

HWA travels to Syria, Jordan; meets royalty, officials, students

By Aaron K. Dean
AMMAN, Jordan — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong arrived here May 8 aboard the Church's G-III jet, continuing his European and Middle Eastern tour. The pastor general had flown to Jordan from Damascus, Syria.

Arriving in Damascus May 6

Aaron K. Dean, a pastor-rank minister, is personal aide to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

from England, Mr. Armstrong was greeted by UCLA Professor Giorgio Buccellati and Dr. Marilyn Kelly-Buccellati of California State University, Los Angeles, archaeologists excavating in the ancient city of Terqa in the Mesopotamian Valley on the Euphrates River and the site of Tell Mozan, possibly ancient Urkish, near the Syrian border with Turkey.

The Terqa excavations are funded in cooperation with the Ambassador Foundation, the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) and other foundations and individuals.

Also present to greet Mr. Armstrong were Professor Zuhd, curator in chief of Syria's National Museum, and Mr. Burgess, cultural attache from the United States Embassy.

After clearing Syrian customs the group was driven to the Meridian Hotel.

Museum tour

Tuesday, May 7, at 11 a.m. the group entered a car provided by

Prime Minister Abdul-Ra'ouf al-Kassem's office for a drive to Syria's National Museum.

There Mr. Armstrong was given a private tour of artifacts and relics from the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (early second millennium B.C.). One artifact Mr. Armstrong viewed with interest was a rare tablet displaying the Ugaritic alphabet.

He also saw Hittite ivory and gold jewelry, clay tablets with seals from different kings, and idols to pagan gods of the period.

Mr. Armstrong made some additions to his book *Mystery of the Ages* to show how ancient cultures viewed deities.

From the museum the group drove to the office of Najah Attar, the Syrian minister of culture, who was Mr. Armstrong's official host for the visit. With Dr. Attar was Afif Bahnassi, director general for antiquities in Syria, and William Eagleton, U.S. ambassador to Syria.

Dr. Attar thanked Mr. Armstrong for his support of the Terqa excavations. The pastor general gave her the latest publication about artifacts uncovered at Terqa.

Dr. Attar then gave Mr. Armstrong a silver hand-tooled set of cup holders, which Mr. Armstrong said will be displayed in the Hall of Administration.

Street called Straight

Next the group was driven to Azem Palace in the center of the old city. It is near the end of the street called Straight. This is the street described in Acts 9:11, where the

apostle Paul met Ananias, through whom God restored his vision.

The group drove the length of this boulevard before turning left into the palace.

Mr. Armstrong recalled that he viewed the same palace 29 years ago during a tour with his wife, Loma, and oldest son, evangelist Richard Armstrong.

He said the palace had not changed much in 29 years, although the city is much larger.

After visiting the palace the group drove to the residence of Ambassador Eagleton and his wife, Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Eagleton invited a number of top U.S. Embassy personnel, Dr. and Mrs. Bahnassi, and the mayor of Mayadin, a town near (See HWA, page 3)



VISIT WITH STUDENTS — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (center) shares a light moment in his Amman, Jordan, hotel suite May 8 with Ambassador College students serving on Ambassador Foundation projects in Jordan. [Photo by Aaron Dean]

1985 may be 'watershed year'

Europe: media doors opening

By David Hulme
PASADENA — It appears that 1985 will be a watershed year concerning *World Tomorrow* television coverage in Western Europe.

David Hulme, a pastor-rank minister, is director of Media Purchasing for the Church.

After a 12-day trip to Europe with Donald Mitchum, president of BBDO/West (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn), we learned that

several television markets are going to open up in European countries in 1985 and 1986.

After beginning the trip April 28 I met with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong May 3 at the British Regional Office in Borehamwood, England. I reviewed with the pastor general a May 2 daylong meeting in Luxembourg with officials of Radio-Television Luxembourg (RTL).

There we discussed broadcasting opportunities in Europe using satellites and current and potential *World Tomorrow* air times on RTL.

The French government is planning to deregulate French television. It is expected that private, non-government television will begin there in 1986. France has three national, government-controlled television stations.

Mr. Mitchum and I flew to Monte Carlo May 6. The next day we met with Jean-Louis Medecin, president of Tele-Monte-Carlo (TMC) and the brother of the mayor of Nice, France. Along with the Italian-subtitled

program, God's Church also airs the French-subtitled *World Tomorrow* program on TMC.

During our meeting we discussed additional air time on TMC and the coming changes in French television.

Before returning to the United States, Mr. Mitchum and I traveled to Paris, France, to meet with French BBDO executives. This branch of BBDO's international network has a reputation as a top creative agency.

The officials briefed us on the electronic media situation in France. The government plans to provide cable for 1.5 million homes in Paris, which is expected to be part of a private cable network in the future.

European media doors could open wide in the coming months. Since our media budget is already fully allocated, the Media Purchasing area would appreciate your prayers that God will provide the necessary financial means to walk through those doors when they open.

AC Pasadena graduates 227

By Jeff Zhorne
PASADENA — Warning against the hazards of drug abuse, evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor, addressed 144 graduating seniors and 83 associate degree candidates at the 35th commencement exercises of Pasadena Ambassador College May 17.

Mr. Hoeh, who delivered the commencement address in the Ambassador Auditorium, filled in for Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong, who was in the Mideast (see article this page).

This marks the first time in the history of May commencement exercises here that associate of arts and associate of science degrees were conferred on students who completed two years at Ambassador College.

At 3 p.m. the faculty and 227 graduates filed in to "Pomp and Circumstance" from the lower lobby to seats in the Auditorium. The men wore dark suits, and the women wore floor-length white dresses, and each carried a dozen red roses.

Evangelist Raymond F. McNair, deputy chancellor, gave the invocation and welcomed the degree candidates and guests.

Before Mr. Hoeh's address, outgoing Student Body President Joel Meeker gave the discourse (see page 7).

Then the Ambassador Choral, directed by John D. Schroeder, pre-

sented "The Last Words of David" by Randall Thompson and "The Hallelujah Chorus" by George Frederick Handel, accompanied on the trumpet by freshman Richard Gillis.

Mr. Hoeh, in his address titled "The New Lost Generation," explained the problems besetting today's generation of students. He told the graduates about polydrug abuse, which includes "alcohol, licit and illicit hard drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, the uppers and downers. The list seems nearly endless."

Continued Mr. Hoeh: "Faculty members of one of the public schools of our Los Angeles [Calif.] system told my wife and me that on average in the classes of this nonghetto, this non-inner city school of the Los Angeles system, upwards of one half of the students, she said, to use the modern term, are 'out of it.'"

"They are either on alcohol, hard drugs or have worked long hours and are tired and exhausted by 8 a.m. in order to earn money to buy a car to have a good time or to be able to go somewhere to buy the drugs."

"If one half of the non-inner cities, imagine what could be true of some of our inner-city schools," Mr. Hoeh said.

According to the Registrar's Office those who received degrees

are as follows:

Bachelor of arts

With **high distinction** (cumulative grade point average [GPA] of at least 3.80): Patricia Eileen Briggs, Belinda Falk, Rebecca Lynn Ella Harden and Kerri Jean Miles.

With **high distinction** (cumulative GPA of at least 3.50): Kelly Ileen Ambrose, Kathleen Jane Bellamy, Ronald Bolzern, Linda Levada Brooks, Denise Heather Browne, Mardy Ben Cobb, Teresa Marie Conti, Roxanne Dowd, Raynard Armon Eddings, Pamela Faye Fannin, Donald R. Hornsby, Curtis Edward Lindsley.

Joel Christopher Meeker, Martin Timothy William Prince, Daniel Lawrence Reyer, Michael Andrew Rice, Sio Ching Anke Shia, Kathleen Marie Shields, Linda Arlene Snuffer, Garry Mark Steadman, Linda Marie Strelow, Karen Elizabeth Thomas, Charles B. Wakefield and Robert Daniel Walker.

With **distinction** (cumulative GPA of at least 3.20): Gregory Todd Achtemichuk, Gloria Guimind Angel, Gary O. Campbell, Helen Maree Chandler, Jeffrey Scott Dowd, Lisa Sprotte Grouhard, Millie Sarai Gonzalez, Cynthia Lynne Gray, Barbara Carolyn Haines, Socrates Karagiannidis, Gerard Ian Landreth, Saul Langarica Verdin, William A. Lewis.

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Texas campus confers 158 associate degrees

By Kerri Miles
PASADENA — One hundred fifty-eight associate of arts or science degrees were conferred in commencement exercises at Big Sandy Ambassador College May 15 in the field house auditorium, according to the academic dean's office in Big Sandy.

Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, editor of *The Plain Truth*, gave the commencement address.

Faculty members led the processional, followed by the degree candidates. The men wore dark suits, and the women wore white dresses and each carried a dozen red roses. Processional and recessional music was provided by Ruth Walter, pianist and a faculty member at Big Sandy

Ambassador College. The freshman graduation monitor was Janice Dion.

Larry Salyer, dean of students, gave the invocation, and evangelist Leslie McCullough, deputy chancellor, welcomed the faculty, graduates, students and guests.

Randal Urwiler, sophomore class president, gave the discourse, titled, "A Time of Change."

Next, the Big Sandy Ambassador College Choral, directed by Roger Bryant, sang "Praise the Lord" by Handel and "He, Watching Over Israel," by Mendelssohn.

Mr. Hoeh's address was on "The New Lost Generation" who are being inundated by hard drugs and (See TEXAS, page 4)

Modern Germany struggles with its past

PASADENA — Once again I covered the annual Western world economic summit, this time in Bonn, West Germany. Evangelist Ronald D. Kelly, a *Plain Truth* senior writer, accompanied me.

We photographed the summit and other events during U.S. President Ronald Reagan's official state visit to West Germany as well as his address to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France.

This was certainly the roughest test of Mr. Reagan's persuasive and oratory skills. The President's trip was overshadowed by his planned visit to a German military cemetery near Bitburg.

For a month before, the Bitburg segment drew considerable opposition in the United States, especially from Jewish groups.

Making matters worse for the President, the traveling U.S. press corps seemed eager to take full advantage of Mr. Reagan's dilemma. It is widely perceived in West Germany that the U.S. press was largely responsible for blowing the Bitburg affair out of proportion.

Despite the Bitburg affair, President Reagan came through what was called "sober Sunday" pretty well intact. He did this in typical Reagan fashion, delivering what even the media described as two moving speeches, one at the U.S. air base at Bitburg and, earlier in the day, at the remains of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. He stressed the positive and the present, all the while learning from the brutal lessons of the past.

This was perhaps best expressed at Bergen-Belsen, when he proclaimed:

"We are here to commemorate that life triumphed over the tragedy and the death of the Holocaust... Out of the ashes — hope, and from all the pain — promise..."

