

1985 Festival: Peace and Unity

By Michael A. Snyder

PASADENA — "Brethren, you and I have been called to learn the truth," said Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in his videotaped opening night message Sept. 29.

"You are my beloved children in the Lord, and we have come to know these things. We are called out of this world to learn God's way of living, and we're going to have to teach the whole world that way."

Mr. Armstrong's opening night message was the first of three messages by him shown to brethren at the 1985 Feast of Tabernacles.

God's Church successfully completed its seventh live international closed-circuit telecast during the Feast, reaching more than 100,000 brethren worldwide, according to Larry Omasta, director of Media Services.

Mr. Omasta said the Church used two satellites in geostationary orbit over the United States and two

1985 Feast

The Feast of Tabernacles was celebrated at 92 sites in 50 countries, according to the Festival Office. *The Worldwide News* received reports from 89 sites before the copy deadline. Coverage begins on page 3.

international satellites orbiting over the Atlantic and Pacific to transmit a videotaped message from Mr. Armstrong Sept. 30.

Twenty-two U.S. sites, six Canadian sites, three in the United Kingdom, three in the Caribbean and one in New Zealand participated in the worldwide Holy Day service originating from the Ambassador Auditorium here Sept. 30. Most sites worldwide later received a video cassette or audio recording of Mr. Armstrong's message.

The transmission was also received by the seven Feast sites in Australia, but was videotaped and shown Oct. 1 because it was received between 4 and 6 a.m. local time, Mr. Omasta said.

Mr. Armstrong's illness

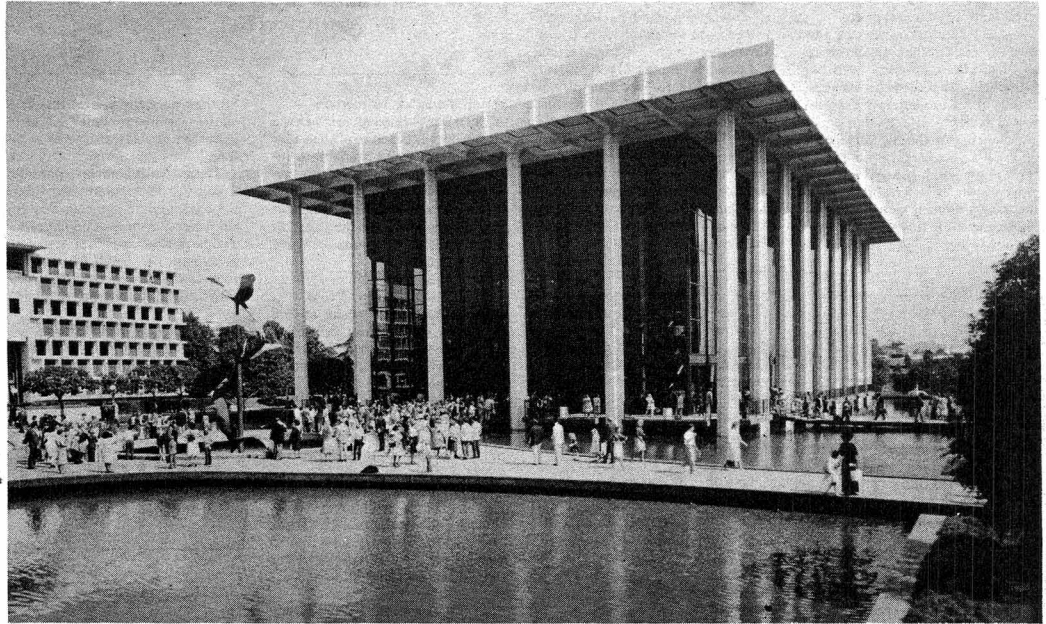
"Mr. Armstrong was certainly disappointed that he did not feel well enough to address brethren worldwide personally on the first Holy Day," said Aaron K. Dean, executive aide to the pastor general.

"Although he was slowly getting stronger after his illness last August, he suffered a setback the day before the Feast and didn't feel strong enough to address the brethren," Mr. Dean continued.

In his absence, Mr. Armstrong directed that a videotape of his first Holy Day address from the 1984 Feast be transmitted. "Mr. Armstrong watched the transmission through a TV hookup in the Social Center," Mr. Dean said. "It was the first time he had viewed it, and he commented that he didn't fully realize how powerful the message was."

"I think that Mr. Armstrong's illness sobered brethren and helped them take the Feast more seriously than they might have," said evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Church Administration.

"In that way, it made his mes-



WORLDWIDE FEAST — Brethren kept the 1985 Feast of Tabernacles in 92 sites in 50 countries. Clockwise from top photo: brethren take part in Festival activities on the Ambassador College campus

in Pasadena; the Festival choir performs special music in the Ambassador Auditorium; and brethren fellowship in Eugene, Ore. [Photos by Hal Finch and Michael A. Snyder]

sages even stronger and more effective," the evangelist continued.

Church unity

"The key really for this whole Feast is the psalm that was my mother's favorite," Mr. Armstrong said in his opening night message. "It's the 133rd psalm: 'how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity!'"

"Brethren," the pastor general continued, "during the 1970s there was quite a movement, within the Church, of liberalism, to get away from the real truth of God. Now we don't want to overdo the truth of God and get straitlaced to go further than God does — into fanaticism. But on the other hand, we don't want to slide over toward the devil and the devil's way of life."

"That was an excellent keynote for the entire Festival," Mr. Tkach said. "And every report I've re-

ceived mentions that brethren showed more warmth, more concern and love for each other than has been noticed before in other Feasts. Several brethren have also commented to me that they really feel their spiritual batteries were fully charged during this Feast, and that they want to devote themselves to even more earnest study and prayer to maintain Feast fever all of the way through to the Days of Unleavened Bread in 1986!"

The Church's Media Services Department produced two other Festival productions for the 1985 Feast: *Behind the Work 1985 — Ambassador for World Peace*, which chronicled Mr. Armstrong's travels and meetings with heads of state, and the Festival entertainment production, *The Little Ambassadors of Shanghai*.

Mr. Armstrong also delivered the main sermon on the Last Great Day through videotape worldwide.

Income: below budget, warns Church treasurer

By Leroy Neff

PASADENA — Year-to-date income slipped to a 10.4 percent increase from 1984 after a 7.5 percent increase in income for the combined months of September and October.

Evangelist Leroy Neff is treasurer of the Worldwide Church of God.

Holy Day offerings for Trumpets, Atonement and the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles averaged about 7 or 8 percent above last year, which is below budget estimates of a

12 percent increase. Holy Day offerings for the year were about 9 percent more than 1984.

Offerings on the Last Great Day appeared to increase an outstanding 32 percent. However, this year members in the United States and Canada were asked to add any excess Festival tithe to the offering instead of turning it in separately.

That is possibly the reason for the unusually large increase. Until the end of the year when all Festival tithe offerings are totaled we will not know for sure.

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Remarkable leader shapes China's future

PASADENA — Upon visiting the People's Republic of China for the first time, I sensed a definite feeling of progress and optimism — a renewed hope for the future.

Life for China's 800 million people dwelling in the countryside has been dramatically transformed in the past six years. People's communes have been abolished; in their place, a contract system of incentives allows farmers to sell their surplus produce on the open market or to the state at premium prices.

Small collective businesses now turn out much of the everyday items — furniture, appliances, farm implements — that the peasants need. Profits from these enterprises are invested in other ventures.

Extension of the incentive programs and free market principles to the urban work place have not proven to be as successful yet, but the government is determined to make progress in this regard as well.

To members of the Worldwide

Church of God attending (as representatives of the Ambassador Foundation) this year's Feast of Tabernacles in China, the ongoing changes in the People's Republic were especially meaningful.

It was significant that just as we were visiting Beijing, China's leaders were meeting in the Great Hall of the People there. China's leader, Deng Xiaoping — whom Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong met a year ago in Beijing — was completing another phase of his reform program that he hopes will carry China forward on a path of modernization and stability into the 21st century.

"Party Elects New Blood Into Leading Posts," headlined the English language *China Daily* in its Sept. 25 edition. It proceeded to profile the lives of eight new members of the Political Bureau and the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China. Scores of other lesser officials were promoted as well.

An even more remarkable event occurred at the beginning of the Central Committee's conference the previous week. Dozens of senior officials voted for their own retirement to make way for the younger, and for the most part,

was available in our hotel — "was the gracious and peaceable manner in which they were carried out. There were no outright purges, no summary arrests, no instances of personal humiliation, as in Mao's time. The old-timers went quietly, praised

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



better-educated, newcomers.

But it was the manner in which the changeover was accomplished that the changeover was accomplished that Deng Xiaoping is indeed one of the most politically astute leaders in the world today.

What was most remarkable about the changes, reported the Sept. 30 edition of *Time* magazine — which

for their work and assured that most of them would become "advisors," with the same pay and perks as before."

The party realignment, continued *Time*, was "a tribute to the skill of the consummate tactician who has led China for the past eight years." Twice purged in China's tumultuous past, Mr. Deng, 81, was convinced there was a better way to deal with leadership changes.

No personality cult

Deng Xiaoping, though he is

accomplish the work of God.

Selfishness, the opposite of love for others, leads to fear, because if we are selfish, we are interested only in what we will get out of serving and obeying God, and we will be afraid of losing our dignity, power or money. True Christian love, energized by God's Holy Spirit, enables us to sacrifice for others and not be afraid (Romans 5:5).

God's Holy Spirit also gives self-control — a sound mind. This word is related to the words *sober, sober minded* and *sobriety* in many of the apostle Paul's letters (Titus 1:8, 2:2, 6, 12; I Timothy 2:15).

"Self-discipline" is a better translation of "sound mind." It describes men and women who are sensible-minded and balanced, who have their lives under control.

The Amplified Bible reads a "calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control" (II Timothy 1:7). We should be thankful daily to God for these qualities of His Holy Spirit.

Stir up God's Spirit

Paul, facing certain death, as a prisoner in Rome wrote to Timothy an exhortation that applies to each of us. Paul's words are encouraging to any who have fears from time to time.

Timothy did not need any new spiritual ingredients in his life; all he had to do was "stir up" what he already had. Paul had written and urged in his first letter, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee" (I Timothy 4:14). Now Paul added with emphasis, "Stir up [stir into flame] the gift of God" (II Timothy 1:6).

As long as we are still striving to overcome, the Holy Spirit does not leave us when we stumble or fall short of what God wants. Christ promised: "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever" (John 14:15-16).

But God cannot fill us with His Spirit — empower us with courage and love and use us — if we neglect our spiritual lives. That is why prayer and Bible study are so important. They are fuel to help "stir up" the Holy Spirit.

It is also possible to grieve the Holy Spirit. Study Ephesians 4 and then ask, "Am I grieving the Holy Spirit?" We must examine ourselves daily and pray without ceasing so that we do not quench the Spirit (I Thessalonians 5:19).

John was inspired to write: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love" (I John 4:18).

Fear is not one of the fruits of the Spirit. Ask God for His perfect love and rid yourself of fear!



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

The fruits of fear

Elbert Hubbard once said, "The greatest mistake you can make is to be continually fearing you will make one."

Do you live in constant fear of making a mistake? Do you suppress great creative ideas because you are afraid they will fail? Then remember this: Many errors are serviceable, and some are even essential to ultimate success.

In interviews, the first heroic climbers of Mt. Everest pointed out that the mountain couldn't have been scaled sooner because a certain number of mistakes had to be made before man could know enough to do it successfully. The mountain could never have been conquered if man had never attempted to climb it for fear of making mistakes.

The cause of fear

People are afraid of many things — the dark, the unknown, high places, other people, failure, bad breath, not making it into God's Kingdom. Our minds or bodies can't be at rest when fear is pumping adrenalin into our system signaling us to fight or flee.

Most fears can be traced to spiritual problems, because the ultimate cause of fear is sin. We don't want to face God in prayer when we have sinned against Him. We don't want to face our parents when we have disobeyed them. We don't want to face the supervisor when we have failed to carry out our assigned responsibilities.

Why are we afraid? Simple. Because we haven't done what we know we should. We have disobeyed, broken a law or rule, and the outcome is fear.

Paralyzed by fear

I received a letter from a young man who has great fears. Revealing his name is not important, but what he said can help us understand what fear can do to us spiritually. He wrote:

"I have been a member of God's Church for nine years now, and in that time more problems have come my way than I thought possible. The last 2 years have been especially rough. If anything could go wrong, it has.

"After graduating from engineering school... I was just learning God's truth and that God had a college — a college where we

could learn more about His ways and truth. This was more important than graduate school.

"The most important day of my life was the day I was baptized. The second was when I was accepted to attend Ambassador College. The college called me, saying I was to be in the first class starting that fall, and that I would be an asset to the work and could help in other church programs.

"The next day, after the phone call, I rejected this opportunity because of fear."

Several years later, this young man came to Pasadena and talked to a college administrator about reapplying to Ambassador College. "Again, I was fearful and talked to [a minister] about this fear. He asked me to stay and attend college, the local minister asked me to stay and another of God's ministers asked me to stay. But I came home. Then everything unraveled.

"The day before Trumpets, I called God's local minister and wanted to give up. He said to let God run my life His way and stop running it my way.

"A few days after repenting, the same brethren asked me to come back to Pasadena and to try again for Ambassador College.

"But I am still fearful."

The power to overcome

It is God's Holy Spirit that enables us to serve God, and by its power we can overcome fear and weakness. Notice: "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (II Timothy 1:7).

The word *fear* in this verse means "timidity, cowardice." The Holy Spirit gives us power for fulfilling the end-time witness — supporting Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong as he proclaims the Gospel worldwide.

Remember our commission in Matthew 24:14. It is futile for us to try to serve God without the power of the Holy Spirit. Talent, training and experience cannot take the place of the power of God's Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gives us love (Galatians 5:22-23). If we have love for God's people and those who don't understand God's ways, even for our enemies, we will not fear to endure suffering to

China's unquestioned leader, has an unusually low profile. He rules, as it were, from behind.

Three other individuals occupy the country's top formal posts: Hu Yaobang, party general secretary; Zhao Ziyang, premier; and Li Xian-nian, president. Mr. Deng's official title is Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party Central Advisory Commission. But this chairmanship role is not the same as that occupied by the late Chairman Mao Zedong.

While other communist countries have developed what has been referred to as a personality cult around their top leader, the situation today in China is the exact opposite. Because of his near public anonymity — no pictures are to be found of him in government offices — and his lack of a recognizable title, Mr. Deng, in the Western press, is usually referred to simply as "leader." There is no better way to describe his position.

Up from chaos

To understand China today one must reflect on what happened in China in the late 1960s and early 1970s, in the heyday of the so-called Cultural Revolution.

Chairman Mao was concerned that his comrades who helped him bring the COMMUNIST Party into

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European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Swiss neutrality

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Switzerland has avoided wars for three centuries despite being surrounded by Germany, Austria, France and Italy — antagonists in endless Central European wars.

Wrote Edgar Bonjour in *Swiss Neutrality — Its History and Meaning*, "The absolute neutrality of Switzerland as a political princi-

ple is generally dated from the year 1674, when the Federal Diet declared that the Confederation, as a body, would regard itself as a neutral state and intervene on neither side in the war [the Dutch war], which had just broken out" (page 11). This was the meager beginning of Swiss neutrality.

Much later, in 1815, the Congress of Vienna "laid down the principle of the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland" (Langer's *Encyclopedia of World History*, page 714). The Swiss have not departed from that principle. It is an axiom of their foreign policy.

Until the end of World War II, the Germans had from time to time

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Life is precious

We in God's Church have a unique and precious opportunity to have the truth of God taught to us week by week.

We are being shown how to clear up and eliminate family problems, both as husband and wife and also as parents and children. We understand that we must have a right relationship in every phase of family living.

But are we truly grasping the heart and core of what we are taught by God's ministry, especially by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong? We keep seeing these problems show up in some of the families and teenagers.

I personally lost my wonderful husband, William Burkhardt, of nearly 45 years, Jan. 21 in a tragic accident. We had a wonderful relationship, as many of the brethren know. I hope and pray so much that this will help some who need to improve their family relationships to do so.

Life is so short. It soon vanishes away. My husband came in at noon that day for lunch, happy but tired. He laid down to rest a few minutes and read *The Worldwide News* and a letter from Mr. Armstrong. He came in the kitchen, took me in his arms, loved me. We told each other of our love. He walked out to finish tearing down the old shed and it collapsed on him, killing him instantly, within 30 minutes of our last words. We never know who is next.

Do you see how important it is to make the most of every precious minute we have together? There is not time for quarrels and fights. Teenagers, please work hard to cooperate and have a good relationship with your parents. Parents, please listen to your children's problems. No matter their age, their prob-

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Brethren keep Feast at 92 sites worldwide



INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY — An estimated 131,000 brethren kept the 1985 Feast of Tabernacles at 92 sites in 50 countries, according to the Festival Office in Pasadena. Map shows official Festival sites worldwide. Because of government restrictions in Africa, some brethren kept the Feast in their homes. [Map by Ronald F. Grove]

Positive media, community interest in Feast Unity characterizes U.S. sites

PASADENA — "Brethren during this Feast exhibited the most warm, friendly and cooperative spirit that I can remember in recent history," said evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Church Administration.

Mr. Tkach, a member of the Festival Coordinating Team, was Festival coordinator for the Pasadena site.

"Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong set a worldwide theme of unity, and all of the reports that I received report that harmony and rejoicing were prevalent themes at all U.S. sites," the evangelist said.

"Brethren attending the headquarters site in Pasadena and at the Festival in Big Sandy showed their enthusiasm and commitment toward God's work by volunteering their time on the WATS [Wide Area Telephone Service] lines to answer response from the *World Tomorrow* program," Mr. Tkach said.

"Many served in other areas, helping to keep the Church's work going while brethren working at headquarters observed the Feast elsewhere."

About 350 volunteers in Pasadena and about 250 brethren in Big Sandy answered more than 43,000 calls during the Festival season, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

Anchorage, Alaska

A brilliant display of the northern lights helped make the 1985 Feast memorable for 712 brethren observing the Feast at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage.

The guest speaker at Anchorage was Gregory Albrecht, dean of students at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Temperatures in the 40s to 50s Fahrenheit (5 to 14 degrees Cel-

sus) provided cool weather for singles and YOU activities and the 11th annual Church barbecue. *Earl Roemer.*

Big Sandy

A spirit of giving was evident among brethren who kept the Feast at the Church-owned Festival building on the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College. Attendance was 5,191.

Daytime temperatures averaged 63 degrees (17 Celsius). Guest speaker was evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center.

The *Behind the Work* and *Little Ambassadors of Shanghai* Festival productions were inspiring to those attending at Big Sandy.

YOU members performed an outstanding job of service by serving more than 550 meals at the senior citizens luncheon.

A spirit of cooperation and service prevailed among brethren. *Burk McNair.*

Biloxi, Miss.

Brethren observing the Feast in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center in Biloxi expressed their appreciation for the strong spiritual meat received, especially from *Behind the Work 1985 — Ambassador for World Peace*.

Prayers were answered on the first Holy Day when satellite transmission problems cleared up in time for Mr. Armstrong's sermon. Because of heavy rains the site had initial difficulty receiving the audio and video signal, and lost the signal at the beginning and end of the service.

Guest speakers for the site were evangelists Ellis La Ravia, director of facilities management at Pasadena, and Gerald Waterhouse.

Despite rain or cloudy weather the first three days, 2,455 brethren

experienced mostly sunny weather with temperatures in the 70s to mid-80s Fahrenheit (21 to 30 Celsius) for the remainder of the Feast. The changing weather provided the type of weather needed for each activity.

YOU members helped disabled members from their cars to their seats and served the meal at the senior citizens luncheon. Transportation to restaurants and for shopping was provided for the blind. *Steven Moody.*

Corpus Christi, Tex.

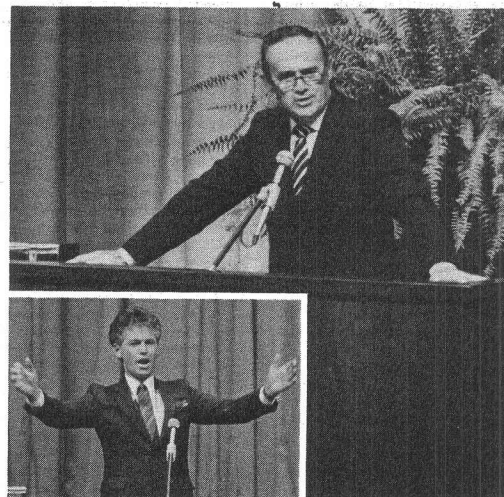
A potentially severe parking problem abruptly and unexpectedly ended about two hours before brethren gathered to begin God's Festival in the Bayfront Convention Center in Corpus Christi.

"Bayfest '85," an annual civic event, took up about 95 percent of the parking space needed for attending the Festival's opening night service. In what one newspaper called "an untimely downpour" of rain, the annual outdoor civic affair was cut short and the severe parking problem resolved. Attendance was 4,304.

The Young Ambassadors from Big Sandy Ambassador College performed for the senior citizens banquet, a singles boat cruise, three shows on family day and also presented special music once during services.

Evangelist Ronald Kelly, a professor at Pasadena Ambassador College and guest speaker for the site, delivered inspiring messages on the short work given to the Philadelphia era of God's Church, the prophesied events during the Millennium and the meaning of the Last Great Day.

Teenagers attending the Festival served on the ushering, parking and security staffs. Some were also selected to help serve the senior citi-



FESTIVAL SERVICE — Evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Church Administration, speaks at Festival services in the Ambassador Auditorium. Inset: Judd Kirk, pastor of the Wichita, Kan., church, leads hymns in the Auditorium. Mr. Kirk also led hymns during the Sept. 30 international satellite transmission from the Auditorium. [Photos by Hal Finch]

zens at their catered meal.

