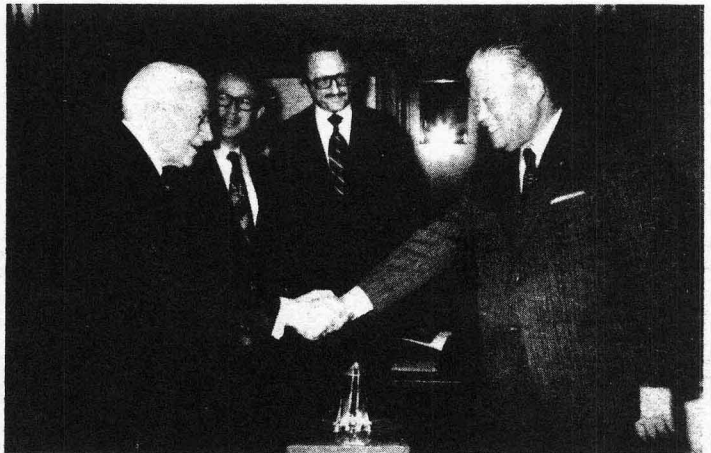




MR. ARMSTRONG IN JAPAN — Left: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong are welcomed by Dr. Makoto Fujita, assistant to the president of Waseda University in Tokyo, left, and Senator Toshio Yamaguchi at a banquet in his honor at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo April 25. Right: Mr.



Armstrong meets Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira. Looking on are Congressman Kasio Shionoya, chairman of the foreign relations commission of the Japanese House of Representatives, and Stanley R. Rader, Mr. Armstrong's personal aide.

Mr. Armstrong welcomed back to Japan

PASADENA — Herbert W. Armstrong was enthusiastically and warmly welcomed back to Japan at a banquet in his honor April 25 in the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, reported Kevin Dean, the Work's public information officer. More than 250 of Japan's leading citizens and government officials were in attendance.

Mr. Armstrong arrived in Japan the evening of April 23 and spent most of the next day writing, except for a dinner with Dr. Makoto Fujita, assistant to the president of Waseda University in Tokyo.

Before leaving Japan April 29 Mr. Armstrong had a luncheon with the ambassador and counselor to Israel and their wives and met Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira. It was Mr. Armstrong's first visit to Japan since July of 1977.

Stanley Rader, Mr. Armstrong's personal aide and Church treasurer, introduced Mr. Armstrong at the banquet by saying: "It was Prince Mikasa who stated in one of these rooms in the Imperial Hotel several

years ago that Mr. Armstrong was a spiritual [Henry] Kissinger. And he has truly strengthened, fostered spiritual, cultural and educational ties between peoples everywhere.

"And through the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, which he founded some years ago, we have established some 42 different projects of a cultural, educational or humanitarian nature in some 26 different nations around the world."

The foundation is sponsoring jointly with the Japanese an archaeological excavation in Israel, and a chapter of the foundation has been established in Japan.

Present at the banquet were the ambassadors to Lebanon, Kuwait, Tunisia, Morocco, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, Katsumi Ono, chairman of the policymaking institute in Japan, the former president of Waseda University in Tokyo and other high-ranking Japanese congressmen and senators.

Following Mr. Armstrong's speech [excerpted at the end of this

article], a number of the government officials spoke briefly, expressing their joy at having Mr. Armstrong back and thanking him for his speech.

Congressman Tokuo Yamashita welcomed Mr. Armstrong and commented that "you look far better than two years ago." Then Mr. Ono said: "I'm very happy to welcome Mr. Armstrong once again, with good health, to the midst of our fellowship this evening . . . You [Mr. Armstrong] have contributed to Japan both spiritually and physically. And as you mentioned, we are losing the spiritual element in our life. We need a spiritual leader like you, particularly in Japan."

Later in the banquet, before toast-

ing Mr. Armstrong, Congressman Ide, the senior congressman of the Japanese Diet, said: "I have nothing to add with my previous speakers, but I was deeply impressed. Your message . . . filled with the grace of God, your strong message was very impressive."

The following is excerpted from the speech Mr. Armstrong delivered at the banquet:

Now, I have been called an ambassador without portfolio, an ambassador for world peace . . . But let me say that I am an ambassador, but not without portfolio. I just don't have a political portfolio. But there is that Unseen Hand from someplace, and that is my authority. And I am here to

give you the good news of the world's only hope at this time now.

When I talk with heads of governments all over the world . . . I speak with them about their problems and about world conditions, and all of them have problems that are completely beyond their ability to solve. We have gotten into the kind of condition that solving our problems in this world is completely beyond the abilities of human man.

... We are now in the very last days of this civilization, of this age, of this present world. I don't mean with earth's existence, I mean the type of civilization that we have on this earth.

... The problems of the heads of (See JAPAN, page 12)

Subscriber development announces reprint series

PASADENA — The subscriber development section of the Mail Processing Center here announced that a new reprint series will soon be offered to members, co-workers and donors.

According to Mail Processing Center director Richard Rice, the series will be in a 16-page format, about the size of *The Plain Truth*. Each installment will include several informative articles on a specific topic taken from past issues of *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News* or *Tomorrow's World*.

The series will be inexpensive to produce and can be compiled relatively quickly, according to Mr. Rice. These reprint series pamphlets will be printed on standard paper much like the Correspondence Course, rather than using expensive,

glossy paper. They will be "self mailers," meaning that address labels and postage can be affixed directly to the literature, allowing the Work to produce the literature at much less cost than regular booklets.

Each reprint series pamphlet will be printed in two colors and will be three-hole punched for notebooks. Coming topics include: "Bring Back the Family," "The Great Doctrines of Hebrews Six," "Prepare Now to Be a King," "Discover Your Bible," "Why Must We Suffer?," "The Resurrections," "The Parables of Jesus" and "Overcoming."

The articles are not in stock at this time, but will be advertised when available. Mr. Rice asks that members not request the articles until they are advertised.

Foreign areas report increases

PASADENA — A series of reports published in the *Pastor's Report* from various international areas of the Work indicate that the mail count and income in those areas has not been hampered by the receivership crisis, but has generally increased during the first quarter of 1979.

The Auckland, New Zealand, office reports that more than 15,000 mail items were received there during March, which is "by far the biggest monthly mail figure ever in the history of the New Zealand Work."

'Biggest monthly figure ever'

Income for that month was also "the biggest monthly figure ever," and a 38.6 percent increase over the amount received in March, 1978. This was the third consecutive month in which income was up "more than 30 percent over the same month last year," the report said. This increase in income was attributed to "the increased religious content of *The Plain Truth* coupled with interest stimulated by the receivership crisis in the States."

The Burleigh Heads, Australia, office also reported a record-

breaking month in March. According to their report, "19,303 letters were received — despite a postal strike, which seriously disrupted mail the last week of the month.

"In spite of this, mail income was up 55 percent for March," giving a 27 percent year-to-date increase. In the same month, "Over 62,800 booklets and articles were posted out — smashing all previous records for outgoing mail," the report said.

In addition, 8,843 responses for a free subscription to *The Plain Truth* have been received from a magazine and newspaper advertising campaign begun in February, according to the report.

Frank Brown, director of the Work in Britain, in a recent letter to members there reported that "mail income for the year to date is up 20 percent over the comparable period last year (March, 1978) and is also showing an increase of 15 percent over the fiscal year (July-June) compared with the same preceding period.

Figures encouraging

"These figures are very encouraging since it indicates that God's people are generously supporting His

Church and His Work here in the U.K.," he said.

Mail income for March was the largest for the United Kingdom and Ireland in almost two years, according to a report from Radlett, England, headquarters for the British Work.

Vancouver, B.C., headquarters for the Canadian Work, reported that "Income for the first three months of this year shows an 8 percent increase," which should increase with responses to a spring advertising program.

Newsstand program

The newsstand program will also begin in eastern Canada in April, with 50,000 English- and French-language *Plain Truth* magazines to be distributed in Quebec province.

In the United States, Jack Bicket, assistant treasurer of the Work, reported to department managers here a 3.4 percent increase in Spring Holy Day offerings compared to last year. "This is a dollar per person more than last year in spite of the fact that members have responded with almost \$1 million in special offerings since January," he said.

DO YOU SHOW DUE RESPECT FOR YOUR MINISTER?

By Herbert W. Armstrong

I WAS rather astonished to learn, just today, that in many of our churches the members are on a "first-name basis" with their local pastors. Let me tell you my own experience in that regard.

Years ago in the parent church in Eugene, Ore., I encouraged the brethren to call me by my first name. Why? Because I felt, wrongly, that if they called me Mr. Armstrong, I would appear to be exalted and not humble. My intentions were good, but not the method.

Years later a woman who had been a close chum of my elder daughter in those early days at Eugene came to visit Beverly in the Pasadena area. She had long since left the Church. Back in 1934 and following years, there had been about eight or 10 young

Are you on a "first-name basis" with your ministers? Read here of my own experience on a "first-name basis."

people of around 16 to 18 years of age. I had organized a sort of young people's group of them and held special and separate Bible studies with them.

Familiarity breeds contempt

"Mr. Armstrong," she said at my daughter's home, "I don't mean to criticize you, but I think you might like to know why several of us who were in the teenage group in Eugene are no longer in the Church. This is not the only reason, of course, but it did contribute to it. Do you remember how you encouraged all in the Church in those days to call you by your first name? You were then a full generation older than we teenagers.

"Experience has now shown some of us that the saying 'familiarity breeds contempt' is really true. We were on such a familiar first-name basis with you, that it brought you in our eyes down to our own level. I notice that since you came to Pasadena, the brethren are not on a first-name basis with you, I hope you never change that."

Yes, familiarity *does* often breed contempt. Your minister *should be*, spiritually and in biblical knowledge and understanding, senior to those of you — even who may be twice his age.

I remember, at a Feast of Tabernacles in the days when our one and only Feast site was Big Sandy, Tex., how I found it necessary to admonish the brethren that, even though many of them were in physical years

much older than some of our young ministers, yet these young ministers had had special concentrated biblical teaching at Ambassador College, and SPIRITUALLY speaking, these young ministers were older than the brethren.

Senior in understanding

I do not want, most certainly, for our ministers to feel superior, vain or "lifted up in vanity," but the very fact that they have been ordained to Christ's ministry *should* mean that they are SENIOR to their congregations in biblical knowledge and understanding.

And, as I believe the personal illustration I gave above of my own experience, it is YOU BRETHREN who may be harmed if

you feel familiar enough with your minister to be on a first-name basis with him.

God's Word teaches us to hold the ministers who are over us in high regard.

"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake" (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

Again, "Let the elders that rule well be accounted worthy of double honour [remuneration — Moffatt translation], especially they who labour in the word and doctrine" (1 Timothy 5:17).

On the other hand, I do not mean that we should go to the opposite extreme and call ministers by high titles, such as Dr., etc. During the recent ministerial conference Mr. Roderick Meredith asked me if I would stop calling him "Dr. Meredith," and I agreed that this could sound like flattery.

Tough decisions for Washington

PASADENA — President Jimmy Carter has his hands full wrestling with America's energy crisis, with the certainty of having to make some politically uncomfortable decisions. Yet the energy issue is only one of a number of quandaries confronting the chief executive.

The first dilemma is what to do about the future defense needs of Western Europe.

The Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT II) treaty, if approved by the U.S. Senate (a mighty big "if"), will set the groundwork for the U.S.-Soviet strategic nuclear relationship for the next few years. But the treaty does nothing to curb the growth of Soviet nuclear might targeted on Western Europe. And the European North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies are growing more concerned about this threat with each passing day.

The Soviets are deploying monstrous SS-20 ballistic missiles in western Russia that could not reach U.S. targets without the addition of a third stage, but can easily flatten British, French or West German cities. The Kremlin is also building a fleet of medium-range Backfire bombers that are tailor-made for intra-European warfare. SALT II in no way affects these developments.