"Chancellor [Helmut] Kohl, you and your countrymen have made real the renewal that had to happen. Your nation and the German people have been strong and resolute in

your willingness to confront and condemn the acts of a hated regime of the past. This reflects the courage of your people and their devotion to freedom and justice since the war."

Even *Time* magazine reported that Mr. Reagan's "remarkable speech at Bergen-Belsen would go down in the history books."

Appreciation — and bewilderment

Among West Germans, President Reagan's personal standing rose considerably for hanging tough on Bitburg. Yet, there was disappointment and disillusionment at the outcry against the trip.

A mood of disillusionment in West Germany, if it grows, could lead to a dangerous widespread impression that no matter what contemporary West Germany does, the past cannot be put to rest.

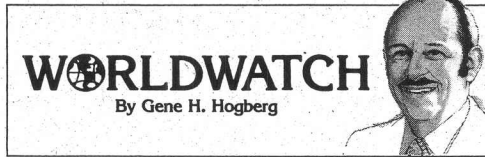
West Germany's transformation into a liberalized democratic state, anchored with the West, is not fully appreciated in the United States. Those in a position to know, however, view it as an extraordinary achievement.

Looking back to the early postwar

period, it was by no means certain that Germany's third attempt at democracy (the first in the 1830s, the second after World War I) would "take." But West Germany — and Japan — have changed their previous courses to an astonishing degree, so much so that their former enemies and now allies

and Secretary of State George Shultz expressed in Bonn, no such thing as "collective guilt," it is not quite correct to say either, as one U.S. newsman contended, that "you can't visit the sins of the fathers on the sons."

Exodus 20:5 clearly shows that



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

tend to take their altered states for granted.

Yet now, according to Alfred Dregger, a senior member of the Christian Democratic Union, "Bitburg raises the question of whether the American people really consider us to be allies, despite 40 years."

Of course the previous generation of Germans bequeathed a heavy moral load to their children.

While there is, as President Rea-

gan can happen, that the penalties of sins can be experienced by up to the "third and fourth generations" (Revised Authorized Version throughout). Nevertheless, in a nation such as Germany, which the late author Luigi Barzini described as being highly mutable or changeable, a mood of unrelieved guilt and lack of forgiveness can be dangerous.

Alois Mertes, state secretary in the West German Foreign Ministry, warns: "If this guilt is pressed



GRAVESITE VISIT — From left, U.S. President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his wife, Hannelore, and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz visit the grave of the late Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in Rhoendorf, West Germany, May 5. [Worldwide News photo]



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Food for spiritual growth

For the past several issues we have been publishing an important new feature in *The Worldwide News*. It is called "Iron Sharpens Iron," and we have been devoting an entire page to it each time it appears.

I hope you have been reading every word in this exciting column, even studying it. It is written and edited especially for you. It gets to the heart of what our calling is all about. It contains incisive, stimulating articles on a wide range of topics related to Christian character growth.

We have already covered vital points about Christian communication, the tremendous contributions women can make to God's Church and how to teach your children about the Spring Holy Days.

We are planning dozens more fascinating, easy-to-read, practical articles, written by ordained ministers, editorial staff and regular contributors.

"Iron Sharpens Iron" provides strong meat to sharpen your personal effectiveness as a Christian, to deepen your spiritual understanding, to encourage and inspire you to greater overcoming!

After all, growth is the very basis

of our Christian lives (II Peter 3:18). And growth is not just something that happens to us, something that God somehow magically does for us. Growth requires tremendous effort on our part — we are responsible for it.

Jesus' parable about the fig tree (Luke 13:6-9) brings our part into sharp focus. Get your Bible and look for a moment at this example.

Jesus here likened Himself to the dresser of a vineyard, charged by the vineyard owner (God the Father) with caring for the vineyard and producing fruit from it. The owner of the vineyard had a complaint about a certain fig tree (in symbol, one of God's called and chosen people).

It seems this tree had produced no fruit — no spiritual growth — for three years. God the Father, the owner of the vineyard, had decided to cut down this useless tree!

Then the dresser (Jesus Christ) intervened. "Lord, let it alone this year also," he urged, "till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down" (verses 8-9).

Did you catch the meaning? God the Father planted the tree. Jesus

Christ was responsible for watering, fertilizing and pruning it. But it was up to the tree to do the growing! That is something God cannot do for us.

Philippians 2:12 tells us, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Yes, God the Father does the calling (John 6:44), and Christ lives in us through the power of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 2:20, Romans 5:5), but we must make the effort to overcome sins and faults, to develop God's character, to express God's love and make the give way of life our own nature.

Only those who overcome and endure to the end will be saved. Some are prone to let down a little in this Christian struggle because they assume that God is somehow going to magically make up for any spiritual character deficiencies we ourselves fail to correct.

This is a dangerous attitude. Like the fig tree in Christ's parable, it is our responsibility to do the growing — there is only so much God can or will do for us.

That is where "Iron Sharpens Iron" comes in. It is another way God's Church, our spiritual mother, feeds us with the meat we need to build strong character and to grow to be like God.

Along with personal Bible study and prayer, weekly Sabbath services, God's annual Holy Days, counsel with the ministry and the material appearing in the Church's other publications, "Iron Sharpens Iron" will help provide an abundant, healthy diet for God's growing children.

Take advantage of it! Be sure to read all of it every time it appears. This issue's "Iron Sharpens Iron" feature is on page 5.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



The pope and the prince

BOREHAMWOOD, England — *The Spectator* is a respected British weekly magazine noted for its one-page commentaries on English politics and international affairs.

The magazine published an unusual item about the Prince of Wales March 30: "He is a very keen churchman, and makes a point of taking holy communion wherever he finds himself on his travels... Not content with a visit to the Anglican Church in Rome, he apparently demanded that he attend mass in St. Peter's itself... But in

the end, it seems diplomacy won the day, and Buckingham Palace says that the prince will not be attending any services in St. Peter's."

This *Spectator* article appeared about a month before the prince's royal visit to Italy. The prince persisted in his efforts to take mass with the pope. Only last-minute intervention by the Queen prevented it.

Reported Charles Lyte in *The Mirror* May 1: "Prince Charles hoped to bridge the gap between Roman Catholic and Protestant by attending mass in the Pope's private Chapel..."

"Charles is a deeply religious man and has long felt sympathy with the Catholic Church. He has a high regard for Cardinal [George] Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster and leader of the English (See PRINCE, page 11)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Abortion article

I am writing you concerning the article on abortion in the May issue of *The Plain Truth*. I am only twelve and some people may say that I'm too young to have an opinion on abortion.

Well, I think it is really wrong. A baby has a right to live just as you and I do, no matter how small they are. If their heart beats, they're alive! The doctor who oversees the abortion is very guilty. God is against abortion. It says so in the Bible! And the Bible is all true.

Petra Baldrige
Ivyton, Ky.

I congratulate you on the May 1985 abortion article. Your description of what commonly happens to a fetus in an abortion was the most gruesome, horrible thing I have heard described. But as unsettling as this is, people need to know. I would not even mutilate an animal like this, let alone a human. No creature deserves this sort of death.

I also thank you for the statistics provided, especially those illustrating convenience to be the common reason, and married women the ones most commonly having abortions. Every time I read about abortion, I find the situation much more appalling and gruesome than I had ever previously imagined. And incidentally, I am a "feminist."

Liz Michael
Beverly Hills, Calif.

I am a Catholic priest. I congratulate you on your article based on statistics on abortion. It is one of the best I have read. (See LETTERS, page 11)

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the Terqa excavations. The group totaled 15.

The ambassador, who speaks Arabic, French and Spanish, has served in the U.S. Foreign Service for more than 30 years. He served 33 years ago as a staff member in the Syrian Embassy and has returned as ambassador. Most of his career, as he told the group, was in the Middle East and Northern Africa.

Mr. Armstrong explained the activities of the Ambassador Foundation and talked about his new book *Mystery of the Ages*. As has happened before, many were surprised that Mr. Armstrong is traveling and writing at age 92.

The meal began with steamed artichokes, followed by Moroccan dishes (the ambassador employs a Moroccan cook) and spicy chicken. After dessert of lemon chiffon, Mr. Armstrong accepted an invitation from the ambassador for an informal dinner that evening and returned to the hotel.

That afternoon Mr. Armstrong and his personal aide, Aaron Dean, worked on a "Personal" explaining the tragedy of abortion for the September *Plain Truth*.

At 7:30 p.m. the group returned to the ambassador's residence for dinner. The Buccellatis were there with the Eagletons to greet Mr. Armstrong.

After a pleasant conversation the group entered the dining room for a dinner of salad and egg souffle and dessert of strawberries and coffee.

The ambassador thanked Mr. Armstrong for allowing him to be part of the Ambassador Foundation's activities in Syria. He explained that the U.S. government gets partial credit for any successful project whether the government has any official part in it.

He led a discussion of the Arab world in general, which proved useful to the group's understanding. At 9:30 p.m. Mr. Armstrong said good-night and returned to the hotel.

Special luncheon

Wednesday, May 8, the group packed and sent the luggage back to the G-III. Before leaving, Dr. Attar was host to a luncheon for Mr. Armstrong at the Cham Palace Hotel. We learned later from Ambassador Eagleton that it is a rare honor for a government official to play host to a luncheon for a private individual, like Mr. Armstrong.

On the way to the luncheon the group toured one of the world's oldest mosques, the Great Omayyad Mosque.

The mosque was built about 70 years after the death of Muhammad in A.D. 632.

The mosque is at the end of one of the world's longest souks, or open markets. The mosque's mosaics are in beautiful condition and presented a good example of architecture during the A.D. 700s.

The visit gave Mr. Armstrong ideas for additional material to add to *Mystery of the Ages*.

The group rode to the 15th story of the Cham Palace Hotel for a reception, where they met Dr. Bahnassi, Mr. Daglish, director of the National Library, the dean of faculty of the University of Damascus, Ambassador Eagleton and other officials.

After a lunch of traditional Arabic dishes such as Arabic salad, humus, pita bread, lamb, chicken and baklava, Dr. Attar spoke about archaeological projects in Syria.

Ambassador Eagleton then spoke about Americans like Mr. Armstrong who try to help humanity in spite of its seemingly unsolvable problems.

At the conclusion of the luncheon Mr. Armstrong addressed the group, startling them by saying he also worked for the U.S. government. In a humorous comment about paying taxes, Mr. Armstrong said, "Half of my salary goes to the

[U.S.] government and another part to the State of California."

He then discussed world conditions and said that peace is coming to the Middle East, but not in the way that most might expect it.

On to Amman

Mr. Armstrong thanked Dr. Attar and then left with the group for the Damascus airport. The group was greeted for a final time by the Buccellatis and Dr. Zuhd at the VIP lounge. Mr. Armstrong then boarded the G-III, and the plane took off at 4:30 p.m.