Weather was exceptional during God's Festival, with daytime temperatures ranging from the high 70s to the low 80s Fahrenheit (25 to 28 degrees Celsius). *Gregory L. Sargent.*

Dayton, Ohio

Brethren attending the Festival in Dayton eagerly anticipated receiving their personal copies of Mr. Armstrong's book *Mystery of the Ages*. Long lines at the book distribution area in the Hara Arena were noted.

Guest speakers at Dayton were James Friddle, pastor of the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches; and Selmer Hegvold, pastor of the Imperial A.M. congregation in Pasadena.

With clear, sunny days and tem-

peratures in the 60s Fahrenheit (16 to 20 degrees Celsius), Dayton was host to 4,232 Feastgoers.

The family day activity focused on family togetherness and fellowship. Activities included volleyball, musical entertainment, canoeing, museum tours, planetarium shows and carnival games. More than 1,000 brethren attended a theater production of *My Fair Lady*.

YOU members provided an escort service for elderly and disabled brethren from the arena lobby to reserved seating and helped serve about 560 people at the senior citizens luncheon. *Ray Meyer.*

Eugene, Ore.

Many brethren commented that the 1985 Festival was a Feast of peace in Eugene, the birthplace of

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U.S. sites

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the Philadelphia era of God's Church. The spiritual messages were exceptional and helped produce a spirit of peace and cooperation.

Donald Ward, academic dean at Big Sandy Ambassador College, was the guest speaker.

Sunny weather with an average temperature of 75 degrees Fahrenheit (24 degrees Celsius) was the fare for 2,444 brethren observing the Feast in the Lane County Convention Center.

Festival activities included family day in a park, a YOU hike, singles drop-in and a senior citizens luncheon. YOU members attended the seniors luncheon and assisted the elderly. *Leonard Schreiber.*

Jekyll Island, Ga.

Services took place in Hartley Auditorium in Jekyll Island for 2,872 brethren. Sunny weather with temperatures in the mid-80s (29 to 30 degrees Celsius) prevailed for most of the Feast.

The Feast proceeded smoothly and had a peaceful atmosphere. David Albert, a professor at Pasadena Ambassador College and the guest speaker for the site, delivered exceptional sermons on agriculture in the world tomorrow, that human physical bodies are temporary, and judgment. A message by James Rosenthal, pastor of the Harrisburg, Pa., church, on the reason for a 1,000-year Millennium, was well received and informative.

Jekyll's Golden Islander ran a positive front-page article about the Festival Oct. 3.

About 300 brethren attended a senior citizens luncheon, with talks afterward by Dr. Albert and Allen Bullock, pastor of the Jacksonville, Gainesville and Ocala, Fla., churches.

Brethren provided special service to a woman from the Gainesville church. She is confined to a wheelchair, and brethren took turns taking her to services and Church activities. *Allen Bullock.*

Johnson City, Tenn.

The *Behind the Work* Festival production was considered the high point of God's Feast in the Freedom Hall Arena in Johnson City, attended by 2,573 brethren.

Warmth and overall unity of brethren were noticed by ministers attending the Tennessee Festival site. The lack of accidents and illness contributed greatly to the enjoyment and rejoicing at the Festival.

Sunny days and three days of rain were included in the weather at the site. Daytime temperatures ranged from the 60s to the 80s Fahrenheit (16 to 31 degrees Celsius).

Exceptional messages included a sermon by Charles Bryce, guest speaker for the site and pastor of the Shreveport, La., El Dorado, Ark., and Texarkana, Tex., churches, about unity and how to achieve it. Vincent Panella, pastor of the Trenton and Vineland, N.J., churches, told brethren on youth day that members and their children are royalty.

Brethren enjoyed touring historical sites and having lunch on rented pontoon boats.

YOU members and single brethren served at the senior citizens banquet Oct. 5. YOU members also helped usher disabled brethren from the parking lot to the arena, and several teens baby-sat for the children of ministers each day in the hospitality room. Several teenage boys helped their fathers on the parking crew.

Newspapers carried positive articles about the Festival. *George B. Elkins.*

Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.

Because of cooperation and harmony among the 5,481 Feastgoers assembling in the Church-owned

Tabernacle building in Lake of the Ozarks, few problems cropped up during the Festival.

Guest speaker was Michael Feazell from Church Administration in Pasadena.

YOU members assisted the disabled and served in booths at the penny carnival during family day. Senior citizens took part in two luncheons at the Holiday Inn. Some commented that it was the high point of the year, when they were honored and dined in a lovely environment.

Though the Feast began with rain, temperatures in the 70s Fahrenheit (21 to 26 Celsius) prevailed. *Joe E. Dobson.*

Lihue, Hawaii

Temperatures in the mid to lower 80s Fahrenheit (27 to 30 degrees Celsius) were the fare for 1,575 brethren gathering in the Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall in Lihue.

Guest speaker was Gary Antion, an associate professor at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Tony Kunimura, the mayor of Lihue, joined brethren for a tree-planting ceremony Oct. 4. Six monkeypod trees were planted on the grounds of the convention hall to commemorate the six years the Church has kept the Feast of Tabernacles on the island of Kauai. A seventh tree, a royal palm, was planted by six children and dedicated by Mayor Kunimura to Mr. Armstrong and a peaceful world tomorrow. *David Fraser.*

Mount Pocono, Pa.

Before the Feast Hurricane Gloria dumped between eight and 10 inches of rain on the Mount Pocono site, but no major damage was sustained.

Most of the 5,008 brethren attending the Pennsylvania site signed a get-well card addressed to Mr. Armstrong, and many expressed their personal concern for his health and speedy recovery.

Francis Bergin, business manager of the British Regional Office and guest speaker for the site, delivered outstanding sermons.

Keeping with a theme of "Royal Services," senior citizens had individual photographs taken of themselves in a royal cape and crown during the senior citizens social.

Because of cool weather, many family day activities were moved inside. Cooperation from the different service crews was unparalleled.

YOU members served at the senior citizens luncheon, helped staff the YOU booth and provided an escort service for disabled and elderly brethren.

Brethren pitched in to help provide transportation for New York brethren who do not have vehicles. In the past, the Church paid for a shuttle service. This year hundreds of brethren volunteered to help transport others and take them shopping and to various activities. *Roy Holladay.*

Norfolk, Va.

God protected the Norfolk site as Hurricane Gloria pummeled the Virginia coast. The Scope hall and hotel facilities escaped major damage. After the hurricane abated, the site had some of its best weather in years, with temperatures in the upper 70s (25 to 26 Celsius).

The *Behind the Work* Festival production was the high point of the Feast, attended by 4,712 brethren. The animation of the various beasts prophesied of by Daniel especially attracted the attention of children and made the prophecies more relevant and understandable to both children and adults.

Larry Salyer, dean of students at Big Sandy Ambassador College and guest speaker for the site, delivered three sermons during the Feast. A sermon on service by Dan Rogers, pastor of the Greensboro, N.C., church, was well received.

Notes were taken, copied and de-

livered to deaf brethren attending the Norfolk site.

A wheelchair service to bring disabled brethren in from the parking lots was appreciated. Hospitality rooms for senior citizens, single brethren and ministers helped promote fellowship.

A spirit of unity, cooperation and responsiveness pervaded the congregation, making for a smooth-running Festival. *Robert Jones.*

Pasadena

Three thousand eight hundred brethren from many parts of the world attended the Festival at the Church's headquarters in Pasadena. For about 60 percent of the group, it was their first time to visit the Ambassador College campus.

Tours of the campus, the Mail Processing Center and the Ambassador Auditorium were arranged.

The Ambassador College Library was open during the Feast. The Paper Egret, the campus bookstore, was open so brethren could purchase theological reference works and other college materials.

Evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Church Administration, was host on behalf of Mr. Armstrong for a senior citizens banquet.

About 110 ministers and wives attended a ministerial banquet, in which Dean May, manager of the Church's fleet operation, was ordained a local elder by Mr. Tkach; Aaron Dean, executive aide to Mr. Armstrong; and James Peoples, pastor of the Banning, Glendora and San Bernardino, Calif., churches.

Hundreds of brethren served in the Mail Processing Center and other departments of the Church and college during the Feast.

Sermons delivered by David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing; Victor Root, associate pastor of the Auditorium A.M. church; Brian Orchard, pastor of the San Francisco and Oakland, Calif., churches; Mr. Peoples; Mr. Tkach; and Ronald Laughland, pastor of the Glendale and Reseda, Calif., churches; mutually excelled each other in spiritual content. *Joseph Tkach Sr.*

Pensacola, Fla.

Cooperation, unity and service were major themes among brethren assembling in the Pensacola Civic Center. Highest attendance was 7,516.

This was the first year that the Feast of Tabernacles was conducted in this Florida city, and the conduct of the brethren prompted Sheila Bowman, city tourism manager, to comment that the Church was "the best thing that ever happened to Pensacola."

Brethren appreciated messages delivered by Mr. Waterhouse, who was the guest speaker at the site with Mr. La Ravia. John Ritzenbaugh, pastor of the Hammond and Michigan City, Ind., churches, gave



RAPID CITY, S.D.

Photo by Doug Johannsen

an outstanding sermon on the book of Hebrews.

Family day at the Naval Museum at the Pensacola Naval Air Station had an exceptionally high turnout.

Church musicians and YOU members provided entertainment for 508 brethren who attended the senior citizens luncheon. Members volunteered to assist blind and deaf brethren in shopping and transportation.

Several community officials and facility owners expressed positive impressions of Church members' conduct. The head chef at the Civic Center stopped Marc Segall, pastor of the Greenwood and Jackson, Miss., churches, and with tears in his eyes told him, "I have served organizations all over America and have never seen or met people who are more kind or cooperative."

After showers marked the beginning of the Feast, the weather cleared and temperatures averaged in the mid-70s Fahrenheit (24 to 25 degrees Celsius). *Don E. Waterhouse.*

Rapid City, S.D.

The Feast in Rapid City, attended by 3,002 brethren, was one of peace, harmony and cooperation.

Meeting in the Rushmore Civic Center, brethren heard messages focused on our calling and the need to qualify in order to rule with Jesus Christ. Feastgoers were inspired by the two Festival productions.

Guest speakers were evangelist Dennis Luker, pastor of the Seattle and Bellevue, Wash., churches; and Arthur Suckling, financial aids officer at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Activities included a novelty olympics and a carnival for children.

The Feast began with temperatures in the low to mid-40s Fahrenheit.



PENSACOLA, FLA.

Photo by Keith Speaks

height (4 to 7 degrees Celsius), but warmed to the mid-60s (16 to 19 Celsius) after the first two days.

Singles helped the elderly, disabled and others requiring aid to the arena by carrying personal belongings and opening doors. *Steve Buchanan.*

Sacramento, Calif.

Practicing God's laws brought a special blessing for one family group observing the Festival in Sacramento.

While the group of 10 adults and 10 children were having a family reunion in a restaurant, one of the servers brought in a stuffed animal for each child. The server explained that the gifts were anonymously donated by someone who had eaten in the same room.

The reason for the gifts, as explained by the server, was because the children were so well behaved. One of the adults had just browsed through the shop where the stuffed animals were purchased, and none was less than \$15. It is not known if the donor is a member of God's Church.

Clint Zimmerman Sr., pastor of the Auditorium A.M. congregation in Pasadena and guest speaker for the site, delivered several positive and inspiring messages, including one on joy that helped set the tone of the Feast. Attendance in the Sacramento Community Convention Center was 3,362.

Family day at the William Land Park included a variety show put on by brethren.

An outing for teenagers at Waterworld USA included water slides, swimming, paddleboats and volleyball.

Singles took a trip to the historic Sutter Creek area and toured wineries in the Sierra Nevada foothills.

Ambassador College students served drinks at the senior citizens luncheon, and YOU members staffed the YOU booth.

Mostly sunny weather prevailed during the Feast, with temperatures in the high 80s and low 90s Fahrenheit (31 to 34 degrees Celsius). *Lawrence Neff.*

St. Petersburg, Fla.

Twenty-eight and 32-percent increases in Holy Day offerings over 1984 showed where the hearts of brethren were at the Feast in St. Petersburg.

Brethren, keeping with the Festival theme of unity, seemed extra attentive and responsive to spiritual messages delivered at the Bayfront Convention Center. Attendance was 7,146.

Guest speaker was evangelist Richard Ames, director of admissions at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Temperatures were in the 90s Fahrenheit (32 to 34 degrees Celsius).

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U.S. Sites

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Church youths were visibly involved in serving, helping elderly find seats and picking up copies of *Mystery of the Ages* for them. **Ronald Howe.**

Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

From the beginning of the Festival unity, harmony and cooperation characterized the Saratoga Springs site. Two thousand, one hundred eighty-six brethren met in the Saratoga Springs City Center. Having fewer organized activities promoted fellowship and more time spent with families.

Evangelist Norman Smith and his wife, Charlene, added warmth, friendliness and a spirit of sharing to the site. Mr. Smith, pastor of the San Diego, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz., churches, was guest speaker.

Beautiful fall weather with daytime temperatures in the 60s Fahrenheit (16 to 20 degrees Celsius) provided the backdrop.

Each congregation operated an individual game booth on family day, which was moved inside the convention center because of rain.

Ellsworth James, mayor of Saratoga Springs, welcomed brethren to the city in a speech before the sermon Oct. 1. He said the city was happy to be host to the Feast of Tabernacles and he hoped that the Church would return for many years. **Lyle Welty.**

Spokane, Wash.

God's intervention helped make the 1985 Feast one to remember for 2,912 Feastgoers assembling in the

Spokane Coliseum. Mrs. C.K. Leggett from Butte, Mont., suffered heart failure on the first night of the Feast. The first aid attendant could find no vital signs by the time Mrs. Leggett was brought to the first aid room at the site. She was anointed and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques were applied as Mrs. Leggett was transported to the hospital.

The hospital personnel credited the quick application of CPR with saving Mrs. Leggett's life and preventing severe brain and organ damage.

Mary Leewright of Kettle Falls, Wash., suffered a broken pelvis and other broken bones and severe bruises in an automobile accident Sept. 22.

She was anointed and within a week after an operation on her hip, she could stand and take a few steps with assistance. Her pain quickly dissipated after a prayer request was announced.

In an atmosphere of harmony and unity, brethren counted the *Behind the Work* production as one of the high points of the Feast.

Guest speaker was Richard Thompson, an instructor at Big Sandy Ambassador College.

Family day activities at Franklin Park included family softball and game booths.

Brethren also enjoyed two afternoons at Riverfront Park, made up of facilities from the world's fair conducted there in 1974.

A seniors luncheon was served in the Ridpath Hotel. Disabled seating was provided, and many brethren volunteered to help with transportation needs.

The hard of hearing were provided wireless FM receivers so they could sit anywhere in the coliseum and still hear the messages.

YOU members assisted on youth day and other days with songbook distribution, traffic control and helping the elderly with transportation.

A 150-member chorale produced exceptional special music. The improved sound system helped brethren better appreciate the music. **Melvin Dahlgren.**

Tucson, Ariz.

Attitudes of peace and unity were evident among the 5,393 Feastgoers gathering in the Tucson Community Center.

Sermons provided strong spiritual meat, and activities were scheduled to help brethren enjoy a comfortable pace.

YOU members provided assistance for the elderly and disabled each day of the Feast. Russell Couston, a local elder serving in the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church, presented a Bible study to the deaf brethren on God's power. Deaf members also viewed a slide show on Israel and Jordan.

Guest speaker was evangelist Dean Wilson, pastor of the Portland, Ore., South church.

One sad note was when brethren learned that longtime member Irene Eckert had died in May (see article, page 15). Mrs. Eckert, a deaconess, was active in music and stage preparation for the Feast in Tucson. **Carl McNair.**

Vail, Colo.

An atmosphere of warmth and spiritual closeness pervaded the

2,603 people assembling in the Dobson Arena in Vail. Community officials appreciated the brethren attending in Vail, and Mayor Paul Johnston spoke to the congregation to welcome them to the city.

A snowfall before the Feast provided a spectacular backdrop for the Festival, and daytime temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 60s Fahrenheit (14 to 18 Celsius). Many hotels and facilities are within walking distance of the meeting hall.

About 1,300 brethren rode gondolas normally used to transport skiers.

Guest speakers were David Wainwright, a minister and professor at Pasadena Ambassador College, and Don Lawson, pastor of the Salt Lake City, Utah, church.

In a Bible study for the deaf, Bernard Schnippert, pastor of the Las Vegas, Nev., and Kingman, Ariz., churches, encouraged deaf members to use their disability as a springboard to success. The deaf brethren sponsored an afternoon dinner party for the elderly.

More than 200 single brethren took part in a *Gemeinlichkeit am Nachmittag* (an afternoon get-together) in the Tyrolean Inn. German food and music were enjoyed.

One entertainer, Helmut Fricker, commented: "This was without a doubt the most down-to-earth group of people for which we've ever performed. You believe in something, and you believe in it strongly. But at the same time you can really have fun." Mr. Fricker and his Austrian band have performed for U.S. Presidents Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford, King

Gustaf of Sweden and King Hussein of Jordan.

The *Vail Daily* ran a positive article about the Church that included an interview with James Reyer, Festival site coordinator. A television station also interviewed Mr. Reyer and produced a piece on the Church, which was shown on its news program. **James E. Reyer.**

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Brethren enthusiastically received copies of Mr. Armstrong's new book, *Mystery of the Ages*, in the Church-owned Festival hall in Wisconsin Dells.

Sermons and sermonettes presented at the Feast were exceptional, led by guest speaker Robert Fahey, pastor of the Manhattan, Long Island East and West and Westchester, N.Y., churches.

Autumn colors set a resplendent backdrop for the 5,920 brethren attending the Wisconsin site. A spirit of love and unity exhibited by brethren fit the theme declared by Mr. Armstrong.

An estimated 3,000 brethren took part in the family day activities, which included a junior olympics and a fun run.

About 500 senior citizens took part in a senior citizens luncheon in the Dells Holiday Inn Oct. 4.

The 1985 YOU banquet drew about 900 YOU members and parents. The evening included entertainment and speeches delivered by YOU members.

YOU members served daily on the Festival parking crews and participated in the YOU chorale. The service of Ambassador College students was also appreciated. **Joel Lil-lengreen.**

'Warm, friendly and cooperative spirit'

Harmony prevails in Canada

VANCOUVER, B.C. — More than 12,000 brethren met at five English-speaking sites in Canada, according to Canadian regional director Colin Adair.

"From Victoria [B.C.] in the west to Prince Edward Island in the east, weather on the whole was very good with sunshine experienced by all sites," Mr. Adair said. Two inches of snow fell in Regina, Sask., on the Last Great Day.

"Sickness was at a minimum," said Mr. Adair. "Everyone was especially thrilled with the *Behind the Work* and Little Ambassadors films, which were very inspiring, and many commented about them."

"We were disappointed that the [satellite] transmission didn't come through on the first day and are quite concerned about Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong's health," the regional director continued. "About halfway through the Feast, each Canadian site sent him flowers."

"The ministry spoke of great cooperation among the brethren, and visiting speakers were very happy with everything at the sites. I heard comments by Mr. [Leroy] Neff [Church treasurer], our visiting speaker in the west, Mr. [Arthur] Docken [pastor of the Fairfield and Santa Rosa, Calif., churches] in the east and John Bald [pastor of the La Crosse, Wis., Mason City, Iowa, and Rochester, Minn., churches] in Regina.

"At Prince Edward Island we had a lot of positive media coverage. The CBC [Canadian Broadcasting Corp.] television interviewed Mr. Jack Kost, Feast coordinator, on a live morning show. They also sent a camera crew to shoot some family day activities."

Mr. Adair added: "Mr. Kost's and Mr. Docken's photos were on the front page of the area newspaper. The people in the community seemed interested in what we believe and what we teach and happy to have brethren in their cities.

"Unity and anticipation of the world tomorrow was high," Mr. Adair concluded.

Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Enjoying unusually warm temperatures hovering around 70 degrees Fahrenheit (21 degrees Celsius), 1,172 brethren gathered in Charlottetown's Confederation Centre. Activities included a family variety show and a senior citizens luncheon. Mr. Docken talked to the group.

Family day activities were presented on a television news program, featuring an interview with Mr. Kost, pastor of the Sydney, Halifax and Digby, N.S., churches. Other media coverage portrayed the Church positively. **Jack Kost.**

Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Meeting at Niagara Falls Convention Center, 5,497 Feastgoers shared eight days of messages by such speakers as John Adams, pastor of the Ottawa, Ont., church, who gave an outstanding message to youths titled "The Luckiest Young People in the World," and Mr. Adair, who spoke about peace on the Last Great Day.

With temperatures averaging 60 degrees Fahrenheit (about 16 degrees Celsius), senior citizens took part in a banquet and a tour of the falls area. The public relations director of Gladioux restaurant on Goat Island sent a personal note saying what "Good Ambassadors" the well-behaved children were.

In a spirit of international harmony, hands-across-the-border attitudes prevailed. A woman anointed at the Feast here last year reported that she was healed during the year. **Neal Earle.**

Penticton, B.C.

Blessed with plenty of sunshine and nightly rains, the Canadian site of Penticton was host to 2,265 Feastgoers assembled in the Peach

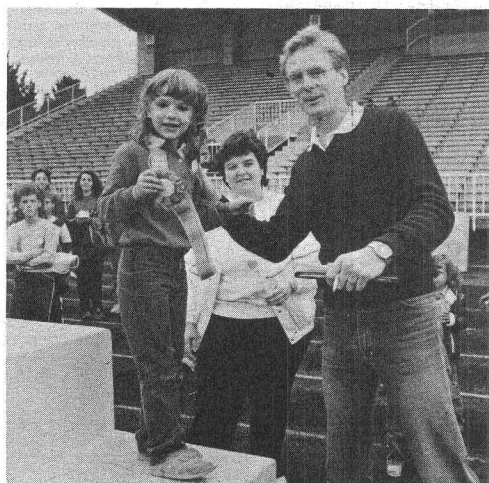
Bowl. A greater insight into the world tomorrow was provided by guest speakers Mr. Neff, Mr. Adair and George Patrickson, an assistant to Mr. Adair.

