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CHRIST NOW LEADS TO REJUVENATE CHURCH

By Herbert W. Armstrong
God's church has been
GIVEN mortal DANGER!
 That danger was WITHIN OURSELVES — the fatal
 danger of drifting away from Christ spiritually. *The danger* of putting worldly
 politics into our midst. The
 DANGER of saying, "I am of
 Paul — or I am of Apollo
 — or I am of Cephas." The
 DANGER of trying to slide as close as possible —
 without falling off — into the abyss of Satan's secu-
 larism and worldliness.
 Some of us — brethren, too
 many of us — have perhaps
 NOT REALIZING it, yet led to
 want to let little by little more of THIS WORLD into
 our lives.

"Brethren, AWAKE! Satan is subtle. He deceives, and a deceived person is not aware. Testimaniated, else he would not be deceived. He may be wholly SURE, yet de-
 served!"

The Bigde cry now within God's one and only TRUE CHURCH is BACK TO CHRIST! He is the one and only HEAD of God's church! Not man, though He does call and serve all men as His servants, because all serve instead, and deceive men into unknowingly becoming His servants.

Brother, my heart is heavy! We need to swear to the rest that we are in the Task Force of this present evil world of Satan. We are in the time God says was to be a time of testing and tribulation.

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Our Father, the First God's Church, Revelation 17:13 has no organism of the living Christ, nor does it have the cross — a spiritual organism with branches on the world, such as happened before or will happen. Revelation 11:12-14, 17, 18; people today I warn you, that at that time of the end (Revelation 12:11) shall Michael stand up the great prince which standeth for the children of the people, and come stand as a shield before me, such as never was since there was a nation even to the time. (See also, Matthew

The June 5th "Good News" announced Christ had put the Church back on the track of Bible organization. He NOW leads to AWAKE the Church from secular drift and to recharge our spiritual batteries.

24:21-22
 Many shall be purified, and made white, *united*. (verse 40). There are plenty of warnings of this same time of trial and testing in the New Testament.

Brethren COME TO REALIZE we are IN THAT TIME! But our God is of His throne. And the living HEAD of this Church is also IN THAT THORNE.

When frightening times of try-

ing and testing come — and they have been coming tenfold, re-

cently — I have not the ability to outrun Satan — my refuge and deliverance is in the LIVING CHRIST! Not only is He there on His Father's throne, but the archangel Michael is also STANDING AGAINST SATAN FOR US.

Satan is now at the white-hot HEAT OF WRATH, knowing he has but a short time. (Revelation 12:12) We are at the time when, "There was WAR IN HEAVEN; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon (Satan), and the dragon fought and his angels (demons), and prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven." (Revelation 12:7-8)

CHRIST will prevail

Christ warns us: "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." He IS seeking to devour YOU! But God continues

I had amounted and prayed for her healing, but the anemia had not left. I did not have the money to pay for the hospital bill — and the hospital bill for the delivery of my firstborn son, Richard David, had not been paid. The hospital would not admit my wife until that bill was paid.

It was a frightful dilemma.

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was helpless! I knew where to turn, however — to the living God. I began with fasting and prayer. It was a Sabbath morning. Taking no breakfast, I read the Bible for one hour, hoping to find the reason my wife had not been healed of the anemia. Then I devoted the next full hour to prayer. The hour after that I just sat and meditated, asking God to show me where I had failed that her healing had not come. Then another hour of Bible study, followed by another full hour of prayer and then an hour of meditation.

I DID NOT PRAY FOR HER HEALING — but rather, that God would show me what was wrong in my life that my prayer for healing had not been answered.

This same rotation of an hour of Bible study followed by an hour of prayer and then an hour of meditation continued until bed-time, and then again on Sunday.

About 10:30 that afternoon one of our daughters called out, "Here come Grandpa and Grandma driving up our driveway!"

By this time God had shown me what was wrong with me. I had been drifting into having my mind

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HERE ARE THE ACTUAL RECORDS SHOWING 30%-per-year, 35-year GROWTH — and WHY and HOW Growth Then Stopped

By Herbert W. Armstrong
RUMORS have gone out
 that when I have said so many times God's Work grew 30 percent per year the first 35 years my statements were untrue.

The rumor started to spread that I grossly misrepresented — that the Work grew very slowly the first 35 years, but that it did in fact really grow faster AFTER 1969.

Brother, it is now IMPORTANT that you know the fact. I have had three departments of the Work — Pastoral Administration, Mar-

riage opposition and persecution from the beginning.