Thirty minutes later Mr. Armstrong stepped off the plane at the Amman, Jordan, airport, where he was greeted by Richard Weber, director of the foundation projects in Jordan, and Cliff Parks, an Ambassador College student.

He was escorted to the VIP lounge where he was greeted by Khawla Abu Odeh, wife of Adnan Abu Odeh, Jordan's former minister of information, who serves as a principal royal aide to King Hussein.

The pastor general then stepped into a Mercedes-Benz supplied by the Jordanian government and was driven to the Marriott Hotel.

He received an exceptionally warm welcome from the Ambassador College students here.

They joined Mr. Armstrong in his hotel suite for discussions covering a wide variety of subjects including the two main projects in Jordan: the Bunyat Center for Special Education and the Al Hussein Center for the Physically Handicapped.

At 7:30 p.m. the students said good-night, and after a light dinner Mr. Armstrong went to bed.

At 10:45 a.m., Thursday, May 9, Mr. Armstrong was driven to the royal palace for a meeting with Princess Sarvath, wife of Crown Prince Hassan.

She greeted Mr. Armstrong warmly, escorting him into a sitting room. Also present were Mrs. Abu Odeh; Mrs. Kadijeh, secretary to the princess; and Ghusoon Karah, the principal of the Bunyat Center.

The princess updated Mr. Armstrong on the progress of the center, spoke of certain problems and discussed the vocational business shop the center hopes to build.

She said she is pleased with the work of the students and asked if another group had been selected.

The pastor general told her that another group had been selected and is anxious to begin work.

After having tea Mr. Armstrong said the foundation is glad to be of service and said good-bye to the princess and the group.

After lunch at the Marriott, the group drove to the Jordan Sports Center for a wheelchair basketball demonstration. At 4 p.m. the physically handicapped players began the game, which was inspiring to Mr. Armstrong's traveling group.

Smiles and happiness seemed to permeate, and Mr. Armstrong was told that this attitude did not exist before Ambassador students became involved.

After a 20-minute demonstration, the handicapped players defeated Ambassador College vol-



SYRIAN VISIT — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong talks with Giorgio Buccellati (left), a professor from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) who is helping to excavate ancient sites in Syria. (Photo by Aaron K. Dean)

unteers in a scrimmage.

The students managed to talk Mr. Armstrong's personal aide into a wheelchair to participate. That added some unexpected comedy when Mr. Dean fell over backward while trying to make a shot. This caused Mr. Armstrong to joke that he "didn't know you were a pente-

costal," referring to the practice of Pentecostals falling backward during certain religious ceremonies.

After the game ended with "high fives" — a greeting sometimes used by American athletes, Mr. Armstrong posed in a wheelchair with the group.

At 6 p.m. the students arrived at Mr. Armstrong's hotel suite for an informal senior dinner of hamburgers and french fries. It was not the same as the formal meal served by Mr. Armstrong to seniors at the Social Center in Pasadena, but it was welcomed by the students.

Winning at hearts

At 8 p.m. the dinner ended, and the table was prepared for a game of what has become known as Jordanian hearts. With 10 people playing, the group used 60 cards instead of the usual 52, so all could hold six cards apiece.

Hearts is a giving game, where the player with the lowest number of points wins. Mr. Armstrong again demonstrated his giving capacity by ending up with the lowest number of points.

At 10 p.m. the game broke up, and a pleasant evening ended.

On the Moslem Sabbath, Friday, May 10, Mr. Armstrong polished a few final additions to *Mystery of the Ages*. He had been invited to attend a fund raiser on a train ride across the desert, but decided instead to work on *Mystery of the Ages* with his aide.

Sabbath, May 11, the Ambassador College students returned to Mr. Armstrong's suite for a 2:30 p.m. Sabbath service.

The students usually hear sermons tapes sent from Pasadena. Occasionally a minister from the United Kingdom conducts a service.

Mr. Armstrong explained *Mystery of the Ages*, discussing the purpose of angels, the original purpose of man, the ultimate purpose of mankind and what lies ahead for humanity.

He said *Mystery of the Ages* will be the textbook for the required Bible class for sophomores and that everyone would need to read this book with the scriptures.

Ordination ceremony

At the close of the service, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Dean and Lawrence Dietrich, the co-captain of the G-III and a local elder from the Long Beach, Calif., P.M. church, ordained Mr. Weber a local elder.

The students were excited and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Weber on his new responsibilities. Mr. Weber will no longer have to use the anointed cloths that he did for illness among the students, but will now be able to anoint for sickness (See HWA, page 4)

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TRADE PUBLICATION AD — The above advertisement appeared in the May 13 issue of *Broadcasting* magazine, a trade publication that goes to more than 35,000 television and radio professionals in the United States. "What we want to do is show media professionals how different we are from other American religious programs," said David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing. The ad also discloses (see bottom line) that *The World Tomorrow* is represented worldwide by the BBDO (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn) advertising agency. The ad is the first of a series of four. The ad appeared across from the table of contents page in *Broadcasting* "so we could be sure a large number of professionals would see it," Mr. Hulme said.

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and claim Christ's promise (James 5:14-16) as a minister of Jesus Christ.

After the service ended, the students went to prepare for a meal at Mr. and Mrs. Abu Odeh's residence.

The evening meal began at 8 p.m. It consisted of numerous Arabic dishes such as lamb, chicken, meatballs soaked in yogurt, a green mint and parsley sauce, humus and a salad that Mrs. Abu Odeh prepared. She is well known in Arab diplomatic circles as an excellent cook.

At the dinner were Prince Ra'ad and Princess Majda, sponsors of the Al Hussein School for the Physically Handicapped; and Mohamed and Mrs. Kamal. Dr. Kamal, who served for 18 years as head of Jordanian television, was designated to be the next Jordanian ambassador to the United States.

Prince Ra'ad talked to Mr. Armstrong about the handicapped center, explaining how pleased he and the princess are with the Ambassador College volunteers.

He asked that the college send two more students, a male and female, to set up the entire sports program for the handicapped center.

The prince and princess said that the Ambassador students seemed to generate a greater degree of responsiveness from the handicapped students than others specifically trained in this field.

Mr. Armstrong said he would see if the college had two such students with the proper education and background, and that if so the college would help them with the sports program.

After thanking our hosts the group returned to the Marriott Hotel for an evening's rest.

Bunyat Center visit

Sunday, May 12, Mr. Armstrong was driven to the Bunyat Special Education Center. He was pleased to see how much the children had accomplished since his visit last June.

The group watched a demonstration of the new window-washing class begun by the Ambassador students. Mr. Parks showed how one mentally handicapped student is about ready to enter the window-washing industry and earn his living.

The group also looked in on the cabinet shop, where the students were building tables. Mr. Armstrong closely examined the woodwork and production methods.

Mr. Weber explained that although this type of work might be monotonous to skilled workers, the mentally and physically handicapped are challenged by this type of work and enjoy it.

Mr. Armstrong visited the preschool area and viewed the art room. He also viewed the gardens and horticulture sections of the center.

The pastor general said he was pleased with the success of the program so far.

Mr. Armstrong and his traveling group then returned to the hotel for lunch. Afterward the Ambassador students joined him for another game of hearts.

Mr. Armstrong said that since he taught the students how to play and had won the game Thursday night, he felt someone else should win this game.

At the end of the game, Ambassador graduate Sherri Means barely



WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (center) poses in a wheelchair with Ambassador College students and handicapped students who demonstrated wheelchair basketball at the Jordan Sports Center in Amman, Jordan, May 9. [Photo by Aaron K. Dean]

edged out the pastor general with lower points, winning the game.

Special olympics

Monday, May 13, after the luggage was taken to the G-III, Mr. Armstrong was driven to Amman University, where he watched the mentally handicapped participate in a special olympics.

He met with various officials, including Prince Ra'ad and Princess Sarvath, who officiated at the head table.

After watching some track heats, it began to rain, so Mr. Armstrong

stepped back into the Mercedes-Benz supplied by the government for a drive to the Al Hussein School for the Physically Handicapped.

This building was under construction during Mr. Armstrong's previous visit, but is now in full operation. The Ambassador students conducted a tour for Mr. Armstrong of the swimming pool used for therapy, and other facilities.

Princess Majda conducted a tour for Mr. Armstrong of the living quarters, therapy facilities and the areas where arms and legs for the

handicapped are constructed.

Mr. Armstrong was then offered refreshments with the school's staff and Ambassador volunteers including Abby Docken, Miss Means and Kenneth Bellamy.

After the tour Mr. Armstrong and his traveling group left for the Amman airport for a 12:30 p.m. flight to the next stop on his continuing tour of the Middle East and Europe.

(Mr. Dean's account of Mr. Armstrong's trip is scheduled to continue in the June 10 *Worldwide News*.)

Pasadena

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John Timothy Mabry, Bradley Linn Mann, Todd Forrest Martin, Robert Michael Medina, Daniel Hugh Metz, Melinda May Mez, Owen Rhys Morris, Keith Alan Olson, Lee Alan Page, Brenda Ruth Peterson, Joseph Peter Ross, Stephen Patrick Schemm, Barry Jean Stahl, Benjamin Aaron Stearns, Wendy Lou Styer, Robert Carl Tennant, Roxanne Tidmore and David Witt.

Colleen Ann Adams, Emmanuel P. Andrews, Camille Louise Maclean Angus, Kathryn Elizabeth Austin, David Lawrence Baker, Suzanne Meidinger Bogdanchik, Christina Lorraine Brandon, Jean Camille Brantley, Martha Emily Bruton, Lori Sue Bugdale, Ford Joseph Frank Burden, Dirje Andrea Childs, Brian Mark Chivers.

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Steven Scott Purkapile, Jane Norene Rameberg, Emily Raynes, James William Ridgeway, Tammy Elizabeth Sanders, Gina Marie Savoia, Mark Stephen Schlote, Diane Carol Schnepfer, Roderick Herman Sedliack, Jon Rickio Shigehara, Jeffrey Thomas Stafford, Jennifer Amy Stoner, Paul M. Swanson, Barbara Rae Swanson.

Carolyn Ruth Tatham, Scott Alan Thomas, Elise Geraldine Cathrina Vervater, Colin William Wallace, Barbara Ann Wilcox, Glenn Eric Williams, Lyle Mark Williams, Mark David Winner, Vance Michael Woodfield and David Daniel Young.

Associate of arts

With high distinction: Daniel

Bosch, Arthur Verne Braidic, Larry Darrell Holm, Robert James Larson, Kathryn June Newell, Donald Ray Turgeon, Jill Lorraine Woelfle and Ronda Marie Woodbridge.