The defense ministers of Europe's NATO powers recently met with U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown and other Pentagon officials in an attempt to get NATO in general and the United States in particular to upgrade the aging medium-range defensive nuclear weapons stationed in Europe. The most-discussed new hardware is either a new ground-launched cruise missile (GLCM), or an extended-range version of the already deployed Pershing missile.

Replay of neutron fiasco?

The sparring inside NATO is reminiscent of the debacle 15 months ago when President Carter abruptly decided against construction of the neutron bomb for NATO's defensive use after Europe's NATO partners

thought the issue had already been resolved.

As in that case, Washington, fearful of Soviet reaction, does not want to give the impression that it is acting unilaterally on NATO's behalf. Yet U.S. leadership is essential because most European governments can't politically afford to appear that they are pushing the issue — when in effect they are.

The Netherlands, for example, was a hotbed of resistance to the neutron warhead. Norway and Denmark remain opposed to having any nuclear weapons stationed there. Even West Germany's Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has to be mindful of his party's influential left wing, which wants to cozy up to Moscow.

The only answer is for the United States to take a bold, if somewhat lonely, stand. Yet, there is a strong likelihood that the alliance may be in for a replay of the neutron-bomb controversy.

One senior European official in NATO says this: "Suppose we get everything lined up with our defensive ministries and our parliaments and our cabinets and then the [Carter] administration suddenly decides that it doesn't want to build a special medium-range missile for Europe, or it doesn't think that the Europeans should get the cruise missile after all. It would be disastrous for the alliance both politically and militarily, and we can't be sure yet that it won't happen that way."

If Washington turns down the European NATO members a second time, confidence in America would plummet to a new low, and the momentum in some quarters to seek an arrangement with Moscow, with Europe moving into a more "neutral" stage, would certainly accelerate.

Africa policy in shambles

The NATO decision may be rough enough, but what to do in Southern Africa, especially in the aftermath of the elections in Rhodesia, is building up to be the most agonizing foreign

policy headache President Carter has faced yet. "The problems are going to be horrendous for Mr. Carter," predicts one State Department official.

The President is required by law to lift economic sanctions against Rhodesia providing the Rhodesian government agrees to two conditions: 1) expresses its willingness to

attend an "all-parties" peace conference with Patriotic Front guerrilla leaders, and 2) conducts a free and fairly administered election leading to majority rule.

High voter turnout

The first point Prime Minister Ian Smith and other members of the executive council agreed to last autumn, whereas the two guerrilla chiefs, Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, turned cold shoulder to it.

On the second point, international observers generally reported their approval of the April 17 to 21 Rhodesia election that resulted in the victory of Bishop Abel Muzorewa as prime minister-elect of the new Zimbabwe-Rhodesia. Nearly 65 percent of all Rhodesians eligible to vote went to the polls. (Contrast this with 18.7 percent of registered voters going to the polls in Mr. Carter's home state of Georgia during the congressional elections of 1978 and only 37.8 percent when he was the favorite-son candidate for the presidency in 1976.)

What is the President's dilemma? Just this. To acknowledge that the preconditions have been met and that sanctions should be lifted will wreck the administration's Africa policy, specifically its relations with other African and Third World states — including oil-rich Nigeria (the United States' second-largest supplier). These states passionately back the Rhodesian guerrillas, and the United

States believes it would lose enormous face to go back on these carefully nurtured "lover" relationships at this juncture (see Jeremiah 3:1, 4:30 and 30:12-15).

Thus, according to the Los Angeles, Calif., *Times*, officials in the administration "are searching the legislative record for ways to justify a ruling that the elections were not 'free' or fairly conducted and thus do not require lifting sanctions under U.S. law."

How did the United States get it-

senger airliners."

Because of what other observers label America's "moral bankruptcy" in this area of its foreign policy, an entirely new political equation is developing in Southern Africa; namely a more neutral power bloc in the subcontinent embracing South Africa, Namibia (the United Nations scheme to hand this territory over to terrorists is all but dead), Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, plus several smaller African states dependent upon South Africa for their economic livelihood and military defense.

This is a very significant trend, because there will eventually come a swing to the right in Western Europe. West Germany and France both have enormous investments in South Africa. Pretoria (capital of South Africa) is Bonn's chief trading partner in Africa. A united Europe — cut off from a mistrusted America (symbolized by the missile dilemma) — might find a ready ally in an isolated, beleaguered Southern Africa power bloc.

WORLDWATCH BY GENE H. HOGBERG

self boxed into such a canyon? It all goes back to the administration's African policy constructed for it by left-wing State Department "Africanists." Columnists Evans and Novak describe the basic false premise of their approach:

"The policy originated in the belief expressed to us in March, 1977, by one of Mr. Carter's senior White House aides — that 'the white man is finished in Southern Africa.' That meant the United States must get on the side of the blacks, even if their ideology was Marxist and their record in human rights questionable."

The *Wall Street Journal*, in one of its strongest editorials ever directed against an administration in office, called the government's position in the Rhodesia election a "scandal." By pandering to the wrong parties, its Rhodesia policy, it said, was shot through with "profound confusion and dishonesty," adding that "this country has been placed in the outrageous position of throwing its weight against liberal democracy and moderation in Rhodesia and acting instead in behalf of the men in the conflict who are clearly the more illiberal and violent."

New power bloc

Columnist Patrick J. Buchanan was even more blunt. United States policy, he said, "leaves veto power over the lifting of sanctions to people who murder civilians, rape nuns, kidnap children and shoot down pas-

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GOSPEL TO JAPANESE LEADERS

By Herbert W. Armstrong
For some 20 months, due to total heart failure in August, 1977, I was prevented from proclaiming Christ's Gospel in person in the far-flung nations around the world.

But God has been with me. There has been NO diminishing of the vital faculties, especially of mind. And while I was having for the time to defer the ORDEAL of physically demanding worldwide travel, I have been able to WRITE almost faster than you brethren can read and to continue FULL LEADERSHIP of God's Work here on earth.

I want to mention a point we were discussing here in the hotel suite yesterday afternoon. I have not realized it before. Probably

"... in a few words, and even waiting at every sentence for the interpreter to repeat it in the Japanese language, Jesus Christ through me DELIVERED THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM to some 300 of the leaders of Japan ..."

you have not realized it. But the United States is the ONLY nation on earth that retires people at age 60 or 65. In the United States most have come to suppose that people naturally begin to lose their mental faculties even as early as 55.

WHY?

This general national assumption is NOT TRUE! Many large corporations have adopted a RETIREMENT POLICY that all employees, and even executives, must retire at age 65 — and some at age 60. The same is true of schoolteachers.

I even retired one man at age 55 on his urgent request, although in a manner that did not increase the Work's expenses, even though we had to hire another to take his place. But he had worked for us 25 years. I remember he wanted to travel — not to other parts of the world — but to see other parts of the United States, as he phrased it, "before I have to meet my Maker." In other words, even at age 55 this man was THINKING, in his mind, that he was approaching "the age of death."

The age of wisdom

WHY do Americans think that way? Here in Japan a man of 65 is just coming into the age of the BEGINNING of wisdom! A man in his 80s is not regarded as old or senile, but as more mature — of higher stature — of having a BETTER mind, of attaining to the "age of wisdom."

But I remember one of my grandmothers at age 55. In those days, when I was probably 5 or 6 years old, all women wore hats outdoors. Young women had rather decorative hats, with artificial roses, or objects of bright colors and with a sophisticated STYLE. Hats were not intended to cover or keep warm the

head — but to be an added DECORATION. But by 55 or maybe younger, all women wore "old ladies' bonnets. They were shaped like an old covered wagon and always black, as were their clothes. They dressed in the style that all "old women" dressed. By their dress as well as their manner, they proclaimed loudly, I am OLD. I expect to die right away. My days of usefulness are over.

But times did change. Although I remember that both my grandmothers wore old-ladies bonnets and dressed like old women, my mother did not. My mother was 9½ when she died, and right up to the day of her

death, in her 90s, she dressed like a younger woman, or at least like a middle-aged woman. Many of our readers will remember her. And at age 95 she was still happy, jolly and had a good sense of humor.

Somehow, between the generation of her mother and her own generation, women had at least begun to dispose of the custom of wearing old-ladies bonnets and somber and unattractive clothes.

12 Japanese sons

But back to what I started. There must have been 250 or 300 or more at the banquet last night. It was held in a large banquet room of this hotel (The Imperial), and this is a large hotel with several private dining rooms. Many of the eight congressmen (members of the Diet — the Japanese congress or parliament) who call themselves my "Japanese sons" were there. The speakers' table seated at least a dozen, some of whom spoke briefly, all of whom stood one at a time to be introduced. All others, including wives, were seated at many round tables — 10 or 12 seated at each table.

All who spoke were saying complimentary things about me. During the evening a few other members of the Japanese Diet said they wanted to be counted as one of my Japanese sons, all of whom are important Diet members — the number of my Japanese sons in the Diet is now 12.

All speeches were translated. If a Japanese official spoke briefly, he spoke, of course, in Japanese, but after every sentence the interpreter translated the sentence into English. And vice versa. Of course, the whole thing was in my honor, so I was the chief speaker. Both Stanley Rader and Osamu Gotoh spoke briefly.

Herbert W. Armstrong continues proclaiming the Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD in nations around the world.

Herbert W. Armstrong's report of his trip to Japan will also appear in the June-July issue of The Good News magazine for the benefit of those co-workers who do not regularly receive The Worldwide News.

I had said earlier that I was not going to plan ahead what to say, or speak from any notes. I knew the living Christ would put into my mind what I should say — and He did!

There were at least a half dozen ambassadors representing other nations present (with their wives). So I knew that a number of different religions were represented.

Suppose you were to be asked to stand up and speak to some 300 highly distinguished people, some believing the Buddhist, Shintoist, Islamic or Taoist religions, not knowing anything about the true GOD, and you knew that Jesus Christ wanted you to proclaim to them the good news of the KINGDOM OF GOD. And you had to get this Gospel message over to these important people.

JUST HOW WOULD YOU GO ABOUT IT? If you had two or three days beforehand to think and plan what to say, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

How the living Christ guides

I think all you brethren ought to KNOW a little about how Jesus Christ leads His chosen apostle to do it.

I KNEW the living Christ would guide me. Like you I am only human, but I TRUSTED the living Jesus. He did put in my mind what to say.

Many of you may hear a tape recording of what I did say. But as I now remember it, I mentioned that I do have private meetings with many heads of nations — that I talk with them about their problems and world problems. That their problems are greater than any of them have power to solve. I then said I had read an editorial in one of the world's leading news magazines that said our "WORLD PROBLEMS AND EVILS are now so great it would seem that the world's ONLY HOPE lies in the intervention of a GREAT UNSEEN HAND FROM SOMEPLACE." In this manner I brought to the attention of these many government officials of different religions the supreme GOD — then explained that this Great "Unseen Hand" was the UNSEEN CREATOR WHO MADE OF ONE BLOOD ALL OF THE NATIONS REPRESENTED IN THIS BANQUET.

I did not know until I stood up before the loudspeaker microphone that I would say that. But you see, Jesus Christ put words in my mouth that showed them I was speaking of the SUPREME CREATOR, regardless of their religion.

Jesus gave me the words to show GOD'S POWER without of-

fense to any because of his religious belief.

God's ambassador

I then said many consider me an ambassador without portfolio (that is, no official political authority), but in fact, I told them, I was an official ambassador of the GREAT GOD who created us all. And I brought them from Him GOOD NEWS — news of the world's ONLY HOPE — that we are now in the very LAST DAYS of this present man-made civilization, with more problems and evils than mankind CAN SOLVE — and that SOON NOW — in OUR GENERATION — God will INTERVENE and set up the WORLD-RULING KINGDOM OF GOD — that we shall then have world peace, happiness, JOY and economic ABUNDANCE for ALL in ALL NATIONS.