Meanwhile I was going in person without advertising agent of that time, to managers of radio stations all over the United States especially the major 50,000-watt stations, obtaining time for a one-half hour program. This is what, more than any other physical action, built the work — kept it growing 30 percent a year!

This, truly, is one of the most incredible success stories of our time. There is a very significant reason. For it is the story of what the living God CAN DO — and has done — through a human instrument, called and chosen by him — whose eyes He opened to

astonishing faith — one He rewarded to humble obedience yielded to truth and dedicated to God's way!

Brother, READ THIS STORY of Jesus Christ, the living Head of God's Church. Started this present era of His Work through me. I DID NOT BUILD THE WORK OF THE CHURCH up the living Christ built it, using me as His instrument and His apostle.

But I made the mistake, realizing that mistake, of allowing an office of authority to be injected between ME AND THE MINISTRY AND CHURCH!

For the first 35 years of this Work, I was the sole human in

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Deep trouble ahead in Panama

PASADENA — When the United States Senate approved the new Panama Canal treaties earlier this year, the prevailing view from the proscriptives was that America was ushering in a new era of peace and harmony with Panama, indeed with the whole of Latin America. The new treaties, Americans were told by President Jimmy Carter and others, assured the smooth orderly transition of control of the canal from the United States to Panama by stages, to be completed by the year 2000.

Reality is far from this rosy-hued picture, however. Events taking shape right now in Panama indicate that there could be big troubles just over the horizon for the Jimmies. After 10 years of initial calm, Panama is about to revert to its old, torments volatile political climate.

And when the dust finally settles, the U.S. position at the strategic world crossroads could be on extremely shaky ground much sooner than most people expected.

The President's gamble

By the end of this week (as this article is written) President Carter is expected to visit Panama City to exchange the instruments of ratification of the treaties with Gen. Omar Torrijos. Both the legality and the durability of this move by the President is seriously questioned by many senators and members of the House, even by some who supported him on the canal issue itself.

The reason Congress has not yet passed enabling legislation to implement the treaties. This legislation which would authorize the U.S. government to turn over the billions of dollars of American property in the zone to Panama, is not expected to be completed for several months yet. Congress has, in fact, until March 1, 1979, to do so.

In jumping the gun, President Carter is gambling that such legislation will pass (the treaties are of no effect unless it does). In the same manner that he dared the Senate to overturn the treaties after he had signed them, he is gambling that the Congress will not think of rejecting the necessary authorization of this law date.

Pat age of the enabling legislation, however, is by no means certain. In fact, several resolutions have recently been introduced in the House to block it.

Arias returns

Seriously complicating the issue is the arrival in Panama last weekend of Arnulfo Arias, Panama's last puppet president who was overthrown in 1968 by the national guard coup that brought dictator Torrijos to power. He had been in exile in Miami, Fla., after the treaties were posted by the U.S. Supreme Court opened the door once

Job opening announced

PASADENA — The Ambassador Auditorium is seeking the services of an experienced stage manager. This will be a full time position in Pasadena. The successful candidate should have knowledge and experience in handling all back of house activities including lighting, staging productions, curtains and backstage.

The manager is responsible for training, scheduling and directing the stage crew. The position is open immediately and the salary will be between \$16,000 and \$22,000 annually.

If interested, please send resume to: Ken Kates, Worldwide Church of God, P.O. Box 11223, 301 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif. 91109.

Worldwatch

BY GENE H. HOGBERG

again to internal political opposition in Panama.)

Arias, an emphatic cat with nine lives, figure who was also overthrown twice before (in 1941 and 1951), lost no time whatsoever in denouncing both Torrijos and the new canal pact engineered by the Torrijos regime. He decried this latest as a sellout of Panama's sovereign interests and dignity, since they give the United States the right to intervene militarily to defend the canal even after the year 2000.

Arias held a large rally of his supporters that the treaties will be a source of friction between America and Panama in years ahead. Arias' stated objection to the treaties is that the United States negotiated the

treaties with a civilian instead of himself, a democratically elected degliel. Half-baked Arias is angry because Torrijos is the leader who got the credit for the canal victory over the yanquis nothim. However Arias may still try to earn some points as Panama's final canal "liberator." By kicking the Americans out earlier than 2000.

Torrijos has talked about having elections again soon, possibly this fall. He himself might be a candidate, he has said. Certainly the 77 year old Arias will try to make the fourth time around, and probably could win.

Treaties in limbo

Trouble is, By fall the new canal

sharing...

With this issue *The Good News* inaugurates a new feature *Sharing Through It*, key personnel in the Work can share lessons and experiences with members, hopefully encouraging all of us to greater growth and fulfillment in life.