With distinction: Kevin J. Armstrong, Deborah Lorraine Boraker, Jennifer Ruth Douglas, Nabil El Hage, Steven Arthur McAfee, Semira Mirafarsari, Bharat Jethalal Naker, Eric Edward Olinger, Catherine Susan Peine, Douglas C. Rendall, Michael Robert Savoia and David Allen Terdik.

Anthony Mark Almada Jr., Fred Elias Attyah, Shawn Allen Baker, Martin A. Brandenberger, Andreas Buchholz, Robin Jeanne Bunting, Carrie Jane Rebecca Byrnes, Shirley Nancy Cheperdak, Michael

Raymond Desgrosseilliers, Allan Michael Ebeling, Melvin Reese Edmondson, Arlene Gonzalez.

Karen Diana Gridley, Wendy Harley, Richard Lee Herrold, James D. Holder, Arthur Roy Holladay, Mary Letitia Johnson, Sonja Koning, Vernon Neal Schurter, Eke O. Udeagha, Christine Ann Vavra, Gretchen Marie Young and Randolph Lawrence Zacharias.

Associate of science

With high distinction: Dawn Adelle Fricke and Mary Jane Hays.

With distinction: Robert Michael Bapst, Darlene Annette Gunderson, Randal Keith Kelly, Ann Margaret Ledingham, Bret Alan Miller, Sheri Ann Olmstead, Paul Michael Peterson, Lorrye Sham-

blin and Roger H. Widmer.

Christine A. Allgeyer, Anne Marie Barenbruegge, G. Roger Brandon, Jeffrey Broadnax, Luz Nereida Colon, David Joseph Cuvelier, Lisa R. Derstine, Cheryl Marie Dexter, Bobby Joe Franklin Jr., William Edward Green III, Roy P. Gressly, Rebecca Julie Norrod, Kennan Michelle Owens.

Mark Steven Reyngoudt, Grant William Richards, Christopher Rossi, Jacob Jayson Ruggless, Angela Fay Scharmer, Lucinda Ann Screen, Gloria Jean Scurr, Jodi Lea Smith, Dawn Renee Snook, Crystal Dawn Spahr, Sandra Lynn Steadman, Edwin David Stepp, Stephen Scott Symonds, ReNae Sue Wernli and Debra Jo Woods.

Texas

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alcohol abuse. "Upwards of half of this generation are in need of reparation," he said.

Donald Ward, dean of faculty at Big Sandy Ambassador College, presented the diplomas. The graduates received congratulatory handshakes from Dr. Ward, Mr. McCullough and Mr. Salyer.

According to the Registrar's Office those who received degrees are as follows:

Associate of arts

With highest distinction (cumulative grade point average [GPA] of at least 3.80): Michael A. Belloni and Rachel Joy Best.

With high distinction (cumulative GPA of at least 3.50): Deanne Kay Bochenski, Paul Briscoe, Maria Lorene Cox, Caroline Gail Glass, Robert Andrew Gnage, Mary Beth Hills, Phillip Thomas Laing Jr., Christopher Joseph Marlow, Kenneth M. Mohler, William Robert Riemens, Susan D. Thomas, Daniel M. Thompson, Nestor Andrew Turczan, Randal R. Urwiller and Allen Bryan Waggoner.

With distinction (cumulative

GPA of at least 3.20): Ruth A. Baudoin, Robert Lee Berrie, Janet Gayle Black, John Martin Brunner, Valdemar Ervin Burzan, Nancy Catherine Culpepper, Victoria Cecilia Joy D'Amelio, Paula Gwen Davis, Jill Diane Eastman, Cory Donald Erickson.

Mark R.W. Gentry, Rachel Marie Gentry, Randy R. Houston, Michael Isken, Rolfe Herbert Jones, Wendy Jane Leavell, David Lawrence Love, Ralph Jay Lucia, Merrillyn Avonne Mincy, Michael James Nicholas, Sherry Ann Palmer, Melodie Lynn Powell, Wanda Schulte, Dave L. Stambaugh and Kimberly Diann Wicks.

Ian Matthew Angus, Allen Jay Berg, Faron Gene Blakeman, Cindi Michele Block, Marjorie Jean Brown, Paul Stephen Brunchurst, Ben Alyn Brunner, Lynn P. Burns, Virell Jean Campbell, Annette Coffey, Tobin Dreis Cookman, Rodger O. Cutter, Charles Edward DeVilbiss, Kristi Sharon Disch.

Lila Elizabeth Docken, Graydon C. Drown, Lawrence Wade Duceit, Thomas Erickson, David Gary Feith, David Paul Fisher, Melanie Lynn Fozard, Irene M. Francis, Shelly Jean Fultz, Miquelyn Irene Germano, Albert Guardamagni, Kevin Randolph Hadley, Ronald

Eugene Hansen Jr., Tim Hudson, Russell D. Huston.

Jerry Wayne Jones Jr., Pamela Kelenske, Thomas Knaack, Judith Ann Kulesza, David Edmer Lacasse, Debbie Frances Langland, Nanette Alexa Leslie, William Lemoine Livingston, Lloyd Mark Loudermilk, Bradley N. Marson, Jerry Gregg McNeil, Cameron Lynn Miller, Laurel Lee Miller, Tina Louise Neal.

Lynda G. Pendley, Charlotte Elizabeth Pope, Timothy Shawn Roe, Paula Christine Ross, Steven Bradley Rule, Tamara Lynn Surratt, Edward Keith Tones, Jeffrey Frank Vilagi, Tammy J. Ware, Lynette Marie Webb, John Philip Wells, Susan Esther Wendt, Edna Lynn Wilkie, Jeffrey Stephen Williams, Don Stephen Worthing, Brian Eugene Young and Elizabeth Maschil Zlab.

Associate of science

With highest distinction: Julie Anne Carlson, Stephanie Elaine Karnafel and Jennifer Lynn Peterson.

With high distinction: John E. Bearse, Maria Lorene Cox, Aaron Eagle, Stacy Corinna Hanson, Nancy Lynn Monson and Lori Joan Schoolfield.

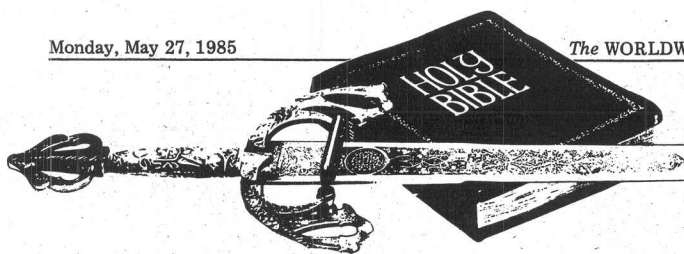
With distinction: Ruth Claire

Ashfield, Vincent Carl Benedetti, Robert Lee Berrie, Robert Nicholas Diehl, Glen Frick, Hayward Hand III, Elizabeth Hinkle, Randy R. Houston, Nancy Elisabeth Howard, Jennifer Lynn McGraw and Danny R. Parks.

Ann Elizabeth Baker, Donald W. Ballo, Sharon Annette Bowles, Susan Irene Bramer, Tamara Jean Cain, Jeanne Marie Carlson, Elizabeth Arlene Coleman, Gordon Vann Cooley, Kevin L. Craft, Caroline Grace Davies, Darcy Darlene Derrick, Tammy Vanessa Fields, Mary Teresa Forrester.

George Raymond Harper Jr., Matthew Carl Hees, Kelly Lorraine Howard, Marion Lynn Johnson, Peter Alan LeVair, Timothy Alan Lindholm, Robert F. Lobdell, Wendy Kay Love, Cathy Elaine McNeil, James Calvin Myers III, Allison Anne Nelson, Marcia Gail Redanz, Cheryl Jo Reed, Steven Bradley Rule, Renee Belle Sarfert.

Deanna Leslie Schow, Sharon Jeanette Sowers, Loma Jean Swanson, Gertrude N. Swarey, Vicki Lynn Thomas, Tammy JoAnn Thornton, Jennifer Lynn Vandegriff, Lynley Anne Watts, Sherry J. Wine, Briary Elizabeth Yeates, Roger Dwight Zacharias and Joette Marie Zehring.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Making most of opportunities builds relationships, character

By Philip Stevens

Each year vast sums of money change hands in professional sports.

Salaries up into the millions of dollars are paid for the talents and expertise of top-class players. Team owners know that spectacular play produces sizable crowds, along with league championships.

The author is a Good News contributor.

But what qualities do good players possess? Obviously, they need fitness. They must be prepared to study tactics and then practice hard. Yet the difference between mediocre players and those who are worth fortunes is often just one factor: the individual's ability to make the most of opportunities.

Outstanding players recognize that they must grasp at even the half chances that come along during the course of a game. The loose ball. The moment of hesitation from an opponent. The freedom to turn quickly and drive for the opponent's goal.

That's what keeps them on top. It's their skill in controlling the ball and within a split second deciding what to do with it that frequently

determines the outcome of a game.

Yes, team owners are prepared to invest considerable amounts of money in players who can make the most of chances.



Artwork by Monte Wolverton

But making the best of opportunities doesn't just apply to athletes. Life itself is made up of opportunities. And the way we handle those moments will determine a great deal about how we will spend eternity.

Failure to act

Consider the biblical story of the 10 virgins. Here was a group of young women who, symbolically, represented those called into God's

Church. Each member of the group had been given access to God's Holy Spirit. Yet only five used the power of that Spirit to make the most of the opportunities that came along. The remainder allowed those chances to slip through their fingers (Matthew 25:1-13).

But what were those opportunities? Later in the same chapter Jesus Christ gave some examples of those missed openings (verses 14-46). They revolved around chances to build spiritual character and express outgoing concern for others. You should read carefully the whole of Matthew 25, for it is a catalog of opportunities taken — and missed.

Too often we walk with our eyes closed to the possibilities that are all about us. It's not that we are deliberately oblivious to chances to grow or to the needs of others, but rather that we fail to see the potential to act when the opening occurs. Later, we feel bad when the chance is no longer available.

Lost moments

How often, for instance, do we hear, after a death, such laments as "I wish I had spent more time with him" or "I should have written to her more frequently"? Such opportunities will not reappear in this life.

And so it is with so many situations — the time to say an encouraging word, to write a letter of comfort or to help a neighbor in distress. It may only be a fleeting opportunity, but once it has passed we may not have the same chance to develop that little bit more of Christian character.

talk, so we just relax together.

"It's just the best night of the week!"

Another member with smaller children likes to play some short and lighthearted Bible games after a special Sabbath meal. Even non-member mates can get involved in a positive way on Sabbath evenings.

Some nonmember husbands actually see more of their family on Friday nights than any other time; thus the Sabbath is a real blessing for the entire family.

In the summer some parents take the family on short walks to a nearby playground or stroll through a pleasant park. Just before tucking the children in they read *The Bible Story* or the YES lessons and answer children's questions about God or any problems that may be bothering them.