Senior citizens took part in a luncheon at the Sandman Inn, with a talk by Robert Berendt, associate pastor of the Edmonton, Alta., South church. Food service personnel said they look forward to having brethren come to Pentecost because they are so pleasant and cooperative. **Rainer Salomaa.**

Regina, Sask.

Festival services in Regina took place at the Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts with 1,713 in attendance. Brethren commented on the inspiring qualities of the messages and appreciated those given by Mr. Bald. The *Regina Leader-Post* featured an article about the Feast Sept. 28.

Daytime highs in the high 50s to low 60s Fahrenheit (14 to 17 degrees Celsius) prevailed. About 1,100 brethren attended family day, which was set up with fair booths and provided chances for brethren to serve. Youths served at a YOU booth and ushered and provided entertainment at a se-



VICTORIA, B.C.

niors luncheon. **Douglas Johnson.**

Victoria, B.C.

Assembling in the English-flavored city of Victoria with its double-decker buses and gardens, 1,425 brethren heard messages in the Royal Theatre by guest speaker Mr. Neff and others. Clear skies and temperatures ranging from 10 to 19

degrees Celsius (50 to mid-60s Fahrenheit) prevailed at the site. Activities included a senior citizens visit to Butchart Gardens and family day, featuring a 10-event fun olympics.

The *Victoria Times-Colonist* published an item about the Feast and a photo of Mr. Armstrong in its Sept. 28 issue. **William Rabey.**



PENTICTON, B.C.

Photo by Eric Meadows

Feast 'truly memorable,' says evangelist in Britain

BOREHAMWOOD, England — From reports that reached the Church's regional headquarters here, all sites in the region experienced a truly memorable Feast of Tabernacles, according to evangelist and regional director Frank Brown.

From Bredsten, Denmark, in the Northern Hemisphere, to Cape Maclear, Malawi, south of the equator, nearly 6,000 brethren, 1,500 of whom were visitors from other areas, rejoiced together, Mr. Brown continued.

"While there were problems in Uganda not being able to observe the Feast as planned, many Church members there were able to at least fellowship in a member's home and experience social fellowship and some preaching," said the regional director.

In Jersey, where the Festival was conducted for the second year, the manager of the Fort Regent Leisure Centre (where more than 1,000 people met for services) wrote to Festival elder David House, "You have a high and much deserved reputation here in Jersey which brings great credit to you and all that you represent."

Similar comments were heard from other parts of the region, Mr. Brown added.

"In Bredsten, Denmark, a fine relationship has been developed over the years between the Church and the staff of the Vingstedcentre," said Mr. Brown.

Manager Terkel Teilmann said to Festival elder Peter Shenton: "You must understand that most conferences we have here are not like you. If all churches were like you then

we would have real friendship between all peoples in the world."

"A fitting statement arising from the Feast of Tabernacles as well as a fine tribute to the example that God's people are setting around the world," Mr. Brown concluded.

(The site in Fiuggi, Italy, is also administered by the British Regional Office. See article, page 8.)

Accra, Ghana

Three hundred brethren gathering in Accra enjoyed a special treat for the first four days of the Feast: guest speaker Harold Jackson, an evangelist from Pasadena. Philip Gray, a ministerial trainee serving in the London and Basildon, England, churches, also spoke.

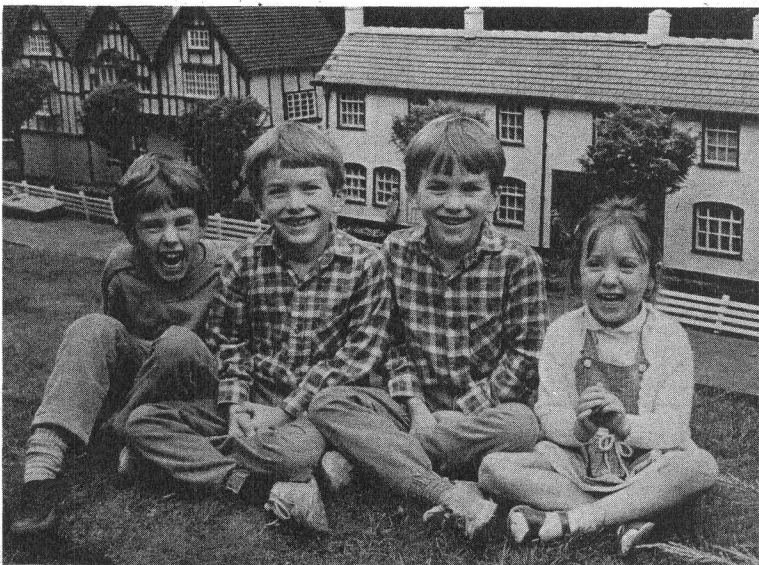
Daytime temperatures were in the 90s Fahrenheit (32 to 37 degrees Celsius), becoming cooler at night. Rain, unusual for this time of year, fell Oct. 4, and a sports activity was canceled.

Members of YOU, Youth Educational Services (YES) and pre-YES groups honored their mothers with songs, speeches and poems. The fathers of infants baby-sat to let the mothers enjoy the afternoon. A dance concluded the afternoon.

A son of a single parent was hit by a taxi and dragged along the street just before the Feast, but made a spectacular recovery after being anointed on the opening night of the Festival. He attended the last four days. *Josef A. Forson.*

Bredsten, Denmark

A friendly family atmosphere was enhanced by brethren eating the evening meal together at Bredsten's Vingstedcentre. Attendance



SOUTHPORT, ENGLAND

Photo by David Silcox

at the site was 283. Sermons anticipated members' work in the Millennium, including a message by Arnold Clauson, pastor of the Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Paducah, Ky., churches, in which he explained to youths the work and responsibilities they will have.

Simultaneous translations into one of the Scandinavian languages were available.

After a deplorable year of weather, the Festival period turned out to be an Indian summer with sunshine and record October temperatures of 20 degrees Celsius (68 Fahrenheit).

The annual Scandinavian Spokesman Club ladies night was a special event since the club meets

only once a year. Speeches were given in English, not in native languages. Feastgoers were invited to participate in Danish national folk dancing. Only eight anointings took place during the Feast. *Peter Shenton.*

Dunoon, Scotland

A sermon about the work brethren will do at the beginning of the Millennium was given in Dunoon by guest speaker Roderick Meredith, an evangelist from Pasadena Ambassador College. Other sermons in the Queens's Hall, where 894 attended, were given by Mr. Brown, Festival elder Colin Wilkins and Paul Suckling, director of Ministerial Services in Borehamwood.

At a Scottish evening, brethren were entertained by one of the top bagpipe bands in Scotland dressed in full Highland regalia. Oct. 5 the Dunoon *Observer* reported on a "grand civic reception" played host to by the Argyll and Bute District Council for overseas brethren.

In spite of inclement weather, high winds, rough seas and only occasional sunshine, with temperatures in the high 50s Fahrenheit (14 to 15 degrees Celsius), ministers reported only a handful of anointings. The Feast was characterized by exceptional warmth and unity. *Colin Wilkins.*

Cape Maclear, Malawi

After being unable to have the Feast in Malawi in southeast Africa last year, there was a noticeable sense of relief, joy and unity this Festival with 159 assembled in Cape Maclear.

Much to Feastgoers' delight, a hippopotamus paid an unexpected visit to the site one day, but a crocodile reported to be in the area was not seen. Temperatures were 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 degrees Celsius), and sunny days created magnificent sunsets over Lake Malawi.

With the acquisition of a power generator, brethren caught up on all the *Behind the Work* films, as well as the Young Ambassadors films from 1982 and 1984. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's piano solo received spontaneous applause from members and villagers who attended the films.

Brethren gave record-breaking Holy Day offerings, and four baptisms took place. Activities included health seminars, a talent show, a games afternoon, soccer, volleyball and swimming. *Owen Willis.*

Naro Moru, Kenya

Twenty of the 167 in attendance at the Naro Moru River Lodge were from overseas, and area members showed exceptional friendliness and

unity. Many who were ill during the Feast were healed, and people seemed to go out of their way to serve and get to know one another.

Mr. Armstrong's messages were high points of the Feast, and members also appreciated seeing *The World Tomorrow* which was first on a video cassette brought by guest speaker Abner Washington, pastor of the Los Angeles, Calif., church.

Brethren attended a talent show, and youths took part in a fishing contest. Singles and youths were responsible for the day-to-day cleaning and setting up of the meeting hall.

Afternoon temperatures were in the 70s Fahrenheit (21 to 26 degrees Celsius), with clear skies. Evenings were cooler and cloudless. *Owen Willis.*

Jersey, Channel Islands

A family atmosphere was the keynote for the Feast in Jersey, where 1,038 attended services in the Fort Regent Leisure Centre. Apart from the natural beauty of Jersey, brethren viewed remnants of the German occupation in World War II. Many took trips to France.

Unusually balmy conditions marked the start of the Feast with temperatures in the low to mid-70s Fahrenheit (21 to 24 degrees Celsius). Despite periods of high winds and rain, only one boat trip was canceled and a beach party delayed. The beach party included a children's sand-castle contest judged by senior citizens.

More than 350 attended a Sabbath service conducted in the middle of the English Channel on the ferry from Portsmouth, England, to Jersey. The Feast had a worldwide flavor as about 40 percent of the brethren came from overseas. Speakers included Mr. Brown, Dr. Meredith and James Chapman, pastor of the Reno and Carlin, Nev., churches. Interpretation for the deaf was provided.

The Leisure Centre's marketing and promotions manager passed along the following message to brethren: "I would like to say how much we have enjoyed your company over the last 10 days. I would also like to thank you all for your unfailing courtesy, charm and thoughtfulness, which has made our job here extremely easy and enormously rewarding. You have a high and much deserved reputation here in Jersey, which brings great credit to you and all that you represent..." *David J. House.*

Kenmare, Irish Republic

Unity, dedication and a sense of responsibility were apparent at Kenmare, where 616 brethren attended services in the Riversdale (See BRITAIN, page 7)

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Britain

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hotel. A family dance consisted of group dances and fostered harmony among all ages.

Brethren showed love and concern to a member who lives in a convalescent home in Dublin, Irish Republic. Because of a stroke four years ago that partially paralyzed her, she is confined to a wheelchair. Feastgoers made it their business to spend time with her.

YOU members ran a tea and coffee bar every morning and lunch. Singles parked cars. Rain fell some of the time, but generally days were partly cloudy with temperatures around 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 Celsius). *John A. Jewell.*

Southport, England

Meeting in the Theatre Complex in Southport, 1,253 brethren heard guest speakers Dr. Meredith and Mr. Chapman. A high point was the *Behind the Work* film.

Sunny weather with temperatures in the 70s Fahrenheit (21 to 26 degrees Celsius) turned into cooler weather and rain by the end of the Festival. Youths took part in a full range of activities, interpreters for the deaf were present for the services and an afternoon was devoted to entertainment and refreshments for senior citizens.

An area newspaper reported on the satellite transmission, and the community commented on the friendliness and cleanliness of the brethren. *David Silcox.*

Tenby, Wales

A sense of unity prevailed in Tenby, especially because most of the 1,267 brethren stayed in one trailer camp, the Kiln Park Caravan Site, and fellowshiped and relaxed with others.

Wet and windy weather brightened up for an afternoon family sports day Oct. 3. Rain fell heavily Oct. 6. Activities included a children's party and a square dance.

YOU members served tea and

coffee before services to raise money for the Summer Educational Program (SEP). Singles served senior citizens on a number of occasions. *Melvin Rhodes.*

Tororo, Uganda

Forty-nine brethren kept the Feast in the home of a Church member in Tororo and especially appreciated Mr. Armstrong's messages. They shared a barbecue, hiked, played soccer and volleyball and attended a talent show.

Everyone pitched in to help. Water and firewood were collected by youths. All meals were eaten together.

Ben Kaswaga, an assistant to Owen Willis in the Nairobi, Kenya, Office, organized the Feast and gave several sermons. Members also listened to sermons on cassette tape and rejoiced in that they could meet in peace in a strife-torn country. Days were sunny and humid, with temperatures of 80 degrees Fahrenheit (about 27 degrees Celsius). *Owen Willis.*



JERSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS

Photo by Nathan Faulkner

Brethren exhibit concern, love at five French sites

PASADENA — Festival attendance at the five sites coordinated by the French Regional Office here topped 3,000, according to evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director.

Mr. Apartian said he was pleased that the Church was able to conduct the Feast of Tabernacles in Haiti for the third year.

"We had over 50 people attend," he said. "It was really a true 'feast' for brethren there, since it afforded many of them their first opportunity to eat three meals a day. Most of them are so poor they cannot afford regular meals during the year."

In French-speaking Europe the Church kept the Feast for the first time in Port d'Albret, France, a resort area on the Atlantic Ocean.

"It was a perfect site for the Feast, and we may return there in 1987," the evangelist said. "Since the site is so far south of where most brethren live, we can only go there occasionally."

Mr. Apartian sent Bernard Andrist, office manager of the Church's office in Geneva, Switzerland, to Zaire for the last half of the Feast so brethren there could hear messages from an ordained minister.

"Brethren in the Cameroon were not allowed to meet as a group for the Feast, so they kept the Feast in their homes, much like Mr. and Mrs. [Herbert] Armstrong did in the early years of the Church," the evangelist said.

Hull, Que.

A double rainbow appeared on the Last Great Day, providing a fitting end to a smooth-running Feast. Powerful sermons about unity and preparing spiritually for the future drew positive comments from the 1,214 brethren meeting in Hull.

The visit and sermons from Mr. Apartian were considered a high point of the Feast.

Brethren transferring to Hull noted the warmth and friendliness of the French Canadian brethren. One American shed tears when receiving a gift from a French Canadian member.

Exceptional unity was noted in the chorale, where French- and English-speaking children harmonized their voices for special music, as the Imperial School students and Little Ambassadors of Shanghai had done in the Festival entertainment production.

Temperatures in the 60s to 80s Fahrenheit (16 to 28 degrees Celsius) provided an unseasonably

warm climate. *Robert Scott.*

Jacmel, Haiti

God blessed the Jacmel Feast site with sunny weather and little rain during the rainy season in Haiti. Average temperatures were in the 90s Fahrenheit (32 to 34 degrees Celsius).

Fifty-one members meeting in the Hotel La Jacmelienne heard sermons on the foundational truths for Christian living. The sermons stressed character development through obedience and training in God's government to achieve the incredible human potential.

A new meeting hall constructed since the last Feast provided comfort and privacy for Feastgoers. The hotel management warmly received brethren and offered a special price for accommodations.

A talent show presented by Haitian members was well received. *Cyrille Richard.*

Port d'Albret, France

Brethren attending the Feast in France were emotionally moved by the Festival productions *Behind the Work* and *The Little Ambassadors of Shanghai*. Attendance in the Omnisport facility in Port d'Albret was 1,180.

Mr. Apartian, the guest speaker, began the first Feast in this resort area on the Atlantic Ocean with a series of encouraging sermons on being an active, serving part of God's winning team.

Olivier Carion, pastor of the



HULL, QUE.

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Strasbourg, Mulhouse and St. Avold, France, churches, delivered a strong sermon based on the life of Serge Philippi, a Church member from the Strasbourg church who died while attempting to rescue fellow workers in a coal mine. [An article about Mr. Philippi is scheduled to appear in *The Worldwide News*.]

More than 100 English-speaking brethren attended the site, and heard simultaneous translations. Media Services in Pasadena provided the French site with videotapes of Church productions that

had English and French soundtracks. A technician mixed the tracks so English-speaking brethren could hear the English soundtrack in a separate room, while French-speaking brethren heard the French soundtrack.

Unseasonably warm temperatures in the 70s to 80s Fahrenheit (21 to 28 degrees Celsius) provided the backdrop for Feast activities. YOU members took part in a novelty olympics on the beach of a lake.

Family evening activities included regional folk dances performed by an area troupe.

Brethren traveled in organized excursions to Biarritz, France, and into Spain for shopping.

Mrs. Gerard Stevenin, a member who did not attend the Feast because she was in her eighth month of pregnancy, suffered a severe hemorrhage that nearly cost her and her baby's lives.

God intervened, and the baby was safely delivered. One month premature, the baby weighed 6½ pounds. *Jean Carion.*

St. Francois, Guadeloupe

Exceptional love was shown to international brethren attending the Feast at the Village Vacances Familles (VVF) facility in St. Francois, a family campground with cabins. Three hundred thirty-seven attended.

Gifts, some handmade by brethren, were presented to children and single brethren ages one day to 30 years on the first Holy Day.

A performance that reflected folkloric dancing from various in-

ternational cultures was presented in the Meridien Hotel. Costumes for the various dances were handmade by Church members.

An evening meal that featured "Cuisine Creole," prepared by members, was served in the restaurant extension of the VVF hall.

Youths assisted mothers with children and helped clean up the camp facility. Other brethren assisted in lifeguarding and security. *Gilbert Carbonnel.*

Tartane, Martinique

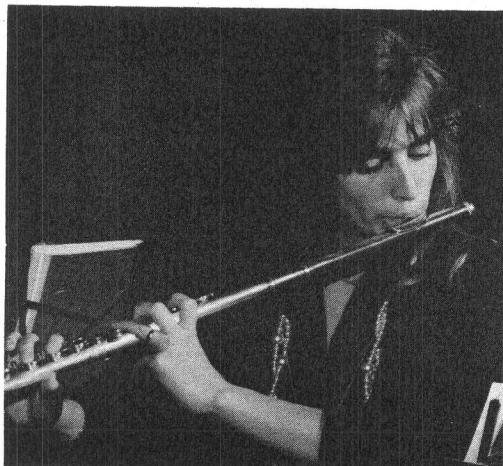
Acts of outgoing concern for brethren reflected the atmosphere of unity at the Feast in the Village Vacances Familles in Tartane. Each year the Church uses the entire facility, complete with bungalows and rooms for meetings.

Offerings on the Last Great Day increased 50 percent over 1984. Two hundred ninety-eight brethren attended.

The Little Ambassadors of Shanghai Festival production was appreciated by brethren. The youths of God's Church provided entertainment for brethren the evening of Oct. 3 and for the senior citizens.

Sunny weather with temperatures in the high 80s Fahrenheit (30 degrees Celsius) was the fare for the first half of the Feast, with some rain following. The rain did not affect Festival activities. *Erick Dubois.*

Mr. Apartian said that "all of the reports I have received from our five sites say that this Feast was characterized by an exceptional spirit of concern and love."



HULL, QUE.

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Festivals in Germany, Eastern Europe

168 keep first Feast in Poland

BONN, West Germany — All three Feast sites coordinated by the West German Regional Office — Bonndorf, West Germany; Brno, Czechoslovakia; and Cracow, Poland — enjoyed unusually warm, sunny weather and an inspiring atmosphere of warmth and unity, according to regional director Frank Schnee.

"In Bonndorf, located in the beautiful Black Forest, one third of the people attending came from overseas or other non-German-speaking areas," said Mr. Schnee.

"Many of the Americans said that even though it was their first time traveling, they were made to feel right at home by the friendly German brethren," he added.

This was the eighth year for the Feast in Brno. As a token of friendship and appreciation to the Czechoslovakian hosts, Thomas Root, Pasadena Ambassador College German instructor, sang a farewell song in English and Czech. Said Mr. Schnee, "Members of the government travel agency CEDOK organizing the convention were extremely grateful and touched by this gesture."

The Feast was conducted for the first time in Cracow. "An instant

rapport was developed between the Feastgoers and the Polish travel agency ORBIS," Mr. Schnee said. "The ORBIS staff members continually remarked on the promptness, cooperation and friendliness of the Church members. The busy schedule of historical tours and activities gave everyone an interesting overview of Polish history and culture."

Despite the difficulties of conducting the Feast in countries with different languages and cultures, comments from members showed that this year's Festival "was extremely interesting, profitable and inspiring."

Bonndorf, West Germany

Stadthalle was host for 1,080 brethren who kept the Feast in Bonndorf. In attendance was Wiktor Przybyla, the lone member from Poland. Under sunny skies, temperatures were in the 70s and low 80s Fahrenheit (21 to 29 degrees Celsius).

Guest speakers were George Meeker, pastor of the Springfield, Mo., church, and Richard Paige, a preaching elder and an associate professor at Pasadena Ambassador College.

The third annual symphony concert, featuring the Bodensee Symphony Orchestra, was attended by 660. Exceptional sermons were given by Paul Kieffer, pastor of the Hannover, Hamburg and West Berlin, West Germany, churches, and Mr. Schnee. *Thomas Lapacka.*

Brno, Czechoslovakia

A spirit of unity and an atmosphere of togetherness accompanied spiritual and physical activities for 290 Feastgoers at this Czechoslovakian site, which included an Imperial dinner at Zidlochovice, a government-owned hunting lodge.

Unusually warm temperatures hovered around 68 degrees Fahrenheit (20 degrees Celsius). Brethren stayed in the Hotel Voronez, where daily services were conducted. Feastgoers from nine nations and several nationalities speaking five languages lived together in harmony — a true picture of the world tomorrow. *Winfried Fritz.*

Cracow, Poland

One hundred sixty-eight brethren assembled for Festival services at the Holiday Inn in Cracow, a former capital of Poland.

The two video presentations were



CRAĆÓW, POLAND

Photo by Craig Clark

enthusiastically received, and both were shown a second time. Ninety brethren kept the Sabbath Sept. 28 in the Wilanowa Castle in Warsaw, capital of Poland.

Guest speakers were Victor Kubik, pastor of the Minneapolis South and Mankato, Minn., churches, and Vincent Szymkowiak, pastor of the Joplin, Mo., and Independence, Kan., churches.

