I do mine.'"

In the same magazine, Ms. Ferraro was asked: "One thing you're up against, surely, is the old-fashioned notion that a woman's role is to help the man. Will the stereotype of woman as helpmate complicate your candidacy?"

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



The mayor of Berlin

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Past mayors of West Berlin have gone on to prominence in the West German government.

The most notable one is Willy Brandt — a former chancellor in Bonn and now a major figure in helping Third World countries. The immediate past mayor, Richard von Weizsaecker, left West Berlin in February to join the Bonn government as the duly elected president of the Federal Republic of Germany.

That is one reason why I attended a July 12 press conference by Eberhard Diepgen, mayor of Berlin, at

the Foreign Press Association in London, England.

Dr. Diepgen is the leader of the CDU (Christian Democratic Union) in the Berlin Parliament. Berlin is governed by a coalition of Christian Democrats and Liberals in a similar ratio to the present Bonn government.

West Berlin is surrounded by the German Democratic Republic (GDR). It is separated from West Germany by 100 miles of East German territory.

West Berlin has a special status as a sort of city-state. Yet it is closely tied to the Bonn government.

Wrote Joachim Nawrocki: "The established practice [is] of maintaining political, economic, financial and other ties while taking into account that Berlin (West) as before 'continues not to be' a constituent part of the Federal Republic and 'will not in the future be' (See MAYOR, page 3)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Remembers zeppelin incident

I am very interested in the article on page 5 of *The Worldwide News* of May 21 entitled "Member Recalls History of War" by Emily Lukaick of Calgary, Alberta, concerning Thora Holcroft's vivid memory of the fiery crash of a zeppelin in Suffolk, England, in June, 1917.

I also remember this incident. I was fourteen years old at the time. The zeppelin was disabled and was traveling very slowly.

The Flying Corps pilot flew above the zeppelin and caused it to burst into flames; it was a dreadful spectacle. It came down in the village of Theberton three miles from my house in Leiston. The seven men, crew of the zeppelin, were buried in Theberton churchyard.

The article does not state exactly where Mrs. Holcroft lived at the time, but it must have been very near as she saw the bodies of the crew.

I was surprised that Ferdinand von Zeppelin was thought to be on the airship. I understand that he died when the airship Hindenburg caught fire some time later when it arrived in the U.S.A.

My grandfather who was a Trinity House Pilot in charge of the examination boat at the entrance of Harwich Harbour was watching the slow progress of the airship for some time and was surprised that it had traveled so far.

Marjorie Barden
Suffolk, England

Broadcast response

Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong is really outstanding. I'm the kind of a person who thinks there's a catch to everything.

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Living to bear fruit

I read when Henry Longfellow was well along in years — his head white as snow, his cheeks red as a rose — a friend and admirer asked him how he kept so vigorous and continued to write so beautifully.

Pointing to a blooming apple tree, he said: "That apple tree is very old, but I never saw prettier blossoms upon it than those it now bears. The tree grows a little new wood every year, and I suppose it is out of that new wood that those blossoms come. Like the apple tree, I try to grow a little new wood each year."

Are we as God's children striving to just live or do we live to bear fruit?

Paul wrote in *Philippians* 1:22, "If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me" (Revised Standard Version). For the apostle Paul to live and not bear fruit would have been unthinkable.

Christ warned: "Bring forth fruit that is consistent with repentance — let your lives prove your change of heart... every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire" (Matthew 3:8, 10, Amplified Version). Our lives should show the fruits — the proof of changed hearts.

But how does one become a fruit bearer?

First he or she has to come under the control of the vinedresser.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit" (John 15:1, RSV).

John explains that the vinedresser (God) cuts back the vine that's producing fruit. It seems strange to cut it back when it's producing, but He prunes it to make it produce more fruit.

Let's look at this principle of pruning or cutting back.

We want peaches, so we plant a

peach tree. Now if we just plant it, water it and fertilize it, do you know what will happen? Yes, it will grow.

The first year it will send up branches and leaves. The next year it will send up more branches and leaves. The following year it will send up a lot more branches and leaves. That's not what we wanted.

To make that peach tree produce peaches, we have to go in and selectively cut off certain of the branches so that more of the tree's energy is directed into producing fruit, not just leaves and branches.

Our lives are the same way. If we just take our lives, live them as they come to us, what are we doing? We have this activity, that activity, going here, going there. First thing we know, we are all leaves and branches — and no fruit!

So just as we have to prune a fruit tree to make it produce, we have to prune our lives to produce fruit.

The easy thing when we prune a tree is to see the dead branches. It's easy to snip them out. But where we really get into problems is when we have four healthy, vigorous branches, and we have to thin three out because there's room for only one to produce good fruit.

This is also where we run into problems in our Christian lives. We don't like to prune off extra branches that produce some fruit.

Here are some guidelines for pruning a tree, or for pruning our lives to produce fruit.

• *Prune for fruit.* Seems obvious, but not always so. Our whole purpose as Christians is to produce fruit. Make sure that we prune to produce the most important fruits — love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance — the fruits of the Spirit.

We each have jobs, whether we work for God, in the home or for some human being. We all must contribute

and produce fruit in our local churches. Here we have to crop back certain activities so we have enough time, enough reserve left to do what we're really good at and what we can contribute to the Church or to our jobs, or to society as a whole. Helping other people is also a fruit we want.

• *Prune for strength.* Our strength, first and foremost, is our relationship with God. We need to prune our activities back so we can have time for prayer, Bible study, meditation and making His Word and His way of life a part of us.

I've seen people in God's Church who have produced fruit, but they let their relationship with God deteriorate. One day they're gone, and all the fruit that could be produced is gone, too. So we not only have to prune for fruit, but we have to prune for strength. This applies to our relationship to God, our mate, our family.

• *Prune for beauty and balance.* Growing up in the San Joaquin Valley, Calif., I have seen trees that are productive and the fruit beautiful, but they look grotesque and ugly. They have been pruned only for strength and fruit production.

We need to consider beauty and balance in our lives as well. We can be producing so much that we neglect our health. And we can't produce anything when we are sick. We have to be balanced and include time for maintaining good health.

Each one of us is different. If we don't understand our strengths and weaknesses and where we best produce fruit, we may cut out the wrong activities and end up just like that peach tree, with little or no fruit.

Seek counsel from God's ministers, ask God for guidance daily. We have to understand ourselves. We have to know what we can do well and what we can't do well. We shouldn't prune by looking over at our neighbor and saying, "Aha, he or she cut out that activity, so I'm going to cut out that activity too."

Prune with knowledge, know where you are going, know what to cut out. With careful thought and counsel your life will be a balanced, fruit-producing whole.

Our major job as Christians is to produce fruit. Study *Matthew* 7:16-20 and *John* 4:36. How are you doing? The abundance of our harvest in the future depends in a large measure on the quality of our pruning now.

Politics

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since the end of the Second World War.

Two-way gender gap

This feminization of American politics has led to the so-called "gender gap," whereby a widening percentage of women are said to be opposed to Mr. Reagan, his party and policies.

Feminist organizations such as NOW, which profess to articulate women's concerns, are extremely liberal, and much against President Reagan's openly expressed traditional views of the role of women.

Mr. Reagan, noted the June 24 *Times* of London, "quotes Proverbs [31:25-26] to describe his ideal woman: 'Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and teaching of kindness is on her tongue.'"