In the future *Sharing* will feature contributions from longtime ministers as well as department heads and administrators of the Worldwide Church of God.

Being positive

By Lester H. Faulkner

Decisions, decisions. As the saying goes, those who hesitate between being positive or negative are in an unfortunate position. By remaining in the middle of the road they incur the danger of being run over by both lanes of traffic instead of only one.

If we sit on the fence, uncommitted and undecided, we live an uninteresting sort of life. After all doing nothing has its consequences just as surely as doing something.

Positive action

The record of both Bible and secular history abounds with the deeds of men and women who said, I can, while it is silent concerning those who sat back and said, I can't.

Victory tends to favor those contestants who fight under the banner of positive action. They are the ones who have trained themselves to think actively. What actions am I going to take? instead of wondering, What is going to happen to me?

Happy and satisfied people claim it is better to fail in carrying out a project than to avoid failure by not trying at all.

Back to the road

Many of us will go through our span of life, seldom confronted by a life or death question or a decision that will determine the course of our future. But we all are required to decide smaller and sometimes puzzling matters daily.

And one overall approach and attitude - whether positive or negative - plays a big part in whether those matters are decided to our benefit.

As we come to that inevitable fork in the road, and must decide which way to go, we must

face up to the facts. This is a common problem to writers by Lester Faulkner, managing editor of *The Good News*.

what to do, we have three options: sit down, step out on this or that of the diverging paths or turn our back on the problem and go home.

The ingredients

Ingredients that help us make the right decision are positive and constructive attitudes; enthusiasm in meeting life's challenges; and a commitment to meeting set goals.

Because we view life as more than a glut of events without form or purpose, we can make decisions with confidence.

Knowledge is the bedrock upon which our judgment rests and we gain skill in decision making by positive application of newly learned and established principles. That is why daily Bible study is so important in Christian growth.

There is a sad complaint too many times heard: We can't change the world. That may be true but most we give in and join the deteriorating elements in it.

Looking forward

While all of us can expect our share of frustrations, we should look forward to life's triumphs which arise from our ability to meet fear and frustration positively.

We hear so many today lamenting their lack of progress and happiness. If only I had a new car! or was 25 years younger! or had stayed in school! or had a decent, understanding boss! if I had better health... Is not that we hope to avenge a sense of failure by refusing to acknowledge that we have the responsibility to create our own success?

Being positive means shifting your thoughts from things that are against you and focusing them on the vast power that is forever. It is the positive use we make of our capacities that determines the success of our efforts.

treasures will be in an awkward limbo between nation and people's association, with nobody in Washington or Panama City quite knowing where he stands. And to make things doubly worse, there are reports that the Panamanian foreign ministry has rejected the several amendments (as at the DeConcini reservation guaranteeing perpetual American defense rights) that the U.S. Senate tacked onto the treaties without which they would not have been approved.

Thus Washington views the treaties one way. Panama another, was, or possibly, with Arias in power yet a third. To put it simply, it's all a mess and getting worse!

Uncle Sam the scapegoat

There are some in the United States knowledgeable of the Panama situation who attest that Arias is quite pro-American down deep and more easy to deal with than Torrijos. Others hold the opposite view. One of these is Professor Donald M. Dorey, of Santa Barbara, Calif., quoted in the June 1977 *Plain Truth* article on the canal.

Dr. Dorey knows Arias quite well. He told me by telephone the other day that Arias had taken a very stubborn stand toward the United States in 1941 on the eve of World War II. At the time America needed greater defense capability in and near the zone, Arias imposed non-interference and in fact displayed open pro-German sentiments. While out of Panama to visit his mistress in

Havana, Cuba, he was deposed with wide U.S. assistance. (He was, nevertheless, in clear defiance of his own constitution that stated the president could not leave the country except on official state business.)

Heading for deep trouble

Professor Dorey insisted that the United States is heading for deep trouble in Panama. As long as America possessed clear, uncontested sovereign rights in its own separately administered Canal Zone, the volatile Panamanian political scene could possibly remain chaotic. But in the fact that it clearly defied the power of the U.S. country, But since with the canal suddenly to be under Panamanian sovereignty, domestic politics will spill over to the detriment of the waterways' operations.

In the coming election he reduced but continued American presence at the canal will be the prime scapegoat target of all the politicians each candidate will have to sound more anti-American than his rival, each politician will promise to ouster all the others in extracting a better deal out of Washington.

The rosy view of U.S. Panamanian relations running along harmoniously until the year 2000 was a foolishly naive notion. America, because of mounting nationalism, will lose effective control of this pivotal God-given seaport. (See Genesis 22:17, 24:60) considerably before then.