Fathers with wives not in the Church sometimes outflank the problem by occasionally inviting other Church families in for Friday-night get-togethers.

It is especially helpful if both families have teenagers. Nothing sparks the right kind of enthusiastic conversation like young people who are positive about the Church and Church activities.

Relishing a conversation over some Youth Opportunities United (YOU) project or activity is an enjoyable way to share time with family and friends on the Sabbath. Few people can resist seeing that their teens are turning out all right and enjoying life.

Yes, a little resourcefulness and positive thinking can work wonders and make the Sabbath a special joy for your family.

Friday-evening activities yield delightful Sabbath

By K. Neil Earle

The Sabbath is a delight for God's people (Isaiah 58:13-14), and we can help make this day special by observing it in its entirety, including Sabbath evenings. When work for the week has ceased and the sun has fallen below the horizon, Church families have a wonderful opportunity for rest and fellowship with each other.

K. Neil Earle pastors the Toronto, Ont., East and West churches.

One woman wrote of her own family's Sabbath-evening activities:

"Our main goal for Friday night is to provide a relaxing atmosphere where we can enjoy each other's company and have a good give-and-take discussion with the kids. This seems to be the time during the week when we can all go into detail about our week, including family situations and decisions.

"We begin the Sabbath with a special dinner and dessert served on a lace tablecloth with candles and wine. Our son plays hymns on the organ and sometimes we have a sing-along.

"We read the girls a Bible story and go over the Youth Educational Services (YES) lessons. Then we put on some good music, light the fire and make popcorn.

"Hopefully we settle in for a good discussion over the next few hours. We always use this time to go over Dexter H. Faulkner's 'Just One More Thing' column in *The Worldwide News*. Sometimes everybody is too tired to

Steer clear of spiritual junk food

By Peter F. Grainger

Does your personal Bible study provide an adequate supply of spiritual energy daily?

Our regular study should unearth the essential spiritual minerals and vitamins a Christian needs to live a healthy spiritual life.

Peter Grainger has contributed to *The Good News*.

Here are some spiritual junk foods a Christian must avoid:

• "Questions and strifes of words" (I Timothy 6:4). Christians need to be grounded in the basic doctrines of God's Word (Hebrews 6:1-2) rather than questionable side issues that God has deemed unnecessary to reveal at this time (Hebrews 25:2).

Arguing about the meaning of the original Greek or Hebrew words can be a frustrating, unprofitable experience (II Timothy 2:14, Titus 3:9). The result can be envy and strife — an upset spiritual stomach. A Christian's first concern should be to study revealed knowledge. "Those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law" (Deuteronomy 29:29). To research the etymological development of Hebrew and Greek words could be an interesting side dish, not the main focus of study.

• "Profane and vain babblings" (II Timothy 2:16). This refers to human reasonings. In the apostle Paul's day, for instance, heretics, puffed up in human wisdom, declared "that the resurrection is past already" (II Timothy 2:17, 18).



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But serious Bible scholars, including Paul, knew there were specific unfulfilled signs (for example, I Thessalonians 4:15-17) that proved that the first resurrection had not occurred (even as unfulfilled signs in Revelation show that the first resurrection has not occurred yet).

Moreover, some professing Christians spend many hours trying to understand biblical prophecy.

Paul brought this aspect of Christianity to the attention of the church in Galatia: "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:9-10, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

When Peter warned that "the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God" (I Peter 4:17), he was reminding us that the Church is now being evaluated on how well it is making use of the chances given to it, whether collectively in its efforts at proclaiming the Gospel, or individually in our attempts to grow as Christians.

The unjust steward

Jesus recounted a remarkable story — remarkable because on the face of it he seemed to be condoning theft! Yet a close examination reveals that Jesus was commenting on the value of making the best of a seemingly disastrous situation.

The account concerned a manager who had been misusing company funds. Inevitably, the employer found out and demanded an explanation. Facing almost certain dismissal, the manager arranged meetings with his master's debtors.

He said to the first, "How much do you owe my master?" And he said, "A hundred measures of oil." So he said to him, "Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty" (Luke 16:1-6).

Similar conversations followed with other debtors. By cutting their debts in half, the manager was gaining favor with people who could help provide for him after he was dismissed from his job. When the employer found out what was going on, he "commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly" (verse 8).

Of course, falsifying company records is wrong. Stealing from

Remain alert

Someone once observed that success is merely a series of well-taken opportunities. It is said that success is being in the right place at the right time. But frequently, others may be in that same location at the same moment and yet not enjoy the same success. Usually their failure comes from not having seen and then used the opportunities presented by the situation.

As Christians we have opportunities to build character and express God's love in every area of life — on the job, in marriage, in child rearing, with friends, at services, when dealing with unconverted people, in recreational activities. We need to use to us all available openings as they arise.

British philosopher Francis Bacon noted that "a wise man will make more opportunities than he finds." The problem is that many of us fail to use even the chances that stare us in the face.

Whether in the home, on the job, at school or within the Church, opportunities to improve relationships, develop new skills or build spiritual character are always there. It's just a case of spotting the opportunities and then acting.

Professional athletes have a limited life in sports. One day they will no longer be able to play and use the expertise they have developed. However, the skills we learn as Christians will not disappear. But, to grow toward the perfection that is needed for eternal life, we must learn to use every opportunity that comes our way.

Then they teach their uninspired speculations to others. Such are ruining their own spiritual lives as well as overthrowing the faith of some through misapplied prophecy, even as certain "Christians" did in Paul's day (II Timothy 2:18).

Only God can give the true understanding of His prophecies (I Corinthians 12:10, II Peter 1:20-21). When it is time for God's Church to know the next relevant step in biblical prophecy, God will reveal it.

• Spiritual colors and additives. We must not add words to the teachings of the law and prophets (Isaiah 8:20, Proverbs 30:5-6). God warns: "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book" (Revelation 22:18).

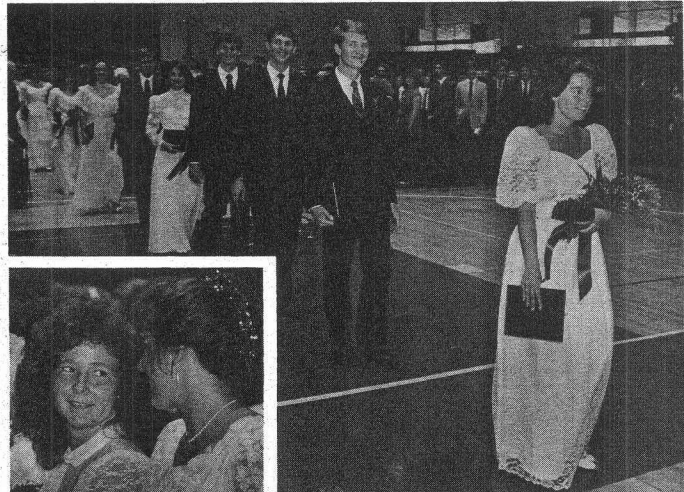
Our spiritual lives require a daily diet of natural biblical foods such as the "sincere milk of the word" (I Peter 2:2), the "bread of life" and "that meat which endureth unto everlasting life" (John 6:48, 27).

So avoid the chaff of man's traditions and refinements added to God's Word. They only lighten the significance and destroy the intent of God's biblical instruction.

Eat, instead, the bread of God's Word and live healthily — forever (John 6:51, 58, Jeremiah 23:28).

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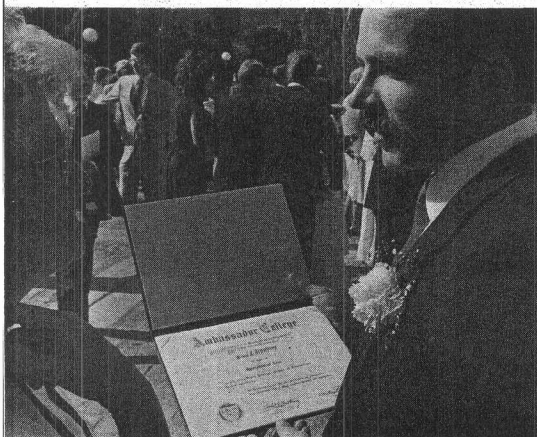
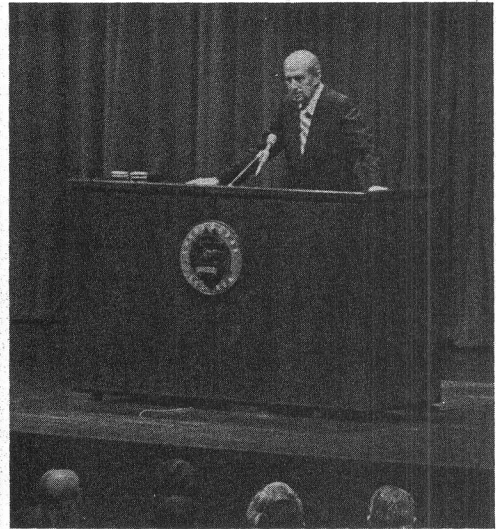
Big Sandy



DIPLOMAS AND ROSES — One hundred fifty-eight students received associate of arts or science degrees at commencement exercises in Big Sandy (left photos) May 15 in the field house auditorium. In Pasadena 227 degrees were conferred at the commencement ceremony May 17 in the Ambassador Auditorium. Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh delivered the commencement address at both campuses. [Photos by Mike Bedford, G.A. Belluche Jr., Kevin Blackburn, Ken Tate and Warren Watson]

Commencement 1985

Pasadena



President's speech to class

Deputy Chancellor [Raymond] McNair, members of the faculty and administration, honored guests and fellow students:

In the year A.D. 1346, war afflicted Europe. On Aug. 26 of that year, on a northern French hillside near the town of Crecy, the first battle of The Hundred Years War had just ended. It had ended in the decisive victory of the outnumbered English longbowmen, over the noble knights of the French heavy cavalry.

Joel Meeker, student body president, delivered the discourse at Ambassador College commencement exercises in Pasadena May 17. Mr. Meeker will serve as a ministerial trainee in Strasbourg, France.

According to British tradition, as recounted by the head librarian of the British Consulate of Los Angeles, walking through the bloody aftermath of the battle, passing among the dead and dying soldiers, was the Prince of Wales.

Sixteen-year-old Edward, named by history the Black Prince, discovered a scene which deeply moved him.

Edward came to the body of old John of Luxembourg, the king of Bohemia, who had sided with the French. What moved the emotions of the Prince of Wales on the finding of one more casualty among so many dead, was the fact that John of Luxembourg, the king of Bohemia, was blind.