That drives militant feminists crazy. Among the most visible feminists today, wrote Patrick Buchanan in the July 4 Washington, D.C., *Times*, "there appears a mannish stridency of language, a conscious lack of femininity, an impatience and almost visceral hostility when the role of wife and mother is broached."

While this extreme does not describe Ms. Ferraro, *Time* admitted that "her feminism is quite strong. Indeed, it is her deepest conviction." (To the President's implication that her selection was tokenism she replied, "We'll get him for that.")

But the gender gap extends in another direction as well. While a poll after Ms. Ferraro's selection showed that a plurality of women — 49 to 41 percent — prefer Mr. Mondale, the same survey found men favoring Mr. Reagan 58 to 36 percent.

An expert on political attitudes, Kevin Phillips, analyzed this gap in the July 22 *Los Angeles Times*:
"Comparative statistics like these

attention to what we can plausibly characterize as the 'feminism' of the Democratic Party. It's not just a question of feminist issues, but of perceived Democratic overattention to gay issues, of late-1970s insistence on holding up giant dams to save rare fish, of unwillingness to crack down on crime, of tremulousness with respect to the application of U.S. military power . . . and of general U.S. international helplessness, affirmed so vividly by the 1979-80 Carter Administration handling of the Iranian hostages crisis. A large majority of American men reject these postures, and they identify with Reagan's reassertion of more masculine values and tougher diplomacy."

Barring a surprise, the male gender gap might be too much for the Mondale-Ferraro team to surmount.

The 1988 race could be a different story. The women's activist forces, along with various ethnic minority movements, will have gained much more strength and experience. Mr. Reagan, should he win in 1984 and serve a full term, will no longer be available for his party in 1988.

At that time, Isaiah 3:12 may well come to pass: "As for my people . . . women rule over them."



SEP WATER SPORTS — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong views a parascending demonstration at the Orr, Minn., Summer Educational Program (SEP) July 5. Kevin Dean, Youth Opportunities United (YOU) director, is at Mr. Armstrong's left. Jeb Egbert, YOU business manager, is on his right. [Photo by Aaron Dean]

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but I haven't caught his catch yet! I think the thing that impressed me most was that he wasn't asking for money. All of the other religious programs to me are boring. But Mr. Armstrong is really crying out, and if what he is saying is really going to come to pass, which I think it will, then it's going to be great!

Augusto D. Freitas
New Bedford, Mass.

I've looked into a lot of churches and the number one thing they ask for minister

last Sunday asking people to send in all the money they could. I heard Mr. Armstrong's program in Oregon — he said he's not asking for money — I didn't understand that. Then it hit me. He has the real church. These other guys equate religion with money. I guess I won't watch them anymore.

Paul Nevin
Riverside, Calif.

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Comments on magazines

With such high quality magazines as *The Plain Truth* and *Youth* magazines we find it a lot easier to keep our children from reading the cheap and degrading magazines on the market today.

Thank you very much for fantastic magazines and the finest of articles on such a vast variety of subjects. With sincere thanks for such wonderful help to

rear our children.
Joshua and Phileen Johnson
George, South Africa

I have been without a job for the past two years. Thanks for this divine magazine, without which I could have been an emotional wreck due to stress and depression but for *The Plain Truth's* instructive articles . . .

In these trying times when you look about you for a helping hand and there isn't one to turn to except the outgoing

concern which you have been practicing and profess rather than self pity. You've enriched so many souls who had plunged deep into the mire of hopelessness.

I don't know how to express my gratitude, but all I can say is that I wish Almighty God would fortify you — referring to you Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong in your ripe age — and of course all the wonderful people behind you, to carry this Gospel.

Ndani Sibanda
Ateridgeville, South Africa

Mayor

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governed by the Federal Republic" (Report from Berlin, page 3).

Berlin divided

After World War II Berlin was divided into four sectors ruled by the Soviet Union, the United States, Britain and France. The latter three merged into the city of West Berlin.

As Dr. Diepgen said at the press conference: "The constitution of Berlin says that this city, which is under four-power status, consists of 20 boroughs of which some form East Berlin . . . the capital of the GDR. According to the constitution of Berlin the governing mayor represents all of Berlin — *in fact* he represents West Berlin and is elected by the West Berlin populace."

This is like having a British city somewhere in France. Transport Birmingham, England, to France, give it a kind of city-state status with strong ties to Britain and you have an idea of the complex problems of both national identity and governance (See "A New Look at a Divided City," May *Plain Truth*, and "Berlin Claustrophobia," Feb. 13 *Worldwide News*.)

Dr. Diepgen brought out other problems at the press conference. Since Berlin remains under four-power status, each new mayor visits the capitals of the three Western Allies — Washington, D.C., Paris, France, and London. Dr. Diepgen has already been to the United States and will go to Paris in the fall.

Immigrant workers

A Turkish correspondent at the press conference referred to "Turk-bashing" and "fascist oppression of Turkish workers" in West Berlin. There are 140,000 Turks in Berlin. Most were imported at a time when

West Germany and West Berlin desperately needed workers to keep the West German economy booming.

Dr. Diepgen told this Turkish journalist that "steps were being taken to assure their full integration into the German population." This policy is in accord with the general trend involving immigrants in Europe.

Kevin Michel Cape wrote in *The Christian Science Monitor* Feb. 18-24: "In the long run, most of today's immigrants will be absorbed into European society."

Dr. Diepgen went on to say that "policy in Berlin is directed toward integration of the second and third generation of Turks. We are creating favorable conditions in schools and day nurseries, and we try to find training places for school leavers. The policy is directed toward not putting obstacles in the way of its achievement by having too high of a growing number of Turks in the city."

City policy is being structured to support Turks already there with a view to restricting the number of future immigrants, in order to prevent them from merely joining those already unemployed. Again this follows the consensus policy in Europe.

Mr. Cape wrote, "Britain, West Germany and France have all adopted an immigration policy that is a virtual cut-off of new immigrants who are without immediate family in the host country."

Modern problems have increasingly assumed a global nature. And nowhere more so than in Western Europe. Mr. Cape continued, "The problem of foreign immigration now is Western Europe's most pressing domestic concern, after the recession to which it is tied."

Dr. Diepgen wound up discussion on the Turkish presence in West Berlin explaining that the city has a policy that facilitates the return to

Turkey of unemployed Turks. This policy is implemented in conjunction with present West German economic aid to Turkey.

Another correspondent brought up the possibility of a "fascist front" in West Berlin. Dr. Diepgen replied: "Let me make this quite plain. There is no 'fascist front' in Berlin. I gladly buy myself a magnifying glass and look for one. There is none."

Dr. Diepgen then widened the question by referring to "the intense wave of immigrants from countries where there is a lot of economic hardship." Many such have applied not for political asylum but economic asylum.

Twenty thousand applied for asylum in West Germany last year. Only 10 percent were accepted, in spite of the fact that Bonn's asylum laws are the most liberal in Europe.

Even 3 percent (West Berlin's share) are a burden on the city's welfare resources, because many more immigrants arrive through different schemes. Also, this asylum group tends to become involved in drug-related crimes, partially because they suddenly find themselves in an alien culture without a job.

Add to this 30,000 "resettlers" from the GDR and East Berlin just in the first half of this year — 23,000 went to the Federal Republic with 7,000 remaining in West Berlin.

A few comments about the mayor himself.
Dr. Diepgen, 45, is a man of vigorous energy.