Feastgoers hiked near Zakopane, a town in the Tatra Mountains. Afterward a meal with traditional dancing took place in the Kasprowy hotel.

Skies were sunny, and average high temperatures were 65 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit (19 to 21 Celsius). As the Feast drew to a close, tem-

peratures began dropping.

Since Cracow was a transfer site for all in attendance, the Feast was conducted by volunteer helpers from the United States and other countries. One woman's lost purse was returned to her by a taxi driver with nothing missing. Another taxi driver turned in a woman's wallet with all her money and documents to the hotel lobby.

ORBIS personnel gave up their hotel rooms in Warsaw after the Feast when 20 brethren missed a flight. They were impressed with the conduct of brethren. One guide commented, "Normal people behave totally different than your group under these circumstances." *John B. Karlson.*

Italy: double wedding, baptisms during Feast

FIUGGI, Italy — "About 550 brethren spent a memorable Feast in the Teatro Delle Fonti in Fiumicino, an Italian mountain town famous for its mineral springs," said Carn Catherwood, regional director of Italian-speaking areas.

"The weather was virtually perfect," he added, "with balmy, summerlike days in the 70s [21 to 26 degrees Celsius] and no rain. The rains came a few days after the Feast was over."

Brethren shared organized excursions to Capri, Pompeii, Rome and the Frascati wine country. Sermons by Mr. Catherwood; David Stirk, Festival elder and pastor of the Luton and Cambridge, England, churches, and the Athens, Greece, and Valletta, Malta, Bible studies; and John Elliott, pastor of the Fayetteville and Fort Smith, Ark., churches; emphasized the reality of the coming Kingdom, the need to develop faith and God's character.

"The *Behind the Work* film was definitely commented on by the

brethren as one of the highlights of the Feast," the regional director said. "It had quite an impact." Michael Caputo was ordained on the first Holy Day as a full-time local elder already living in Italy and working with brethren there.

"There were seven baptisms during the Feast, and the evening after the last Holy Day I performed a double-ring wedding ceremony for two couples from Italy, which 90 percent of those at the Feast attended."

Brethren showed care and concern for two injured brethren, according to Mr. Stirk.

Mr. Catherwood said: "The leading people of Ente Fiumicino, an arm of the Italian Tourist Board, and city officials gave special presentations to myself and Mr. Stirk, showing appreciation by the city and hotels in the area. Then we gave them an ornate, embossed, framed photograph showing the interior of the hall with brethren assembled at the Feast last year."



FIUGGI, ITALY

Photo by Monte Wolverton

Members from 14 nations meet in Jerusalem

Israeli site draws 451 brethren

JERUSALEM, Israel — Four hundred fifty-one brethren from 14 countries attended the Feast of Tabernacles at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel here.

Temperatures in Jerusalem averaged about 75 degrees Fahrenheit (24 Celsius) during the day and 68 degrees Fahrenheit (20 Celsius) at night.

Festival speakers

Speakers included Festival elder Richard Frankel, pastor of the Washington, D.C., and Front Royal, Va., churches; Roger Foster, pastor of the Spokane, Wash., and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, churches; Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Indianapolis, Columbus and Terre Haute, Ind., churches; and Glen White, pastor of the Fresno and

Visalia, Calif., churches.

In Jerusalem the group visited Golgotha, the Mount of Olives, archaeological excavations, the holocaust memorial and a model of first century Jerusalem.

Group tours

Other tours for brethren included Nazareth, Megiddo, Caesarea and Capernaum. Other activities were an Israeli and Arab song and dance presentation and an afternoon at the swimming pool and water slide at Kibbutz Ramat Rachel.

On youth day Richard Frankel Jr., 12, accompanied the song leader, and Richenda Frankel, 7, presented a vocal solo.

All senior citizens had traveling companions.

David Bilowus, a freshman at Big Sandy Ambassador College who holds a master of fine arts degree in piano and a bachelors degree in voice, gave a piano recital at the Royal Cultural Center in Amman, Jordan, on behalf of the Al Hussein School for the Physically Handicapped. Several English daily newspapers announced the event, and the Jordan *Times* published an interview with Mr. Bilowus.

Nasri Atalla, director general of the Ministry of Tourism, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, complimented the Church on being fair and equitable in bringing tourists to Jordan on the way to Jerusalem. He addressed the group Sept. 28 on the Sabbath before the Feast. *Richard Frankel.*

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12 countries represented at Feast in Netherlands

HOOGEVEEN, Netherlands — Five hundred nineteen brethren from 12 nations kept the Feast of Tabernacles here. Guest speaker was Pieter Michielsens, pastor of the Grande Prairie, Alta., church, who speaks Dutch and English. He and his wife, Joy, are frequent visitors to the Dutch Feast site.

Large screen video equipment was used for Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's messages and for the *Behind the Work* and *Little Ambassadors of Shanghai* films.

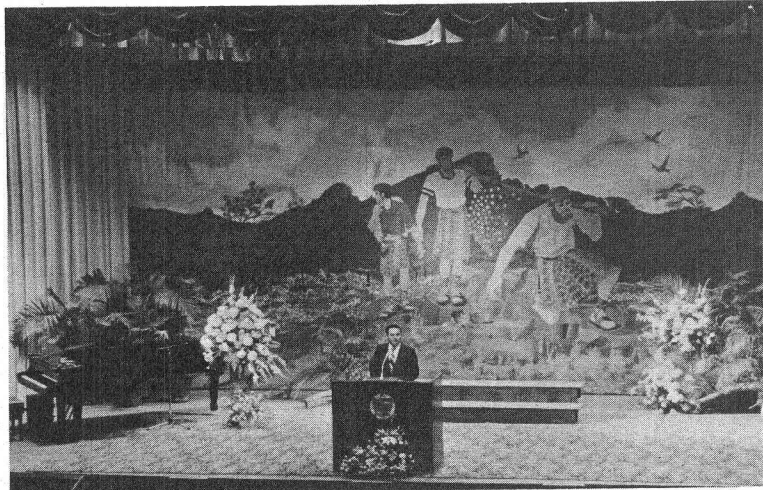
All services except for Mr. Armstrong's messages were in Dutch. An infrared system for translation was used for the first time. This system uses wireless headphones, allowing the user to sit anywhere in

the auditorium. Money for the system was provided by the fund-raising efforts of the four Dutch-language churches.

Mystery of the Ages was available to the 50 percent of the Dutch brethren with sufficient command of English.

Eight days of sunshine, unusual for the Netherlands at this time of year, was a blessing for the brethren. The management of the convention center, De Tamboer, began to connect the nice weather with the presence of the brethren.

A 19.4 percent increase in Holy Day offerings from last year was noted. The year-to-date financial increase at the end of September was 13.8 percent. *Bram de Bree*.



DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

Photo by Thomas C. Hanson

Cooperation, cheerfulness characterize attitudes

3,112 attend in southern Africa

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — God poured out His blessings at the six Feast of Tabernacles sites in southern Africa, according to Roy McCarthy, regional director.

"Unity, cooperation and cheerfulness characterized the attitudes displayed by the Feastgoers," he said.

For the first time attendance topped the 3,000-mark, climbing to 3,112. Brethren also gave record Holy Day offerings. In South Africa, offerings topped the \$50,000-rand (about \$20,000) mark for the first time.

The *Behind the Work* videotape arrived in time to be shown at the South African sites.

In his opening night taped message, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong set the theme of the Feast as being one of unity. His heart-to-heart talk to his "spiritual children" caused the hearts of the brethren to go out to him and bound brethren together in a common pur-

pose, according to Dr. McCarthy.

Evangelist Leslie McCullough, deputy chancellor of the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College, and his wife, Marion, visited the three sites in South Africa. Mr. McCullough also spoke to the combined Johannesburg, South Africa, churches before the Feast.

Dr. McCarthy and his wife, Tine, also visited the three South African sites.

Black River, Mauritius

One hundred twenty-four brethren kept the Feast on this Indian Ocean island east of Madagascar. A southeast trade wind blew across the island. The average temperature was 75 degrees Fahrenheit (24 degrees Celsius).

South African visitors organized a luncheon for senior citizens. The YOU had a sea trip that included swimming and snorkeling. Music was provided by the Mauritian church choir

and the youth choir on youth day.

Evelyne Rakotomalala, the only Church member in Madagascar, flew to Mauritius for the Feast, her only chance for fellowship during the year. *William Whitaker*.

Durban, South Africa

Services took place at the City Hall in downtown Durban with the highest attendance 1,658.

Dr. McCarthy showed seven reasons why brethren leave God's Church and three ways members can make a full contribution to the fulfillment of the Church's work.

Durban YOU members spent at least three hours serving at a senior citizens luncheon organized by Jack Johnson, a Durban deacon. Many brethren helped with transportation. The event was made memorable by the warmth and friendliness of Mr. and Mrs. McCullough.

The family day *braai* (barbecue), which included many family activities, was well attended. YOU members, putting a sermonette about overcoming shyness into practice, met many people at an outing to Waterworld.

The children's choir, under the direction of Ian Henderson, stole the hearts of the brethren. Tim O'Connor of Pasadena sang a well-received solo, and Lorette Demont, a teenager, played piano.

Denise Herbert of Johannesburg attended every service though continually in pain with cancer of the spine and colon. She has been given only a short time to live.

An illuminated *Plain Truth* newsstand was displayed at Expo 85, which opened during the Feast. One million visitors are expected to attend the exhibition in three months.

Temperatures were in the mid-

20s Celsius (upper 70s Fahrenheit) at this Indian Ocean site. *John Bartholomew*.

George, South Africa

Brethren keeping the Feast in George were moved by the *Behind the Work* film — the material presented and the professional way it was put together. Overall theme of the Feast was that putting God first brings about unity.

Five hundred forty-three brethren kept the Feast at this Indian Ocean site on the south coast of South Africa. Daytime temperatures were 20 to 25 degrees Celsius (68 to 77 degrees Fahrenheit). It rained occasionally at night.

A spirit of unity and cooperation was evident at the site. The Feast ran smoothly, with problems quickly resolved. Special effort was made to serve the widows, elderly and fatherless.

The senior citizens luncheon was well attended, and YOU members assisted at services on youth day. *Andre van Belkum*.

Hawston, South Africa

Cooperation and unity prevailed at the Festival at the Sonesta Holiday Resort in Hawston. The resort's facilities make an ideal Festival site, and fellowship opportunities were exceptional. Attendance was 212.

Family day included fun and games and ended with a *braai* and sing-along.

The family social began with indoor games for children, followed by a talent show. The evening concluded with dancing.

YOU members served as ushers on YOU day. The children's choir performed special music. Senior citizens had a luncheon on the second day of the Feast.

The first four days of the Feast of Tabernacles were fine to partly cloudy with temperatures about 20 degrees Celsius (68 degrees Fahrenheit). Occasional showers fell during the latter part of the

Feast. *Terence Browning*.

Livingstone, Zambia

A record 77 brethren celebrated a Feast of unity, giving, sharing and joyful fellowship in Livingstone on the Zambezi River. Temperatures were 35 to 40 degrees Celsius (95 to 104 degrees Fahrenheit). Brethren appreciated cool breezes off the Zambezi and the air-conditioned hall and hotels.

Fervent prayer made it possible to have a television set (hard to find in Zambia) for all video messages. Sydney Hull, pastor of the Bloemfontein and Klerksdorp, South Africa, churches, was a guest speaker. Brethren gave record Holy Day offerings.

Members who attend the Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, church gave shoes to needy Zambian members. The young singles distinguished themselves in service by arranging the hall seating and flowers and helping the married couples organize family day sports, a river cruise and a banquet overlooking the Zambezi River. *William Bentley*.

Mutare, Zimbabwe

Four hundred ninety-eight brethren kept the Feast in Mutare under blue skies with breezes and temperatures in the 70s Fahrenheit (21 to 26 degrees Celsius).

Mr. Hull and John White, pastor of the Pretoria and Pietersburg, South Africa, churches, coordinated their messages, emphasizing the brethren's commitment to their calling as teachers.

Some senior citizens were entertained at the White Horse Inn in the Vumba Mountains. A bus load of Feastgoers visited the botanical gardens in the heart of the Vumba Mountains.

Services were translated into Shona for a few longtime members who live in rural areas. All members, black and white, responded to the spiritual food and retained a sense of unity throughout the Feast. *John White*.



DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

Photo by Thomas C. Hanson

Festival 'most meaningful and problem-free'

Australian, Asian areas report

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — "In the area administered from the Australian Regional Office, more than 6,400 members and their families observed and celebrated the 1985 Feast at 12 locations," said Australian regional director Robert Morton.

"Feedback from the Festival coordinators has been very positive," Mr. Morton continued. "They commented that it was one of the most meaningful and problem-free Feasts they had ever attended."

Mr. Morton attended the first

half of the Feast in Sri Lanka, then traveled on to the Indian site of Goa. Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the Church's publications, and his wife, Shirley, attended the two sites also.

Several Australian ministers traveled to the overseas sites in the Solomon Islands, Malaysia, India and Sri Lanka, reported Mr. Morton.

In Australia evangelist Dean Blackwell spoke at four Feast sites. Pastor-rank ministers William Winner, director of Ministerial Services in Australia, and William

Bradford, pastor of the Melbourne, Australia, East church, spoke at two sites.

"A main highlight during the Feast was the *Behind the Work* film," Mr. Morton said. "Many considered it to be truly moving and exciting, and the best production yet made by the Church."

Ahungalla, Sri Lanka

Meeting in the Triton Hotel in Ahungalla, a seaside resort, 145 brethren from eight countries heard exceptional sermons on overcoming, unity and being members of

God's worldwide team.

An afternoon beach activity, family games and entertainment took place. Senior citizens toured the city of Galle, Sri Lanka, saw a Dutch fort and visited the monastery where Ambassador College students teach English to Buddhist monks.

Even though the first day message by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and the *Behind the Work* video cassettes were delayed, they were delivered in time. The weather was overcast with many rainshowers, but some days were sunny. *Mohan Jayasekera*.

Caloundra, Australia

Eight hundred eighty-three brethren gathered in the Caloundra Civic Centre for sermons by visiting

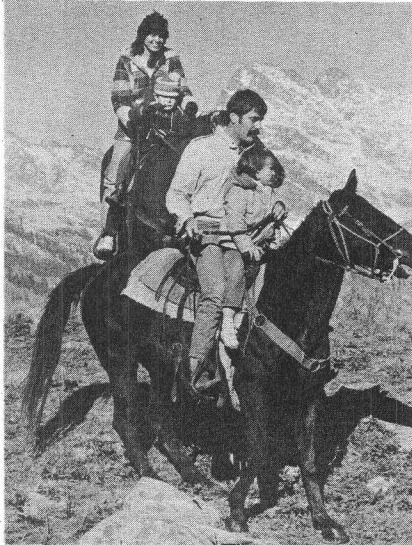
speaker Mr. Blackwell; Mr. Bradford; and Kerry Gubb, pastor of the Adelaide and Darwin, Australia, churches.

Initial overcast conditions on the first Holy Day changed to beautiful sunny days of 24 and 25 degrees Celsius (mid-70s Fahrenheit). The weather became cloudy again by the end of the Feast.

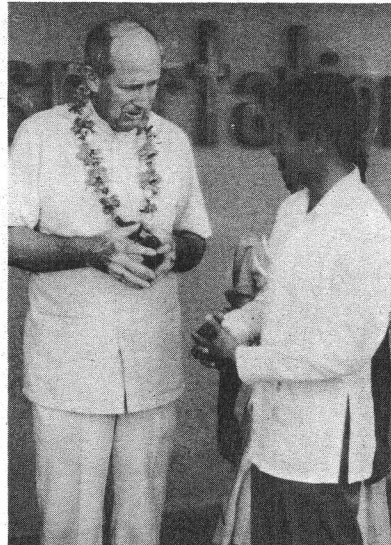
Brethren enjoyed an Australian bush dance, a family picnic and an over-50s activity, at which Ross Jutsum, director of the Young Ambassadors in Pasadena, led a sing-along. YOU members assisted the elderly and mothers. *Rodney Dean*.

Goa, India

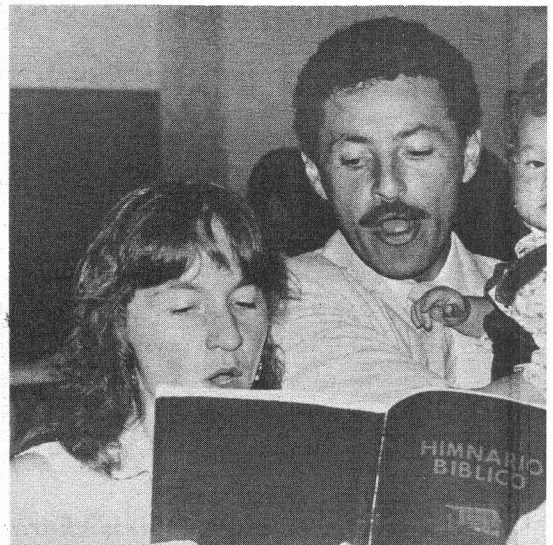
Cooperation, joy and care for one another, showing God's spirit work. (See AUSTRALIAN, page 15)



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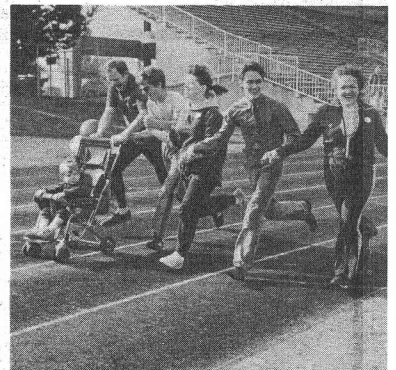
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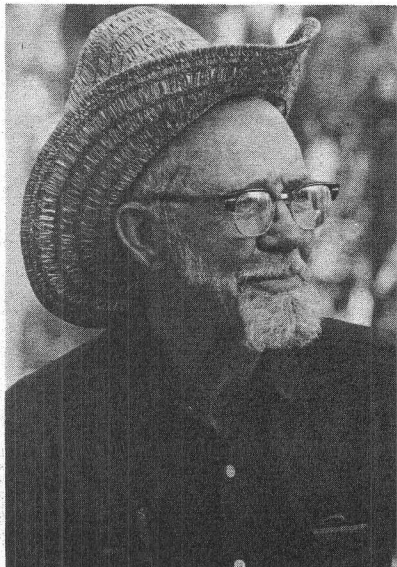
HARMONY AND UNITY — In reports to *The Worldwide News*, regional directors and Festival coordinators around the world said that brethren exhibited an exceptional spirit of unity and cooperation during the 1985 Feast of Tabernacles. Many sites received positive media coverage and community interest. An estimated 131,000 brethren kept the Festival at



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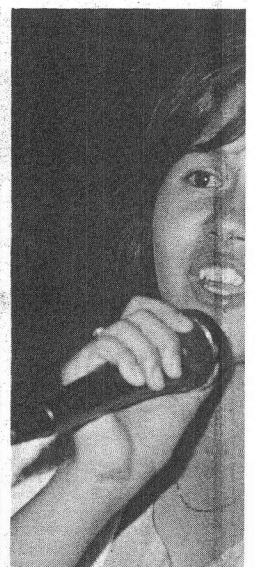
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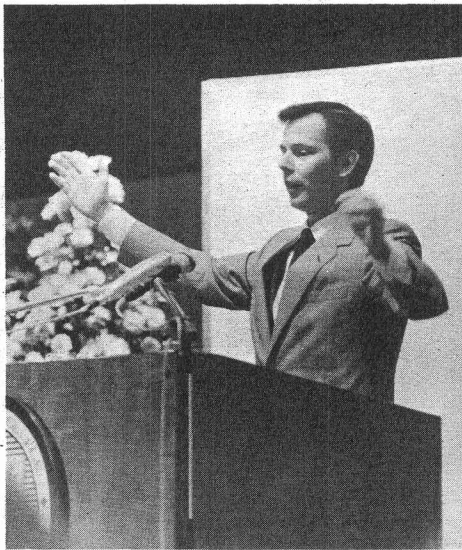
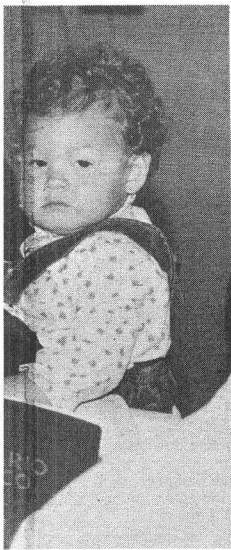
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192 sites in 50 countries, according to the Festival Office in Pasadena.
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ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

YOUs take canoe, raft trips

Eighteen teens from five YOU regions across CANADA participated in the first Canadian national YOU senior wilderness canoe trip, July 29 to Aug. 4.

The trip got under way with a bus ride to Bowron Lake Provincial Park in central British Columbia. Each carried a 50-pound backpack and shared the weight of a 62-pound canoe for the first of seven portages.

Each day provided opportunities to fish, hike, swim, read, write or relax in the sun. The group saw the Cariboo Mountains and other mountain ranges throughout the trip and filled water containers from pure mountain creeks.

A bull moose that came to feed was undisturbed by the presence of canoeists within 50 feet. A black bear that wandered into camp early one morning looking for food, left after campers whistled it away. The group also spotted bald eagles, hawks and herons.

The 116-kilometer (about 73 miles) trip included 91 kilometers (about 57 miles) of lakes, 17 kilometers (about 10 miles) of rivers and eight kilometers (about five miles) of portages.

Friday afternoon, Aug. 2, the group made camp for the Sabbath at Unna Lake with its sandy beaches and view of the Needle Point Mountains.

After a pancake breakfast Aug. 3, Glen Weber, pastor of the Prince George, B.C., church, stressed the importance of friendship in his sermon. Later in the afternoon the group saw the 80-foot drop of Cariboo Falls.