I said: "I don't ask you to BELIEVE what I say. We humans won't bring this about — it will be DONE TO US — and IN SPITE OF US — whether we believe it or not — whether we want it or not. But I have just ANNOUNCED IT TO YOU, and IT DEFINITELY SHALL HAPPEN!"

Thus, in a few words, and even waiting at every sentence for the interpreter to repeat it in the Japanese language, Jesus Christ through me DELIVERED THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM to some 300 of the leaders of Japan and several other nations.

And I might mention THIS is what the attorney general's office in California is trying to call "siphoning off millions of dollars every year for my own use." In the past two years we have not spent one tenth of \$1 million on

"... definite plans are under way for me to make an official visit to COMMUNIST CHINA — officially the People's Republic of China, in company with two or three of the highest members of the Japanese Diet. Two of the high-ranking members of Japan's law-making Diet are definitely working on arrangements."

this important Work of carrying the GOSPEL into nations worldwide.

For the past 10 years, this part of the Work has cost less than \$1 million a year — whereas our budget calls for SEVERAL million per year for SALARIES to ministers and the staff at headquarters — several million for radio, for TV, for printing.

I must break off now and hurry into a business suit — for I am to have a meeting in less than two hours with Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira. I have met and visited with every Japanese prime minister in the past 10 years — Prime Minister Eisaku Sato, Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, Prime Minister Takeo Miki, Prime Minister Takeo

Fukuda, and now Prime Minister Ohira. I have been highly honored in Japan.

There's the saying that a prophet is not honored in his own country. That's where the PERSECUTION comes from. But here, I am honored above any unofficial non-Japanese.

And though the persecution comes in many forms at home, I am DEEPLY GRATEFUL that you brethren of GOD'S Church have deep LOVE for me, and you have certainly proved that. I love and pray for you continually.

Official visit to China planned

LATER: In flight back home, April 29.

I have now had private personal meetings with the last FIVE prime ministers of Japan.

Perhaps the most important news of all that I can give you of this trip is that definite plans are under way for me to make an official visit to COMMUNIST CHINA — officially the People's Republic of China — in company with two or three of the highest members of the Japanese Diet. Two of the high-ranking members of Japan's lawmaking Diet are definitely working on arrangements. The trip will be made in our own G-II jet, and probably in August. Private meetings are being set up with the Communist Party Chairman and Prime Minister Huo Guofeng and the deputy prime minister, Deng Xiaoping.

As you know, I have been waiting a long time for the HEAD of our Church, Jesus Christ, to open doors — if He wanted His apostle to go to the LEADERS of China and the Soviet Union. Of course, I can't know yet what Christ may have in mind, but He is able to open doors wherever He wants me to go as His ambassador and apostle.

Plans are now being made for a

visit with the government heads and many other leaders in a country I have never yet visited — Tunisia, on the southern shore of the Mediterranean Sea, west of Egypt. And, of course, I already have had a personal meeting with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt.

Before leaving Japan on this present trip, I had further meetings with a few other Japanese leaders.

This has certainly been a very successful trip. We are now on the descent for a refueling at Cold Bay, Alaska, the farthestmost western tip of Alaska, where the Aleutian Islands virtually join up with Alaska at its farthest western tip. I close asking you to continue your earnest and fervent prayers for me and the Work.

FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

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ter. And on occasion, it will be a representative of the government that we may have met somewhere who would like Mr. Armstrong or those representing him to visit with his head of state or his president or prime minister. And he will suggest that if we will address a proper letter that he will also informally advise the president that this is the kind of person that it would be good for the president or prime minister to see.

But you try it yourself, you try to invite yourself someplace, see how far you get. I mean, we even had trouble getting people who have legitimate complaints to register with Deukmejian to get answers, because the letters won't get by the secretaries. They're already complaining there are too many letters being received by the attorney general's office.

So Mr. Armstrong has indeed been invited everywhere — everywhere. That doesn't mean what maybe a foolish man like Mr. Anton would suggest to an unthinking reporter. You don't really think it works like this, do you, that the president wakes up one morning, and he calls in his aide, Get me Mr. Armstrong right now. You don't really think it happens that way, do you? You don't think that he calls the guy and says, Why haven't I seen Mr. Armstrong? It doesn't work that way.

But Mr. Armstrong is invited, and Mr. Armstrong never invites himself, and Mr. Armstrong has never intruded where he has not been wanted. And a couple of times we have embarrassed presidents, and I have had to put letters on file with Mr. Armstrong and with the president, apologizing that we have breached a protocol because occasionally we have had appointments and haven't shown up, and they don't take those things too lightly. Not that they can retaliate, but it is a matter of form, something that was unavoidable.

But believe me, it doesn't work like Mr. Anton suggested or the unwitting reporter might have written. A man doesn't wake up and say, Get Armstrong for me, get Gotoh, where are they? No. But one way or another, he hears about Mr. Armstrong, and Mr. Armstrong is invited into that country and is treated with the respect and the admiration and the affection that he deserves, and which he has never received from certain people in this community, such as some of our unfortunate reporters. It will take hundreds and thousands of them to measure one little finger of Mr. Armstrong. So we'll bear that kind of oppression with pride.

I wanted to publicly congratulate you for something, and maybe it doesn't come your way very often, so as long as I have this opportunity, I might as well say it. And that's the way you handled yourself on "60 Minutes" in one particular segment, and that is the one where actually Mike Wallace was trying to back you into a position where you would relent on your understanding of who Mr. Armstrong is and the fact that he is the apostle of Christ in the Church. And you've always done that both publicly and in private, I've witnessed it myself in every opportunity I've been around you, and if there's one lesson that a lot of Church members could learn from you if they'd only pay attention would be the lesson of Church government. And so I want to extend that congratulatory note to you, because I think a lot of us have learned it. We've learned it from you, and we know why you are where you are. And that's one primary reason, and I want to thank you for that.

Well, I appreciate that. Very nice. I just talked to Mr. Armstrong this

morning, and in a completely different context he reminded me of his humble beginnings and then also how when he was converted, how he was humbled. He had to be humbled at the time that he was converted. You all remember that, don't you? I think you remember his saying that before. And he said it again in context today.

Well, Mr. Armstrong and I have the kind of relationship that we have because I have been a good servant to him and to the living God, but it is nice once in a while to hear someone state it as you did, and it's very much appreciated. I would like nothing more than when this matter is over and the Church has been totally vindicated and Mr. Armstrong has been vindicated, and each of us who have been libeled and attacked have been vindicated, to move completely away from this, this kind of limelight and high profile and go back to serving people and helping people. I mentioned before when I was in practice that the satisfactions, the deepest satisfactions, came from helping other people on a people-to-people basis rather than solving problems as I've been forced to solve them for many years on an institutional basis. It's much more satisfying really to help one individual become a better person or to help him or her to achieve something that's important to him or her than it is to fight the whole State of California and people who think they're John Wayne. It's much more satisfying, and maybe one day I'll be able to be of service to the individual members of this Church so that more of them, maybe in some small community like Tucson, which I happen to like very much, will be able to learn about me, maybe learn to know me as Mr. Armstrong knows me, rather than as the press might know me, or Mr. Deukmejian thinks he knows me, or the others that have been involved in this thing. But I do appreciate those comments.

Mr. Rader, just going back to the illegal tapes. You said there would be two of them. Any idea where they were recorded, where they came from?

Mr. Armstrong has been very precise about that. There were two tapes — see, my ear was very good, and my memory was fairly good. I can remember the context, so the second half of the tape — it was presented as one tape. The second half of the tape was Mr. Armstrong speaking to Wayne Cole by telephone, and he was reading a letter that he had written to me, which was very confidential, but it wasn't so confidential that I didn't publish the whole letter. He was waiting, of course, for my reaction.

And Mr. Armstrong is a very open person. Wallace asked me (it wasn't used), but he said, did you know that you were Mr. Armstrong's bete noire (means, you know, kind of black beast, boogeyman; I'd used the word earlier in the program about somebody else) just recently?

And I said, well, yes, just recently, yes. And then he said, well, did Mr. Armstrong tell that to anybody else? And I said, Mr. Armstrong probably told it to everybody who was in earshot. That the way he is. Got something on his mind, it comes out. Whoever's there is going to hear it. That doesn't mean he won't change his mind the next minute. But they're going to hear it because he says, I would rather err on the side of being too open than to be too secretive.

And so he was kind of extemporizing as he was reading the letter. But he had told Mr. Cole that it was so confidential that he wanted him to take it from what he considered to be a safe phone. That was on the tape with Mike Wallace. I mean in the whole colloquy with Wallace, that was there. It wasn't used, of course.

So Mr. Armstrong was particularly upset with Mr. Cole when he found out it had been taped because that's how carefully he had remembered the conversation taking place.

The other one was about five months earlier back in August or so, September, when a few people I guess who were not as complimentary as this, this gentleman was, went to Mr. Armstrong and told Mr. Armstrong that I was trying to take over the Work. So it probably caught him at a moment when he wanted to talk about it, so he picked up the phone and again talked to Wayne Cole.

That's the way he is. That's the way gifted people are. They sometimes do a lot of talking like that. So it's like thinking out loud. He airs his feelings, he doesn't get an ulcer. And as a consequence of almost 87 years of age, he's able to work 15, 16 hours a day without eating himself up inside. So he vents it. So that was it.

So they put the two tapes together. I don't know how much editing they did with the first tape, because I didn't know anything about that particular conversation, although Mr. Armstrong told me later what had been said and by whom, just a few days after he uttered the remarks, and the matter was something that was behind us. But the second half of the tape I knew was heavily edited, because I had the whole copy of the letter. That's why I was able to tell Wallace on the interview, which again he didn't use. You see, Wallace first read me what was on his tape, and he read it as though it were a letter. And so I jumped him, and I said, "Are you purporting to be reading a letter written by Mr. Armstrong to a third party?" He said yes.

I turned to my lawyer, who was in the room, and I said: "I want you to take note of this. That letter, if it exists, is a fabrication because I have the whole letter, and we've already made it public." So he was rattled. This was supposed to be the thing that was to upset the whole program, you know, to pull down the person he was trying to get.

So then he said, well, would you recognize Mr. Armstrong's voice? I said: "Well, of course. So would millions and millions of other people around the world." Never did I think he would play the tape, not because of the substance. The substance was unimportant. It had already been revealed. But how, I mean, he's trying to turn the tables on me, and I've got him now where I want him with an illegal tape in his possession. So I jumped him. I jumped him real good. And then as you saw in the program, I didn't tell him not to use it on the air. I said, "I hope you have the guts to use it," because then the malice would be proved. Wouldn't be any question. The Supreme Court hadn't come down with the decision yet. I had to have him using a tape with malice. And he used it. So that's the history of the tape. Rather interesting.

Mr. Rader, we were talking a little bit about Mr. Gotoh. Previously, you know, the papers seemed to do a pretty good hatch job on him, that he was an ex-cabdriver who somehow flagged his way into the higher echelons of the Church and was, you know, living off the fat [unclear] starving, you know, tithe payers. It seems that he was very instrumental in opening some powerful doors for Mr. Armstrong, particularly then. So I just wondered if you could give us some background on him, you know.

I'll tell you exactly what I told Wallace. Very interesting. Because when he talked about cabdriver, I kind of jumped him again, and I said, you know, maybe the guy was a cabdriver in 1945 or '46, but I said — did you know that Mr. Armstrong — I didn't say that, but I said, I witnessed fraternity brothers when I went to college who couldn't attend the dances but had to wash the dishes and watch their fellow fraternity brothers enjoy themselves. There's nothing wrong with someone who worked as a cabdriver in his youth and then went on to bigger things.

And I told that to Mr. Armstrong.

He says, "Well, Stan, did you know that I was a waiter when I was 16?" and I said, "No, Mr. Armstrong, I didn't know that." "But I was a good waiter." And you can bet your life he was a good waiter, because whatever he does he's going to do well.