In order to enter the battle, he had interlaced the traces of his horse's livery with those of two of his most-trusted knights, one on either side of him. Thus, they had guided the blind king into the fray. And this was how Edward found the soldiers: three dead knights, in their burnished armor, the reins of their dead horses still intertwined.

King John hadn't needed to enter the battle. He could not have raised his sword against a single adversary. As far as history can tell, John never struck a blow. But, no doubt, his example of selfless courage and faith in his men steered their resolve and strengthened their morale. He felt his place was with his knights, doing what he believed served the best interest of the people he ruled.

What impressed Prince Edward most of all as he considered this scene, and the events which had brought it to pass, was the crest that the old king wore. He wore a crest of three ostrich feathers over a simple two-word motto in Old German: "Ich dien."

The young English prince saw the truth of those words, *Ich dien*, in the life and in the death of John of Luxembourg, the king of Bohemia.

These things moved Edward so deeply that he took that crest, with its motto and made it his own. It became, in fact, the official crest and motto of each and every Prince of Wales to present day, 639 years later.

It is a very inspiring story. But how does it apply to us as graduates of Ambassador College?

It applies because King John's motto *Ich dien* is translated "I serve," and I submit to you, that these simple words are words by which we should live.

Jesus Christ, the greatest man who has ever lived, or will ever live, came to serve mankind, and to teach that service is the highest possible calling of any living being.

He taught that learning to serve is the very purpose of human existence. He has left us a record stating we should follow his words and his example. Let us resolve to do so.

In a few minutes we will be receiving diplomas representing our degrees. This is the culmination of years of study and training in widely varied areas.

The diplomas read: "Ambassador College upon recommendation of the faculty and by the authority of the board of directors, hereby confers upon (your name), the degree of (your degree), and with all the rights, privileges, honours and responsibilities thereunto appertaining."

One of the rights we now have is the right to serve, perhaps not the way we would choose; often those who serve may not choose the manner of their service. But serve we can nonetheless.

One of the privileges we now have is the privilege to serve, which our education has prepared us to do.

One of the honors we now have is the honor to serve. We have learned here what a great honor this is.

Perhaps above all, one of the responsibilities we now have, is the responsibility to serve. With every right, with every privilege, with every honor, comes responsibility. Much responsibility has fallen on us. Will we fulfill it?

This time of commencement is a time of mixed feelings. We feel the joy of accomplishment, but the sadness of leaving an institution we deeply love. And for those who move away, there is the sadness of leaving friends. We feel perhaps a bit uncertain about the new lives we are about to begin. But mostly we look forward, in the confidence of faith, to futures of great luster and brilliance.

We are now about to enter the main arena of the great endeavor of our lives. And as we enter a world built on a rotten crumbling foundation of greed and competition, let us be sure our foundation is firm. Firm it must be if it is to withstand the withering test of time.

Today some say foundations must crumble, that nothing is permanent or secure, that all is relative. But I say, if we, with the help of God, imbed deeply in the foundations upon which we build our lives and the lives of our children, at the core of our foundation of beliefs and goals, near its very center, if we there imbed the desire to serve mankind through the mighty purpose being worked out here below, there is no power in heaven, or on earth, which will be able to destroy our foundation or the work of our lives.

So, when we leave this Auditorium today, let it not be with a diploma alone, nor just with the wonderful memories of the years we have spent here at Ambassador College.

I ask each of you to take with you a motto you have made your own. A motto of long and distinguished history, a motto of great meaning and import.

Let no act of service seem too small. Jesus Christ told us that none are.

Let no act of service seem too great. With the help of Almighty God, none can be.

Let us begin now lives of service, service toward God and service toward our fellowman. Let it be said of us, as people look back on our lives, "There was a class that lived by the words, *Ich dien!*"

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Churches put on country fair, chili cook-off

The fifth annual Country Fair and Chili Cook-off took place April 21 in Pasadena, sponsored by the LOS ANGELES, RESEDA and GLENDALE, Calif., churches.

On the Imperial Schools campus a stage show featured live music and entertainment provided by Mark Kersh's Unity Band, the Pasadena Spanish church's Folklorico dance troupe and the Stardusters square dance group.

Attractions included pony rides, hayrides, a children's animal petting zoo, a game booth arcade, a craft fair, flea market, bake sale and a noon chili parade featuring Eenie Meenie Chili Beanie, Miss Tomato, Hal-A-Peno and Colonel Corn.

Brethren took part in contests ranging from log sawing, apple bobbing and root-beer drinking to an egg toss, pull-up contest and women's bake-off.

The main event was the chili cook-off with entrants from 15 churches in California and two in Texas. First place went to Marilyn Francis of the Los Angeles church; second, Zola Sylvester, Glendale; and third, John Ivy, Dallas, Tex., West. Andrew Castle of Los Angeles won the YOU division; Brian Hoadley of Glendale was second; and Beth Bulharowski of Reseda was third.

Jean Campbell of Los Angeles won the cake-decorating contest; Sue

Coimbra of Reseda took first in pie tasting; and first in cake tasting went to Dana Davidson of Glendale.

Chili cook-off judges included evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services; evangelist Ellis La Ravia, director of Facilities Management; Arthur Suckling, financial aids officer at Pasadena Ambassador College; Dexter Faulkner,

managing editor of the Church's publications; Victor Root, associate pastor of the Auditorium A.M. church; Robin Webber, an Auditorium P.M. associate pastor; Sheila Graham, *Worldwide News* senior editor, and her husband, Ed; Curtis May, associate pastor of the Imperial church; and Mark McCulley, Festival planning coordinator. Pam Mosher.



CONTEST WINNERS — Left photo, Robin Webber (center), an Auditorium P.M. associate pastor, and evangelist Ellis La Ravia (left) congratulate Andrew Castle of Los Angeles, Calif., who won the YOU division at the Country Fair and Chili Cook-off in Pasadena April 21. Above, overall winner Marilyn Francis of Los Angeles stirs her prize-winning chili. [Photos by Sheila Graham]

Spring dances take place

SEATTLE, Wash., brethren sponsored a semiformal dinner and dance April 7 for all the western Washington churches, including Everett, Sedro-Woolley, Tacoma, Olympia, Bremerton and Auburn.

After the meal brethren were entertained by recording artist Gina Funes, whose musical arrangements were accompanied by her husband, Fred Radke, and his orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lindsley of Seattle, dinner and dance coordinators, presented Gina with a bouquet of red and white roses.

After intermission Mr. Radke, a trumpet player, composer and conductor, fired up his orchestra. Mr. Radke's career includes playing lead trumpet for the Harry James Orchestra and the Glenn Miller Orchestra and performing before former President Richard Nixon.

Richard Duncan, pastor of the Everett and Sedro-Woolley churches, said Mr. Radke's orchestra was the finest he ever danced to.

A fashion show and annual spring dance of the ROCHESTER and SYRACUSE, N.Y., churches took place at the Auburn, N.Y., Holiday Inn April 7.

Leslie Schmedes, pastor of the churches, welcomed the about 200 in attendance, who ate a dinner of roast beef or spring chicken.

Carla Beilstein and Mary Hazelwood kicked off the fashion show by doing a dance routine to "Puttin' on the Ritz." Dean Schantz, a Rochester deacon, and his wife, Juanita, were masters of ceremonies for the evening. They described creations worn by the 40 participants, who modeled their own fashions or those handmade for them.

Roger Davis, a Rochester member, provided background music. Each model was escorted to the stage by one of four Rochester YOU members: Tim Clouthier, Robert Salter, Gordon Rowe or Jeff Stevens.

Assisting behind the scenes were Wilma Peterson, a Syracuse deaconess, and Kim Gullu, Noelly Feock, Marina Kulbida, Marva Davis and Jill Clouthier of Rochester.

Brethren danced to the music of the Rochester Frontiere band, consisting of Mr. Davis, Jeff Hawer,

Dennis Dudek, Darrell Spencer, Craig Eaton, Charles Sumner and vocalist Rebecca Hudson.

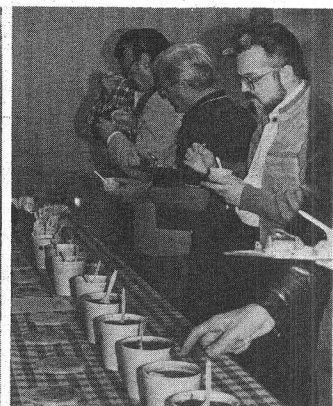
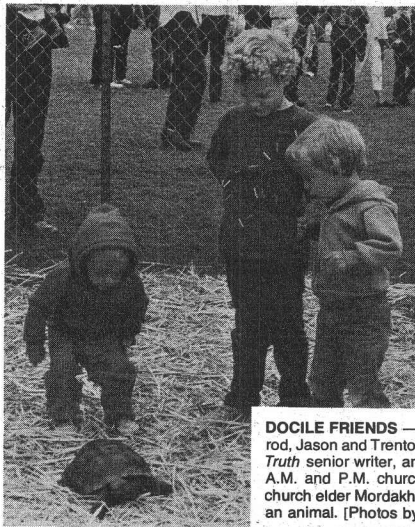
March 30 SPRINGFIELD, Mass., brethren sponsored a social titled "The Wonderful World of Dance" that featured dance instruction.

Participation at previous dances wasn't always high, and it was discovered that many would like to dance but didn't know how. So the church hired dance instructors to give step-by-step lessons. The floor was filled with couples, including YOU members, trying to master dances such as the waltz, fox-trot and swing.

Dancers were encouraged to practice at home, and several refresher lessons are planned.

The evening meal consisted of tacos, Spanish rice and sundaes for dessert. Children were entertained by a movie.

Gary Crouse, Jake Hannold and William Korzenowski.



DOCILE FRIENDS — Clockwise from above left photo, (from left) Gerrod, Jason and Trenton Graham watch a turtle; Keith Stump (right), *Plain Truth* senior writer, and Les McColm, pastor of the Long Beach, Calif., A.M. and P.M. churches, rate chili; and Nancy Joseph, wife of local church elder Mordakhai Joseph, watches her daughter Sharon (left) pet an animal. [Photos by Sheila Graham and Tom Hanson]

Areas stage concerts, show

Brethren from throughout southern England gathered at Mahatma Gandhi Hall in London's Fitzroy Square for their annual spring concert, sponsored by the LONDON church April 28.

Fifty singers, under the direction of Peter James, musical director of the London church choir, presented a musical program, accompanied on piano by Peter Webb and Jennifer Clarke.

The first part of the program featured excerpts from "Olivet to Calvary" by J.H. Maunder, with choral selections and vocal solos by Alan Crist, tenor, and Don Stilwell, baritone.

Afterward, the choir performed "O Lord, Thou Hast Overthrown" from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. Mr. Stilwell and soprano Esme Clothier sang solos. Mr. Stilwell and Mrs. Clothier then sang a duet from the same oratorio.