The last leg of the trip was completed Sunday, Aug. 4, in traditional style with canoe leaders being thrown into the lake. Ron Hiebert was head canoeist.

Early the next morning the group was picked up and bused to the 19th-century gold-mining town of Barkerville, B.C., complete with a root beer saloon, bakery and live stage show.

Aug. 6 they toured Prince George Pulp Mill before being taken to the Log House restaurant overlooking Tabor Lake for a meal of prime rib. At the end of the meal,

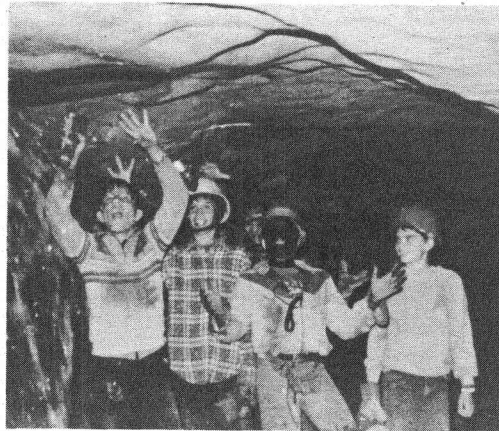
Mr. Weber and Douglas Smith, pastor of the Edmonton, Alta., North and South churches and trip coordinator, presented each teen with a T-shirt, national YOU activity pin and participation certificate.

On the final morning the teens gathered at the airport to say good-byes before flying home.

EUREKA, Calif., YOU members rafted in the Trinity River Aug. 11. The group's professional guide expressed concern the week before about the river being so low, but it rose eight inches before the trip.

The group took time out during the four-hour trip for swimming and snacking. They were accompanied by Ray Lisman, pastor of the Eureka and Chico, Calif., churches, and his wife, Kathy.

Douglas Smith, Sheldon Sitter, Naomi Wood and Nicole Hopcraft, and Mary Ellen Evans.



CAVE EXPLORERS — Youths from Montgomery, Ala., pause before entering the King's Shower, an underground room inside Tumbling Rock Cave. (Photo by John Thompson)

Churches conduct camp-outs, activities

CROYDON, England, YOU members walked part of the Pilgrim's Way in the hills and cornfields of Surrey and Kent, England, just south of London Aug. 25 and 26.

Just as the pilgrims traveled to Canterbury, England, each member carried his or her own provisions and sleeping equipment for an overnight camp under a harvest moon.

Brethren from **CALGARY, Alta.**, conducted their annual camp-out Aug. 16 to 18 at the Carseland Group Camp southeast of Calgary.

About 250 brethren attended Sabbath services Aug. 17 at the campsite. Other Sabbath activities included morning and afternoon hymn singing and Bible studies for adults and YOU and Youth Educational Services (YES) members. After sunset telescopes were set up for stargazing.

The next day campers were joined by more Calgary brethren for a pancake breakfast and family sports and games, including a raw-egg throw, water balloons, tug-of-

war, volleyball and softball. Some went rafting down the Bow River.

SEDRO-WOLLEY and EVERETT, Wash., brethren combined for a camp-out Aug. 16 to 18 at Camp Kirby on Samish Island, Wash.

At Sabbath services Aug. 17, conducted in the camp lodge, William Simonton, an Everett local church elder, gave a sermonette on respect for others. Pastor Richard Duncan then spoke on the difference between God's and Satan's wrath in the end time.

A potluck organized by Margaret Hageman followed services. Around a fireplace, groups of youths, singles and the Top of the Hill gang entertained with skits and stories.

John Stiles, accompanied by Bonita Korthuis on piano, led the group in a sing-along.

Sunday morning, Aug. 18, Everett brethren, under the direction of Hilda Johnson, served breakfast to about 200 campers. The campers played volleyball and ended up the day as part of a cleanup crew led by Sam Morden. The efforts of Mr. Morden's crew earned compliments for God's Church from the camp management.

The **VICTORIA, B.C.**, church invited brethren from Courtenay and Vancouver, B.C., to their annual camp-out Aug. 22 to 25 at Rathtraver Beach in Parksville, B.C. One hundred eighty attended.

Sabbath morning, Aug. 24, Youth Educational Services (YES) children worked on YES lessons and played Bible baseball. At afternoon services Joel King, assistant pastor of the Vancouver church, gave the sermon. For evening entertainment Rob Hasanen, Joseph Cheperdak and Mel Carmen played guitars and sang. A sing-along followed.

Early the next morning men played baseball. Later, before the tide came in, women played softball on the beach. At the end of the game the group was playing in 18 inches of water.

PASCO, YAKIMA and QUINCY, Wash., churches shared four days of camping Aug. 22 to 25 at Bumping Lake on the eastern slopes of the Cascade Mountains. Among towering evergreen trees, the Sabbath sermon Aug. 24 was a tape on marriage by Clint Zimmerman, pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church.

Some of the activities during the camp-out were boating, swimming, fishing, horseback riding and fellowship. Harold Smith, pastor of the Pasco, Yakima, Quincy and Tonasket, Wash., churches, and his family joined

the campers on the last day.

Ten YOU members and four adults from **CASTLEGAR, B.C.**, and **KETTLE FALLS, Wash.**, camped out Aug. 23 and 24 at Lemon Creek Campground. Aug. 24 a Sabbath morning Bible study was conducted by pastor Lyle Simmons.

The next morning the group packed food and equipment for a 2½-day canoe trip on Slocan Lake. Guide Keith Kessler showed the group canoeing techniques, Indian pictographs and waterfalls. Mr. Kessler cooked all the meals.

Activities included football, swimming, cliff diving, wading in glacier water, sing-alongs and getting suntans. The group returned Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 27, after canoeing more than 28 miles. Some went for a last swim in Slocan Lake.

CORNING, N.Y., junior YOU members camped out Aug. 10 to 12 at Tompkins Recreation Area in Lawrenceville, Pa. After Sabbath services Aug. 10 the entire church was invited to a potluck.

After the meal James Todd conducted a Bible baseball game for junior Youth Educational Services (YES) members. Questions for the game were taken from a YES lesson and submitted by YES teachers. A gift was presented to Dan Fisher for most valuable player.

After a dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs and salads, youths participated in a sing-along. Sunday activities were hiking, swimming, boating, a softball game and a scavenger hunt. A spaghetti dinner was served that evening.

Monday morning, Aug. 12, the group joined in cleaning up the camp before more swimming, boating and the return home. Mr. Todd (See CHURCHES, page 13)

Group goes spelunking in Alabama

Aug. 18 boys from the **MONTGOMERY, Ala.**, church, took part in a spelunking (cave exploring) expedition.

After traveling north to Birmingham, Ala., for Aug. 17 Sabbath services, the group, under the leadership of Carl Ponder, continued north to Lake Gunterville. The Sabbath ended at their lakeside campsite.

The next morning three experienced spelunkers, including Birmingham Church member Carl Smith, guided the group through Tumbling Rock Cave.

The naturally air-conditioned cave features an underground stream, rock formations and the King's Shower, an underground room with 400-foot ceilings and a constant ice-cold shower of falling water.

Returning home that night the boys reflected on their latest exploration of God's creation. *John Thompson.*

Areas mark 11th, 20th anniversaries

MIDLAND, Mich., brethren commemorated the Midland church's 20th anniversary Aug. 10 with 190 in attendance, including more than 20 who attended the first service in August, 1965.

Sabbath services began with a sermonette by Brad Heist, who spoke on how to be a good Samaritan. Garvin Greene, pastor of the Midland and Cadillac, Mich., churches, spoke on coming of age.

After services brethren gathered for cake, cookies, punch and fellowship.

BELLEVILLE and MOUNT VERNON, Ill., brethren combined Aug. 18 for the 11th anniversary picnic of the Mount Vernon church. Activities began at 10 a.m. at Rend Lake with softball, volleyball and washers. At 11 a.m. women organized the food onto picnic tables for a potluck.

After the meal pastor Daniel Creed and deacon Don Hatchett rented a ski boat. The lake was choppy, but several managed to get up on skis. Meanwhile, children's games included a tug-of-war, sack races and a water-balloon toss.

Renee O'Brien and Marilyn Harper.

Club sponsors ladies night

ABERDEEN, Scotland, Spokesman Club members conducted a ladies night Aug. 18 at the Holiday Inn in Aberdeen. Thirty-four members and guests received aperitifs as they entered the foyer of the hotel.

Sergeant at arms Dennis Harvey presented each woman with a gift. William Duncan, a local church elder and club director, introduced the evening before handing control to club President David Jones.

Topicmasters were the husband-and-wife team of Jim and Jennifer Brown. A high point of the meal was the ceremonial parade by hotel chefs of freshly cooked prime roast rib of beef to be carved in the presence of the diners.

After coffee and liqueurs were

served, toastmaster Hugh Smith introduced four speakers and evaluators, who spoke about nails, shopping lists, safety and Kenya. Charles Adams gave the Most Effective Speech; the Most Improved Speaker was Gordon Glennie; and the Most Helpful Evaluation was given by David Jones.

Overall evaluator Colin Wilkins, pastor of the Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Irvine, Scotland, churches, admonished the club to show more involvement in topics and to tailor speech material to the type of audience.

Mr. Wilkins commended the club on its choice of location, organization and commitment. *Jim Brown and John Thornton.*

YES youths camp at farm

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hall invited the children from **DUBLIN, Irish Republic**, Youth Educational Services (YES) classes for a camp-out at their farm in Wexford County Aug. 2 to 5.

Fourteen children ages 6 to 13 arrived for dinner Aug. 2 and settled down for the night in tents pitched in a field near the farmhouse. A soft rain fell overnight, with inclement weather continuing for the rest of the weekend.

Activities were conducted under the leadership of Mr. Hall, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Victor Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Will Lynton, Terry Gunning and Angela Jordan.

On the Sabbath, Aug. 3, Anthony Goudie, associate pastor of the Irish churches, conducted a special service and answered children's Bible questions such as: Why Christ didn't marry? and Who will look after children whose parents are changed into spirit beings at Christ's return?

On Sunday and Monday the days began with an assembly featuring talks and discussions of how to deal with strangers and how to resist peer pressure.

Mr. Gunning set up an assault course in the hay barn; riding instruction was available on Tommy, the horse in residence; and other activities included a hayride, Bible quiz and barbecue

followed by a sing-along.

Mrs. Hall's kitchen provided food for the event. The finale to the weekend was a visit to Courttown beach and amusement park. *John Jewell.*

Jambalaya fund raiser nets \$1,200

BATON ROUGE, La., brethren conducted their annual jambalaya fest to raise funds Aug. 18. Proceeds were used to buy video equipment for the church. The event took place at the home of Terry Richardson.

Jambalaya is a Louisiana specialty, an Acadian dish consisting of rice, chicken, onions and seasoning. Usually 400 to 500 dinners are sold. The Baton Rouge church features Landis Singletary and Ray Joffrion Jr. as special cooks, who cook the dish over cast-iron pots in individual fires for more than three hours. The jambalaya is served with green beans, salad and whole-wheat French bread.

About \$1,200 was raised from selling the dinners. Brethren played sand-court volleyball afterward. *Terry H. Richardson.*

Brethren take part in outings, picnics

Splashing in the Caribbean Sea, children's laughter, volleyball, guava duff (a Bahamian dish) and lemonade marked the end of summer Aug. 11 for about 100 NAS-SAU, Bahamas, brethren, who boarded two sight-seeing boats for Rose Island, a private swimmers paradise outside Nassau harbor.

Adults and children participated in such activities as water handball, barefoot racing and shooting marbles. A summer shower sent some racing for shelter, while others stayed in the warm sea.

Aug. 25 the CHARLESTON, S.C., church assembled at Givhans State Park in Givhans, S.C., for a picnic. It was the largest turnout in the church's history with 90 percent present to fellowship and to meet their new pastor, Robert Persky, and his family. Mr. Persky also pastors the Savannah, Ga., church.

The day's activities included a potluck, touch football, softball, volleyball, horseshoes and a variety

of games for pre-YOU children.

The CHICAGO, Ill., SOUTHSIDE church presented an evening of fine dining and fashion Aug. 11. The event opened with a cocktail hour, where brethren from Michigan, Indiana and as far away as New York got acquainted.

A country-style fare was prepared for the group at the Beverly Woods Lounge and Restaurant. The menu included homemade sourdough rolls, tossed green salad, fruit cocktail, green beans, mashed potatoes, sliced beef, Swedish meatballs, fried chicken and ice cream for dessert.

All garments displayed in the fashion show were either designed, sewn or worn by Church women. Styles were casual, sports, suits, after 5, formal and a wedding dress. The women modeled to the music of Southside's combo led by Don Gibson.

The evening ended with dancing to music supplied by the Southside

Dance Band, directed by Douglas Bragg and Mr. Gibson.

BILLINGS, Mont., brethren gathered in the Rocky Mountains Aug. 18 for their annual Big Sky Chili Feed at the home of Jon and Laura Hay, nestled in the pines above Red Lodge, Mont. The group threw horseshoes, hiked and fellow-shipped.

The annual ONTARIO softball tournament took place Aug. 11 in Cambridge. Men's and women's teams came from Barrie, Hamilton, Kingston, Smiths Falls, Kitchener, London, Toronto East and West, Ottawa, Sarnia, Windsor and Peterborough.

In the men's A division Toronto East came away with first, with Toronto West runner-up. In the men's B division, Windsor captured first, and London took second.

In the women's division Kingston and Smiths Falls took first, with second going to Kitchener. After the games Kitchener brethren served barbecued chicken, hamburgers, salads and desserts to more than 400 players and spectators.

Five softball teams assembled in FARGO, N.D., Aug. 11 for the ninth annual invitational softball tournament. Teams represented churches from Minneapolis North and South and St. Paul, Minn., and Fargo.

After several games Minneapolis South came away with first; Fargo A took second; and St. Paul was third. Fargo women volunteered to staff a refreshment stand, the proceeds from which were credited to the area church activity fund.

K. Edwards, Ken Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McNeal, Gordon and Roma Byerly, Marnie Hills and Earl D. Jackson.



PICNIC GUESTS — Senior citizens and spiritual widows from Salt Lake City, Utah, meet for a picnic at the home of pastor Donald Lawson and his wife, Susan (bottom right). [Photo by Jan Cooper Carden]

Areas serve widows, elderly

Each year men in the COURTENAY, B.C., church get together to cut wood for area widows. The last of the woodcutting took place Aug. 11 at the home of John Beresford, a Courtenay deacon. Mr. Beresford donated some of the trees from his acreage and organized the men into work parties.

By noon the wood was cut, split and delivered. The men and their families shared a barbecue provided for them by Mr. Beresford's wife, Lorraine.

The widows who received the men's help are on fixed incomes and would find it almost impossible to heat their homes properly without the wood.

Aug. 18 SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, senior citizens and spiritual widows were on hand for a picnic played host to by pastor Donald Lawson and his wife, Susan, assisted by elders, deacons and dea-

conesses, at the Lawsons' home.

Activities began before noon with a buffet-style meal. Bud and Jan Carden presented a program of vocal selections. Mr. Carden then provided guitar accompaniment for a sing-along.

In the late afternoon the Salt Lake City children's choir gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jacobson to entertain and thank their parents and sponsors for the past year's support. "Thanksgiving in August" was the theme selected, by the group and was carried out in songs and skits.

Master of ceremonies was Alaric Kurzawa, under the direction of musical director Ellie Kurzawa. After the program Mr. and Mrs. Lawson and other honored guests were treated to refreshments served by the choir members.

Gwen Sparkes and Phillis Taylor and Jan Cooper Carden.

Members meet for Bible studies, activities

Questions such as: What is music? Is all rock and roll music wrong? and How should a Christian evaluate music? were answered in a special Bible study and sermon presented July 27 by Gerald Witte, pastor of the FLINT and LANSING, Mich., churches.

More than 450 brethren from both areas who met for combined services watched a movie titled *Whatever Happened to Childhood?*

During the sermon Mr. Witte gave guidelines for effective criticism of music including mood and attitude (how the music makes you feel), whether the message is clear and morally clean, is there an expression of the wrong attitude to authority?, communicating with parents for selection and evaluation and knowing and recognizing the position of the Church in relationship to music.

After the Sabbath 80 YOU members and parents shared a barbecue and YOU Bible study, teen dance and overnight stay at the home of Mr. Witte and his wife, Cherie. Early the next morning the group went to the beach.

Church members and families from the ISLE OF MAN, British Isles, assembled for an all-day Bible study at the Grand Island Hotel in Ramsey. The study took place during an extended visit to the island by Robert Harrison and his family.

Mr. Harrison pastors the Liverpool and Stoke-on-Trent, England, churches and Conway, England, and Isle of Man Bible studies.

The visit culminated in a barbecue with lamb chops and chicken grilled over an open charcoal fire. Home-brewed beer and wine were used to drink a toast to absent friends.

A three-piece group composed of David and Margaret Payne, guitars, and Mark Harrison, recorder, provided music for a sing-along.

Seventeen WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis., YOU members shared a weekend Aug. 24 and 25. To start things off, the group participated in a Bible study Saturday evening, Aug. 24.

Members brought along sleeping bags and stayed overnight in Mr. and Mrs. Ron Dick's home, where they played video games, pool, table tennis, table games and watched movies.

Rainy weather caused a planned canoe trip and picnic to be postponed, but the teens played volleyball and basketball in the Feast of Tabernacles building.

Joanne Whitehead, Bill Taylor and Patricia Gauden.

Church gets remodeling

Aug. 4 men of the MERIDIAN, Miss., church helped area Jaycees remodel the Jaycee building where brethren meet for Sabbath services. The group put up paneling and added several storage closets.

Brethren met in the newly renovated building for services Aug. 10. Before the sermon, silver Cross pens were presented by Paul Kurts, pastor of the Meridian and Laurel, Miss., churches, to YOU members and leaders for their supportive attitudes. Jane Livingston.

Camp-outs focus on SEP

Aug. 4 to 8 Stoney Acres Campsite, in the Pocono Mountains and owned by the students of East Stroudsburg University, became the temporary home of about 50 children from the WILKES-BARRE and BETHLEHEM, Pa., churches.

The children experienced a foretaste of a YOU Summer Educa-

tional Program (SEP) camp. The event was planned by Edward Budda, camp coordinator of the Wilkes-Barre church, and John and Diane Cressman, Bethlehem church camp directors.

Four days were filled with hiking, canoeing, archery, kickball, softball, swimming, volleyball, arts and crafts and movies about area wildlife. Craig Todd brought a live barn owl and explained its life-style.

Betty Evans, wife of George Evans, a Wilkes-Barre local church elder, planned, cooked and served three meals a day with snacks in between. Mrs. Evans was aided by women from both churches.

The children were separated into groups named after one of the tribes of Israel. During daily Bible studies they learned about the laws God gave His people at that time. Prizes were given to the best-kept dorms and to those who excelled at sports and games.

A BREMERTON and AUBURN, Wash., camp-out Aug. 9 started with a Friday night talk on "SEP (Summer Educational Program) — That's the Place To Be" by Wil Derrick. Sabbath, Aug. 10, the group woke to clear weather over Lake Hicks. Services were conducted by pastor Richard Parker, who gave a sermon titled "Honoring Your Parents."

Dinner was followed by a deacons and elders meeting, and the evening concluded with a talent show and dance.

Sunday morning activities included children's games, waterskiing and fishing.

Margie Storm and Patricia Derrick.

Singles hosts to summer weekend

The CHARLESTON, PARKERSBURG and LOGAN, W. Va., churches were hosts to their sixth annual singles summer weekend Aug. 9 to 11 at Camp Virgil Tate near Charleston.

Calister Vallet Jr., a Charleston local church elder, led a get-acquainted session after the dinner Aug. 9. The next morning the group of about 100 singles from six states attended Sabbath services in Charleston.

That afternoon Steven Botha, pastor of the three churches, conducted a discussion titled "The Pitfalls of Being Single." He then led a single parents workshop. Saturday evening the group danced to music provided by Harley Cannon of Lexington, Ky., and Brian Clark of Lenoir, N.C.

Sunday morning, Aug. 11, the singles hiked through the surrounding woods and later listened to Mr. Vallet explain "Fourteen Cs of Dating and Marriage." Jim Ross.

Churches

(Continued from page 12) and his wife, Edna, assisted by parents of junior YOU members and other brethren, directed the camp-out.

PADUCAH, Ky., and CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., brethren conducted a Youth Educational Services (YES) camp at Bear Creek Girl Scout Camp on Kentucky Lake Aug. 11 to 15. Fifty-three campers, 14 YOU helpers and 13 adults were on hand.

Bible studies were conducted daily, and other activities included softball, volleyball, archery, arts and crafts, dancing, swimming, canoeing, horseback riding and a hayride.

Wednesday, Aug. 14, children visited a 19th-century living history farm at Land Between the Lakes with 16 restored log structures and a farm family living in the style of the 1850s.

They also visited the Golden Pond Visitors Center, a central information station and main orientation facility for Land Between the Lakes visitors.

The center house is a domed multimedia theater and planetarium. The children viewed films on astronomy and creatures of the night.

Thursday evening, Aug. 15, awards were presented to the children.

Youth Educational Services (YES) members from PORTLAND, Maine, were on hand for a camp-out at Highland Lake in Windham, Maine, Aug. 22 and 23. Twelve boys and seven girls were given New Testament names to emphasize the work of the present Church era.

Activities the first day included a treasure hunt, a trip to a dairy farm complete with hayride and ice cream, a tour of Highland Dressage Stables, horseback riding, a sing-along and a camp fire.

Australian

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ing in the Indian brethren, highlighted the site in Goa, where 195 assembled for services in the Cidade De Goa Banquet Hall.

A family sports day took place on the beach, and family members ages 3 to 60 joined in. Peace, unity and love at the Feast allowed for few problems. The aged and disabled were taken care of by family and friends. Care did not need to be organized on a Church basis.

Mornings that began with rain turned into sunny afternoons, with temperatures averaging 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit). Robert Kelly.