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Effective with the June 5 edition of *The Good News*, all head-of-household members of the Church receive *The Good News* free of charge. Following this issue, which Mr. Armstrong has requested be sent to all co-workers, this publication will be sent to members only.

Requests for subscriptions and renewals need not be made since all head-of-household members have automatically been placed on our mailing list. New members will be added automatically.

Co-workers who subscribed to *The Worldwide News* will continue to receive *The Good News* in its place until their *WN* subscriptions run out. Co-workers will also continue to receive the *Co-Worker Newsletter*, which contains much of the information published in *The Good News*.

Correction

In an article entitled "Asia is landmark for Sri Lanka Church" (*The Good News*, June 5) it is stated that the church in Sri Lanka started in 1969 with a visit by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Franklin. It should be added that the first baptism took into Sri Lanka was taken by C. Wayne Cole on that same occasion (see also Cole, Australia, page 10; Sri Lanka, page 10; Australia, page 11). Second baptism, April 1970, by Scott Ashby, Local Church News Wrap-Up, editor. Vivian Horne, composition, Ken Horne, illustration, Roland Rees.

That you also note Mr. Cole to Singapore where four people were baptized, including Yong Chin Gee, who was recently ordained as an elder, the first among the brethren in Malaysia — and in Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Bangalore. Then he proceeded to Pasadena for the January 1971 ministerial conference before returning to Sydney.

Mr. Cole and Dan Abraham made the second baptism tour to Sri Lanka as part of an extensive trip conducted by the Technical Congress in Bombay and Dape, India's west and Southeast Asia in 1964.

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SUPREME COMMAND — **UNITED IN CHRIST**. During those 35 years the Church and the Work grew and grew and grew! It had Christ as its KING!

I knew that God's form of organization is how the Lord down there did NOT realize that allowing an office of authority to be interjected between me and the Church was contrary to God's form of human organization.

WHAT HAPPENED? Great confusion in the Church — especially in and around headquarters who IS REALLY IN AUTHORITY? Many wondered, perplexed, the Work STOPPED GROWING.

Meeting with kings

Let me add here that after 1969 the **MOST IMPORTANT** phase of the Work *did* grow, while I was having personal private meetings by invitation with kings, emperors' presidents, prime ministers and others in high office in governments all over the world — in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, South America and Europe. And this was leading personal PUBLIC CAMPAIGNS reaching people by the hundreds and thousands in these gentle countries.

But both the membership and the financial income (income from ALARMINGLY!)

The Work and the Church started in August of 1931. It started from zero financially. I had no automobile. I had to hitch-hike or depend on members to get me to the places where I was preaching six nights a week.

By 1942 I started the first day's half hour broadcasting over a strong Hollywood station. Our **BIGGEST RATE** of growth was from 1942 to 1955. I have not been furnished the records of member increase until 1950 and of income rate of growth until 1955.

Below are the exact figures from our records.

Increases in yearly member growth since 1950 are shown (percentages show growth over previous year).

Year	Percentage
1950	44.1
1951	71.4
1952	125.0
1953	4.8
1954	34.8
1955	21.7
1956	33.2
1957	30.9
1958	58.2
1959	30.1
1960	10.1
1961	16.2
1962	15.5
1963	36.5
1964	1.9
1965	16.2
1966	20.1
1967	-7.1
1968	24.5
1969	3.2
1970	4.6
1971	6.7
1972	6.7
1973	-1.6
1974	16.2
1975	-12.7
1976	11.9
1977	27.3

BIGGEST percentage of growth was in years 1942, when first on air DAILY, to 1955 — do not have the records available at this time.

Year	Percentage
1955	34.0
1956	28.0
1957	24.0
1958	35.0
1959	31.0
1960	26.9
1961	25.0
1962	30.0
1963	29.0
1964	26.0
1965	25.0
1966	24.0
1967	23.0
1968	35.0
1969	31.0
1970	12.0
1971	11.0
1972	9.6
1973	1.0
1974	-1.7
1975	-4.8
1976	6.7
1977	6.2

Beginning 1969 the DAILY half-hour radio broadcasting was gradually — and severely — reduced. Instead the *Garner Ted Armstrong* television programs were replacing daily half-hour radio. **THEY WERE "DOCUMENTARY PROGRAMS"** primarily dealing primarily with conditions of the WORLD — not the KINGDOM OF GOD!

In 1972 we started daily telecasting on gospel subjects, but after a time these telecasts became more and more SECULAR, dealing primarily with this world's politics. Finally the radio programs were virtually eliminated, going to five minute programs. This was almost disastrous, as the records of results show.