The program concluded with choral selections by Johann Sebastian Bach and Pietro Mascagni and a contralto solo by Jane Jones titled "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Lon-

don women then provided refreshments.

April 21 more than 200 MINNEAPOLIS NORTH and SOUTH, LAKE CRYSTAL and ST. PAUL, Minn., and EAU CLAIRE, Wis., brethren watched a classical music concert put on by 18 members.

The concert took place at Bridgeman Hall on the Hamline University campus in St. Paul. Performances included vocal and instrumental solos.

The evening began and ended with Frederic Chopin piano solos. John Freeman began by performing "Ballade in G Minor," and Amy Hargarten concluded by playing "Polonaise in A Flat."

A chamber group composed of Heinke Lee, Rene Pruszninske, Steve Fagerstrom and Steve Ouellette performed "Canon," by Johann Pachelbel. Christy Ellison, 10, daughter of Bill and Sue Ellison, played a piano solo titled "Three Little Pieces," by Antonio Diabelli.

Don Patterson accompanied his wife, Janet, who sang "Die (See AREAS, page 9)



YES attends sports banquet

FAIRFIELD and SANTA ROSA, Calif., brethren were hosts to a Youth Educational Services (YES) sports banquet and family roller-skating party April 21 in Napa, Calif.

Medallions were awarded to YES basketball players and cheerleaders. A plaque of appreciation was pre-

sented to Ray Lowrie, YES basketball coach, and to Shirley West, YES cheerleading coach.

Don Weaver, assistant director of the Fairfield YES group, organized the afternoon. Seventy people attended the banquet, and about 100 roller-skated afterward. Carrie Docken.

Germany

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abused under national socialism. Therefore, national pride and a sense of belonging to a "real nation" are less than normal.

For the past 40 years no foreign relationship has been more important to West Germany than its good ties with the United States. However, changes have occurred. Younger West Germans especially are not as eager to retain the U.S. link.

"Increasingly it is integrated Europe rather than the United States that furnishes the model for

West Germans," wrote Tyler Marshall in the May 9 *Los Angeles Times*. "And most important, Germans want to be seen and respected as equals in a relationship that has been dominated by the United States . . ."

"A Social Democratic member of Parliament . . . Guenter Verheugen, commented: 'We don't want to break our economic and cultural links, but we believe we need political emancipation from the U.S. The role of the U.S. as our mentor is no longer accepted.'"

It is interesting to note that President Reagan appealed for a United Europe — and a reunited Germany

within the context of a United Europe — twice on his trip. The first was when he addressed several thousand enthusiastic young West Germans at Hambach Castle, considered to be a fountainhead of German democracy in the 1830s.

He said that "totalitarianism, by whatever name, will never fulfill German aspirations within a United

Europe. The cause of German unity is bound up with the cause of democracy."

The other occasion was during his speech to the European Parliament in Strasbourg May 8. There he said, "It is my fervent wish that in the next century there will be one, free Europe," stretching, he added, "from Moscow to Lisbon."

Prince

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Catholics, and was also friendly with his predecessor, Cardinal [John] Heenan."

Remember that the prince insisted on attending the ecumenical service at Canterbury Cathedral when the pope visited Britain in 1982.

Sympathy for the Roman church extends to other members of the royal family. The queen mother is reported to be a regular guest at the official residence of the pope's ambassador in London, England. Princess Margaret is also sympathetic to the Catholic milieu.

These sympathies are not necessarily shared either by the entire royal family or by other serious opinion formers. *The Spectator* took the prince to task. It said, disappointingly, "If the Prince really imagined that he could have got away with such a visit, it is odd."

Royal author Anthony Holden took the same line. He wrote in *The Daily Express* May 1 praising the Queen's patient powers of persua-

sion. Mr. Holden said it was the Queen, not the prime minister, nor the archbishop of Canterbury [Anglican Church] who explained to the prince that a Catholic mass would "constitute a betrayal of his royal birthright."

Mr. Holden continued, "Many of her subjects tend to overlook the religious role of the monarchy, but Elizabeth II regards it as perhaps her most sacred trust."

Mr. Holden is a monarchist. And he is by no means opposed to Prince Charles. Yet he expresses serious concern about certain spiritual developments in the prince's life.

Roman church opinion has taken some consolation from the prince's attitude. According to *The Tablet* May 4, a liberal Catholic weekly, "There is only one good thing to have come out of the right royal muddle which occurred this week at the Vatican, and that is the clear indication that the Prince of Wales when he becomes King will not share the old fashioned mentality which prevented him and the Princess of Wales from joining the Pope at mass in his private chapel."

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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Without hesitation, I could use it as it reads from the pulpit.

J.M. McAllen, Tex.

Crusading against abortion does not deal with the main problem, which is uncontrolled population growth. Dealing with one part that makes the main problem worse without dealing seriously with the other side of the problem is hypocritical. Most women in the world have abortions not out of selfishness but because they cannot support and take care of more children.

Donald Williams Tallahassee, Fla.

Mental junk food

Hats off to Mr. [Dexter] Faulkner for speaking out against the TV soaps ("Just One More Thing, *WN*, April 1) . . . I gave them up in 1968, finding that even then that my life was miserable enough without them, and now, after all the explicit (and often illicit) sex that abounds on them, my No. 2 quarrel with those programs is all the fighting and arguing that invariably occurs between the characters.

And in regard to Mr. Faulkner's question in his article, "Is your life so unexciting that you have to live through make-believe television characters?," I

have to respond that my life since coming in contact with God's Church has gotten to be so interesting (if not always free from problems) that beginning in 1982 I began to put my experiences down in a personal journal.

Michael E. Brandenburg Pleasant Plain, Ohio

Family protected from fire

We spent the first Holy Day in Norfolk, Virginia, and came home to North Carolina Sunday morning. As we came near our home we could see smoke from what looked to be a terrible forest fire [see "Update," page 12] . . .

We had been home only a short time when the local fire department and Forest Service came and told us we should leave. The wind was gusting so and the fire was traveling so fast their efforts at fighting it weren't doing any good . . .

We loaded the car with some clothes, books and special things and went to our son's house. We had been gone a few hours when we heard they had pulled back the fire fighting equipment and closed off the area. We prayed for God's will to be done and trusted Him to do what was best . . .

The fire had reached to about one half mile from our home, burning over twenty houses and trailers, and the wind changed! This enabled the fire fighters to control the fire and we were able to come home the next morning. There was no ash nor smoke damage in our home . . . The Forest Service had cleared a space on the side of our yard we had been wanting to clear for a long time.

It's so wonderful to know God is always looking out for His children. We are very thankful for His protection and blessings.

Mrs. James H. Hope Creswell, N.C.

"Iron Sharpens Iron"

Wow! Thank you for the new "Iron Sharpens Iron" feature in *The Worldwide News*. It is a very appropriate feature for a Church newspaper that is sent to members only . . .

The *WN* is a real unifying factor in the Church. We are being taught by the local ministry. The *WN* is an excellent complement to the instruction we receive locally.

David Bruno Duluth, Minn.

God's protection

Last Friday morning, we were suddenly awakened early to discover we had a chimney fire that was spreading to the back wall of the top floor of our home.

The firemen arrived quickly and put it out, then informed us that had we not noticed it as early as we did we would have lost the whole top floor and possibly our whole home, instead of just the outside wall. This was really an answered prayer as we work in our home to raise money for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Tracy Conway Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Ministerial visit

. . . we had brunch with one of your ministers. And I was (if I may use the word) impressed by his wide field of knowledge not only in the Bible, but the extension of it into the fields of human endeavor and his attention to the principles of success.

. . . Here is a man, trained and dedicated to teaching us how to succeed in our lives, our marriages, our child rearing, our jobs, giving us the knowledge and counsel we need, helping us see where we are making our mistakes, spending his life to help us become obedient to God's laws.

Having a true minister of the Living God near to call on is truly a great blessing and comfort; and to know he is continually improving himself by acquiring additional understanding and knowledge, which automatically makes him even more capable to help, is a continually increasing blessing. Thanks be to God for ministers of truth and knowledge, understanding and compassion.

Bruce H. Young Yakima, Wash.

It is significant that one of the most energetic members of the European Parliament is Otto von Habsburg, an outspoken proponent of an expanded Europe or European Community to include countries in Eastern and Western Europe.

After Mr. Reagan's address, Mr. Kelly and I chanced meeting Dr. Habsburg coming out of the assembly hall. Dr. Habsburg praised the President's remarks — the ones at Hambach Castle and those at the European Parliament.

Thus, in a roundabout manner, West German disillusionment with the American big brother, plus the inability to recover a sense of purely national pride and patriotism, could rebound into a greater zeal for a United Europe, which would also lead to the biggest dream of all, a reunited German nation, one Germans can feel proud of again.

Obituaries

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Church members. He is also survived by his mother, Celia of Cedar Lane, Tex.; and two brothers, Neil of Bay City, Tex., and Larry of Wadsworth, Tex.

David Johnson, pastor of the Houston, Tex., East church, officiated at the Restwood Memorial Park Cemetery in Clute, Tex., April 22.

MENTONE, Ala. — Edna Blalock Crowe, 81, a Church member for almost 20 years, died in her home April 11.

Mrs. Crowe is survived by her daughter, Lucille Helms of Washington, D.C.; a grandson Danny; a granddaughter Angela Creek; two brothers, Joseph and Ray Blalock, a Church member; two sisters, Edith Lyday, a Church member, and Stella; and numerous nieces and nephews, some of whom are also Church members.

Services were conducted by Stephen Smith, pastor of the Gadsden, Ala., church.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — Raymond L. Thompson, 65, died April 15 after almost a yearlong battle against a brain tumor, cancer and a broken hip.

Mr. Thompson was baptized in April, 1983, and attended the Youngstown church.

Lloyd E. Briggie, pastor of the Youngstown church, officiated at graveside services.

CHANUTE, Kan. — Wilma E. Caudell, 72, died March 13 at Neosho Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Caudell has been a member of the Church since 1972.

Survivors include six children, Bill, J.T., Charles, Sheldon, Shirley Driskill and Elaine Brooks.

She has 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services took place March 15 in Fredonia, Kan., and were conducted by Vincent Szymkowiak, pastor of the Joplin, Mo., and Independence, Kan., churches.

BALTIMORE, Md. — Pearl Harter, 64, died at home April 20 after a bout with cancer.