Hobart, Australia

Mild days ranging from 17 to 19 degrees Celsius (mid-60s Fahrenheit) prevailed during the Feast in Tasmania. Visiting ministers were Reginald Wright, a minister in the Gold Coast, Australia, church, and Bruce Dean, pastor of the Wodonga, Temora and Wagga Wagga, Australia, churches. Services, attended by 349, took place in Laetare Gardens.

Singles shared a dinner and wine tasting. Other activities included a family banquet and an over-50s luncheon followed by a slide show about a visit by Mr. Armstrong to Australia.

Sign language was provided for the deaf, and YOU members served in the chorale and as car attendants. Many members gave anonymous donations to help needy members dine out. One member said he had a clearer view of our coming role in the Kingdom and what is expected of us now. Alan Dean.

Honiara, Solomon Islands

Forty-two attended Festival ser-

vices in the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Commission hall. Because of an economic conference, accommodations were booked, and attendance at the site was restricted to area brethren.

Festival activities included a lunch in the botanical gardens with area delicacies prepared by the women; an island night where chicken, cassava and fish were wrapped in banana leaves and cooked over hot rocks in a shallow pit; and dinner in a Chinese restaurant.

Temperatures were around 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit) with occasional rains and breezes.

Before the Feast, Sept. 27, an earthquake measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale took place. Two new visits and a baptism took place during the Festival. Christopher Huntington.

Merimbula, Australia

With 666 brethren in attendance at Merimbula Hall, this site in New South Wales featured sermons emphasizing the spiritual values necessary to qualify for God's Kingdom.

Clear skies and balmy temperatures ranging from 20 to 22 degrees Celsius (68 to 72 Fahrenheit) were the order for a barbecue with water slides and sports. Those over 50 shared a river cruise and a Devonshire tea.

A man with a serious physical affliction attended services, aided by his wife. They were a tremendous example to the brethren. Peter Whitting.

Penang, Malaysia

Despite the monsoon season, sunny weather prevailed for 358 brethren assembled in Penang's Rasa Sayang hotel. Daytime temperatures averaged 26 to 29 degrees Celsius (79 to 84 Fahrenheit).

Unity and harmony accented fellowship among area and overseas brethren. Inspiring messages were given by guest speaker Bob League, pastor of the Cincinnati, Ohio, North and South churches. God's miraculous intervention in obtaining police and speaking permits at the Feast made this site in Malaysia possible. Yong Chin Gee.

Perth, Australia

The Festival in Perth had an outstanding start with the warm and encouraging messages from visiting speaker Mr. Blackwell. The warmth and unity encouraged and displayed by Mr. Armstrong's opening address characterized the entire Feast for the 635 on hand for services in the Cockburn Civic Centre.

Spring weather, with an average temperature of 25 degrees Celsius (77 Fahrenheit), accented afternoon activities. More than 40 YOU members and singles provided first-class service at the over-50s function. The attitude of service by the youths was evident in many areas.

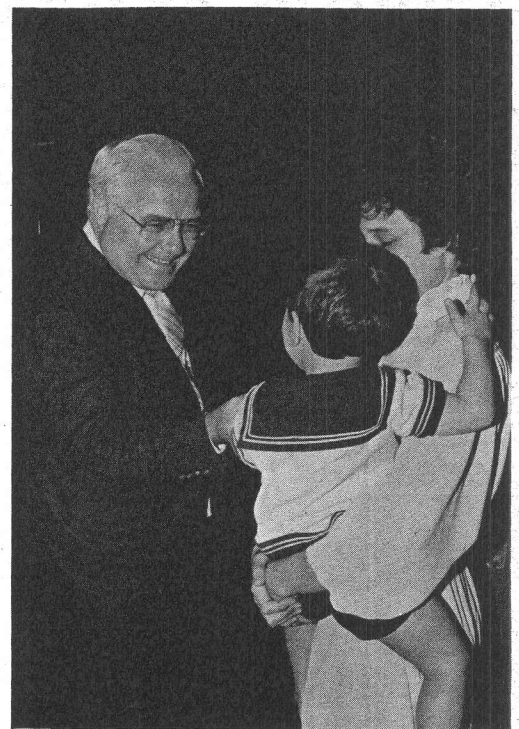
The overall attitude of harmony and cooperation was inspirational. The quality of video presentations from headquarters brought unending comments of appreciation by the brethren and ministry. Robert Regazzoli.

Ulladulla, Australia

Overall this year people were happier, more united and more relaxed at the Festival in Ulladulla. Services took place in the Ulladulla Civic Centre with 891 in attendance.

Sunny weather was on hand, with temperatures averaging 23 degrees Celsius (73 Fahrenheit) — warm enough to enjoy the beach.

YOU members and singles provided service to other brethren. Many good reports were received



WEST TWEED HEADS, AUSTRALIA

Photo by Peter Mills

from area people, who commented on the brethren's good behavior and attitudes. Mark Ellis.

Warrnambool, Australia

The fifth-time Feast site at Warrnambool was host to 515 brethren assembling daily at the Performing Arts Center. Messages emphasized growing and overcoming.

Bus trips to the rugged coastline of southwestern Victoria allowed Feastgoers to view historic shipwrecks of the 19th century. A family picnic catered to all ages, as did a traditional Australian bush dance.

An over-50s luncheon was prepared and served by the Bendigo, Australia, church. The YOU operated a kiosk serving refreshments throughout the Feast before and after services.

God blessed the site with sunny days and average temperatures of 20 degrees Celsius (68 Fahrenheit). Weather at this time of year is usu-

ally cool, windy and rainy. The Oct. 1 issue of the Warrnambool Standard featured an article about the Festival. Gavin Cullen.

West Tweed Heads, Australia

Seagulls Leagues Club was host to 1,403 brethren assembled in a spirit of love and unity, with sermons emphasizing training to be teachers. Mr. Blackwell spoke about prophecy and the Last Great Day. Two senior auditorium staff members requested copies of *Mystery of the Ages*.

Calm, clear days with sunshine for every activity were the rule. Temperatures averaged 25 degrees Celsius (77 Fahrenheit) with light afternoon breezes.

Singles took a cruise on the Nerang River with a buffet meal; YOU members were on hand for an afternoon at Cabarita Gardens; those over 50 visited Currumbin Bird Sanctuary. Rodney King.

Eckert couple 'played a significant role'

Longtime member dies at 83

By Jeff Zhorne

TUCSON, Ariz. — Irene Eckert, 83, a Church member since April, 1946, died May 24. Funeral services were conducted by Carl McNair, pastor of the Tucson and Sierra Vista, Ariz., churches, at East Lawn Cemetery here May 28.

Mrs. Eckert was born to John and Edna Kelhofer of Swiss descent Nov. 23, 1901, in Darien, Wis. She attended a conservatory of music in Wisconsin before marrying. She was employed by a hospital in Downey, Calif., where Edward Eckert, a veteran of World War I, worked as an orderly. They married in Los Angeles, Calif., June 11, 1943, and had no children.

Mrs. Eckert and her husband (who died March 7, 1983, at age 87), first heard Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's broadcast in 1946 and wrote to Mr. Armstrong in Eugene, Ore. The Eckerts were among five people, including Mr. Armstrong and his wife, Loma, who attended the first Sabbath meeting in Pasadena.

From then on the Eckerts attended Sabbath services as part of the fledgling Pasadena congregation. They kept the Feast of Tabernacles in 1948 in Belknap Springs, Ore.

"The Eckerts used to tell about those early Church services," said Tescoe Kenna, a member who attends the Flagstaff, Ariz., church and did flower arranging with Mrs. Eckert. "Mr. Armstrong did everything — he set up the chairs, opened the doors, handed out songbooks, gave the prayers and sermons and cleaned up the hall."

"The Eckerts helped more than one student go to Ambassador College," Mrs. Kenna added. "Mrs. Eckert used to feed students at her home when times were rough."

According to evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor, the Eckerts "played a significant role in the lives of the early Ambassador students."

In the early years in Pasadena Mrs. Eckert played the organ and piano and arranged flowers for Sabbath services, weddings, clubs and in the executive offices, according to a friend, Maria Getty, a member who attends the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church.

Mrs. Eckert performed similar duties in Tucson. The Eckerts moved to Tucson in 1971 because of Mr. Eckert's health. Mrs. Eckert was ordained a deaconess in 1960.

Mr. Eckert was ordained a deacon in 1955.

She presented rose bouquets to graduating women at every Pasadena Ambassador College commencement from the first in 1951 to 1983.

"Mr. Armstrong thought highly of Mrs. Eckert and recognized her service to the Church," said Lawrence Neff, former Tucson pastor, now pastor of the Sacramento, Calif., church.

"Mrs. Eckert was a determined person, quite sensitive and very loyal," Mr. Hoeh remarked. "Mr. Armstrong certainly saw her growth in character over the years."



PIONEER PASADENA MEMBERS — Edward and Irene Eckert, members who attended the Tucson, Ariz., church, are pictured at the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles in Tucson. Mr. Eckert died March 7, 1983, at age 87 and was followed by Mrs. Eckert, 83, who died May 24.

New Zealand coordinates Festivals in three nations

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Brethren kept the Feast at three sites under the administration of the office here: Rotorua, New Zealand; Pacific Harbour, Fiji; and Mu'a, Tonga.

"It was an opportunity to dwell together in unity with brethren from Europe, North America, Australia and the Pacific area," said Peter Nathan, regional director.

An influx of visitors boosted attendance 18 percent over last year, according to Mr. Nathan.

"Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's request in the opening message was heeded, and unity prevailed," Mr. Nathan said.

Weather was ideal throughout the area enabling brethren to take advantage of the natural beauty surrounding the sites. "Inspiring and motivating sermons were well received and appreciated by the brethren," he said.

At the end of the Feast the brethren in Fiji joined to sing a traditional Fijian farewell to the visitors. In Rotorua the hall was almost returned to its pre-Feast condition before the last of the Feastgoers

could be persuaded to leave.

Mu'a, Tonga

Sixty-three Church members and their children attended the Feast of Tabernacles under sunny skies in Mu'a, where temperatures were 72 to 76 degrees Fahrenheit (22 to 24 degrees Celsius).

The Festival, which was conducted in a Church-owned tabernacle building, was marked by unity, love and happiness.

Toluta'u Ha'angana, a local elder serving brethren in Tonga, was interviewed by news commentators from the only radio station in Tonga.

Church youths performed in a talent show. Toluta'u Ha'angana and Rex Morgan.

Pacific Harbour, Fiji

The Feast in Pacific Harbour, attended by 237 brethren, included a family picnic on the beach with games and a spirit of unity that was predominant throughout the eight days.

The prime minister of Fiji also (See FESTIVALS, page 16)

Festivals

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lowed Wayne and Cathy Avery from the Glendora, Calif., church to sail over to pick up Simone Cama, who lives on the island of Matuska, and bring him to the Feast. Mr. Cama is Fiji's most-isolated member. The Averys are sailing around the world and stopped in Fiji for the Feast.

Barry Dixon, an employee of the Mail Processing Center in Pasadena, directed the choir.

Temperatures were between 75 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit (24 to 26 degrees Celsius) with showers at

the end of the Feast. *Epeli Kanaimawi.*

Rotorua, New Zealand

The Sports and Conference Centre in Rotorua was the site of Festival services for 1,420 Feastgoers.

Weather was warm and sunny with temperatures in the mid-70s Fahrenheit (about 25 degrees Celsius).

Frederick Kellers, pastor of the Little Rock and Searcy, Ark., churches, was a guest speaker.

Activities included a presentation ball (equivalent to a senior prom) for teens and their parents; a formal dinner dance; a *hangi*

(Maori feast and concert); a family afternoon; a singles activity; an arts, crafts and talent contest for YOU members; and an essay contest. A Festival choir was formed, and a Feast orchestra accompanied hymns.

YOU members provided entertainment for a senior citizens afternoon tea, and helped with parking, hall setup and cleanup. Many members provided transportation for those without cars.

Ken Hygh, from Garden Grove, Calif., provided sign language for the deaf.

A number of healings took place, especially just before the Feast. *Don Engle.*



PACIFIC HARBOUR, FIJI

Photo by Norman Smith

Church observes Feast for second time in China

NANJING, China — Two hundred sixty-four brethren from the United States and Australia observed the Feast of Tabernacles here.

The Chinese believe that time spent in their country should not be considered only a holiday, but also an educational experience. Entertainment provided by the hosts included a Chinese opera and ballet, an acrobatic group, a recital of Chinese classical music and a group of area children who

sang and danced.

Madame Wu, the dance teacher who was featured in *The Little Ambassadors of Shanghai*, watched the film with Feastgoers. She was touched both by the movie and by the friendly welcome she received.

Mr. Halford, Festival coordinator, spoke on the need to see many Western values as "another way that seems right but leads to death," and the importance of understanding God's way of life. Hal Baird, associate pastor of the Big Sandy



NANJING, CHINA

Photo by John Halford

church, gave a sermon on the Last Great Day based on a visit to a site where 300,000 Chinese citizens were slaughtered by the Imperial Japanese army about 60 years ago.

Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor, painted a picture

of conditions in the world today. Colin Kelly, pastor of the Grafton, Australia, church, spoke about the members of God's Church in other parts of Asia. Fred Stevens, manager of the Church's Accounting Department, showed the difference

between God's peace and the way the world gives peace.

Before and after the Feast the groups toured several cities in China, including Beijing, Xi'an, Wuxi, Shanghai and Guanzhou. *John Halford.*

Brethren directed to coming Kingdom

Attendance grows in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines — Attendance was up 4 percent over last year at the five Feast sites in the Philippines. Offerings were up 44.6 percent on the first Holy Day and 39.2 percent on the Last Great Day, according to Guy Ames, regional director.

Evangelist and *Plain Truth* editor Herman L. Hoeh and his wife, Isabell, visited the Philippines for the first time. Mr. Hoeh spoke to the combined Legaspi and Naga City congregations on Atonement and visited the other four sites during the Feast.

Marc Masterson, pastor of the Beckley and Summersville, W. Va., churches, his wife, Carolyn, and their family visited three sites.

"The inspiration of the speakers was obvious as they directed God's people to their responsibilities and future in the Kingdom of God," said Mr. Ames.

Baguio

The spirit of working together was evident among those given responsibilities and jobs to perform at the Baguio Feast site.

Brethren were responsive, happy and willing to participate in service opportunities.

Attendance in the Baguio Convention Center was 1,756. The mornings were sunny, and showers followed in the afternoon.

Messages focused on the job of the firstfruits in the world tomorrow and beyond. Mr. Hoeh was a guest speaker. *Jose Raduban.*

Cagayan de Oro

A visit from Mr. Hoeh and his wife for the last three days of the Feast was a special event for brethren at the Cagayan de Oro Feast site. Rodney Matthews, Philippine office manager, was also a speaker at Cagayan de Oro.

Translation into the Cebuano dialect was done simultaneously for brethren who do not understand English. It was unusual to see two speakers standing before the audience.

Attendance was 1,010, and the weather was sunny, with occasional rain in the afternoons and evenings.

Family day activities gave the brethren a chance to fellowship and participate in games, with YES-age children to senior citizens getting involved.

Some members with extra second fife treated others to lunch. Employees at a cafeteria where about 250 of them ate were impressed with the kindness the brethren showed for one another. *Jessup M. Bahinting.*

Cebu

An ice cream party for YES-age children, a beach outing and get-togethers for senior citizens and singles were some of the activities that took place in Cebu.

Average temperature was between 80 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit (27 to 30 degrees Celsius). Highest attendance was 562.

Guest speakers were Mr. Hoeh and Mr. Matthews, and topics included prophecy, the role of adults in training the new generation and why the first resurrection is a better resurrection. Four men were ordained local church elders.

Brethren invited others out to eat at some of the better area restaurants. Youths visited a disabled member who lives near the meeting hall, but cannot attend services. *Reynaldo S. Tanajura.*

Legaspi

Exceptional messages and unity among the 326 brethren in attendance made the 1985 Feast in Legaspi special. Mr. Ames and Mr. Masterson were guest speakers, and sermon topics concentrated on the role of the brethren in the world tomorrow.

For the first time brethren stayed in a five-star beach resort, with fully furnished and carpeted rooms with televisions and refrigerators. The resort offered two swimming pools, horseback riding, a restaurant and a bowling alley.

Family drop-in night and a

church picnic brought members together. Youths and singles in the Church served at luncheons for the widows and senior citizens.

Youth Educational Services (YES) members gave special music, directed by Jimmy Bonaobra of Baguio.

Peter Lam, a member from Hong Kong who has suffered from asthma for 30 years, kept the entire Feast in Legaspi, despite difficulties he experienced after the first day.

Average temperature for the Feast was 80 degrees Fahrenheit (about 26 Celsius). *Dionisio P. Catchillar.*

Quezon

Temperatures in the upper 70s to low 80s Fahrenheit (25 to 29 degrees Celsius) were the fare at the Quezon Feast site as 339 members enjoyed a small camp setting. The



PENANG, MALAYSIA

Photo by Rob Verity

brethren ate meals together, and participated in a variety of activities such as swimming, volleyball, hiking and movies on the Ten Commandments and God's creation.

A tour to Nayong Pilipino (The Filipino Village) was organized for 60 members and their families.

Guests included Mr. Hoeh and Mr. Masterson. They spoke on how

God's laws will be applied in the world tomorrow and on preparing to become kings and priests.

YOU members helped usher during the Feast and had a dinner on youth day. Senior citizens had a party one afternoon and were entertained by the youths and addressed by Mr. Masterson. *Pedro R. Melendez Jr.*

'Exceptional weather' prevails

Unity: theme for Spanish sites

PASADENA — "We had exceptional weather at most sites to accompany the strong spiritual meat delivered at Spanish-speaking sites during the 1985 Feast," said evangelist Leon Walker, regional director.

Mr. Walker and his wife, Reba, spent the first half of the Feast in Cullera, Spain, and the remainder in Huaraz, Peru.

"One major blessing was the total healing of Reg Killingley, the minister in Peru who was shot last August," the evangelist said. "He had virtually no problems in fulfilling his ministerial duties at the Feast. (For further details, see "International Desk," page 20.)

"Despite feeling a few tremors in the aftermath of the earthquake that devastated Mexico City [Mexico], the Feast in Acapulco was a success," the evangelist said. "In

fact, the reports I've received indicate that Church members had Acapulco almost to themselves, since the normal tourist business was greatly diminished because of fears another earthquake would strike."

The evangelist added that brethren "were probably better treated in Acapulco since the regular business was down. I know that the people of Acapulco were very happy that we came."

Acapulco, Mexico

Although the 1,173 Feastgoers who attended the Feast here did not all speak the same language, there was an atmosphere of love and unity.

Temperatures averaged 77 degrees Fahrenheit (25 degrees Celsius.).

Activities included a Mexican

night with folkloric dances; a bay cruise with an Argentine dance group; a family night; a family picnic in an amusement park; and two YOU picnics.

Americans and Mexicans learned about each other's cultures and invited one another out for dinner. Brethren at the Feast in Acapulco learned to appreciate and esteem the Mexican culture and heritage. *Thomas D. Turk.*

Antigua, Guatemala

Family unity was the theme for 328 brethren observing the Feast at Los Volcanes in Antigua.

Thirteen baptisms took place at the Feast.

Activities included a family afternoon with games, a dance accompanied by a marimba orchestra and a guided tour to a volcano. Three el-

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Spanish

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 derly women were adopted by brethren as their grandmothers during the Feast. Temperatures averaged 63 degrees Fahrenheit (17 Celsius). *Herbert Cisneros.*

Cullera, Spain

International visitors in Cullera included brethren from Australia, Canada, the Netherlands, the United States and Portugal.

Seventy-nine attended the Festival conducted in the Hotel Sicania. Mr. and Mrs. Walker spent the first half of the Feast in Cullera. Daytime temperatures were in the low 80s Fahrenheit (about 27 to 28 degrees Celsius).

Festival activities included a trip to Valencia, Spain, where brethren ate lamb, and a family day that included games for children and a picnic by Lake Ana. Three people were baptized Oct. 4. *Fer-*



ACAPULCO, MEXICO

Photo by Dixon Cartwright Jr.

nando Barriga and Ralph Levy.

Huaraz, Peru

The 1985 Festival marked a decade of Feast keeping at the mountainous site of Huaraz at an elevation of 10,373 feet. Two hundred seventeen brethren attended at the Eccame Vacation Center, 10½ miles north of Huaraz. Temperatures ranged from the 50s to 65 degrees Fahrenheit (10 to about 18 Celsius).

Mr. and Mrs. Walker visited Huaraz during the last half of the Feast.

Brethren took part in a *pachamanca*, an Andean-style luau. A Spokesman Club session emphasizing rulership in the world tomorrow was conducted.

During the Feast all of the brethren took part in food preparation, serving and cleanup. An attitude of service and cooperation prevailed. On youth day, Church youths helped usher, distributed hymnals and served at tables.

Three baptisms took place on the last day of the Feast. Two hymns were translated into Quechua, the language of the Incas and modern-day Andean Indians, and performed by members from Huaraz for special music.

Despite difficult political and economic conditions, Eliseo Guanica, one of two members living in Bolivia, attended the Feast. The visit of Mayra Colon, a senior at Pasadena Ambassador College, was appreciated. *Reginald Killingley.*

Humacao, Puerto Rico

The Feast site in Humacao was protected on the Last Great Day when Puerto Rico was hit by a tropical storm that caused floodings and landslides. An estimated 500 lost their lives, and many homes were destroyed.

Brethren exhibited a spirit of harmony and love for one another. Attendance at the site was 193.