I told that to Wallace in the first part. I said I don't know when he was a cabdriver, but probably he was a cabdriver to eat right after the war. But let me tell you how I met Mr. Gotoh, because I think it's important for you to know this, and I told this to Wallace.

I met Mr. Gotoh for the first time in Japan in 1968, and I was told by Mr. Armstrong that this was a baptized member of the Worldwide Church of God, baptized by Mr. Richard Plache, highly vouched for, was a man who was going to probably one day head the Japanese Work for the Worldwide Church of God.

And he told me all this when we were in Israel. And he said, you and I are now going to fly from Israel to Beirut, and from Beirut by Pan American, because we didn't have the larger plane yet, to Tokyo. We're going to meet Mr. Gotoh. He's going to introduce us to Japanese royalty. What do you think, Stan? I said, Mr. Armstrong, I don't know. I don't even know who you're talking about. He says, what do you think the chances are of his introducing us to Japanese royalty? I said, I can't comment on that. But he's a Church member, and he's told you this. I said, I think he'd be pretty foolish, wouldn't he, to say this was going to happen if it didn't happen because you're going to find out pretty quickly.

So we went on faith, and we flew all the way from Beirut on Pan American all the way to Japan, and the very first day there after a short night's sleep we were having lunch in the palace hotel with Prince Mikasa. And we've had a wonderful relationship in Japan with all of the Japanese royalty, including the emperor, all the politicians, academic people that visited us, everyone from presidents of universities, including Tokyo University. So Mr. Gotoh delivered, and if anybody has any qualms about Mr. Gotoh, I think you ought to ask Mr. Gotoh. And he always says he follows Japanese principles of judo: never attack.

But we once had a member of the crew who thought that he ought to attack Mr. Gotoh physically over something that was kind of foolish, and he outweighed Mr. Gotoh, I guess, by 20, 30 pounds, and was about twice as big, and he made a move on Mr. Gotoh. And next he was flying through the air. Landed right in the middle of the lobby sprawled out. And that's the last time he made a physical move on Mr. Gotoh.

Now a lot of people have attacked Mr. Gotoh, attacked him behind his back, obviously. If you have questions, ask Mr. Gotoh. He will answer them. He's done a good job. He's not perfect, but he's done a good job. And Mr. Armstrong has said again and again that he's been a very valuable member of his team. And if you believe in Mr. Armstrong and what he says, I think you should be able to take that on faith. And he has done a good job. But as I said, he's not perfect. Questions? But Wallace didn't use any of that, see. He wanted to leave the impression that it was some ex-cabdriver that was doing all these things.

Let me tell you what Prime Minister [Eisaku] Sato said about Gotoh, because I'll never forget this. We met Prime Minister Sato for the first time in 1970, and a very fine meeting, very formal meeting attended by an official translator from the Japanese foreign office, well attended by other people. And you never know when you're visiting a head of state, by the way, you really never know how well the head of state will be briefed. That is something you don't know because that's not dependent upon, it doesn't

depend on us. Do you follow? We can supply material, but we can't convey it to the head of state. We have to hope the head of state is prepped for the meeting by someone on his staff.

We walked into that meeting, and it was a very fine one because Sato was very well prepared, and Mr. Armstrong was very much into ecology at that moment. He was writing an article on ecology, and he was really all worked up about problems of the physical environment and what we were doing about it. We were in the vanguard of persons concerned about it. We were making television programs, radio programs.

And Sato said, Well, Mr. Armstrong, what you're doing is fine in that area. But, he said, let me so bold as to suggest that you should leave that to governments because even they will not be able to solve that problem. But you can solve a different kind of pollution problem. And Mr. Armstrong said, what is that? And he says, pollution of the mind. So obviously, you see, he was very well prepped for that meeting.

And then a few minutes later we got jovial, if the meeting goes very well, people get a little bit more human, and after 45 minutes or an hour, they begin to act like human beings instead of stereotyped figures. And Prime Minister Sato turned to Mr. Armstrong and said, do you know this gentleman over here? And he was pointing to Osamu Gotoh. And Mr. Armstrong says, Oh yes, of course, of course. He said, you know, he's one of our best. He says, you're very lucky to have him exported to you. And Gotoh says, yeah, I'm Japanese, stamped on the bottom, Made in Japan. Typical, typical way of Gotoh to talk, you know. He always knew when to be humble, etc.

It made a big impression on all of us. The prime minister didn't have to refer to Gotoh that way. Not at all. Never had to mention him. For all practical purposes, low man on the totem pole in the room. But Prime Minister Sato wanted Mr. Armstrong to know that Mr. Gotoh was a very good man and that he, Sato, was endorsing him and telling Mr. Armstrong he ought to feel pleased that he had such a good Japanese representative.

Now I don't think that the prime minister would have gone out of his way to make that kind of statement if it wasn't based upon something. And we had cordial relations with the prime minister thereafter, and on many occasions after his departure from office.

And it was Prime Minister Sato who recommended to Mr. Armstrong that he, Mr. Armstrong, visit Okinawa before the reversion. Mr. Armstrong went, and, as you recall, he wrote a beautiful article about how Okinawa should be returned to Japan. And Mr. Armstrong and I were meeting with Prime Minister Sato and Mr. Gotoh and a few other people moments before the reversion.

Let's say he's not perfect. And he's accountable to Mr. Armstrong, and Mr. Armstrong is accountable to God. Have any of you heard Mr. Armstrong say anything bad about Mr. Gotoh? Have you heard him condemn him? Anybody? No. I don't think we should be Mr. Gotoh's judge, I really don't.

Would it be appropriate if some time in these informal gatherings that we, perhaps, ask a member of the press to explain to us how they go about putting together a piece?
Sure. Mr. Lloyd's here. Do you want to comment on that, Dick?

No comment? No comment, no comment. No, I mean, without trying to be hard on Mr. Lloyd, I think he just is the kind of person who chooses sides before any of the facts are in, and then he doesn't really want to be confused by the facts, so he just disregards them.

But I've had a long relationship (See FORUM, page 7)

Introduction to Southern Africa Work

Ministerial team

By Andre van Belkum
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — From the first Sabbath service attended by 33 people, held by evangelist Gerald Waterhouse on March 18, 1963, the Work in Southern Africa (South Africa and Rhodesia) has now grown to include 15 churches with a combined weekly attendance of 1,565.

Thirteen ministers serve the members. All but two are native South Africans, a big advantage in a country with two official languages, English and Afrikaans. Afrikaans is indigenous to Southern Africa. In addition to the 15 churches, these ministers are also responsible for 13 local Bible studies and 11 Bible studies in outlying areas.

One of the greatest difficulties faced by ministers is the long distances between visits. Southern Africa is well over half a million square miles. Although much of it is westernized, especially the cities, there are vast areas of sparsely populated land. Each minister drives about 50,000 kilometers each year, or about 70 hours of driving a month. The 1978 Feast of Tabernacles was observed at five sites, Durban, Sonesta and Umgababa in South Africa and Salisbury and Bulawayo in Rhodesia.

Following are brief biographies of ministers serving in Southern Africa:

Dan Botha and his wife Helen are both graduates of the Bricket Wood, England, campus of Ambassador College, where Mr. Botha served as student body president in 1966-67. After graduation he was sent to South Africa, where he has pastored the Durban, East Rand and Cape Town churches. He is responsible for the western and southern portions of Cape Province. About 200 members live in the area, and average church attendance is 282. He also supervises two active YOU chapters and a Summer Educational Program in December of each year.

Mr. Botha is assisted by local elder Bill Whitaker and local church elder Peter van der Byl. The Bothas have three children, Lois, 9, David, 5, and Jonathan, 3.

Bill Whitaker has been employed for more than eight years in the South African Work, three of them as a

minister. In July, 1978, he moved to Cape Town after a sabbatical in Pasadena. Previously he had ministerial responsibilities in Durban and Johannesburg and was Festival coordinator for Southern Africa.

He and his wife Sheila have two children, Julie, 19, and Stephen, 14. Local church elder Peter van der Byl also assists Mr. Botha in the Cape Town area. Apart from serving the church, he runs his own garden nursery. He is married to the former Pat Smith, a Bricket Wood graduate. They have one child, David, 1.

John White and his wife Gwen graduated from Bricket Wood in 1969, after which he was employed in the Radlett, England, press. In 1972 he was transferred to Southern Africa and served in Rhodesia before being transferred to the eastern Cape area, where he pastors three churches.

Mr. White has instituted a *Plain Truth* distribution project in Port Elizabeth whereby 650 magazines are distributed monthly to 13 Port Elizabeth hotels, placed in bedrooms and taken by guests. One thousand *Plain Truth* magazines are also distributed by newsstands in supermarkets.

The Whites have two children, Linda, 6, and Sandra, 4.

John Bartholomew, a former pilot for South African Airways, first attended the Pasadena campus of Ambassador College and graduated from Bricket Wood in 1973. He has spent most of his years in the ministry serving the churches in the Natal province. Mr. Bartholomew is also responsible for organizing the South African Summer Educational Program.

He and his wife Joy have three children, Charise, 14, Grant, 11, and Shelley, 7.

Adriaan Botha, assistant to John Bartholomew in the Natal province, is one of the longest-standing employees in the South African Work. In 1964 he was employed by Mr. Waterhouse to assist in the office in Johannesburg and was ordained a local elder the following year. He and his wife Thelma have one son and two daughters, all married.

Gordon Terblanche graduated

from Bricket Wood in 1965 and was ordained in 1968. He first served as office manager in Johannesburg and was later sent to the Cape Town area. He presently pastors the Pretoria church and is responsible for visiting in eastern and northern Transvaal province. He is also responsible for translating booklets into Afrikaans.

Mr. Terblanche and his wife Lynn have three children, Amanda, 9, Cordell, 6, and Letitia, 1.

Ron Stoddart is pastor of the Salisbury and Bulawayo churches in Rhodesia. He graduated from Bricket Wood in 1972 and has been full-time in the ministry since 1975. Because of terrorist activities he must restrict his trips to outlying areas such as Umtali, Victoria Falls and Fort Victoria, and these trips are becoming less frequent as terrorism in these areas increases. He commutes by air between Salisbury, his main church area, and Bulawayo.

In addition to his above-mentioned ministerial tasks, he also takes care of certain office responsibilities, including reading about 1,200 pieces of mail each month, mailing correspondence course lessons, overseeing PT printing, banking donations and handling receipts.

Mr. Stoddart and his wife Gail have two children, Sheena, 3, and Rory, 1.

Frank Nelte graduated from Bricket Wood in 1971 and was transferred to South Africa the following year. Before attending Ambassador College, Frank served as an officer in the German army. Presently he is assisting in the Johannesburg church.

He and his American-born wife Kathy have three children, Karen, 6, Elaine, 4, and Michael, 2.

Sydney Hull has been employed for more than 10 years in the South African Work. Before his ordination in 1974 he worked for six years in the South African office. Presently he is assisting in the Johannesburg church area and is pastor of the Bloemfontein church. His duties also involve conducting studies in the neighboring African states of Lesotho and Botswana. He speaks the Sotho language fluently, which is a tremendous help in communicating with the blacks and understanding their tribal traditions.

He and his wife Dot have three sons, Cordell, 21, Darrell, 17, and John, 11.

Office team

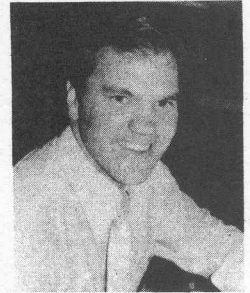
By Peter Hawkins
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The South African Office was opened by Gerald Waterhouse in 1963 and since that time has undergone many personnel changes and configurations. Within the last year Bob Fahey transferred to Pasadena for a sabbatical, Martin Bode moved to West Germany to assist in the Bonn Office, Peter Nathan uprooted to England to supervise the Work in East and West Africa, and David Hulme traveled to Canada to assist Leslie L. McCullough in the Vancouver Office.