Dr. Diepgen takes a positive view of his position. He doesn't want a backward-looking Berlin seen as a city just barely bearing up under all its burdens. He wants to help shape the future of West Berlin with confidence; he wants to overcome the psychological scars of the Berlin Wall; he wants to build up Berlin "as a cultural metropolis in the center of Europe." This is his philosophy.

Family has 77 members who attend God's Church

PASADENA — Ronald Robinson, a local church elder from Union, N.J., and his wife, Doreen, have 75 relatives in God's Church in seven U.S. states, including four ministers, a deacon and a deaconess. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson attended the seventh session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program here July 11 to 24.

Myrtis Everett, Mr. Robinson's aunt, the first to receive the Church's literature in the early 1950s, was baptized in New York April 8, 1963, and ordained a deaconess June 20, 1970, said Mr. Robinson.

In 1962 Mrs. Everett's brother, Roman Pickett, also began attending the Manhattan, N.Y., church. Mr. Pickett was ordained a deacon five years later.

The oldest member of the family, Lillie Pickett of Delco, N.C., died May 25 at age 84. She attended the

Fayetteville, N.C., church, according to Mr. Robinson, and was the first member of the family to die in the Church. Her funeral was performed by Mr. Robinson, her oldest grandchild.

Other family members include Janice May, wife of Curtis May, associate pastor of the Imperial church here; Calvin Mickens, a local church elder in the Tucson, Ariz., church; and Willard High, a local church elder in the Imperial church.

Sixty family members who attend Sabbath services are on Mr. Robinson's side, while 17 are on his wife's side.

The greatest benefit of having so many family members in the Church, said Mr. Robinson, "is passing on the knowledge of God's way of life from generation to generation."



CHURCH FAMILY — Ronald Robinson, a local church elder from Union, N.J., and his wife, Doreen, have 75 relatives in the Church. They are pictured with a son, Jeffrey, 12, and Mr. Robinson's mother, Audrey, on the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena during the seventh session of the third Ministerial Refreshing Program. [Photo by Jeff Zhorne]

Ministerial Refreshing Program III

Session 7, July 11 to July 24



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Church pastor
Las Cruces, N.M., and El Paso, Tex.



Leonard & Katherine Brown
Local church elder
Windsor, Ont.



Allen & Doris Bullock
Church pastor
Jacksonville, Gainesville and Ocala, Fla.



Lorne & June Davies
Local church elder
Vancouver, B.C.



Stanley & Grace DeVeaux
Local church elder
Houston, Tex., West



Lawrence & Catherine Dickey
Local church elder
Athens, Ga.



William & Patricia Dixon
Preaching elder
Pasadena Auditorium P.M.



Gerald & Barbara Flurry
Church pastor
Pasco, Quincy, Tonasket and Yakima, Wash.



Warren Jr. & Arlene Heaton
Associate pastor
Houston, Tex., West



Willard & Brenda High
Local church elder
Pasadena Imperial



John & Kristina Karlson
Church pastor
Bonn, Darmstadt and Duesseldorf, West Germany



Al & Suzanne Kersha
Church pastor
Miami, Fla.



Judd & Terri Kirk
Church pastor
Wichita, Kan.



Paul & Unita Krautmann
Church pastor
Georgetown, Guyana



Don & Susan Lawson
Church pastor
Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah



Kenneth & Carole Lewis
Church pastor
Melbourne, Australia, South



Ray & Kathy Lisman
Church pastor
Chico and Eureka, Calif.



Otto & Nancy Lochner
Church pastor
Macon and Columbus, Ga.



David & Mary Magowan
Church pastor
Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne and Sheffield, England



Kenneth & Barbara Martin
Church pastor
Atlanta, Ga., East and West



Bryan & Ina Mathie
Local elder
Johannesburg, South Africa



Kenneth & Elaine Mattson
Church pastor
Russellville and Mena, Ark.



Lester & Penola McCorm
Church pastor
Long Beach, Calif., East and West



Jeffery & Judy McGowan
Church pastor
Boise, Idaho; Baker and Ontario, Ore.



Gary & Tamara Moore
Church pastor
Bathurst, Fredericton, Moncton and St. John, N.B.



Owen & Kim Murphy
Church pastor
Bonnyville and Lloydminster, Alta., and North Battleford, Sask.



Harold & Loree Rhodes
Church pastor
Chattanooga, Tenn., and Murphy, N.C.



Phillip & Lil Rice
Assistant pastor
Tulsa, Okla.



Ronald & Doreen Robinson
Local church elder
Union, N.J.



Nick & Shirley Rogers
Local church elder
Monroe, La.



Daniel & Esther Salcedo
Local church elder
Garden Grove, Calif.



Lee & Florence Sefcak
Local church elder
Banning, Calif.



Steve & Barbara Smith
Church pastor
Gadsden, Ala.



Fred Stevens
Local elder
Director of Accounting
Pasadena



Guy & Dorothy Stibborn
Assistant pastor
Moosomin, Sask.



James & Grace Stokes
Local church elder
Pasadena Auditorium P.M.



Kenneth & Kathleen Treybig
Local church elder
Houston, Tex., North



Calister Jr. & Patricia Vaillet
Local church elder
Charleston, W.Va.



Forrest & Mary Lou Walker
Local church elder
Pittsburgh, Pa.



Gerald & Cherie Witte
Church pastor
Flint and Lansing, Mich.



Ray & Peggy Wooten
Church pastor
Ann Arbor and Detroit, Mich., West

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Brethren bid farewell, welcome to pastors

Eisenhower Park, Long Island, N.Y., was the site of a farewell picnic June 3 in honor of pastor Frank McCrady Jr. and his wife, Charlene, before their transfer to Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. McCrady will pastor the Indianapolis, Columbus and Terre Haute, Ind., churches. Brethren from the **MANHATTAN, WHITE PLAINS and LONG ISLAND, N.Y., EAST and WEST** churches

were on hand for the event. Games were offered for the children, and the singles served a luncheon for the senior citizens. Mr. and Mrs. McCrady were given a variety of gifts, including a Steuben crystal apple. Young and old gathered for a finale sing-along to round off the affair.

After Sabbath services June 23 **YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio,** and

MERCER, Pa., brethren bid farewell to Eugene Noel, pastor of the two churches, his wife, Jan, and their daughter, Amy. Mr. Noel is being transferred to pastor the West Bend and Milwaukee, Wis., churches.

A party honoring them took place at Chaney High School in Youngstown. Brethren presented the Noels with lead crystal stemware and other gifts. Refreshments included cake, potato chips, mints and beverages. Brethren signed a farewell card picturing sheep, designed by Donna Trickett.

After Sabbath services and a potluck June 23, **EUREKA, Calif.,** brethren served cake and punch to welcome their new pastor, Ray Lisman, his wife, Kathy, and two daughters, Christie, 8, and Stephanie, 5.
Albert P. Crino, Libbye Kebrdle and Kathleen Buck.



FAREWELL — Eugene Noel, pastor of the Youngstown, Ohio, and Mercer, Pa., churches, and his wife, Jan, are shown at a good-bye party June 23 in Youngstown before their transfer to pastor the Milwaukee and West Bend, Wis., churches.

Singles sponsor social

Memorial Day weekend, May 26 to 28, the **MANHATTAN, N.Y.,** singles club invited singles from surrounding states to their first dance and social.

Robert Fahey, pastor of the Long Island, Manhattan and White Plains, N.Y., churches, gave a sermon in

Manhattan on the problems and frustrations of single life. After services the group spent the remainder of the evening fellowshiping in New York City.