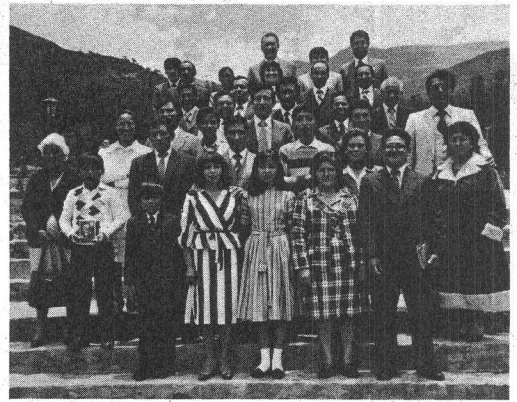
Although it rained for 36 hours no activities were canceled, and none of the members were affected directly by the storm. Temperatures throughout the Feast were between 75 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit (24 to 30 degrees Celsius).

The importance of the Church and its role in God's Kingdom was the focus of Festival messages. Simultaneous translations from Spanish to English were available. Activities included a talent show, which featured a play about the Ten Commandments performed by the children, and a hospitality night, where visiting brethren from Venezuela and the United States sampled many of Puerto Rico's typical dishes. *Pablo Gonzalez.*

Liberia, Costa Rica

Daytime temperatures were in the low 90s Fahrenheit (32 to 34 degrees Celsius) in Liberia, where 96 brethren met in the Hotel Las Esuelas.

Seven baptisms, a Spokesman Club graduation and ladies night, the *Behind the Work* Festival pro-



HUARAZ, PERU

Photo by Reginald Killingley

duction and solo and chorale selections of special music were among the high points of the Festival.

A spirit of cooperation and enthusiastic participation permeated Festival activities.

Brethren attending the Feast came from seven countries and widely varied personal, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, proving not only that it is possible, but enjoyable and profitable, for people with different backgrounds to live together in peace. *Mauricio Perez.*

Maitencillo, Chile

One hundred ninety brethren observed the Feast in Maitencillo, the first conducted at this site.

Since housing was close together and meals were eaten as a group, brethren fellowshiped at length. The resulting harmony and brotherly affection was a foretaste of the permanent harmony that will be established under God's rule.

Activities included a talent show with folkloric dances, a children's party and sports. A Spokesman Club ladies night was conducted for those attending the site in Maitencillo. Brethren provided service for

those in need at the Feast.

Offerings increased 100 percent over 1984. *Mario Seiglie.*

Melgar, Colombia

Fifteen baptisms during the Feast inspired brethren gathered in Melgar. Attendance was 300.

A talent show was appreciated. Feast activities emphasized family unity. Temperatures averaged 81 degrees Fahrenheit (27 degrees Celsius). *Eduardo Hernandez.*

Monte Hermoso, Argentina

A spirit of peace, harmony and service prevailed at the Feast in Monte Hermoso. Two hundred ninety-three brethren assembled in the Cine Monte hall for services.

Events at the Feast included 12 baptisms, the graduation of 12 men in a Spokesman Club ladies night and performances by the choir that included members from Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and the United States.

The video presentations of *More Than a Monarch*, *Behind the Work* and *The Little Ambassadors of Shanghai* were well received. *Albert Sousa.*

2,747 attend in English-speaking Caribbean 'Best Feast ever,' says minister

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — "It was the best Feast ever," said Stan Bass, regional director for the Church in the English-speaking Caribbean. "It was just fantastic."

Attending the seven Feast sites administered by the Puerto Rican Office were 2,747 brethren. Mr. Bass said that weather in the sites was fine overall with the exception of Dominica, which was hit by a storm generated by Hurricane Gloria. The storm caused flooding and landslides, but did not affect the Feast site or Church members.

Traveling speakers were Mr. Bass, who visited the Bahamas, Dominica and St. Lucia, and evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College, who visited Jamaica, Barbados and Tobago.

Media coverage in the Caribbean was better than in the past, Mr. Bass said. In the Bahamas, television station ZNS 13 sent newsmen to the site, where they interviewed Kingsley O. Mather, pastor of the Freeport and Nassau, Bahamas, churches; Lawrence Greider Jr., pastor of the Fayetteville, N.C., and Florence, S.C., churches; and Cecil Pulley, pastor of the Hamilton, Bermuda, church.

Area newspapers at other sites published the press release supplied by the Church. There was no coverage in Guyana, Tobago or Dominica.

This was the first year that the Church made a travel agent in San Juan available to those attending Caribbean sites. "The majority of those who used the agent felt they saved money and were pleased with

the arrangements," said Mr. Bass.

"We had a miracle during the Feast," Mr. Bass said. He explained that a child swallowed a tie clip and had to be taken to the hospital. The doctor retrieved the tie clip after some difficulty and expected some injury. But when the boy's throat was examined, he was fine. He was back to normal activity the next day.

Christ Church, Barbados

Five hundred eleven brethren attended Festival services in the Vista Auditorium in Christ Church. Mr. McNair and Gerald Witte, pastor of the Flint and Lansing, Mich., churches, were guest speakers.

A spirit of cooperation, hospitality, love and unity was evident. Visiting brethren served on ushering, janitorial and security crews. Many volunteered to transport others to and from services and activities. YOU members served at a senior citizens luncheon, and many area brethren entertained visitors.

Temperatures were in the mid-80s Fahrenheit (29 to 30 degrees Celsius). *Victor Simpson.*

Crown Point, Tobago

Warm tropical temperatures in the 80s Fahrenheit (27 to 31 Celsius) and occasional showers were the fare in Crown Point where 562 attended Festival services at the Golden Thistle Hotel.

Mr. McNair; Bryan Hoyt, associate pastor of the Eugene, Ore., church, and David Pack, pastor of the Buffalo, N.Y., North church, were visiting speakers.

One of the overseas brethren, on her third visit to Crown Point for the Feast said, "There were only outstanding events at this Feast in Tobago."

During the entertainment sec-

tion of the senior citizens luncheon, a female tenor pan (steelband) soloist performed. At the end Mr. McNair and his wife, Evelyn, tried to play the tenor pan to the delight of those present.

Youths and singles actively served senior citizens and helped with parking, hall setup and hospitality rooms. *Clifton Charles.*

Georgetown, Guyana

Two hundred fifteen brethren

who attended the Feast of Tabernacles in Georgetown experienced mostly sunny weather with occasional showers and temperatures between 82 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit (28 to 32 degrees Celsius).

Singles, senior citizens, YOU members and children exhibited fine attitudes at activities. Activities for YOU members, singles and senior citizens, a children's party and family day, were successful. Most of the brethren stayed at one hotel. There were several anointings and healings including one man with severe back pains who was able to play tennis by the end of the Feast. *Paul Krautmann.*

Gros Islet, St. Lucia

Temperatures were in the mid-80s Fahrenheit (29 to 30 degrees Celsius) in Gros Islet, where 372 brethren kept the Feast of Tabernacles.

A bond of fellowship and unity was a major characteristic of the Feast here. There was a high level of participation in the family day activity. The 100 St. Lucian brethren received much help from visitors to conduct the Feast.

Visitors were treated to tropical fruits and other specialties. They appreciated the hospitality of the area brethren. *Victor Simpson.*

Nassau, Bahamas

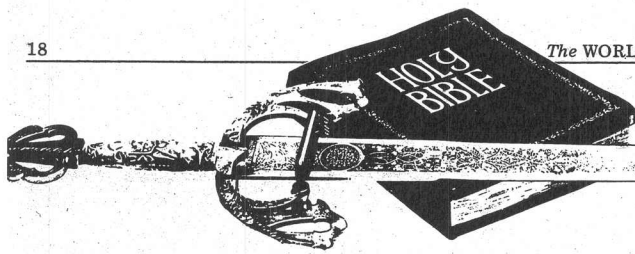
With daytime temperatures averaging 86 degrees Fahrenheit (30 Celsius), and nighttime temperatures averaging 74 degrees Fahrenheit (about 24 Celsius), 538 brethren attended the Feast of Tabernacles in Nassau.

Sermon topics included overcoming, patience, fearing God and God's Kingdom. Visiting ministers were Mr. Bass, Ronald Washington, associate pastor of the St. Louis, Mo., A.M. and P.M., (See CARIBBEAN, page 19)



OCHO RIOS, JAMAICA

Photo by Paul Kemp



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Avoid letdown after Festival by focusing on spiritual aspect

By Clayton D. Steep

The high point of the year? Most members of God's Church would say it is the Feast of Tabernacles.

The Feast is an event for which we begin to plan many months in advance. And then, in eight short but marvelous days, it's all over for another year.

Clayton D. Steep is a senior writer for The Plain Truth.

It should not surprise anyone that the Feast comes to a close. We know it is just a temporary sampling of greater things to come. And yet, how often post-Feast letdown makes itself felt to one degree or another!

Some sadness is understandable. We wish we didn't have to scatter out into the world for another year. We long for God's Kingdom to be permanently established. But we shouldn't allow this small amount of sadness to become so great that it hinders our growth and effectiveness, now that we are back to our normal routines.

Actually, whether or not letdown becomes a problem depends to a large extent on the attitude and conduct we had during the Feast itself. Those who tended to overemphasize the physical aspect or who looked on the Feast mostly as a vacation have left themselves wide open for letdown.

Another item to consider for relieving post-Feast letdown is to get enough rest before, during and afterward.

We shouldn't allow the Feast to become a hectic, burn-the-candle-at-both-ends marathon. But sometimes things just seem to get out of hand in spite of what we think are our best efforts. When we are traveling we don't have tight control of circumstances. We may have difficulty finding things because we are in unfamiliar territory. Illness may strike, causing unforeseen changes in plans and creating difficult situations. Other unexpected problems, even accidents can crop up, marring the Feast experience.

Unfortunately, we sometimes bring these situations on ourselves. By avoiding inadequate planning, carelessness, overindulgence or just plain trying to see and do too much

both before and after the Feast, we can go far in eliminating such situations. Just as importantly, by keeping God foremost in our Feast plans, by setting aside sufficient time for adequate prayer and Bible study, we will be close enough to God to be able to ask for and receive His protection and guidance. With God's blessing and direction events will not get out of hand as they do when He is left out of the picture.

Perhaps these reminders come too late for some of us this year. All the more reason to seriously consider doing things differently—to having a more relaxed, less complicated Feast—next year, not putting more

emphasis on the physical activities than on the spiritual meaning of the Feast.

An additional help in adjusting to your normal routine is to ease yourself back into it. Hold on to the "Feast spirit" as long as you can. Keep reviving it by talking about it, going over sermon notes, looking at the pictures you took.

With care and effort on our part, it is possible to avoid post-Feast letdown. Ideally, the Feast of Tabernacles should be a restful time of spiritual and physical rejuvenation that leaves us eager to get back to the business at hand and to finish it so God's Kingdom can come.

Milestones in Church's work

Oct. 1, 1933 — *The Bulletin* reports that "with the Fisher and Ellis families, more than 20 signified their desire to establish a new Sabbath-keeping Church of God in this district [Eugene, Ore.]."

Oct. 9, 1933 — The *World Tomorrow* program is first aired on KORE, a 100-watt radio station in Eugene.

Oct. 8, 1947 — Ambassador College in Pasadena begins with eight faculty members and four students.

Oct. 16, 1960 — Ambassador College opens its Bricket Wood, England, campus.

October, 1971 — Invited by Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong travels for the first time to a communist country.

Oct. 16 to 23, 1978 — The Feast of Tabernacles takes place in Carlsbad, Czechoslovakia, the first time the Feast is conducted openly in a communist country.

Oct. 14, 1980 — Attorney General George Deukmejian announces the dismissal of the State of California's suit against the Church.

Oct. 14, 1982 — In his Hall of Administration office, Mr. Armstrong has a "warm and friendly meeting" with the 18th Supreme Patriarch of the Buddhist religion of Thailand, Ariawangsatayana.

God's tabernacle has meaning for today

By Mario Seiglie

The theme of God's tabernacle runs through the Bible like a continuous stream. The tabernacle, and its expanded form as the Temple, stands in the center of God's plan.

Mario Seiglie pastors the Santiago, Chile, church.

But what meaning does the tabernacle have for us today?

With a better understanding of the tabernacle's parts, many scriptures open up their deep meaning.

Ever since the tree of life was shut off from mankind only a few have had access to God. For about the first 2,500 years of history, God didn't work with groups of people, but only with specially chosen individuals such as Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

When God chose Israel, He put His presence among a multitude of people. Yet sin pervaded. How could God's holiness dwell in the midst of the Israelites? It was through the tabernacle system He established.

Outside of the Israelites, God was not working with the rest of humanity, called the uncircumcised. Other nations did not have access to God.

How about Israel? Did all have access to God? The workings of the tabernacle showed they did not.

Around the tabernacle was a sec-

tion curtained off from the rest of the Israelite camp. No uncircumcised person was allowed to enter. The circumcised Israelites could enter and offer their sacrifices on the altar provided they were not ceremonially or spiritually unclean.

Yet the Israelites could not enter the tabernacle itself. Only the Levites could enter the tabernacle, but were limited to the front part. Only the high priest could enter the second part, called the Holy of Holies, and then only once a year, on the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16:2).

This pattern of worship continued through the Old Testament period, although the tabernacle became a stationary building called the Temple, instead of a mobile tent. The separation of mankind remained in effect with gentiles in the outer court, Israelites in the inner court, Levites in the first part of the Temple and the high priest inside the Holy of Holies once a year.

These restrictions showed how limited access to God was before Christ came. The gentiles, especially, were "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12).

Referring to the limited access even the priests had with God, Paul wrote, "But into the second [part] went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost [Spirit] this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present" (Hebrews 9:7-9).

So the tabernacle was a symbol of this limited access to God. But with Christ's sacrifice, "a new and living way" (Hebrews 10:20) opened up to enter the Holy of Holies.

What is this new and living way that permits direct contact with God without an earthly priesthood? It is important to understand how this bold new entrance to God operates. Each part of the tabernacle represents a spiritual step to gain a closer relationship with God.

Spiritual steps represented

The gentiles were formerly shut off from God's presence by the curtained wall around the tabernacle.

Now, through Christ's sacrifice, that curtain symbolically has opened to the uncircumcised called by God: "For he is our peace, who hath made both [gentile and Israelite] one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition [separating the outer and inner courts] between us" (Ephesians 2:14).

Now physical circumcision is not the determining factor, but faith and obedience (1 Corinthians 7:19, Galatians 5:6).

Once one is called and has fellowship with the family of faith he, in effect, enters the holy area where God is working with His people. After an Israelite entered this sacred space, he had before him the altar of sacrifice. God's calling is not enough. If one wants to draw closer to God, he has to accept Christ's sacrifice through the step of deep repentance (Hebrews 9:13-15).

Once that is accomplished, there is one step between one and the tabernacle. Close to the tabernacle was a basin where the Levites washed before entering the tabernacle. The next step after repentance is baptism, or the purifying of our sins through immersion in water, a symbolic washing (Hebrews 10:22).

Now truly forgiven and reconciled to God, one can symbolically enter the tabernacle and enjoy a much closer relationship with Him.

Once inside, there are three objects before us.

The first is the golden candlestick, which was filled with oil and imparted light. Oil represents the Holy Spirit (Matthew 25:1-3), and God's Spirit produces spiritual light (Matthew 5:14-16). After baptism is the laying on of hands to receive the Holy Spirit and have even greater access to God.

Next was the table of shewbread, which held 12 loaves of unleavened bread prepared each Sabbath (Leviticus 24:5-9). These loaves represented the 12 tribes then. Now, brethren have access to the spiritual bread of God's Word (Matthew 4:4) each Sabbath (Acts 17:2, 18:4).

Finally, there was the altar of incense, before the veil, which was lit every morning (Exodus 30:7-8). Incense represents our prayers before God (Revelation 8:3-4). Baptized members are led by God's Spirit and receive God's Word on the Sabbath as nourishment. We send our

prayers daily before the throne of God to grow closer to Him.

Our ultimate reward

Now we are symbolically ready to enter through the veil (opened by Christ — Hebrews 10:19-20) into the Holy of Holies with gratitude and humility, and confidence before our great God.

In front of us is the ark of the covenant, a golden seat flanked by two cherubim. This depicts God's throne with the covering angels.

We have followed the stages of God's calling, our repentance, baptism, the laying on of hands, the spiritual nourishment on the Sabbath and our prayers before God. What is left?

God's reward for those who persevere and enter into the marriage covenant with Christ!

Three objects inside the ark represent three blessings God gave His covenant people. There was manna; Aaron's rod, which was a rod of authority permitting him to represent God before Israel; and the tables of stone with the Ten Commandments (Hebrews 9:2-4).

These have spiritual significance for those who keep God's covenant to the end, typifying the three blessings God promises us at Christ's coming. What are they?

The golden pot with manna represented everlasting life, which only Christ can give (John 6:47-51). He said in Revelation 2:17, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna."

Aaron's rod blossomed to show who God placed in authority (Numbers 17:2-8). The second reward, apart from eternal life, will be a rod of authority to rule over the nations (Revelation 2:26, 20:6).

Finally were the tables of stone with the Ten Commandments. God promises He will write His laws in our hearts (Hebrews 8:10). We won't be tempted into disobedience, for we will automatically want and keep God's laws. We will be incapable of sinning (1 John 3:9).

This is the process God designed for mankind to have absolute access to and fellowship with Christ and Him. It is a long process, but with each spiritual step, through the symbols established by the tabernacle, we draw closer to God and to receiving the ultimate reward that awaits us at Christ's coming.

Milestones in Church's work

November, 1959 — The first *Reader's Digest* advertisements appear in Britain, generating more than 21,000 responses by the end of May, 1960.

Nov. 21 and 22, 1975 — In Kingston, Jamaica, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong lectures on the incredible human potential.

Nov. 29, 1975 — The first national Youth Opportunities United (YOU) talent contest takes place in the Ambassador Auditorium.

Nov. 15, 1980 — Mr. Armstrong appoints a special Sabbath of thanksgiving worldwide in celebration of the State of California's dismissal of its suit against the Church.

November, 1982 — Mr. Armstrong visits Kenya to meet President Daniel Arap Moi and conduct a *Plain Truth* lecture for about 1,000 people. Some 200 are turned away for lack of space in the hall.

Nov. 19, 1982 — Mr. Armstrong meets King Juan Carlos I at the king's residence outside Madrid, Spain.

November, 1983 — Mr. Armstrong visits southern Asia and the Far East, meeting officials and conducting business in China, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Japan.

Caribbean

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churches; Mr. Greider; and Mr. Pulley.

Response to requests for servers was so great that not all volunteers could be used. Activities included a YOU beach party, a singles picnic, family day at the beach, a senior citizens luncheon and a choral concert featuring old favorites and Bahamian folk songs.

On Oct. 1 a thunderstorm awakened Mr. Greider early in the morn-

ing. He checked on his wife and daughters, who were asleep, but could not find his son, Aaron, 4. He finally found Aaron on the 14th floor balcony yelling after each crash of thunder, "That's right God, hit it again!" *Kingsley Mather.*

Ocho Rios, Jamaica

Services took place in the Recreation Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel for 486 brethren who kept the Feast in Ocho Rios. The team spirit and cooperation of those with responsibilities contributed to a

smoothly run Feast.

The average temperature was 86 degrees Fahrenheit (30 Celsius), and the weather was mostly fair and sunny with some overcast days and occasional rain.

Messages dealt with the importance of children and young people and how to train and encourage them, preparing to be teachers and the power of God's Holy Spirit.

People commented on the disciplined behavior of the children, and the hotel staff was impressed with the orderliness and punctuality of the group. *Charles Fleming.*

Children's Corner

Keeping the Feast

By Vivian Pettijohn

"Daddy," Rocky grumbled at breakfast as he took the last swallow of milk and wiped his mouth, "I was just remembering how great the Feast of Tabernacles was, and I wish it weren't over. You know, the ministers said we were keeping the Feast, and I wish we could keep it. But it ended! And now, ever since I've been back in school, things are so different again."

"What do you mean, son?" Dad asked.

"Well, for example," Rocky answered, "everybody else in the fourth grade — other than Debbie Ellison and me — wore those silly Halloween costumes and went out to 'trick or treat.' Why did they do that dumb stuff?"

"Yeah!" Jeff agreed. "Remember when my second grade teacher wanted me to draw some witches for room decorations? I told her I would draw trees with yellow or red leaves, and she finally said that was OK."

"I know you children have problems at school with these things," Dad said consolingly. "But God will help you know what to say and do — when you ask Him."

"What is a witch, Daddy?" 5½-year-old Kathy asked. "I forget."

"Well," Dad replied, "it's someone with Satan's evil spirit. Mr. Herbert Armstrong discusses evil spirits in his new book, *Mystery of the Ages*. We will talk about those spirits when we get to that chapter in the book. Meanwhile, just be careful to stay away from any pagan celebration."

"I still wish the Feast didn't have to end and that the Millennium were already here," Rocky

said. "Then we wouldn't have to put up with all these things from Satan that God doesn't like."

"I have a suggestion," Mother offered. "This morning I noticed a verse in Proverbs that can help us keep the Feast, at least in our attitude. Want to know what it says?"

"Yes!" all three Winfield children answered.

"All right," Mother said as she reached for a Bible on the buffet. "Here in Proverbs 15:15 it says, 'All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.'"

"A continual feast? What does that mean?" Jeff asked.

"Leon," Mother asked, turning to Dad, "would you explain?"

"Sure," he agreed. "Of course, no one can actually extend God's Feast of Tabernacles — or any other of God's Feasts. But we can make every day seem like a feast day by having a merry, or cheerful, heart. Of course . . ." Dad stopped and scowled, "when we're grumpy or fussy, we're not in a feast attitude, are we?" Suddenly Dad grinned. "But, when we have the feast attitude, we'll be cheerful."

"I think I see," Jeff commented. "Today when I get to school, even if they're starting to draw Christmas trees, I'll try to be cheerful and have a feast attitude."

"Thanks, Daddy," Rocky said, smiling. "I think I'm ready, too, for whatever comes up at school today."

As Jeff picked up his school satchel and headed with Rocky for the door, Kathy called out, "Jeff and Rocky, have a nice day — while you're keeping the feast!"