In July, 1978, Dr. Roy McCarthy became regional director for Southern Africa. He and his staff serve nearly 4,000 members, co-workers and donors, and a *Plain Truth* circulation of 74,000. The office is centrally situated in Johannesburg, a city of 3.5 million and the main commercial center of South Africa.

Following are brief biographies of those working in the Johannesburg Office.

Dr. McCarthy, 55, is a native of South Africa and was a physician in general practice before coming to the Bricket Wood, England, campus of Ambassador College in 1967. After

Terry Browning, 33, came to South Africa in 1968 after three years at Ambassador College, Bricket



TERRY BROWNING

Wood, to serve as a minister for a year. He stayed on after that year and in 1969 married Beverley Short, a 1968 Bricket Wood graduate. They have three children now, Greg, 8, Cara, 6, and Debbie, 3. Terry first served as a mail reader before being sent out as a ministerial assistant for a year in the Durban area. He later returned to Johannesburg to work in the Church business office, where he balances books, handles payroll and visits members and prospective members.

Margaret Fann, 27, came from a firm of management consultants to work in the office secretarial services. She is married to Nigel Fann,



MARGARET FANN

sales manager for a plastics company. They have a son, Paul, who is 4 years old. Margaret's main responsibility in the office is typing and filing for Dr. McCarthy, although she also handles other secretarial tasks.

A 1971 graduate of Bricket Wood, Peter Hawkins, 31, was sent to South

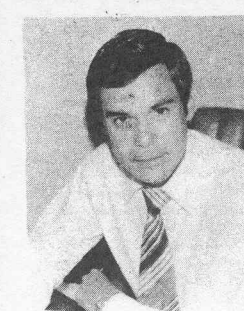


DR. ROY MCCARTHY

graduating in 1970, he was appointed manager of the Mail Processing Department in Bricket Wood and regional director of the Dutch-language Work. In 1974 he moved to the Netherlands to continue administering the Dutch Work and pastor the churches there and was appointed regional director for Southern Africa in 1978.

Dr. McCarthy and his wife Tine Ellida have four children.

Andre van Belkum, 39, and his wife Elize graduated from Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, in 1969 and returned to their home country of South Africa, where he was later appointed director of pastoral administration. He now coordi-



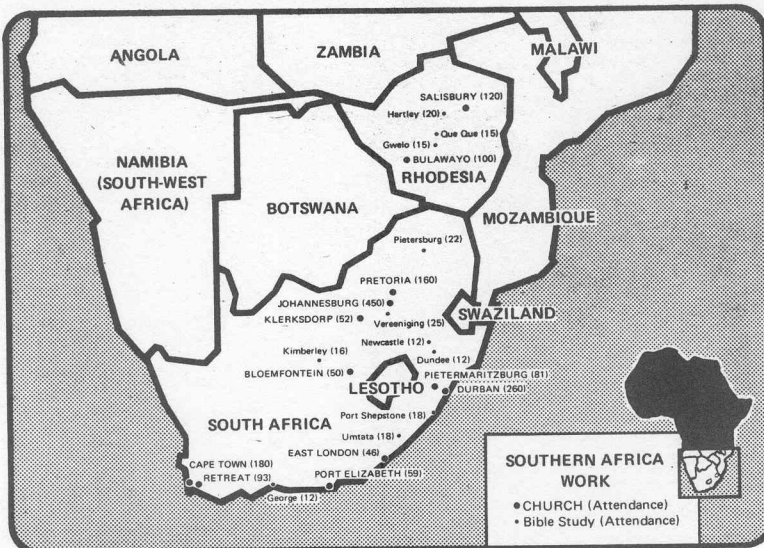
ANDRE VAN BELKUM

nates the activities of 13 ministers and the YOU program and pastors the Johannesburg church. The van Belkums have three children, Clifford, 11, Sharon, 6, and Alison, 5.



PETER HAWKINS

Africa in 1973 to help with the Summer Educational Program and assist in mail processing. He and his wife Sonja have three children, Kirsten, 11, Peter, 7, and Claire, 6 months. His responsibilities include coordinating publishing *The Plain Truth* (See SOUTH AFRICAN, page 7)



SOUTHERN AFRICAN WORK — The above map shows the locations of churches and outlying Bible studies in South Africa and Rhodesia. Some cities have both European and non-European congregations. [Artwork by Scott Ashley]

FORUM
WITH STANLEY R. RADER

(Continued from page 5)
with Dick Lloyd, and I kind of like him. I mean, I don't like what he writes, but his material doesn't offend me so much. Ted Armstrong's aunt doesn't care for him at all. And my secretary doesn't like him too much, but, I don't know, maybe one day he'll see the light.

You see, what happens with newspaper people is, they paint themselves into a corner. It's as I said, each of you should pick up a copy of what I was reading from because I drafted it carefully. And they start off with a point of view. Now everyone's entitled to a point of view. I'm not saying they're not. But they do start off with that point of view, and then everything they write from that day forward expresses that point of view. And because their ego gets in the way — and they're human, having egos — as the real facts begin to land on them, they don't want to change.

Frank Gonzales of KFWB [radio] came up to me privately a few weeks ago, and he says, "Say, what's happening?" he says. "You know, this case is much different than it was when it started. You guys have the State over a barrel." See, he sees, he sees. He sees that this isn't a bowl of spiders, as the Honorable Jerry Pach

described Mr. Armstrong and me and others, whom he never met. He has suddenly recognized, basically, who the good guys are and who the bad guys are.

But other reporters don't change that easily. Even Russell Chandler has written an article (Chandler's with the [Los Angeles] Times), for Christianity Today, which, considering Russell Chandler, it's almost, you know, tolerable. Really. I mean it isn't so bad. I mean, he's a very poor writer, and he very seldom has ever had the facts right on anything. And he has had a lot of personal animosity in each of his articles. You might have noticed when the big article was written about us, it wasn't by Russell Chandler. It was written by a young man named Seiler, I believe. And that piece has been picked up all over the country. He established the church-state question right away.

But Chandler has always had this idea that we are bad people, all of us. He didn't even know me until recently. He used to hit other people on the head constantly as bad, bad, bad, bad — nothing good. Nothing good. Could never print anything good. So all he's done in the last few years is added new characters to his basic script.

For a long time the bad person was Garner Ted Armstrong, for years. And he hit the whole institution over the head without ever making an effort to find out if there was anything

about us that was meritorious. He hasn't changed. He just changed the names of the people who were bad. Why can't he at least say the institution is good, the leaders are bad? At least do that. He can't do that. He wants to label all the people as bad.

Chomos [Hillel Chodos] said on 60 Minutes, there's a constitutional right to be stupid. Yes, there is, and he was pretty stupid. And he's scared right now, he's scared. He's accustomed to suing people, but I've slapped him with a suit. And the defamation count was sustained. In other words, the demur he brought yesterday was overruled. Seven, seven of them, seven lawyers went down for the other side. Only Mr. [Allan] Browne went down yesterday. See. He'll find out what it is to attack the Work of the living God.

And believe me, in many ways, though — Voltaire once said, if something doesn't exist we'd have to create him. He really said, "If God didn't exist man would create Him." But he was somewhat iconoclastic in his declining years. But if Chomos didn't exist we would have had to create him. He was perfect casting. Perfect. Couldn't be better.

Did you get our Bong Show tape of "College Trek" and the bowl of spiders? If you haven't, I'll try to send you a copy.

I didn't get that one.

Oh, you must.

I've got to get that. We're going to

start to use a lot of humor and satire, though, in this thing. We've been very fortunate. We have a lot of people on the opposition side who really lend themselves beautifully to satire. And we've got talented people around here. If Conrad can draw good cartoons and characters, caricatures, we can do the same thing. I'm positive of that. And we can use the printed word.

And it'll be a very, very effective thing for us. All this cast of characters on the other side, I believe we can handle very nicely with ridicule. That's where we have them at the present moment. They're all beginning to feel a little bit foolish and a little bit desperate.

It took a lot of desperation for a deputy attorney general to utter what he did in the deposition toward me. And we'll just hang that round his neck like an albatross. And you will see all these other people do more of the same as they are unwilling, unwilling to let go of the tiger that they have by the tail. That's what it amounts to at the present moment.

So I hope I explained some of the things. I really hope — Does anybody have any questions, though, about why Mr. Helge and I are fighting so hard to protect the Church from invasion of its privacy and what have you, under the First Amendment? Does anybody have a doubt? Because some of our dissenters have tried to plant that, and we have some people, even in our own organization, unfor-

tunately, who are not really able to grasp the problem as they should, particularly for the positions that they occupy. But they do damage to the institution, and you do damage to it if you do not understand that the First Amendment and religious freedom is all we have between us and destruction as an institution. And it's worth fighting for.

I might say one thing, Mr. Rader. One piece in the paper disturbed me. And I wrote the paper and I, you know, I don't know if they're going to publish the letter or not. But the dissenters have used the arguments that we should trust God to protect the Church rather than fighting, but I have asked the question, Why did the dissenters have to go to the State in the first place? Why couldn't they have gone to God to protect the Church from whatever . . . ?

Let me just answer. It's wonderful. Let me just answer it this way for you, and you can get help from your ministers. But Mr. Armstrong has said very plainly that you obey God and not man, if there's a conflict. And he has never said — never said — to obey an illegal act on the part of the State.

And there is one further thing that's important in that. It might be one thing to resist as assiduously as we have been, if we were seeking to gain something from the State that the State was denying us. Do you follow me? Like, suppose we wanted to build a building here in Pasadena 20 stories high. And somebody found a scripture and said we must build it 20 stories high, God says we must. And we went through the processes, zoning committee and what have you. And we were ruled out in the zoning committee and ruled out in the board of directors' meeting. And then we began to build.

I would say you have to distinguish that from a situation where an unlawful activity on the part of the State is trying to do something to us and to take something away from us that is fundamental. I say, as Mr. Armstrong has said, we might somewhere along the line be forced to submit to greater physical force. He has said he's willing to go to jail if need be. But he is going to use all lawful means to resist an unlawful act. Very plain.

I'm not showing any guilt feeling about anything, but there are some of the ministers who are giving the idea that we have been wrong in the sit-ins . . .

Okay. Mr. Armstrong wants the names of those ministers.

Could you tell me how accountable for wrong Mr. Armstrong holds us? Mr. Armstrong, does he think we've been wrong?

That you've been wrong?

In sitting in?

His voice was piped in. He said you obey God, not man. Without that I imagine the people would have been dispersed. He himself said that he is still willing to go to jail himself. So he thinks that what has been done has been right in God's eyes. And he has proved it to himself scripturally. Mr. McNair, you've been there. You know what I'm talking about. Have I misquoted? Have I misstated it?

Mr. McNair: "Not at all."

No, Mr. Armstrong has been very strong on this point. You see, they're trying to take something away from us. They're trying to deny us rights that we have. They're trying to destroy this Work. They will not succeed. That doesn't mean we should give up prayer. No, we should pray too. And God will help us, and He has. Believe me, it could not have been done without prayer, none of this.

Mr. Rader, the "Star-News" reported that we attempted, or the State attempted to settle this out of court. Is that, in effect, a fact?

Well, I stated it. I gave them the source. The State contacted us and meetings were held over a period of three days. Well, actually, it was two

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South African office

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in Southern Africa and organizing direct mail and subscriber services.

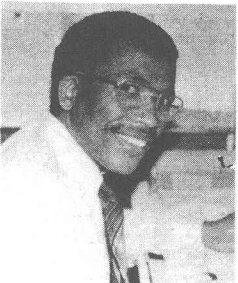
Winnie Lindhout, 21, was born in South Africa and joined the office staff in 1977. She handles office administration of the YOU program in



WINNIE LINDHOUT

Southern Africa, prepares church reports and maintains pastoral administration files as well as serving as receptionist.

Petros Manzingana, 31, joined the staff after graduating from Ambassador College in Pasadena. Before



PETROS MANZINGANA

attending college, he was a health inspector for the Johannesburg city council. He first started receiving *The Plain Truth* in 1967 from a friend and continued listening to Radio Lourenco Marques, which was then broadcasting *The World Tomorrow*. His main responsibilities are mail reading and visiting.