Sunday, May 27, events began at La Maganette restaurant at 2 p.m. with a Bible study by John Larkin, associate pastor of the Long Island, Manhattan and White Plains churches. A veal dinner followed.

At about 5 p.m. the dance portion began with music provided by City Lights. For the next three hours more than 190 brethren danced to a variety of music.

Monday, May 28, those remaining joined for a barbecue at one of the single women's homes, where chicken, burgers, salads and desserts were served. *James R. Hills.*

Clubs conduct graduations

These Spokesman Clubs concluded the 1983-84 club year and presented graduation certificates to the following members:

LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Mo. (June 12): Orville Payton III, Ray Roberts, Mervyn Rothrock and Tom Smith.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, NORTH and SOUTH (June 17): Steve Dalrymple, Greg Kelly, Greg Partin and Tony Taylor (all from the North church).

The following Spokesman Clubs conducted year-end meetings and ladies' nights:

TIJUANA and MEXICALI, Mexico June 24; **SOUTHAMPTON, England,** June 24 (combined with Graduate Club); **BRADFORD, England,** June 24; **CAMBRIDGE, LUTON and NORTHAMPTON, England,** June 24; **NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, England,** July 1; and **CLEVELAND, Ohio, WEST,** June 17.

Areas attend track meet

Fort Collins, Colo., with 260 points, took first place in a YOU regional track-and-field meet in **FORT COLLINS** June 17. Colorado Springs, Colo., placed second, with 119 points; and Denver Colo., was third with 73 points.

Other church areas participating were North Platte, Neb., and Wheatland, Wyo. All events included junior and senior boys' and girls' divisions.

Awards were given by James Reyer, regional YOU coordinator and pastor of the Denver churches, and Chuck Zimmerman, district YOU coordinator and pastor of the Scottsbluff, Neb., Fort Collins and Wheatland churches. Joe Millich from Denver was announcer for the activities.

A concession stand, set up by Fort Collins brethren, helped fund further YOU activities. *Roma Tension.*

15th anniversary celebrated

The 15th anniversary of the **MONROE, La.,** church was celebrated on the Sabbath, June 16, at the church-owned facility in Monroe. Brethren from Shreveport and Alexandria, La., and El Dorado, Ark., attended. Guest speakers were Kenneth Swisher, pastor of the Dallas, Tex., East church, and Jack Elliott from Longview, Tex.

Refreshments were organized by Hannah Knaack, wife of John

Knaack, assistant pastor of the Monroe and Alexandria churches, and provided by Monroe women. A three-tiered cake was made for the occasion by Dorothy Carson and Era Martin. Those who attended the Monroe church when it began in 1969 served refreshments.

Brethren provided pictures of social occasions, ball games and picnics during the past 15 years. *Shirley Fulford.*

Dozen churches take on white-water rapids

Singles from about a dozen church areas participated in a white-water rafting trip down the New River near Fayetteville, W.Va., sponsored by the **DAYTON, Ohio,** singles' group June 24.

The outing began in Portsmouth, Ohio, with Sabbath services June 23. Ray Meyer, Dayton pastor, gave the sermon. A potluck and singles'

Bible study took place afterward.

The group then traveled to Fayetteville to camp overnight. Though Sunday morning dawned wet and cloudy, a group of 103 boarded 15 rafts provided by the Rivermen River Co. and tackled rapids. If splashing water wasn't enough to get most wet, bailing buckets were used to soak rafters.

By lunchtime the weather cleared and the singles were ready to take on the largest rapids. Some fell overboard, but no injuries occurred. The guides encouraged everyone to swim through one rapid rather than take the rafts. Nearly all did.

The rafting ended by 2:30 p.m., and the singles returned to camp to clean up and dry out. *John Davies.*

Brethren take part in cricket games, canoe trips, camping

Talbot and Diane Koselke produced and directed the musical.

ALEXANDRIA, La., brethren took part in a water fun picnic Sunday, June 17, at the newly opened picnic grounds and beach at Kincaid Lake near Alexandria. Local church elder Harold Richards brought his bass boat, and Briscoe Ellett II, pastor of the Alexandria and Monroe, La., churches, brought water skis to add to the afternoon's activities.

Church women provided a covered-dish luncheon with watermelon for dessert. Brethren spent the day swimming, boating, skiing, fishing, playing horseshoes and fellowshiping.

BISMARCK, N.D., brethren spent the first Sunday of summer playing volleyball, badminton and horseshoes, swimming, fishing and canoeing June 24 at McDowell Dam. A noon meal was served before the afternoon challenges of a nail-driving contest, a water-balloon toss and a tug-of-war. Homemade ice cream was also served.

RENO and LAS VEGAS, Nev., brethren camped at Turtlerock Campground near Markleeville,

Calif., June 22 to 24. Friday afternoon, June 22, a group of mostly YOU members, led by Roger Olson, was driven to the top of a ridge of mountains. From there they hiked 4 miles down a canyon overlooking a green meadow and forded streams to arrive at the Grover Hot Springs for a hot and cold swim before returning to camp.

Sabbath morning services were conducted in the clubhouse on the grounds by Cleo Dawson, a Las Vegas local church elder. After an afternoon of fellowship in the campsites the group returned to the clubhouse for a barbecue.

Afterward the YOU members attended a monthly meeting. Sunday morning early risers watched the inflation of a hot air balloon. Some rode in it to the top of a 100-foot tether rope for a view of the area.

YOU cyclists, led by Rob Moncur and Dennis Lawrence, pastor of the Dauphin and Yorkton, Sask., churches, biked 30 miles to join other brethren at Good Spirit Lake for the annual **YORKTON** church picnic June 24. Brethren ate a pancake breakfast prepared and served by the

singles under supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Greba.

Baseball, organized by John Sadowski, started the day and was followed by children's races, supervised by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Andrusko. Children took part in sack races, tire-rolling races, bean-bag races and toddler races.

A novelty of the day proved to be the walking race, which Bill German won. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Britz then set up a volleyball game. To close the day, a barbecue and pie buffet was served.

June 23 **SYDNEY, Australia,** **NORTH** brethren presented Music Hall '84, featuring events ranging from a chorus singing "There's No Business Like Show Business" to a closing sing-along. Produced by Ted Jay with Bill Houghton as master of ceremonies, the varied program included duets and vocal and piano solos.

A YOU septet performed a selection of "Hooked on Classics" and the North Sydney choir sang "Ciri Biri Bin." Rounding out the program were a group, Rock Salt, and the
(See **BRETHREN**, page 6)



LITTLE AMBASSADORS — The Yakima, Wash., Little Ambassadors sing a selection from the musical *Sir Oliver's Song* at an international potluck June 23. [Photo by E.W. Purdy]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AGEE, Robert and Sreta (Dixon), of Long Island, N.Y., boy, James Robert, June 3, 3:17 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

ALDRICH, Daniel and Cynthia (Randle), of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Jennifer Elizabeth, June 17, 3:30 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 girls.

ALVESTERFER, Kim and Sandra (Twig), of Midland, Mich., boy, Brad James, June 14, 4:59 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ANDERSON, John and Suzanne (Glasgow), of Pasadena, girl, Amy Elizabeth, June 18, 6:40 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BOSSERMAN, Tony and Pam (Petty), of Sheridan, Wyo., boy, Joel Anthony, June 9, 7:23 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

BREAUX, Eddie and Connie (Myers), of Lafayette, La., girl, Shanellie Faith, March 27, 8:45 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

GARD, Marvin and Kimberly (Kelly), of Las Vegas, N.M., boy, Kelly Christopher, May 31, 11:06 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

GHAZARIAN, Bernd and Andrea (Chappelle), of Montreal, Que., boy, Charles Jirar, May 14, 2:40 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

GILLHAM, Gary and Cherie (Davison), of Midland, Tex., girl, Rene Lynn, June 13, 3:38 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 girls.