Leader

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power in 1949 had lost their revolutionary zeal. Always he believed in *luan*, the rage of anarchy — destroying the old to create the new.

To stir things up, Chairman Mao unleashed the Cultural Revolution in 1966. Officials were sent to the countryside to "learn from the peasants"; intellectuals and artists were persecuted; universities were shut down. (Nanjing Teachers University, where Ambassador College transfer students have studied, was closed for six years.)

Fanatical young Red Guards roamed the cities, ruling — if that is the word — by caprice. Perhaps millions perished in civil chaos; no one will ever know.

Lasting impact

The Cultural Revolution left a deep imprint on the many who suffered from it, including Deng Xiaoping. Not only had he been banished to work as a lathe operator in a provincial factory, the Red Guards threw his eldest son out of a fourth-story window, paralyzing him for life. Today there is a firm conviction — many of us heard it expressed by

Chinese on our trip — that such a calamity must not be permitted to recur.

Within a few months of the deaths of Mao and Premier Zhou Enlai in the mid-70s, there emerged at the highest levels of leadership a group of committed reformers. Chief among these was Mr. Deng, who, reported *The New Republic*, "earned widespread urban support when he indicated that he was willing to . . . explicitly repudiate the Cultural Revolution and frankly acknowledge Mao's shortcomings."

What impressed Mr. Armstrong most in talking with Mr. Deng in Beijing last November was the fact that the Chinese leader was open in admitting that mistakes were made and that the new leadership was determined not to repeat them.

It must be stressed that many in the West misunderstand what is happening in China. They tend to either dismiss the changes as being inconsequential or, on the other hand, exaggerate them (such as saying China is "going capitalist").

While incentives, market forces and the profit motive are no longer taboo, China will continue to be largely a state-enterprise-dominated economy. "Socialism with Chinese characteristics," is the way

Mr. Deng expresses it.

Politically the party remains supreme and unchallenged. More latitude is being given to ideas contributed by both party and nonparty members. But a multiparty, confrontational, competitive system such as prevails in most Western countries is not being contemplated.

As Deng Xiaoping said in 1980, if the principle of party leadership were eliminated, "China will regress into divisions and confusion, and will then be unable to accomplish modernization."

Good and bad from West

China's transformation since 1978 would have been impossible without access to foreign investment and trade. Thus, once again, as in the past, China is pursuing an open door policy to the West.

This new open door policy, together with the whole range of economic reforms, does not sit well with everyone in the layers of Chinese officialdom. Some point to the measurable rise of incidents of profiteering, corruption and crime.

Access to the West also means, criticisay, the importation of the undesirable effects of Western culture. One example is the popularity in China of the violent U.S. film *Rambo: First Blood, Part II*.

History shows that the Chinese have the capacity to change rapidly. But for now, China's latest open door policy is holding firm. And it is significant that this has meant an open door as well to God's work in this end-time age, to reach the world's most populous nation through the auspices of the Ambassador Foundation.

Neutrality

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urged Switzerland to breach its neutrality. Comments Mr. Bonjour, former professor of history at the University of Basel in Switzerland: "To the Germans, who conceived that they were fighting for the supreme ideals of European humanity, Swiss neutrality looked like a betrayal of timeless, indestructible values, and even a sin against nature, since it ran counter to the idea of a German nation. The ultimate conclusions drawn from the idea of a Germanic race culminated in the demand that Switzerland should be united with Germany" (*Swiss Neutrality*, pages 49 and 50).

German feelings toward neutrality are underscored by the fact that the word *neutrality* can be rendered by no native word in the German language.

There are difficulties with a neutral stance toward foreign wars. Take World War II as an example. Germany and Italy were two of the Axis powers. They are at opposite ends of Switzerland. Transit through Switzerland became a problem.

The Swiss bent their neutrality enough to let German and Italian freight and troop trains pass through Switzerland at night. War may have been the unacceptable alternative.

As it was, according to some observers, Germany had promised to attack Switzerland after it had first conquered Russia.

It is questionable whether the German high command seriously considered carrying out that threat. Estimates were that it would have cost the lives of one million German soldiers to take Switzerland.

Aids to neutrality

Swiss geography aids neutrality. The Alps in the south and the Jura Mountains in the northwest have

discouraged invading armies.

The Swiss army is another vital aid to neutrality. Nearly every male (never mind age) is in the army in one capacity or the other. Combat readiness is a way of life. Scores of Swiss soldiers ride on intercity passenger trains with rifles placed on overhead racks.

Just before World War I the Swiss government ordered the mobilization of the entire army as a precautionary measure. Wholly defensive in nature, the Swiss army is designed to protect the nation from invasion. (It is interesting to note that neutrality and disarmament rarely go hand in hand.)

Political refugees have found considerable sympathy in Switzerland. Assistance to those seeking asylum has been generous.

The International Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland, performed admirably in wartime. Countless philanthropic institutions were created to help those afflicted by the fighting.

Switzerland and world peace

Is neutrality the way to world peace? Somehow the Swiss have gotten along among themselves and forestalled wars with neighboring nations while other countries have failed. Do the Swiss know the way to peace?

The Swiss could present an interesting lesson to our modern, war-weary world. Switzerland is divided racially, religiously, by language and by geography. Yet Switzerland is relatively united and somewhat contented.

The Swiss occupy the crossroads of Europe. Heads of state meet in Geneva to discuss their differences. U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev will meet there.

Romans 3:17 says, "The way of peace have they not known." Complex peace documents do not mark out a path for permanent peace. Not even the Swiss example will ultimately inspire world peace.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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lems are just as big to them as ours are to us. They need your help and support. We do not have time to waste.

Don't wait till you have to live with regrets, instead of wonderful memories. Form the habit of praying together as a family. It will help draw you closer to each other and also to God.

Ask God for the help you need to make the necessary changes. If you truly care and want to change, God will give you the help you need.

Dema Burkhardt
Ontario, Ore.

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Rules of conduct

I have long believed that the *W/N* could be used as a vehicle for bringing the Church to a near-consensus as to what constitutes couth behavior.

Conduct grossing out a South Sea Islander might not affect a North American person in a similar way.

Conduct of persons within one's own ethnic group can precipitate tense feelings.

In my own case, I am irritated by people licking digital members (as when turning Bible pages and at potluck dinners), knuckle-cracking and sneezing on one's hand. This is a partial list.

It might help toward a more harmonious place of safety and fellowshiping.

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Search for truth

I have just about all of your literature, and every time I get something new, I study it carefully so I understand most of

all the Church teachings.

Ever since I was a little child, I have wanted to be a minister. When I became old enough to realize that there were many different religions, I began to look to see why I believed what I believed. Then I began (slowly) to see that there was no basis for much of what I believed. And now I have spent 3 or 4 years doing nothing but studying religion. And I am happy to say that yours is the only Church I have found no flaw in. I really believe that this is the true Church of God!

Joe Rains (age 14)
Mount Juliet, Tenn.

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Request from young boy

I'm 10 years old and don't have any money and wanted to get my parents a Christian thing for their anniversary. This [the literature] is the perfect thing. Please sent it as inconspicuously as possible. I love the program! My mom doesn't know I'm watching. I watch all the time. I think it's great!

Adam Bernay (age 10)
Fresno, Calif.

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Sweeten your marriage

I just received my August *Good News*, and I didn't put it down until I had read every article. I'm so grateful to the Eternal for the nutritious spiritual food He provides for us from our spiritual "health food store" — headquarters, Pasadena.

When I glanced through *The Good News*, I saw the article "Sweeten Your Marriage — With the Fruits of the Spirit." Since I'm no longer married, I said to myself, I don't need to waste time reading that, so I skipped it. But after finishing all the other articles, I decided to go back and read it. How glad I am for making that decision! The article is super, even though one is not married.

I learned so much about the fruits of the Spirit.

Martha C. Douglas
San Antonio, Tex.

I just finished "Sweeten Your Marriage — with the Fruits of the Spirit," by Earl H. Williams. Thank you so much for this article.

My marriage has been deteriorating to the point that my wife feels she has no love for me. She says she wants to but doesn't know how.

My prayers have been answered, and now it lies on my shoulders to correct the problem by showing real love with the fruits of the Spirit.

Thank you Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong for the love you continue to show by giving us these articles through God's work.

Name withheld
Houston, Tex.

My wife and I would like to thank you very much for the article "Sweeten Your Marriage — With the Fruits of the Spirit." I would like to share this story with you.

Last Thursday we decided we were going to fast that day. We both work at the same place and that day we worked side by side. During breakfast, lunch and our two breaks we were going to have spiritual food instead of physical food or snack. I was going through *The Good News* and came across this article and said, "Let's digest this today."

We had no idea how tasty our meal was going to be. This article will not only help marriages in trouble, but will surely sweeten any marriage and will help us in every aspect of our daily lives, if we do as it says. Thank you, Mr. [Earl] Williams, for one of the best articles I have ever read. I can hardly wait to teach these principles to all people in the world tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cobler
Winston-Salem, N.C.

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

MANILA, Philippines — Brethren in the Philippines were spared injury or major damage to their property from Typhoon Saling Oct. 18, considered to be the "most intense typhoon to hit the Philippines since 1970," said **Rodney H. Matthews**, office manager of the Philippines Regional Office.

"The government issued extreme warnings about the effects and severity of this typhoon," said Mr. Matthews in a report to *The Worldwide News*. "As it hit the eastern coastline, directly east of Manila and heading right at the capital, it suddenly and without explanation split into two and its winds calmed to a mere 110 kilometers per hour [68 miles per hour]."

Tarlac, Philippines, was badly damaged by the northern half of the storm. "Even so," Mr. Matthews said, "only two members suffered any structural damage to their homes, and all were reported safe and well."

Services were canceled in many congregations Oct. 19, "but it was very obvious that God had supernaturally intervened to protect the hundreds of brethren," Mr. Matthews concluded.

PASADENA — Youth Opportunities United (YOU) will begin a European travel program next summer according to **Kevin Dean**, YOU director.

"We plan to have two groups of 40 teenagers travel to the Soviet Union and Western Europe," Mr. Dean said. "Since we've been planning this since 1980, we're very pleased that it's getting under way."

"One group will spend 10 days in the Soviet Union, and another group will spend 15 days in West Germany before traveling to the SEP [Summer Educational Program] camp in Loch Lomond, Scotland," he continued.

Tentative price for the program is \$1,000 an individual. "YOU is

Income

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These increases are not as great as we had hoped for in 1985, and do not reach our income budget on which our expense budget was built. During the year we have also increased our expenses considerably to take advantage of unusual and unexpected opportunities in media.

Therefore, cash reserves were lower than anticipated, and were temporarily depleted at the expected low point just before the Feast.

This is the first time that has happened since I was made treasurer. We must not permit this to happen again, so it is necessary to trim back to where we can again have acceptable levels of reserves.

The Scriptures promise that God will supply our need. Jesus said that before we ask, God knows what the need is. I believe God has supplied the need to His Church, but we possibly have sometimes not used those funds in the way He wants.

Please pray that God will guide Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and all who are involved in any financial aspect of the Church to use the funds the way He wants, and not the way we think may be right.

The budget process for 1986 has begun — first for the international offices and then followed quickly by the U.S. departments. This is a difficult but essential task each year.

Your prayers and financial support are greatly needed and appreciated. This is increasingly so as we draw nearer to the end of this age.

providing one third of the total cost, so the final figure is not yet confirmed," said Mr. Dean Oct. 22.

"We hope to expand this program so teenagers from Europe, Australia and New Zealand can come to the United States to see what it is like," Mr. Dean said.

Applications will be available from Church pastors in November.

PASADENA — Evangelist **Leon Walker** and his wife, **Reba**, returned here Oct. 21 after a two-week trip through Argentina, Chile and Peru.

Mr. Walker is regional director for Spanish-speaking areas.

"It was an administrative trip, which I decided to make right after the Feast of Tabernacles to save the Church money," Mr. Walker said. "Since I was in Peru for the last half of the Feast, it was cost-saving to travel to Chile and Argentina from there instead of flying there later from the United States."

After spending three days in Peru, the Walkers flew to Santiago, Chile, to meet with **Mario Seiglie**, pastor of the church there, and **Filidor Illesca**, pastor of the Temuco, Chile, church.

The Walkers flew to Buenos Aires, Argentina, Oct. 16 to meet with ministers **Albert Sousa**, **Carlos Espinosa** and **Luis Chavez**.

Mr. Sousa pastors the Ezeiza, Argentina, and Salto, Uruguay, congregations; Mr. Chavez pastors the Bahia Blanca and Centenario, Argentina, churches; and Mr. Espinosa is associate pastor of the Ezeiza church.

"We discussed how the Feast went in their respective areas and began planning for the 1986 Feast," Mr. Walker said. "We also reviewed plans for *Pura Verdad*

[Spanish Plain Truth] lectures and Reader's Digest ads, as the one entitled "Que Sucederá en el Peru?" ["What's Next for Peru?"] that ran in the September *Selecciones del Reader's Digest* there."

PASADENA — Evangelist **Dibar Apartian** conducted a public Bible lecture in Bordeaux, France, Sept. 28. Sixty new people attended.

Mr. Apartian is regional director for French-speaking areas.

"People there were very receptive, indicating a desire to learn," Mr. Apartian said. About 30 people remained after the lecture to ask questions.

"Unfortunately, some few came just out of curiosity," the evangelist said, referring to Ezekiel 33:30-32. "I spoke on what prophecy says about France, so they received a strong witness."

PASADENA — Telephone call-backs in the Church's telephone response area are increasing, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

"Every week dozens of subscribers phone in on the WATS [Wide Area Telephone Service] lines with simple Bible questions, health or personal problems and prayer requests," Mr. Rice said. "They leave their phone numbers and ask to be contacted by a minister."

"The ministers who return these calls are well trained and work under the supervision of the Personal Correspondence Department to ensure that everyone speaks with one voice," the evangelist continued.

"These men make short calls to individuals, pointing them to further literature, and, when appropriate, to the minister in their area."

"Most people are very grateful to receive a call from Pasadena," Mr. Rice said. "They appreciate the care and concern shown to them."

These call-backs average about 50 a week, Mr. Rice said. Since 1981, the telephone response area has made about 5,000 call-backs.

Chinese Exhibit Opens

PASADENA — An exclusive West Coast showing of ancient terra-cotta (baked earth) figures dating from 221 B.C. went on display in the Hall of Administration here Nov. 3, according to evangelist **Ellis La Ravia**, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

The 2,200-year-old figures were unearthed in the burial complex of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, and are part of a two-city tour in the United States. They were also shown at the Minneapolis Institute of Art in Minneapolis, Minn. The Hall of Administration exhibit will continue through Dec. 1.

Additional coverage of the exhibition is scheduled to appear in the Nov. 18 *Worldwide News*.

PASADENA — The Church's first intercontinental Winter Educational Program (WEP) scheduled for Dec. 19 to 31 has reached capacity, according to **Kevin Dean**, director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU).

Activities for the 12-day camp, scheduled to take place in Saalbach, Austria, will include downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, education programs and other winter activities.

"The dorms will be arranged so Americans will ski and work together with their European counterparts," the YOU director continued.

"The emphasis will be on experiencing different cultures and building character while having fun. Ninety teens from the United States and 80 teens from Europe have been accepted into the program. "Several Ambassador College faculty members such as [evangelist] **Ronald Kelly** will accompany the teenagers," Mr. Dean said.

PASADENA — Church Administration here released the following itinerary for evangelist **Gerald Waterhouse**.

Nov. 4, Liberal, Kan.; Nov. 5, Scott City, Kan.; Nov. 6, Enid, Okla.; Nov. 7, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Nov. 9, Dallas, Tex., East and West, combined Sabbath services.

Nov. 10, Sherman, Tex.; Nov. 11, Paris, Tex.; Nov. 12, Texarkana, Tex.; Nov. 13, Mena, Ark.; Nov. 14, Russellville, Ark.; Nov. 16, Lit-

tle Rock and Searcy, Ark., combined Sabbath services.

Nov. 17, El Dorado, Ark.; Nov. 18, Greenwood, Miss.; Nov. 19, Columbus, Miss.; Nov. 20, Tupelo, Miss.; Nov. 23, Birmingham A.M. and P.M., Bessemer and Jasper, Ala., combined Sabbath services.

Nov. 24, Huntsville and Florence, Ala.; Nov. 25, Anniston and Gadsden, Ala.; Nov. 26, Rome, Ga.; Nov. 27, Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Nov. 30, Atlanta East and West, Gainesville and Athens, Ga., combined Sabbath services.

Dec. 2, Augusta, Ga.; Dec. 3, Columbia, S.C.; Dec. 4, Florence, S.C.; Dec. 5, Charleston, S.C.; Dec. 7, Macon and Columbus, Ga., combined Sabbath services.

Dec. 8, Montgomery, Ala.; Dec. 9, Meridian, Miss.; Dec. 10, Jackson, Miss.; Dec. 11, Monroe, La.; Dec. 12, Shreveport, La.; Dec. 14, Big Sandy, Tyler and Longview, Tex., combined Sabbath services.

Dec. 15, Lufkin, Tex.; Dec. 17, Alexandria, La.; Dec. 18, Lafayette, La.; Dec. 19, Baton Rouge, La.; Dec. 21, New Orleans, La., Sabbath services; Dec. 22, Picaayune, Hattiesburg and Laurel, Miss.

Dec. 24, Biloxi, Miss.; Dec. 26, Mobile, Ala.; Dec. 28, Geneva, Ala., and Fort Walton Beach, Fla., combined Sabbath services; Dec. 30, Tallahassee, Fla.; and Dec. 31, Moultrie, Ga.

PASADENA — Orders received during the 1985 Feast for the second volume of Young Ambassador Festival cassettes, recorded Church hymns and other Church cassette productions are being "processed as quickly and efficiently as possible," said **Ross Jutsum**, director of Music Services Oct. 29.

"We received thousands of orders from the Feast, and we're sending them out as quickly as we can," he said. All orders are expected to be filled by the end of November.

Brethren wishing to order copies of Festival cassette audio tapes can use an order form that is scheduled to appear in the Nov. 18 *Worldwide News*, Mr. Jutsum said.

(Spanish Plain Truth).

Mr. Walls was the first employee of the Spanish Regional Office to visit the war-torn country since 1979.

"Shortly after the Feast in 1979, national strife and war broke out between government forces and guerrillas," Mr. Walls said Oct. 23. "The city of San Salvador was a literal battlefield of terrorism until 1983, when the government was able to limit guerrilla activity to the rural areas." Mr. Walls, who spoke to 119 brethren at Atonement services in San Salvador Sept. 25, said that "God obviously protected brethren during that difficult time.

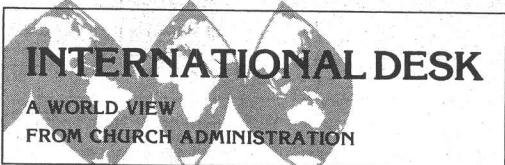
In El Salvador, having a job means survival — there are no welfare programs to aid the unemployed. During the period of terrorism and street fighting, all of our brethren who wanted jobs were employed. And that was not the case for the general populace."

Mr. Walls said one sign left from the terrorism was shortened electrical and telephone poles lining streets in San Salvador.

"The guerrillas would dynamite the poles to knock out electricity and communications in the city," he said. "Then the repair crews would come and lash the shattered pole against the remaining foundation instead of planting a new pole."

Mr. Walls said brethren are still in constant potential danger. "Violence and fighting still break out unexpectedly," he said. "Brethren in El Salvador would still appreciate the prayers of the Church worldwide."

He added that a number of brethren "are eligible for military service, even though in some cases it is possible for them to be exempted from the army's draft. I'm sure these young men would appreciate our prayers on their behalf."



PASADENA — "We're pleased, thrilled and thankful to God to report that God not only intervened to protect Mr. [Reginald] Killingley's life, but also that He intervened to foster an exceptionally fine and quick recovery," said evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas, Oct. 24.

Mr. Killingley was shot in the chest and robbed by two assailants in Lima, Peru, Aug. 22.

"We were concerned that he might have some difficulty preaching and even breathing, since the Feast in Huaraz [Peru] is more than 10,000 feet (3,030 meters) above sea level," the evangelist continued.

Mr. Walker and his wife, **Reba**, spent the last half of the Feast in Huaraz.

In a report to *The Worldwide News* Mr. Killingley said he had received more than 100 cards and letters from brethren worldwide. He thanked everyone and added that the correspondence was inspiring.

Ministers needed in Africa

"God's Church sorely needs qualified ministers in Haiti, Cameroon and Zaire," said evangelist **Dibar Apartian** Oct. 17. "We have about 200 brethren in Cameroon and Zaire who need a pastor."

Mr. Apartian is regional director of God's Church in French-speaking areas. French is the main lan-

guage in these countries.

Since there is no minister in Haiti, Mr. Apartian sent **Cyrille Richard**, assistant pastor of the Montreal, Que., South (French) congregation, to conduct the Feast there. "Mr. Richard did an excellent job," the evangelist said, "but we do need somebody there full time."

Mr. Apartian also sent **Bernard Andrist**, manager of the Church's Geneva, Switzerland, Office, to Zaire for the last half of the Feast.

"Mr. Andrist really loves the Zaire brethren, and we hope to obtain a visa for him to stay there for two years," Mr. Apartian said. "But in the long run in international areas it's usually better to have someone from the area as the pastor."

"We receive a lot of correspondence from these countries, especially from Haiti, but we have no one to regularly follow up," he continued. "We could grow more in several areas of the world if we had more ministers."

Referring to Matthew 9:37-38, Mr. Apartian requested prayers from brethren worldwide that God would prepare and qualify French-speaking ministers to help in the Church's worldwide work.

El Salvador brethren

Brethren in San Salvador, El Salvador's capital city, "are doing well," according to **Donald Walls**, regional director for *La Pura Verdad*

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