Bryan Mathie, 56, first heard *The World Tomorrow* on Radio Lourenco Marques in 1952. Eleven years later he was visited by Gerald Waterhouse in Durban, just after the Johannesburg Office had been opened. Prior to joining the office staff, he worked for a chemical company as a plant superintendent and later as a member



BRYAN MATHIE

of a trouble-shooting team handling the company's industrial engineering problems.

Mr. Mathie has worked in the office since 1966 as business manager. He is an ordained minister and has been actively involved with SEP.

Grace Schimper, 50, was born in the Free State and has spent a number of years working in legal offices. She first heard the broadcast in 1958 on



GRACE SCHIMPER

Radio Lourenco Marques. She is the newest member of the office staff, joining it in 1978, and is responsible

for maintaining *The Plain Truth* mailing list and services to members and co-workers.

Petrus Sabati, 39, was introduced to the Work 10 years ago when a friend gave a *Plain Truth* magazine



PETRUS SABATI

to him. He then began listening to *The World Tomorrow* program on Radio Lourenco Marques and was baptized. After being a policeman for 10 years, he spent a year driving municipal buses before joining the office in 1973 as an assistant in the mailing department. Since then he has become the principal printing and machine operator. He also visits in the Johannesburg area.

Petrus and Hilda Sabati have five children, Enos, 12, Isabel, 10, Caroline, 8, Tom, 6, and Johannes, 2.

Elijah Tsotetsi, 33, first came into contact with the Work in 1967



ELIJAH TSOTETSIS

when he saw an advertisement for the booklets *Why Were You Born?* and *Does God Exist?* He soon became a member of the Church and joined the office staff in 1975. He handles the

dispatching and packaging of all booklets and letters sent out from the office.

Conilyn Venter, 27, comes from a family that has been associated with the Work from its inception in Southern Africa. She was 12 years old when her family started attending services. More than a decade later, she is now part of the secretarial ser-



CONILYNN VENTER

vices team responsible for typing correspondence, reports, Afrikaans translations, projects and other duties.

Louis Venter, 50, was one of the 33 in attendance at the first church service in Southern Africa March 18,



LOUIS VENTER

1963. At that time, he moved out of the farming industry into building and town planning. He joined the office's mail reading department in 1976 and now coordinates that department as well as maintaining literature stocks and shipping and receiving.

He and his wife Poppy have two children, Conilyn (above), and Andre, 22.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The combined Scottish congregations attended a special Sabbath service in GLASGOW March 10 to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Church in Scotland. The milestone was marked by the return of the first pastor, Robin Jones, as guest speaker. He emphasized the importance of the Church's history and the need for strong leadership and solid foundations in our lives. In the evening the event was celebrated with dinner, dancing and entertainment. The children had their own party with a film show, singing and games.

The preaching of the Gospel was brought to Scotland beginning in 1953 on Radio Luxembourg, and in 1955 Herbert W. Armstrong visited the area. Nov. 24, 1963, marked the first of seven consecutive Bible studies, followed by the first Sabbath service Jan. 11, 1964. Raymond McNair and Mr. Jones ministered to the first congregation of 45 adults and 17 children; current weekly attendance in the region is about 240 adults and children. Later pastors for the Scottish brethren were Bob Fahy, Colin Adair, John Sanderson, Michael Bousfield and Mark Ellis. John Meakin, the present pastor, serves the four churches in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Kilmarnock and Aberdeen and outlying meetings in Dundee and the Shetland Isles, assisted by local elders Alan Brooks, Hamish Dougall, Bill Duncan and Jim McCracken. Robert Fairbairn.

Brethren in eastern Canada assembled in MONTREAL, Que., April 14 in a dramatic example of 10 year's growth. The occasion was the 10th anniversary of

the founding of the Montreal church. March 22, 1969, Richard Wilding inaugurated Sabbath services for the 50 brethren. This week 900 people came to commemorate the event, including Mr. Wilding, currently pastor of the Halifax, N.S., church. An added highlight of the occasion was the ordination of Mr. Wilding to the office of pastor by Colin Wilkins, area coordinator for eastern Canada. Both men are English and have known each other since 1961 when Mr. Wilkins, an undergraduate at Ambassador College in Brick-et Wood, was sent to Manchester, England, to deliver a sermonette. Mr. Wilding was a teenager in the congregation.

In 1968, Mr. Wilding began a Bible study in Montreal with an average attendance of 35. When the group grew to 50, a church was begun. At that time the closest church south of Montreal was New York City, 400 miles away. Two hundred fifty miles to the southeast was a church in Concord, N.H. Directly east of Montreal, for 2,000 miles to the tip of Newfoundland, no churches. Members came to Montreal each week from New York state, northwest Vermont and all over the province of Quebec. Now these same members, plus hundreds of new members, attend in Quebec City, Trois Rivieres and Sherbrooke, Que.; Montpelier, Vt.; Plattsburgh, N.Y.; and Cornwall, Ont. Montreal itself now has two churches with a combined attendance of 600. Eight full-time ministers, plus two elders, work in the area Mr. Wilding covered as the Ottawa-Montreal circuit.

The Wildings served here until 1973, when they were transferred to Calgary, Alta.

After Sabbath services, during which Mr. Wilding spoke on the resurrection of Jesus Christ, most members gathered for a buffet supper, dancing and entertainment. A



ONE YEAR LATER — Seven deacons' and deaconesses of the Bethlehem, Pa., church, all ordained April 29, 1978, pose together after being honored by members of the congregation. From left, seated, are Janice Randall, Lois Woodring and Virginia Cole, and standing, Harry Randall, Wilbur Boehm, Herb Woodring and Robert Cole.



SHE'S NOT HEAVY, SHE'S MY WIFE — Clifton Charles, right, minister of the Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, church, edges out Olson James, center, and John Baptisto, all carrying their wives in the husband-and-wife race at the church's annual sports day.

highlight of the evening came when those who had been present at the first meeting were invited up on stage. Henry Starcke

"Springtime in the Plains" was the theme for the annual semiformal dinner-dance of the BISMARCK, MINOT and DICKINSON, N.D., churches March 31. The dance was a gala celebration trying to give the 65 in attendance a joyous reprieve from the longest and coldest winter on record for the area. The event, held at the Bismarck Ramada Inn, got under way with a cocktail hour, followed by a prime-rib dinner. Music for the dinner and the dance following was provided by Dorothy en Company, a local entertainer of some renown in the Bismarck area. Lowell R. Knowlen Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hunting took the Passover service with the BOMBAY, India, brethren April 10. Mr. Hunting, the area coordinator for Southeast Asia, and Spaulding Kulasingam, pastor in India, conducted the service. On the Night to Be Much Observed all the members met in the roof garden of the Transit Hotel. In traditional Indian style, Tony Saldana garlanded Mr. Hunting, and the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Benjamin presented Mrs. Hunting a bouquet. The first Holy Day service was held in the hotel, with all 36 members in Bombay attending. Other Indian Church members in Hyderabad and Goa observed the Passover and the Holy Days in their respective areas. Maurice Brags.

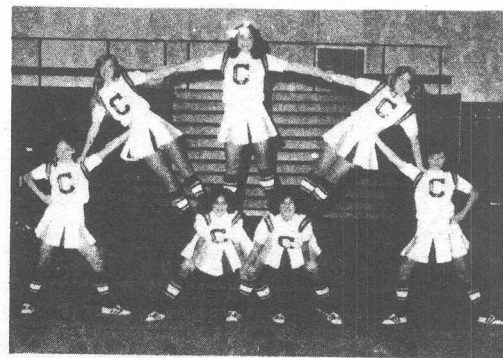
The CONCORD, N.H., church held its annual spring dance in the Ramada Inn's Bartlet Room March 31, with members from the Boston and Springfield, Mass., Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont churches attending. The brethren danced to the music from a band comprised primarily of Church members, the Gary Denmore Trio, featuring Lana Gangs. Refreshments were provided by the staff of the Ramada Inn. James P. Lewis Jr.

KINGSTON, Ont., brethren gathered for their first social of the spring season March 25. After the potluck supper, the YOU members entertained the brethren with a puppet show, performing two skits from the Bible about David and Goliath and Abraham and Isaac. The smaller children enjoyed a "Kiddies' Carnival," playing a wide variety of games. Mr. and Mrs. Ed MacMillan, guests from Smiths Falls, Ont., won a decorated cake for being winners in the married couples' game in which the couples were asked to describe, with their eyes closed, the type and color of their spouses' clothing. Then followed the euchre tournament. Winners were, A division, Terry Johnson and Gerry Lalonde; B division, Mr. and Mrs. Ed MacMillan; C division, R.S. Whalen and Frank Feenstra; and lone-hand division, Jean MacMillan and Allan Shaver. Prizes were awarded and pictures taken, then all headed for home having thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Joyce Sherwood.

On two consecutive Sundays, April 8 and 15, the MONTREAL, Que., church's dance class held special 50th and 51st sessions to celebrate its 14 months of existence. Albert Wojciechowski, a professional instructor and founder of Montreal's original class, and Dominic Vincelli shared the leadership duties, assisted by Steve Dictakis and Bonnie Wettreich. The students were put through yet another spirited workout to prepare them for a soiree, now an annual affair, scheduled for the end of July. They were evaluated according to five categories; lead-follow, steps, variation, timing and styling. One example of note was a unique disco effort by Roger DuFour and Francoise Deslets. Even Elizabeth Vincelli, a product of the jitterbug era, combined with her son to rumba her way into the record books. Dominic Vincelli.

YOU members of the MOUNT POCONO, Pa., church invited all the brethren to attend a carnival social March 31, first making the booths and setting them up, then running them for the brethren's entertainment. The ladies of the church served a hot meal of chicken hot dogs, sauerkraut, hot roast-beef sandwiches, birch beer, cookies and homemade cakes. A small fee charged for playing at each of the booths and an auction handled by pastor Ozzie Englebart and Frank Murman replenished the YOU fund. Activities were supervised by Jack Patterson. Margie Storm.

A contingent of families from the NASSAU, Bahamas, church met at a high school sports field April 8 to observe their fifth annual kite fly. The young people had



WINNING FORM — The Big Sandy, Tex., Challenger cheerleaders, 1977 YOU national cheerleading champions, demonstrate one of the formations that won them first place in the 1979 South-Central Region's cheerleading competition March 4 in Big Sandy. The girls are, clockwise from left, Janet Black, Amy Weilmaker, Lisa Roe, Donna Ward, Liz Stewart and Robin Hammer. Jolinda Jenkins is the girls' sponsor.

been encouraged to build their own kites, and as balmy breezes blew in from the east, they flew them for the judges. The contest was a head scratcher for judges Archie Harper and Cyril Thompson, who finally presented the prizes to Yvette Harper, Stephen Mather, Nathania "Tania" Curling and Peter Harper. The kites were judged on the basis of being homemade, most original design and distance flown. Edward Robinson.

To the delight of the entire NOTTINGHAM, England, congregation, pastor Arthur Suckling, on behalf of the church choir, presented a splendid metronome to choirmaster Bob Salter and a piece of costume jewelry to pianist Christine MacKrell, who also leads the use of her 400-year-old home for weekly choir practice. Mr. Salter is also one of the church's song leaders and the president of the Spokesman Club. Ron McLaren.

Out with the lights and on with the play. On the Night to Be Much Observed, April 11, the YES children of the TORONTO, Ont., West congregation acted out the drama of Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt. The prelude to the play consisted of the large group of children dressed in Mideast costumes singing several numbers under the direction of Irene McGuigan. The play, organized by Trevor Brown, featured David Burbach playing the role of Moses. Between acts the YOU groups sang several numbers for the large audience of brethren from the East and West congregations. After the play everyone feasted in the decorated cafeteria. Bill Moore.