HAWTHORNE, Danny and Peggy (Stark), of Mount Vernon, Ill., boy, John Thomas, June 14, 2:48 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

HENNIK, Roy and Constance (Schiesel), of Calgary, Alta., boy, Nicolas Alexander Schiesel, June 5, 3:07 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

HEROLD, Derek and Denise (Branch), of Geelong, Australia, girl, Cassandra Louise, May 28, 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

INGLE, Ted and Cynthia (Ayers), of Houston, Tex., boy, Tyler Louis, June 20, 3:58 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys.

JONES, Jeff and Julia (Watkins), of Morganton, N.C., boy, Thomas Jeffery, Feb. 15, 8:42 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

KAMALONI, Facconcino and Gloria (Mantaba), of Monza, Zambia, girl, Zipporah Gloria, June 25, 6 a.m., 3.9 kilograms, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

KANNA, Scott and Dena (Heintzelman), of Klamath Falls, Ore., boy, Brandon Chase, June 27, 6:59 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

LONDON, Donald and Linda (Knaboff), of Sacramento, Calif., boy, Matthew Donald, June 19, 5 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MARTIN, David and Nancy (Eaves), of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., boy, Nathan Lance, June 25, 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

MARTIN, Gerry and Jamie (Baker), of Atlanta, Ga., boy, Joshua Cecil, June 1, 11:10 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

MILES, James and Deborah (Booker), of Riverhead, N.Y., twin boys, James Heuette and Jermaine Heuette, May 9, 8:40 and 9:18 a.m., 3 pounds 9 ounces and 3 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

MILLER, Roma and Susan (Mello), of Lenox, N.C., boy, Matthew Edmond, June 25, 9:44 p.m., 5 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

MITCHELL, Robert and Vonda (Caldwell), of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Brooke Caldwell, June 20, 12:32 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

MURPHY, John and Hilary (Stevenson), of Belfast, Northern Ireland, boy, Benjamin David, June 24, 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ROBERTS, Darrell and Louise (Day), of Auburn, Wash., boy, Andrew Harrison, June 14, 9 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

RIDD, Ted and Angela (Martin), of Clarksville, Tenn., boy, Angus Edward II, June 28, 3:51 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SAMONS, G.J. and Irene (Hamilton), of Lexington, Ky., boy, David Andrew, May 2, 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SEAY, David and Terri (Newby), of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Alycia Jean, June 25, 5:26 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

SHAFLEY, James and Victoria (Moldovan), of Midland, Mich., girl, Tracy Lynn, June 18, 9 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

SHUMPERT, Donald and Barbara (Smith), of Florence, S.C., boy, Jason Donald, June 18, 8:06 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

SOLESKI, Michael and Debra (Bronn), of Yakima, Wash., girl, Megan Suzanne, July 2, 7:31 a.m., 5 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

SOUTAR, Jon and Lynne (Osborn), of Morwell, Australia, girl, Elizabeth May, May 10, 9:46 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

STANLEY, Martin and Gwen (Richardson), of Muscle Shoals, Ala., boy, Matthew Earl, June 8, 2:18 p.m., 9 pounds, first child.

THACKRAY, Mark and Cheryl (Long), of Sydney, Australia, boy, John Samuel, May 30, 8:47 p.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

TODD, Timothy and Bonnie (Pearce), of Lafayette, La., girl, Lacey Ann, May 22, 3:44 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

TRACH, Allen and Roseanne (Soelner), of Allentown, Pa., boy, Stephen Alexander, July 8, 6:38 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

VOLK, Joe and Sue (Jebens), of Thousand Oaks, Calif., girl, Jacqueline Danielle, June 25, 9:32 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WARD, Jeffery and Catherine (Hutzel), of Slaters Bay, Wis., boy, Travis Michael, June 30, 1 p.m., 8 pounds 16 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WATSON, Therone and Melissa (Webster), of Chicago, Ill., boy, Stephen Alexander, July 2, 2:21 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

WEIFENBACH, Steve and Marsha (Page), of Greensboro, N.C., girl, Heather Leigh, June 16, 12:10 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

WEISS, Fred and Loree (Bull), of Columbia Station, Ohio, girl, Rachel Marie, June 26, 12:41 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

WENZEL, Kim and Kathy (Middleton), of Bonnyville, Alta., girl, Charlotte Joanne, June 29, 9:56 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

WEST, Stanley and Roxanna (Dickinson), of Big Sandy, girl, Charly Marie, June 15, 8:38 a.m., 9 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WHITTING, Peter and Charlotte (Cordell), of Morwell,

Australia, boy, Benjamin Alan, May 24, 9:40 a.m., 10 pounds 1 ounce, now 4 boys.

WORTHINGTON, Rickey and Rebecca (Phillips), of Chattanooga, Tenn., girl, Philena Gayle, June 28, 12:46 a.m., 7 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

ZACHARIAS, Dave and Cindy (Dexter), of Milwaukee, Wis., girl, Ashley Dawn, July 5, 3:37 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. David Lyon of the Edinburgh, Scotland, church are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Karine to Bert Otten of De Bilt, Netherlands. The wedding will take place Aug. 14 in Lintilghow, Scotland. The couple will reside in Gouda, Netherlands.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Northrop of the Dallas, Tex., East church are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Valerie Lynn to Michael Alan Weatherford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Knapp. A Sept. 29 wedding is planned in Dallas. The couple will reside in Red Oak, Tex., and attend the Dallas West church.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Grous of Curtis, Neb., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Angela to Mark Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morgan of Buffalo Gap, S.D. An Aug. 12 wedding is planned in North Platte, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Sowell of Tampa, Fla., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sonya Maria to John Keith Culpepper, son of Jeanette Culpepper of Athens, Ga., and the late W.C. Culpepper. Keith is a 1981 graduate of Pasadena Ambassador College, and Sonya attended Big Sandy from 1981 to 1983. The wedding will take place Aug. 12 in Athens.

WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Daly of the South churches. The couple will reside in Hamilton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Will of the West churches. The couple reside in Vancouver, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sherman of the Hagerstown, Md., church, and Don Sherman of the Baltimore, Md., church were united in marriage May 26. Roy Demaree, pastor of the Baltimore church, performed the ceremony. The matron of honor was Janet Kesacker of Hagerstown, and the best man was Perry Wilcox of Baltimore. The couple reside at 637 Kingston Court, Edgewood, Md. 21040.

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Dear Mom and Dad, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler of Duluth, Minn.: Happy 24th anniversary July 2. We thank God every day for such wonderful parents. We love you both very much! Teri and Leah.

Congratulations to my grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Larry P. Simcek of Big Sandy, on their seventh wedding anniversary Aug. 20. Much love. Grandmother, Mrs. Fred W. Crandall.

To my darling Sunshine. Happy eighth anniversary July 11. I'll be loving you always, your happy hubby.

Thank you, darling Keith, for 10 of the happiest years of my life. Always yours, Lizbeth.