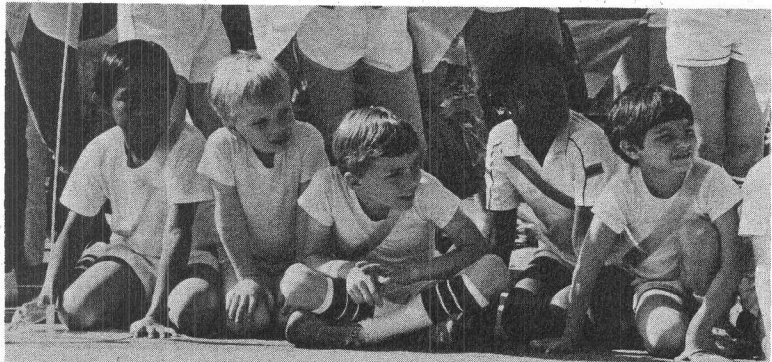
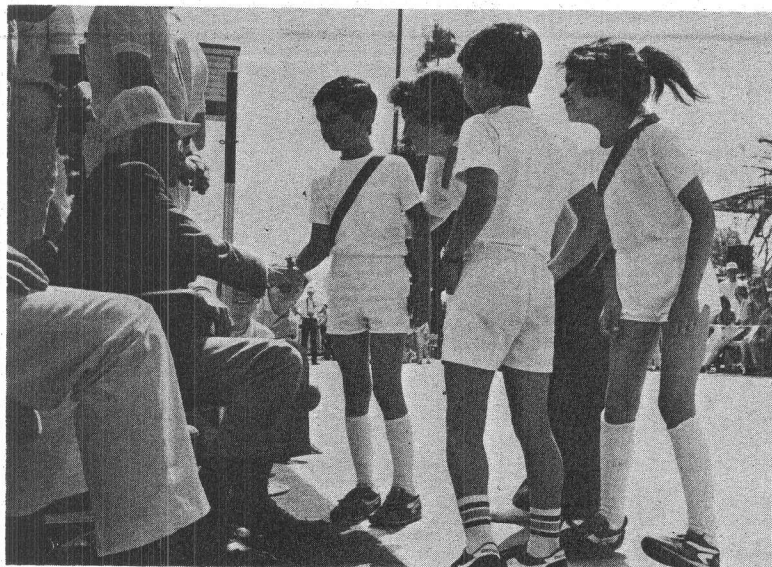
Mrs. Harter was baptized in New York City in 1961. She was ordained a deaconess in 1965.



PEARL HARTER

Mrs. Harter is survived by two sisters; seven children, including Terri Dorothy of the Grand Island, Neb., church and Vicki Rettig of the Kaispell, Mont., church; 23 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by three brothers and a daughter.

The funeral service was conducted by Roy Demarest, pastor of the Baltimore church; and associate pastor Thomas Oakley read the eulogy.



FIELD DAY — Top photo, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong congratulates Damien Sanchez, who placed second in his age group in the 200-meter dash at Imperial Field Day April 28. Bottom photo, third graders watch races on the Ambassador College track. Twenty-four records were set at the meet. [Photos by Nathan Faulkner]

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

UPDATE

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Members living in Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka, were not directly affected by the May 14 massacre in which at least 200 Sinhalese civilians were killed, according to **Mohan Jayasekera**, church pastor for Sri Lanka.

Mr. Jayasekera said that 10 members were in the city May 14. Seven are permanent residents.

One member has an office about half a mile from where the massacre took place, although he was not affected, Mr. Jayasekera said. The member's wife, a schoolteacher, reported some panic when people heard of the massacre, and then the schools were closed.

The situation throughout Sri Lanka is tense, Mr. Jayasekera said. Church members are taking precautions in case of riots in reprisal against the Tamil community. Tamils are considered responsible for the massacre.

"The members here very much appreciate the concern and prayers for them," he said.

He added that further outbreaks of violence are expected.

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BONN, West Germany — *Plain Truth* staff members **Gene Hogberg** and **Ronald Kelly** arrived here May 2 to cover the Western economic summit.

After flying to England with Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** (see "HWA Flies to Europe, Receives Decoration, Conducts Meetings," *WN*, May 13), Mr. Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor, and Mr. Kelly, an evangelist and a senior writer for *The Plain Truth*, continued on to West Germany.

"It was certainly an interesting experience," Mr. Kelly said in a May 21 interview with *The Worldwide News*. "There was a definite feeling in the air that leaders of powerful nations were gathering together."

Mr. Hogberg and Mr. Kelly also visited the cemetery in Bitburg, West Germany, where U.S. President **Ronald Reagan** and West German Chancellor **Helmut Kohl** laid memorial wreaths.

After traveling to Trier, West Germany, and Luxembourg, Mr. Hogberg and Mr. Kelly traveled to Strasbourg, France, to cover President Reagan's address to the European Parliament.

"Trier is Europe's oldest city, which, according to tradition, was founded by **Trebeta** [in the 21st century B.C.], stepson of **Semiramis**, queen of Assyria," Mr. Kelly said.

Mr. Kelly delivered sermons in German in Bonn May 4 and in Vienna, Austria, May 11.

Mr. Hogberg returned to Pasadena May 10. Mr. Kelly returned May 15 after checking a site in Saalbach, Austria, for a possible international Winter Educational Program (WEP).

Mr. Hogberg's analysis of the summit appears on page 2.

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PASADENA — Four professors from Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, visited Ambassador College and Imperial Schools here May 19 to 22, according to **Leon Sexton**, a representative of the Ambassador Foundation for Asia.

"They were impressed by Ambassador College, but were especially impressed with the teaching methodologies used at Imperial Schools," Mr. Sexton said.

In the tour were **Ambai Sucharitakul**, former dean of faculty of education; **Praphasri Sihan-Umphai**, chairman of the department of the Foundation of Education; **Tisana**

Khemmani, chairman of elementary education; and assistant professor **Woranan Aksawpong**.

"They have requested and we are sending an Ambassador student to teach English at one of their demonstration schools for teachers in Bangkok next year," Mr. Sexton said. Junior **Robert Burbach** will spend a year in Thailand teaching English at the Sathit Chula Demonstration School.

"They have taken some of Imperial's teaching methods and are applying them already in their school systems," Mr. Sexton said. "They like our example and want further contact with the way we teach here."

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services announced the following ordinations:

Jacob Enns, a deacon in the Saskatoon, Sask., church, was ordained a local church elder on the first day of Unleavened Bread April 6.

Edward Johnston, a deacon in the Fort Collins, Colo., church, was ordained a local church elder March 30.

John Katai and **John Kohoot** of the Vancouver, B.C., church, were ordained local church elders on the last day of Unleavened Bread April 6.

James Taylor, a deacon in the Hattiesburg, Miss., church, was ordained a local church elder on the first day of Unleavened Bread April 6.

Richard Weber, project leader for Ambassador College students working in Jordan, was ordained a local elder May 11.

Wilmer Thompson, a deacon in the Cumberland, Md., church, was ordained a local church elder April 12.

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PASADENA — The Festival site in Jerusalem, Israel, is filled to capacity and can accept no more applications. Any who applied after the limit was reached will be put on a waiting list, and will be notified by JMT Travel.



VIENNA SABBATH — Members who attend the Vienna, Austria, church take a Sabbath walk May 11. Evangelist **Ronald Kelly** delivered the sermon in German at Sabbath services. [Photo by Ronald Kelly]

LENOIR, N.C. — Despite forest fires that destroyed more than 80,000 acres of woodlands during the first week of April, Church members suffered no injury or damage to their homes, according to **John Moskel**, pastor of the Lenoir, Boone and Marion, N.C., churches.

According to Associated Press (AP) reports, a 4-mile swath of fire raged across western North Carolina, leaving more than \$4 million in damages and injuring 30 people.

"Some of the brethren had to evacuate their homes just a few hours before the Passover service [April 4]," Mr. Moskel said.

He said that Church member **Martha Hefner** "packed up what valuables she had and left her home as the flames raced up the [Mineral Springs] mountain.

"She arrived at the Passover service just in time. Many roads, including Interstate 40, were closed due to fires and heavy smoke.

"The fire . . . came within 10 feet of her home and went around it," he continued. "It was left intact. Several of her neighbor's homes were completely gutted by the fire."



THAI VISIT — Professors from Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, visit Imperial Schools in Pasadena May 20. Principal **Ricky Sherrord** and **Joan Bogdanchik**, second grade teacher, conduct the tour. [Photo by Warren Watson]

INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW
FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

PASADENA — For the first time the Church conducted *Plain Truth* lectures in Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanzania, March 9, 16 and 23. Two Church members live in Tanzania, a country on the East Coast of Africa more than twice the size of California with a population of more than 20 million.

Some 1,500 letters sent to *Plain Truth* subscribers throughout Tanzania in early February did not arrive. The Church quickly mailed letters to the 550 subscribers in Dar es Salaam.

Tanzania lectures

Before the March 9 lecture it appeared that only a handful of readers would attend. But before long 110 people, a 20 percent response, packed the meeting hall, taking up all sitting and standing space.

Owen Willis, pastor of the Blantyre, Malawi, and Kibirichia and Nairobi, Kenya, churches, spoke on "Why *The Plain Truth*?" Afterward Mr. Willis answered questions from his listeners, who were so excited they did not want to leave the hall.

Assisting Mr. Willis was **Ben Kaswaga**, a Tanzanian who attended Ambassador College in Pasadena. Mr. Kaswaga, who works for the Church in East Africa, gave lectures March 16 with 53 in attendance and March 23 with 70 people in attendance. He spoke on "Did Jesus Rise on Sunday?" and "What Is True Water Baptism?"

"How could I have been so deceived all these years!" wondered one listener when he learned what biblical water baptism is.

Haiti

John Halford, a pastor-rank minister working in Media Services in Pasadena, conducted the Passover and services on the first day of Unleavened Bread in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He said the little church there continues to make good progress.

Since funds were made available for **Gilbert Carbone**, pastor of the Pointe-a-Pitre and Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, churches, or **Erick Dubois**, pastor of the Fort-de-France, Martinique, church, to travel to Haiti once a month, the

quality of Sabbath services has been greatly enhanced. The Haitian church leaders, **Jean-Pierre Jove** and **Franklin Blaise**, continue to give strong and dedicated service. In spite of poverty and difficult circumstances, the little church remains faithful and dedicated, firmly desiring to play its part in the overall work of God. Twenty-eight brethren took the Passover this year, and a record 62 attended services on the first day of Unleavened Bread.

Each week one of the young men in the church updates the church on the world situation and news of the Church's work. (Since some members don't have radios and can't afford newspapers, they would otherwise find it hard to "watch and pray.")

The World Tomorrow in French, with evangelist **Dibar Apartian**, is heard on radio in several towns in the country.

The World Tomorrow, with Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** can be seen on WGN Chicago, Ill., which is beamed to Haiti by satellite and cable. Only one member has cable, but those who can, come to his home to watch.

In poor countries people tend to use every scrap of physical food. In Haiti it is the same way with the spiritual food — booklets, magazines, and every piece of news about the work is devoured by the members. They may be one of the smallest churches in the world, but they strive to be faithful and loyal.

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