Two hundred forty brethren of the WICHITA, Kan., church put the memory of winter behind them at their spring dance March 25 in the Cotillion ballroom. Music for the evening was provided by Newton Graber and his big band. A watermelon and fruitball centerpiece, highlighted with floating candles, added to the spring atmosphere of the ballroom. When the band took a short break, several members entertained the group, beginning with a vocal solo from minister Jerry Aust. Snacks provided by the ladies of the Women's Club were served to the dancers buffet style. Bill Fowler.

The WOODBRIDGE, N.J., brethren heard from guest speaker Frank Schnee at the Sabbath service April 7. Mr. Schnee, who has been director of the German Work for 16 years, shed light on some international aspects of the Work. Presently on sabbatical in Pasadena, he also discussed recent events concerning the receivership. A.L. Legg.

CLUB MEETINGS

The ASHEVILLE, N.C., Ladies' Club visited the Forge Valley Mills in Horse Shoe, N.C., April 1. The mill, which was built more than 35 years ago, produces all types of natural unbleached flours. Club members toured the mill, then moved on to the general store adjacent to the mill and shopped for such items as natural preserves and jams, honey, whole-wheat products, herb teas and wooden giftwares. When their stomachs began to rumble, the ladies moved on to Lake Julian, near Asheville, where they enjoyed a potluck picnic before returning home. Steve Ter-shansky.

The Old Canberra Inn, a recently remodeled 100-year-old homestead now

used for community activities, was the scene of the first ladies' night of the year for the CANBERRA, Australia, Spokesman Club. Don Abraham, minister of the Canberra church and club director, opened the meeting, then Peter Laidler launched into the topic session with such questions as "Should single girls experience living away from their parents before entering marriage?" and "Should pushbikes be registered?" The speeches included a light-hearted, humorous look at Adam's experience with Eve. Cups were presented to the best speaker and evaluator for the first time since the club's inception 12 months ago. Jim Ross.

Sgt. Dennis Brooks, a policeman in the Bermuda narcotics division, gave a lengthy talk on the drug problems facing the island and other parts of the world at the HAMILTON, Bermuda, Spokesman Club March 31 at the Bermuda Chamber of Commerce. He discussed the drugs commonly used today and showed the club members some of the tools used by drug addicts, then presented the film 11:59 — Last Minute to Choose, which deals with several young drug addicts who either overdosed or were being seriously injured by their habits. The evening ended with a question-and-answer period and the showing of various methods used to smuggle illegal drugs onto the island. Sandra Outerbridge.

The KENOSHA, Wis., Women's Club held their fourth meeting April 1 at the home of Sandi Rendall. Hostess Donna Baker introduced the guest speaker, Bob Schermerbauch from the Illinois Cooperative Extension Service. He spoke on how to plant and care for a home vegetable garden. The club members discussed a slide show to be presented the last week in April, then enjoyed a luncheon organized by the cohostess, Ilarac Schultz. Connie McClure.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

About 70 Sixty-Plus Club members of the SPRINGFIELD, Mo., church and their guests met together for the Night to Be Much Observed April 11, enjoying food and fellowship at their finest. Tables were decorated with red and white tablecloths, candles and bouquets of flowers. The meal was served cafeteria style, with unleavened baked sweets, nuts and candies on each of the tables. Dr. H.J. Rogers furnished violin music. Special guests were George Meeker, pastor of the church, and his family. Polly Rose.

SINGLES SCENE

The senior singles of the CLEVELAND, Ohio, East congregation were treated to a special potluck dinner and videotaped interviews April 7 by the United Singles Club of the Cleveland churches. The fete, the first of its kind for the club, featured food typical of bachelors and bachelorettes — baloney-and-mayonnaise sandwiches, meat loaf, fruit and salads. Several families also attended, contributing their specialties.

"Senior singles," as defined by Jeff Smith, president of the club, were "any- (See CHURCH NEWS, page 9)

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 one who has been considered 'old' by anyone else is single." To insure there would be no misunderstandings, all widows and widowers in the Cleveland East church were personally invited by members of the singles club on two previous Sabbath services.
 The evening featured a videotaped interview with each of the senior singles. The interviews were conducted by Gary Herman, who donated his videotape machine for the evening, and the senior singles all had a chance to "speak their piece" and watch themselves on TV. *Jeff Smith.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Members of the PEORIA, Ill., YOU chapter participated in a "Three Days to Spring" rally March 18. The course for the rally was mapped out over country roads and covered about 70 miles. Participants were given a specified amount of time to reach each of the five checkpoints scattered along the course, where they were given a list of questions and a new set

of directions to find the next checkpoint. After all cars reached the finishing point, the teens met at Happy Joe's and ate pizza while the points were totaled and the top three winners given their trophies. *Jackie Duffield.*

The night of March 31 found the SAN JOSE, Calif., church brethren at a combination potluck and YOU variety show. About 185 people turned out for the dime-a-dip meal and opportunity to be entertained by the youths of the church in the second annual YOU variety show. Thirty YOU members performed 20 acts, ranging from a hilarious hospital operation skit to a "live" Beatles concert. Other acts included singing, piano and guitar playing, elaborate puppet shows and a funky-chicken act. The show concluded with the participants, ages 4 1/2 to 20, singing "God Bless America." *Jeff Shamus and Mike Stalons.*

For a fund-raising activity, the SPOKANE, Wash., teens made and sold about 75 rouletter wood name signs, collecting \$250 in profit. First they gathered orders for the name signs, then held five work parties during the month of February to make them. The signs went through an assembly line, starting with priming the names on the boards, then they were roulettered, scalloped and painted and passed

on to the sanding, staining and varnishing crews. Each sign was sold for \$5; overhead was about \$1.30 for each of them. *Rachel Gentry.*

Teens of the LAUREL, Del., church began a campaign of selling ballpoint pens, hoping to earn \$1,000. Lynn Shenton is in charge of the campaign; Vannetta Chase is YOU adviser.

The YES children of the LAUREL church presented a play "The Exodus" April 7 for the brethren. Jack Hogan wrote the play and directed it, with the assistance of Bobbi Rutter. Pat Larrimore was the music director, and Mary Ann Melvin accompanied the children on the piano. Barbara Culp, Pat Larrimore, Sara Bennett and Mandy Richards did the costumes, and Bob Harrington handled the special effects. Special thanks for their efforts was given to the mothers of the small performers. *Elaine Walker.*

The parents of the ANCHORAGE and PALMER, Alaska, churches were treated to a talent show prepared by the YOU and junior YOU members March 31. Most of the backstage work and accompaniment was also accomplished by the young people. The show consisted of 25 acts, with the performers ranging in age from 5 to 18. Wade Fransson served as master of ceremonies, assisted by Ron Bolzern. *Sandy Lewis.*

Children age 11 and under were treated to costume parties March 24 in SYRACUSE and March 25 in ROCHESTER, N.Y. After the costumed children paraded in their creations, the winners were named (from Rochester and Syracuse, respectively): best girls' costumes, Lisa Dudek and Tara Peterson; best boys' costumes, Eric and Michael Petty and Charles Pope; and most original costumes, Stacy Brunner and Mike Rounds. Prizes were also awarded for the winners of musical chairs, beanbag toss, balloon relay races and guess-the-number contests.

Entertainment for the Syracuse party was provided by Sheri Hotaling of the Binghamton, N.Y., church, who performed a marionette show featuring a circus theme, with Goldie the Performing Horse, a silk-walking clown, a ballerina on a tight rope, and comedy seals doing a balancing act. Mrs. Hotaling has performed many times during the past 25 years as a member of Puppeteers of America. Children in Rochester were entertained by a man from "Balloon Creations," who delighted them with many balloon characters such as bumblebees, hummingbirds, a roadrunner and Snoopy on a motorcycle. *Marilynn Denny.*

Some members of the club took a side trip to see the General Sherman tree, estimated to be more than 3,500 years old and the largest of the sequoias in the park, measuring more than 100 feet around the base. Others stayed closer to the campsite, climbing the mountains or hiking upstream along the south fork of the Kaweah River to see the waterfalls and other scenery. One group explored a nearby cave, meandering back into the mountainside through damp passageways and occasionally small rooms, seeing stalactite and stalagmite formations along the way.

With the mountainside as a backdrop, informal Sabbath services took place along the rock-strewn banks of the river. Ambassador College senior Brian Gulliver gave a sermonette on how to glorify God, and Steve Smith, a sabbatical program minister, gave a talk on the problems and pleasures encountered by a field minister.



BOWLING CHAMPS — Members of the Long Island, N.Y., A bowling team display the trophies they won after defeating the Manhattan, N.Y., A team for the championship in the Philadelphia, Pa., invitational handicap bowling tournament April 1. (See "Sports," this page.)

"Come find the mystery of the Great Swamp" was the invitation, so brethren from the WOODBRIDGE, N.J., church, 20 pre-YOU members and the YOU teens turned up April 1 to see what nature was all about. Pre-YOU coordinator Don Brown conducted a tour through three miles of the Great Swamp wildlife game refuge, which encompasses 1,000 acres. Mr. Brown, an avid nature lover, along with several other Church members, instructed the children about the awesome mystery of God's creation. *A.L. Legg.*

mixed bag of ducks, foul strokes and a few barbecued chickens produced a most enjoyable day. *Norm Helmyer.*

The first annual PHILADELPHIA, Pa., invitational handicap bowling tournament was held April 1 in Brookhaven, Pa. Dale Carlen and Andy Benedetto organized the event, which was attended by teams from the Baltimore, Md., Borden-town and Woodbridge, N.J.; Long Island and Manhattan, N.Y.; Washington, D.C.; and Wilmington, Del., churches. In the finale, a strong Long Island A team defeated the runner-up Manhattan A team for the championship. Trophies were awarded to Bob Green of Philadelphia, men's high game; Marge Taliaferro of Woodbridge, women's high game; Don Luther of Washington and Andy Camera of Long Island, men's high game with handicap; and Frieda Sikes of Washington, women's high game with handicap. *Tom Wagner.*

SPORTS

The CANBERRA, Australia, church accepted the challenge to a cricket match offered by the BATHURST congregation, some 190 miles distant, agreeing to meet March 25 in Cowra, situated between the two church areas. The match was played in idyllic surroundings along the banks of the Lachlan River.

A number of new rules were introduced, including compulsory retirement of batsmen at 30 runs. The Bathurst team, feeling fairly confident of victory, notched up a score of 108 before lunch. However, the team from the national capital, sensing that a huge task lay before them, organized a rowdy cheering squad during lunch, which, coupled with many fine boundary strokes, enabled them to easily outscore their opponents. During the game, many of the ladies and children engaged in games of softball and volleyball. The

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COSTUME PARTY — Children ages 3 through 13 of the Montgomery, Ala., church model the costumes they conjured up for the children's costume party March 17. After refreshments and some magic tricks, the children viewed several Laurel and Hardy and Little Rascal movies.

CAMPUS NOTES

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

PASADENA — Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Ambassador College, announced the student body officers for the 1979-80 school year at the last regular student forum of the spring semester, April 24. They are:

Dave Myers, student body president; Phil Rice, student body vice president; Al Maggio, senior class president; Steve LeBlanc, junior class president; James Capo, sophomore class president; Dianne Kinder, student council secretary; Dan Samson, director of student Outreach; and Rob Gordon, student body sergeant at arms.

Presidents for the three Ambassador clubs are Gary Schaeffer, Marty Davey and Dan Samson. Vice presidents are Wayne Turgeon, Mark Denny and Chuck Fisher. (Other officers in these clubs will be announced at a later date.)

Coordinator for the Women's Club coordinating committee is Beverly McMichael, wife of Sherwin McMichael, director of the Festival Department. Lorinda Harden is the student coordinator; Alice Greider, vice president; Rosalyn Verwater, secretary; Debbie Dupuis, treasurer; Carol Grizzle, reporter-monitor; and Lisa Wolcott, married representative.