Veronica Allan, daughter of Des Allan and the late Nella Allan, and Euan Simpson, son of Sheila Simpson and the late George Simpson, were united in marriage May 3 in Johannesburg, South Africa. The ceremony was performed by Andre van Belkum, pastor of the Johannesburg church. The bride's sisters, Caroline and Beleta, served as bridesmaids, and George Papatheodorou was the best man. The couple reside in Johannesburg.

William Grams and Nancy Morris were united in marriage June 29 by Ronald Howe, pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church. The matron of honor was Nettie Herzig, with Mark Kersh as the best man. The wedding took place in the Fine Arts Hall on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus.

After volleyball and children's games, Jeff Newell, a farmer by trade, demonstrated how to make horseshoes.

Lunch consisted of barbecued chicken prepared by the men, corn on the cob, side dishes provided by

Teressa Childers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Pickney, and Patrick Plageman were united in marriage June 16. The ceremony was performed by Bob League, pastor of the Cincinnati, Ohio, North and

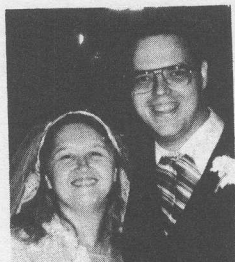
women, ice cream made by Dale Dakin, and watermelon.

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A talent show later in the day with Art Friebe as master of ceremonies featured poetry reading, singing, instrument playing and a comedy skit. Mike Bailey won a cash prize for his guess of the number of beans in a jar. Trophies awarded for the pinewood derby ended the day.

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Funeral services were conducted by evangelist Roderick Meredith June 18.



MR. AND MRS. PATRICK PLAGEMAN
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MR. AND MRS. RICHARD WILL
Mr. and Mrs. Berle Boyes of Vancouver, B.C., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Virginia to Richard Will, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Will of Saskatoon, Sask. The wedding took place April 1 in Coquitlam, B.C. The couple reside in Vancouver.



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Brethren

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Franz Lehar duet singing "Nobody Could Love You More."

An annual picnic for about 150

FORT MYERS and SARASOTA, Fla., brethren took place at Matlacha Park. Among the morning's activities were a horseshoe-pitching contest, won by Dave Byers and pastor Daniel Bierer, and a corn-husking contest, won by Steve Bierer and Nelson Nichols III in the 9-to-13-year-old category and Jamie Nichols and Philip Bierer for those 9 and under.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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



Our coupon baby this issue is Emily Nicole Sandilands, daughter of Phillip and Marys Sandilands of Pasadena.

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*Including newborn 7-84					

Obituaries

LIVE OAK, Fla. — Essie Mae Hoover, 71, died July 1.

She has been a member of the Gainesville, Fla., church since February, 1979. Mrs. Hoover is survived by a brother, four sisters, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted July 3 by Stephen Brown, a minister in the Gainesville and Jacksonville, Fla., churches.

A graveside service was conducted by Charles Ranchie, pastor of the Kelowna and Penticon, B.C., churches.

PASADENA — Renee M. Schmedes, 5, died June 18 in an automobile accident.

She is survived by her parents, Kevin A. and Michele R. Schmedes.

A memorial service was conducted by Leslie Schmedes, Renee's grandfather and pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., churches, June 24.



MR. AND MRS. EARL ULLERICK

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RENEE SCHMEDES

BEND, Ore. — Alan Timothy Van Landuyt, 28, died June 24 in an automobile accident near Paisley, Ore.

Mr. Van Landuyt grew up in Texas, graduated from Big Sandy Imperial High School in 1973 and attended Pasadena Ambassador College for one year.

He is survived by his daughter, Connie Allyn; his parents, Russel and Jean, longtime Church members who attend the Bend congregation; two brothers, Jal Lewis of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Larry of Pasadena; and three sisters, Linnea Haas of Portland, Ore., Wendy Wells of Diana, Tex., and Deena of Reno, Nev.

Memorial services were conducted July 1 in Longview, Tex.; and July 2 in Bend by Leonard Schreiber, pastor of the Eugene, Bend, Coos Bay and Roseburg, Ore., churches, and Nelson Haas, pastor of the Portland West church.

PASADENA — Regina Battles, 80, died June 15. She has been a member in Pasadena since 1950, and a deaconess since 1956.

Mrs. Battles is survived by two sons, three daughters, a brother, two sisters, 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by evangelist Roderick Meredith June 18.

JUST FOR YOUTH

A page for kids 5 to 105

LEMONADE LESSON

By Vivian Pettijohn

"Get your lemonade here — only 20 cents!" 10-year-old Chris called out. "Lemonade! It's refreshment time!"

On this hot summer afternoon four lawn chairs were set up near the Ellison lemonade stand on Lauderdale Street. Each chair was shaded by a brightly colored beach-type umbrella clamped to its back. Several red and blue balloons tied to the stand danced in the breeze. Music from the Young Ambassadors' *Festival of Music* tape album played softly in the background.

As two customers left the booth looking refreshed, the mailman stopped and held out two dimes. He was soon joined by a delivery man. While they sat in the shaded chairs and sipped their drinks, two tired teenage boys, pushing lawnmowers down the sidewalk, paused for a glass of cold lemonade. In a few minutes these customers left, smiling, and more customers arrived.

Among them was a white-haired man who reported: "I just had some lemonade at a stand a couple blocks away. But the drink was so weak it had almost no lemon taste! Those children claimed they had to stretch their lemonade so they could get more money. But they didn't have many customers. They probably won't make any money, but you children seem to be doing well. That means you must have a good product!" He held out a quarter. Debbie thanked him, served his drink and gave him five cents in change.

As she wiped the booth counter, she turned to Chris. "That reminds me. Remember that Bible proverb Daddy said we should use as a guide today? Would you read those verses again? Let's make sure we're doing what the proverb says."

Chris picked up the card on which Mr. Ellison had printed Proverbs 11:24-25: "One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." (New International Version).

Debbie frowned. "I don't really understand that." Chris explained: "Remember last year, sis, when we had our first lemonade stand? We tried only to make money, and we didn't do very well. But this year we're really trying to refresh people, and this time we're doing great! And that means we'll have extra money for Church offerings and to spend at the Feast!"

As Mrs. Ellison came out of the house to join them, Chris said: "You know, Mom, we found King Solomon is right again! The more we try to refresh our customers, the more we end up being refreshed. How about a glass of lemonade? It's refreshment time!"

Essay contest winners named

PASADENA — More than 1,000 Youth Opportunities United (YOU) members answered the question, "What I think I will be doing in the world tomorrow" with their entries in the 1984 YOU Essay Contest, according to Job Egbert, YOU business manager.

The first-place essay in the senior division, ages 16 to 18, was written by Eric Frantz, 16, of Seymour, Mo. Second place was awarded to Connie Olson, 16, of Columbia, S.C.; and third to Johannes Marce, 18, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

In the junior division, ages 13 to 15, Minette Burks, 13, of Shreveport, La., captured first place. Second place went to Jill Brandon, 14, of Oakville, Wash.; and third to Melinda Chalmers, 13, of Lansing, Mich.

Eric envisioned his life as a schoolteacher in the Millennium. "At 9:15 my second class of the day begins, I lecture on the fundamentals of Christ's reign on earth..." he wrote. "Although I'm a teacher at the classroom level, myself and others in God's church are teachers every day by example."

Minette wrote: "I can picture washing a tiny face that had never known anything but the mud in the dreary streets. Or braiding the thin black hair of a little... girl, and teaching her how to tie a bow."

Mr. Egbert said this year's entries, the largest number of responses in the history of the contest, were read at the YOU Office in Pasadena. What were judged the best entries were sent to Editorial Services, where the staff determined winners. Names and addresses of entrants were removed and the entries were numbered in Editorial. Names of winners were not known until the judging became final.

"The understanding of the youths in God's Church about

what's going to happen is really incredible," said Mr. Egbert.

He had some advice for next year's contestants: "Build your essay around the theme itself." He said that some fine essays were disqualified because they didn't address the assigned theme. He also stressed adhering to the rules

and regulations in the pastor's manual.

Prizes were: senior division, first — \$100, second — \$50 and third — \$25; junior division, first — \$50, second — \$25 and third — \$15.

Honorable mention went to 46 entrants. Editorial Services sent each a letter of recognition.

Teen receives \$200

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Penelope Savoia, 17, a 1984 graduate of Gainesville High School, received the Kate C. Weber award May 18. The award is presented annually by the Home Economics Department for cooking and sewing.

Penelope placed first in the cooking competition with an Italian manicotti dish for which she received a cash prize of \$200. A panel of four judges from the school board and the community evaluated entries on quality of taste, table setting, centerpiece and poise and personality of the cook.

Penelope said she used a red-and-white checkered table cloth, which matched her dress, for her setting and a basket filled with fruit and a bottle of wine for her centerpiece. The contest took place in a classroom where Penelope took a food and nutrition class.

Cooking is not new to Penelope. She has been cooking for about five years, "ever since my mother died and my sister went to college... I do most of the cooking for my family when they are home." The recipe for her prize-winning dish was her own.

Penelope has five brothers and two sisters. Her sister Gina is a senior and her brother Michael is a sophomore at Pasadena Ambassador College. "I've applied once for Ambassador," Penelope said. "I wasn't accepted, but they encour-

aged me to apply again, so I guess I will."

Some of Penelope's other interests include roller skating, horses and dancing. She has studied piano for eight years and is an accompanist in the Gainesville church.



PENELOPE SAVOIA

She also likes to sing and has performed special music with Mary Brown, wife of Stephen Brown, associate pastor of the Gainesville and Jacksonville, Fla., churches.

Teens honor parents

BONNYVILLE, Alta. — The YOU here sponsored a dinner as a tribute to their parents on the evening of Father's Day, June 17.

After dinner four YOU members presented speeches to honor their own parents. They were Cheryl Bouchard, Guylaine Dumoulin, Marcel Vachon and Jan Jantzen. Master of ceremonies was Eric Jantzen.

After the speeches a Bible study about building bridges between parents and children was presented by Kim Wenzel, associate pastor of the Bonnyville and Lloydminster, Alta., churches. Kathy Wenzel.

District plays football

BRISBANE, Australia — A district YOU touch football carnival took place at Mansfield High School in south Brisbane May 27.

Tim Clark's Brisbane South team took first place. The Grafton, Australia, team placed second.

A composite YOU team chosen from all teams in the district (Grafton, Brisbane City, Caboolture, Brisbane South, Gold Coast and Ipswich) by John McLean, pastor of the Brisbane South church, was challenged by the Brisbane South adult team.

The adult team won, and refreshments were served afterward. Ronald Iton.

MAJOR MEETS TORNADO

By Shirley King Johnson

Major stretched out in the sun in Grandfather's driveway and settled down to take a short nap. Summer vacation had arrived at last and Jim and Susie visited their grandparents for a week. Of course, Major accompanied them.

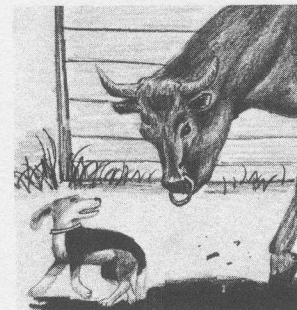
Half an hour ago the neighbor boy, Harry Sterner, had brought Prince, his Clydesdale horse, galloping down the road and Jim had climbed up behind him on the saddle to take a ride. Grandfather and Susie had driven off down the lane in Grandfather's old red truck. He wanted to check fences between his land and the neighbor's.

Mr. Sterner had purchased a black bull yesterday at the sale barn and Grandfather wanted to make sure he would not be coming through a fence. A bull is not something you want to meet unexpectedly in a pasture or along a country road.

Major had not seen the bull. Harry had told Jim that the bull was being kept in the feedlot until he got accustomed to his new surroundings. "He has horns and a ring in his nose,"

Harry had explained. "And he's as wide as a barn door! His name is Tornado."

Major sat up. It might be a good idea to stroll up that way and look at the big bull. When he reached the top of the hill, he paused by the Sterner mailbox opposite the fenced-in yard and house. As he looked down the hill to the feedlot, Major



Artwork by Judith Docken

saw the lot was empty. Strange — Tornado was supposed to be confined there. Where was he? The gate to the feedlot stood wide open.

Curious to find the bull, he trotted on to the Sterner driveway and turned in. A black animal, almost as wide as he was tall, stood in Sterner's double garage. He rubbed his massive head on the rear wheel of the new pickup truck. It was Sterner's new bull — Tornado.

This animal was loose and no one seemed to know! Major began to bark. "Woorff! Woorff!" That would make the Sterners look out to see their bull was standing in their garage — instead of in the feedlot where he belonged.

The bull stopped rubbing his head, turned and glared at Major.

"Woorrrff! WOORRRFF!" Major repeated, though he felt it might be a good idea to get out of there. Not pleased to see the beagle, the bull snorted and stamped the cement floor with a powerful front hoof. Then he started toward Major, head down.

(To be continued)

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

PASADENA — Ministerial Services here released the following ordinations:

Dennis Johnson, a local elder in the Glendale and Reseda, Calif., churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder July 24 at the final dinner of the seventh session of the third Ministerial Refreshing Program. Mr. Johnson and his wife, Karen, are being transferred to Las Cruces, N.M., and El Paso, Tex., where Mr. Johnson will serve as church pastor.

Roberto N. Gopez, was raised to preaching elder June 21. He serves the churches in San Fernando and Tarlac, Philippines.

Keith Haab, a deacon in the Ann Arbor, Mich., church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services June 10.

Walter Hawk, a deacon in the Canton, Ohio, church, was ordained a local church elder June 9.

Neal Kinsey of the Cape Girardeau, Mo., church was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services June 10.

Thomas McCrimmon, a deacon in the Fairheld, Calif., church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services June 10.

Clarence Miller, a deacon in the Canton, Ohio, church, was ordained a local church elder June 9.

Gary Petty of the Uvalde, Tex., church was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services June 10.

Ernest D. Prociw of the Kingman, Ariz., church was ordained a local church elder June 23.

Raised in rank to preaching elder on Pentecost, June 10, was **Orest Solyma** of Mackay, Australia.

Lavene Vorel, a deacon in the St. Petersburg, Fla., church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services June 10.

Barry Williams of the Devonport, Australia, church was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services June 10.

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PASADENA — Olympic athletes training at the Ambassador College campus here are attracting "positive international attention to God's Church from the media and Olympic officials," said **Harry Snieder**, director of executive fitness for the Church.

The college track was the site of a pre-Olympic high jump meet with **Dwight Stones** and other Olympic athletes July 27. Mr. Stones is coached by Mr. Snieder and trains here.

Explaining Ambassador College's Olympic involvement, a July 22 article in the Pasadena *Star-News* reported: "As director of executive fitness at Ambassador, Snieder's programs have served the school's faculty, administration and student body for 17 years.