Women's club presidents are Gisel Gresko, Pam Dewey and Lori Richardson. Vice presidents: Jane Kirkpatrick, Alice Greider and Janne Barrett. Secretaries: Delores Koetter, Pat Harris and Rene Roper. Treasur-

ers: Gaye Noble, Debbie Minke and Sonja King.

Resident assistants for the men's dormitories are Steve LeBlanc, Al Maggio, Tim Welch, John Curry, Ken Richardson and Jim Herst, and for the women's dorms, Lorinda Harden, Pam Dewey, Lori Richardson, Janne Barrett and Yvonne Verwater.

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PASADENA — Al Maggio, Ambassador College senior class president for the coming school year, will receive the Watson Wise Scholarship Award, in the amount of \$900, announced Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of the college.

Mr. Wise, an East Texas multimillionaire known for his support of Christian work ethics, holds an honorary degree from Ambassador College in Big Sandy, Tex. He set aside this scholarship fund for those demonstrating an exemplary attitude toward Christian service in the community.

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PASADENA — The Transcenders, the Ambassador College Sunday night, coed speaking club here, took a weekend camping trip to the Sequoia National Park in east-central California during the Spring Feast. The sequoias (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) are reputed to be the oldest and largest living things, sometimes growing to a height of more than 300 feet.



STUDENT BODY OFFICERS — From left, Al Maggio, Dave Myers and Phil Rice are next year's Ambassador College senior class president, student body president and student body vice president, respectively. (Photo by Roland Rees)



CLUB CAMPING TRIP — A group of Ambassador College students take a meal break on a weekend camping trip to Sequoia National Park. (Photo by James E. Capo)

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

PASADENA — Stan Bass, regional director for the Caribbean, and Alberto Sousa, local elder serving the San Juan, Puerto Rico, congregation, traveled to the Spanish-speaking Dominican Republic recently to visit more than 80 individuals who have requested contact with the Church's ministry.

According to the Spanish Department here, 54 people were contacted, 42 in prearranged meetings in Santo Domingo and Santiago, the two major cities on that island republic. Virtually all indicated their desire to attend regular meetings in those cities in the future.

Unfortunately, the trip was cut short because of a nationwide gasoline shortage. Another trip is planned for the weekend of May 12.

The Dominican Republic (population: 5 million) is located between Puerto Rico and Cuba, and shares the island of Hispaniola with French-speaking Haiti.

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PASADENA — The Ministerial Services Department here announced the names of the following men ordained local elders: Clinton C. Burt, Waco, Tex.; and Irvin Hardiman, Pasco, Wash.

David Bierer, Albany, N.Y., is no longer in the ministry. He is a member in good standing.

The following men are no longer in the ministry: Richard Gipe, Garden Grove, Calif.; and Richard Prince, St. Joseph, Mo.

The following are ministerial moves: Wilbur Berg is the temporary pastor of the Honolulu, Hawaii, church, replacing John Ouvrier; Arnold Clauson is the pastor of the Enid and Oklahoma City, Okla., congregations; and Al Dennis, pastor of the Long Beach, Calif., church will become pastor of the Garden Grove church also.

Randy Dick is temporarily pastoring both the Dallas, Tex., North and South congregations. Ken Swisher

HOTLINE

The following information was provided by official Church sources to answer many of the questions generated by the crisis in the Church.

Does Mr. [Stanley] Rader really work seven days a week, as was stated in "The Worldwide News"?

Only in the same sense as a local minister. Mr. Rader, although not a minister, does have certain Levitical functions in his assistance to Herbert Armstrong. He is on call 24 hours a day to Mr. Armstrong as he directs the Work, writes articles and letters and does telecasts — many on the Sabbath or during Sabbath services.

Mr. Rader does not go into his office on the Sabbath, but rests at home. Mr. Rader has devoted his service to the Work as long as God through Mr. Armstrong wishes to use him. Naturally, as a member, Mr. Rader believes in the Sabbath as he does in all of God's laws.

Will ministers and those from Pasadena who were going out to different areas on the Sabbath continue to do so? It was good to get a chance to ask questions of those working closely with Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader.

Mr. Armstrong saw the need for information to get out quickly to the brethren at that time. His authorization of the use of the G-II enabled

will become the pastor of the Dallas North church this summer.

Ken Mattson is the church pastor of the Russellville, Ark., church; Jim Wells, pastor of Topeka, Kan., will become pastor of the St. Joseph church as well, replacing Mr. Prince; and Lyle Welty will pastor the Albany church and the Springfield, Mass., church, replacing Mr. Bierer.

The following church name was changed to reflect its new location: Walsenburg, Colo. (formerly Pueblo, Colo.).

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand — A massive advertising campaign has drawn more than 12,500 responses through the end of March, according to a report prepared by the Work's office here.

The campaign consisted of one-minute spot ads for the booklets *The Dilemma of Drugs*, *Seven Laws of Radiant Health* and *The Modern Romans* run hourly, 24 hours daily, for 12 days of a two-week period.

Advertisements were run simultaneously in newspapers. In addition, promotional cards offering a free subscription to *The Plain Truth* and the booklet *The Dilemma of Drugs* were distributed to 515,000 households throughout the country.

More than 11,000 cards had been returned and 1,500 replies to the radio and newspaper ads received by the end of March, with more coming in daily, according to the report.

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PASADENA — Director of Pastoral Administration Roderick C. Meredith has requested members' prayers for Bob Steep, a minister here suffering from a severe spinal disorder.

Mr. Steep was first ordained in 1963 and has been a pastor-ranked minister since 1971. He has pastored churches in Evansville, Ind.; Nashville, Tenn.; Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Erie, Pa.; and Cleveland, Youngstown and Akron, Ohio.

large areas to be covered at a much quicker pace and less expense than otherwise would have been incurred.

Now that he is traveling again and doing the most important job in this Work, there will be less availability for this type of project. If you feel that it helped and would like to see it continue when possible, feel free to write Mr. Armstrong and make your request. He does enjoy hearing from you and is responsive when possible to the needs of the members.

Why did Mr. Rader use God's name in the "60 Minutes" interview?

The comment was a quote from the play *My Fair Lady*. It was his only comment of this type during the long and strenuous interview. Mr. Rader was elated that Mike Wallace had finally gotten something right and thus his play on words. He apologizes for any offense taken by his statement. Perhaps God did reveal something to Mr. Wallace as he did to Peter in Matthew 16:17.

Our minister has been on radio and TV locally, and it has helped inspire the church here. Are any other ministers doing it?

Yes. Several have had very successful interviews and reported the same effects in their churches when they have had media coverage. We have encouraged any minister who has been asked for an interview about the recent issues to accept the invitation and discuss our case before the public.

Play dramatizes story of Esther

By Keith Stump

RESEDA, Calif. — In the first production of its kind by a chapter of Youth Opportunities United (YOU), 19 members of the Reseda YOU staged an original play, *Queen Esther, Woman of God*, here Sunday evening, April 29. The play, a dramatization of the biblical book of Esther, was written and directed by Melissa Teague, a member of the Reseda congregation.

The four-act play, about 90 minutes long, including a 15-minute intermission, recounted the story of the deliverance of the Jews during the reign of Persian King Ahasuerus (or Xerxes, 485-464 B.C.) through the efforts of Esther, the Jewish-born queen of Persia.

'If I perish'

Starring in the title role was Bobby Ann Bulharowski. Her characterization

of the courageous queen was well received by the audience of about 250, especially as she dramatically ended her rendition of Esther 4:16, "And if I perish, I perish."

King Ahasuerus was played with dignity by John Burt, who also, assisted by his brother Mark and Sylvia Lampart, designed and painted the elaborate stage backdrops. Greg MacNamee portrayed Mordecai (Esther's guardian), and Tom Bulharowski was an appropriately villainous Haman. A supporting cast of royal advisers, dancing girls, conspirators and townspeople rounded out the company of players.

At the end of the evening's performance, the actors and actresses made curtain calls before a cheering audience. "It was just great," remarked one woman. "They really outdid themselves. I didn't expect anything like this at all." Frances Tabladillo,

costume designer, was presented with a bouquet of roses, as was the play's author-director, Miss Teague.

Hours of effort

The production represented some 2,000 man-hours of effort on the part of the cast and crew that included weekly five-hour Sunday rehearsals. Said Miss Teague: "I have never known more dedicated teens. This play would have remained only a dream without their enthusiasm, hard work and diligence."

In addition, much of the success of the performance was attributable to pastor Robert Cloningier, who wholeheartedly supported the concept and provided a great deal of encouragement to the cast and crew throughout the months of planning and rehearsal, and the assistance of the Reseda congregation, according to Miss Teague.

Professional makeup services were provided by Miss Teague's brother, Patrick Teague. The accompanying music, some of it written originally for the play, was recorded by Al Killebrew and Mike Torode. John Prohs, Ambassador college audio engineer, was responsible for the synchronization of the music and recorded narrative with the stage performance.

Japan

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state, the heads of government, are greater than they and all of those under them know how to solve.

Conditions are going to get worse before they get better. But I want to say to you that that Unseen Hand from someplace has not been known, has not been recognized. What you do not see, you do not believe in. But that Unseen Hand from someplace is going to come and solve our problems for us.

That Unseen Hand is a direct person who is unseen to us, who created us and all that exists. And He is soon coming to this earth again. And when He comes, He is going to give us peace in every nation on this earth.

For 6,000 years, men have been trying to rule and to govern themselves and to solve their own problems, and we have not been able to solve them. But the Creator of us all, who made all the races of mankind of one blood to dwell on the face of this earth, is coming to rule over all of us and bring hope and peace and eternal life. What a wonderful gift to everyone on this earth.

I do not expect you to believe what I say tonight. I don't ask you to believe it. But I am simply telling you. And what we believe has nothing to do with it at all, because the One I am speaking of who is not seen by human eyes is going to come no matter what we do and solve our problems for us, and peace and happiness and joyfulness and universal prosperity is coming to Japan and to every other nation on this earth, and in our lifetime. We are in the generation that is going to see it.

I have not said these things to convince anybody one way or the other. I do not ask you to believe me. I am telling you, I am giving you the announcement, and it is the voice, the only voice of the only hope in this world today.

I want to say that I think so well of all you, and of ambassadors that are here from other countries around the world. I want you to take this good message to your people, that absolute solution of all of the world's problems is coming. It's going to be done for us. And so with that, I say thank you and good night.



PREVENTION URGED — Pasadena Police agent Ed Curtis speaks before Ambassador College students, Church employees and members May 1 about how to prevent and protect against rape and related crimes. The Ambassador Cultural Alliance, a Pasadena church women's organization, invited Mr. Curtis, who has 23 years experience in police work, to present the program. [Photo by Roland Rees]

FORUM WITH STANLEY R. RADER

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tion is kind of falling apart.

Chomos said, Well, if I can't get paid I'm not going to be part of it any more. The plaintiffs said, Well, this is more aggravation than we want, and they wanted out. You see? Everyone kind of scattered in the winds. It leaves the State, which is the primary enemy anyway. If anyone's the anti-Christ, it would be the State. We all know that.

What is Chodos' position concerning the lawsuit, now?

Now he's a defendant. He's a defendant now, that's all. That's all. He's a defendant, hoping that if he loses, his malpractice insurance will cover him.

I just wanted to add to one thing because one minister who is going noncareer stated several times publicly that one of the main things the State was looking for and hasn't been able to get is the executive expense account. And also that ...

That's the one thing they have.

They want it out in the open.

That's what they have. That's the very thing they had to begin with. That was pleaded as part of the complaint. They even testified to it in

Correction

PASADENA — The article, "Mexico site welcomes transfers," in *The Worldwide News*, April 23, lists an address to return applications to the Feast in Mexico. According to the Festival Office here, all Festival applications (U.S. or international) should be mailed to: Herbert W. Armstrong, Box 431, Tucson, Ariz., 85702. For further information on the site, check with your Festival adviser.