"For much of that time, they have also served the needs of many of the world's finest athletes. Several will be in the field when the Olympic Games begin to unfold Saturday [July 28] in the [Los Angeles Memorial] Coliseum . . .

"But if Snieder has developed a specialty area, it's track and field. He has trained pole vaulter **Dan Ripley**, high jumpers **Leo Williams** and **Greg Joy** and **Debbie Brill** of Canada, sprinters **James Sanford** and **James Gilkes**, distance runner **Francie Laurieu** and horizontal jumpers **James Butts** and **Henry Hines**."

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PASADENA — Eighty-eight students and six staff members from Bunkyo Women's Junior College in Tokyo, Japan, arrived here July 22 for three weeks of English classes,

cultural activities and social events, said **Arthur Suckling**, financial aids director for Ambassador College here and director of the Japanese program.

The students are staying in campus dormitories. Besides English classes they may take elective classes in photography, macrame, leather work and other handicrafts, Mr. Suckling said.

Utaka Uto, director of the Department of English and leader of the group, said that here at Ambassador College you show the qualities of kindness, sympathy and generosity, which I hope we can learn.

"They feel that their experiences with the college's educational system help improve their communication and conversation skills," Mr. Suckling added.

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BIG SANDY — Twenty-two new Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines were added to the 28 installed here to answer telephone responses to the *World Tomorrow* program, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center in Pasadena.

The 22 new lines were temporarily installed in the campus field house, pending completion of a telephone response facility in the old Imperial Schools complex. According to **William Butler**, supervisor of the telephone response areas in Pasadena and Big Sandy, the 50 lines will be consolidated in the new facility by the end of August.

Frank Parsons, a local elder, is the office manager for the Big Sandy facility.

Mr. Butler said that the Texas telephone response area handles "about 25 to 30 percent of all WATS calls, and will be handling a larger area of the United States after the lines are reinstalled in the



JAPANESE VISITORS — A group of students from Bunkyo Women's Junior College in Tokyo, Japan, tours the Pasadena Ambassador College campus July 23. (Photo by Kevin Blackburn)

new buildings."

The Pasadena telephone response area has 124 lines. Mr. Butler said the Big Sandy facility "is especially helpful in taking calls during the peak ring-throughs on Sunday and the Sabbath."

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PASADENA — Ninety-nine people attended four *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) lectures in Bahia Blanca, Argentina, June 23, 24, 30 and July 1.

Albert Sousa, pastor of the Ezeiza, Argentina, and Salto, Uruguay, churches, who conducted the lectures, reported that 48 new people, or 6 percent of those invited, attended the lectures.

Turnout for the lectures was affected by postal strikes, which delayed delivery of some of the letters announcing the lectures, and

cold weather on lecture nights.

Of those who attended, 39 requested literature, 34 requested further lectures and three asked to attend services.

Mario Seiglie, pastor of the Santiago, Chile, church, completed 11 Bible studies, which were given as a follow-up to his May *La Pura Verdad* lectures.

Thirty-five people were still interested after the last Bible study and 12 of those are attending Sabbath services regularly, he said.

Lectures are scheduled for September in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and for Tijuana, Mexico City and Guadalajara, Mexico, in October and November. According to **Keith Speaks**, promotion director for *La Pura Verdad*, the lectures are the first scheduled in Mexico, Mexico is the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world and has about

42,400 *La Pura Verdad* subscribers.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England — "Those who have been approved to transfer to a British Feast site, but have not yet booked their housing should do so as soon as possible," said **David Gunn** of the British Regional Office here.

"The Church's agent, Group Travel International, wishes to complete all travel bookings by the middle of August," he said. "At some sites housing is becoming difficult to find, so it is imperative that housing forms are returned immediately."

Mr. Gunn said that cancellations of bookings at this time may cause the loss of deposit. He advised visitors to the British sites to take out travel insurance if they think they might cancel reservations after making full payment. "Full payments are nonrefundable," he said.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England — Space is available for brethren to transfer to Denmark for the Feast of Tabernacles, according to **David Gunn** of the British Regional Office here. Interested brethren should write to The Worldwide Church of God, Festival Office, Box 111, Borehamwood, Herts., WD6 1LU, England.



INTERNATIONAL DESK

BY ROD
MATTHEWS

PASADENA — The Church's Regional Office for southern Africa in Johannesburg, South Africa, reported fine growth for the first six months of 1984. Roy McCarthy, regional director, summarized the progress in a half-year report excerpted below.

Radio and television are not open to the Church in the region, and the *Plain Truth* magazine is the sole means of reaching people. A direct-mail letter to 700,000 households during the first six months of this year brought in 38,180 new subscribers, a good 5.5 percent response. In the next six months 500,000 letters in Afrikaans will be sent out to continue the program: 150,000 in July, 150,000 in August and 100,000 a month for the following three months.

An advertisement in the February *Reader's Digest* brought in 29,000 responses, a 6.1 percent response, which was favorable compared with other areas. Further ads will appear in August and October.

The newsstand program is successful, and two additions, Jan Smuts International Airport and the Central Station, both in Johannesburg, should increase the distribution to more than 50,000 a month. Already this year, more than 97,000 subscribers were added to the mailing list — a 221 percent increase over the same period last year. This

is 10,000 more than the entire number added in 1983.

There are 192,070 subscribers in the countries administered from Johannesburg. *The Plain Truth* is printed in both Zimbabwe and South Africa, enabling funds in Zimbabwe to be used well. Subscriber and newsstand circulation is 244,000.

Membership is 1,521. Baptisms for the first half of 1984 were up 24.5 percent over the same period last year.

A regional conference for ministers and their wives took place May 20 to 24 at the picturesque Drakensburg Garden Hotel in the mountains near Estcourt, South Africa. Nineteen ministers attended, and Dr. McCarthy brought them up to date on international and area developments in the Church.

He encouraged the ministers to focus on communication with God, and teamwork and individual improvement in supporting Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and serving the members and those God is calling. The fellowship during free time and the evenings was also much appreciated.

Australia

In Australia, the first half of the year was also productive. The Burchleigh Heads Office reported that just less than 30,000 subscribers

were added to the mailing list, up 200 percent over the first six months of 1983. The majority of those came onto the file by the *World Tomorrow* telecast, newsstand program, magazine advertisements, cardholders and the library-waiting room program. By the end of June, the number of *Plain Truth* subscribers rose to 85,455, up 45.7 percent over June, 1983.

In some areas, placing the television program previously met with resistance, but this year the Australian Office reported a dramatic change. Several stations not carrying *The World Tomorrow* opened their doors to the program, and the Church accepted 25 additional stations and relays, bringing the number of outlets to 96.

It is estimated that 95 percent of the viewing audience in the country has the capacity to see the broadcast. *TV Week* magazine is continuing to advertise the broadcast.

The increase in co-workers is encouraging. Co-workers numbered 2,684 at the end of June, up 46.7 percent over June, 1983. The number of readers requesting visits increased 23.4 percent. Membership in Australia reached 3,177.

Asia

Advertisements placed in *Reader's Digest* in four Southeast Asian countries during the first half of this year added thousands to the subscription list. The results were: Taiwan, 804 responses (8 percent response); Hong Kong, 1,707 responses (7.4 percent); South Korea, 158 responses (1.3 percent); and Malaysia, 6,509 responses (11.2 percent).

Plain Truth circulation in Asia was 42,326, up 3.2 percent over last year.



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