Brothers, Jesus Christ has now put himself back as the living HEAD of God's Church and Work. I have to say to you, in truth, that my mistake in allowing a position of authority to be inserted BETWEEN myself and the Church led to GREAT CONFUSION as to WHO IS IN CHARGE — WHO IS THE



HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

VIDEOTAPING — Herbert W. Armstrong addresses the Tucson, Ariz., church June 10 in the second of a series of videotaped sermons. These sermons will later be edited for half hour telecasts on *The World Tomorrow* with Herbert W. Armstrong, as the television program is now called. (Photo by Ron Proctor)

REAL LEADER IN THE CHURCH

That is now CORRECTED! The living JESUS CHRIST is the HEAD of this Church. It's time we quit saying, as did the Corinthian church, "I am of Paul — I am of Apollos — I am of Peter," etc.

As one Church official said the other day, many in the Church have drifted so far away from the knowledge of WHO IS THE REAL LEADER of this Church that they have forgotten that JESUS CHRIST IS OUR LIVING HEAD! The Church of God is ruled by HIM — not the brethren, or one they might choose, BUT AS CHRIST HAS CHOSEN AND IS LEADING, UNDER HIM!

Estimated donation losses due to member attrition since 1972:

Year	Dif. or Inactive	Accum. Total	Estimated Donation	
			Loss	Loss
1972	190	960	\$ 682,000	
1973	661	1,621	\$ 1,164,000	
1974	2,616	4,237	\$ 2,995,000	
1975	1,435	5,672	\$ 3,815,000	
1976	2,523	8,195	\$ 5,880,000	
1977	1,725	9,920	\$ 7,564,000	
				\$22,100,000

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more on our troubles and material problems. I had gotten away from that closeness to God needed to receive answers to prayer. But now I was back very close again. Now I knew He would hear and answer my petition.

A quick prayer

I made a very quick prayer, perhaps not over 15 seconds. It flashed to my mind that other things were directly needed. I asked God again to heal my wife. I asked Him also to provide for the hospital bill. I asked Him to send us food — for we were completely out. And I asked Him to send wood for fuel (we then used wood for the kitchen cook stove).

and the living room stove.)

I told Him I was out of money and the house rent was due and asked Him to provide that. I asked Him to provide me with a new overcoat. It was late January, and all I had was a thin topcoat with a hole 4 to 6 inches wide on one side of the seat. Then quickly I said, "Lord, You say that You know what things we have need of before we ask. You — so send also anything I have forgotten to ask."

Then I closed that hurried up prayer and got out to greet my parents. My father was lifting out of his Model A Ford arm loads of wood. He had removed the rear seat and filled the space with wood. Mother was carrying into

our house a large covered pan with a big dinner ready to be warmed and eaten.

The next morning on waking we discovered my wife's checks were lost. The morning mail — the very first delivery since my quick prayer — brought a letter (that her share of a will left to her mother would immediately take care of the hospital bill. The doctor was dumbfounded that morning, announcing that the athenaeum was gone.

A new overcoat came to me during the Monday noon hour. Late that Monday afternoon the merchandising department of the Portland (Ore.) Oregonian asked me to conduct a survey for the Bissell Carpet Sweeper Co., and

had completely forgotten — but I do not have a robe and I will need one in the hospital."

Value of prayer

Some of you brethren have heard this before — because I think it is an experience that needs telling to help others to know the value of PRAYER.

BROTHERS OF GOD'S CHURCH, whose membership is rapidly in NEED OF FASTING AND PRAYER. Therefore I am, as God's apostle, appointing Sabbath, June 24, as a day of SPECIAL FASTING AND PRAYER for the spiritual awakening and rejuvenation of the ENTIRE CHURCH, which is "THE BODY of the living CHURCH!"

Monday, June 19, 1978



PENTECOST IN NEW YORK CITY — C. Wayne Cole, visiting addresses 2,000 brethren gathered in New York City to observe Pentecost June 11. Mr. Cole's visit included a conference with area coordinators. (Photos by Elbert Atlas)

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE ANNOUNCES NEW DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The Ambassador College School of Biblical and Ministerial Studies has announced an innovative diploma in biblical studies program, which will begin this fall at the Pasadena campus.

The new 30-unit nondegree program is described as "a unique college-level program designed to give increased biblical understanding and to promote spiritual development."

"We are trying to capture the essence of what has made Ambassador College different," said Dr. George T. Geis, dean of faculty. "I think the people working with this program are very sensitive to the needs of

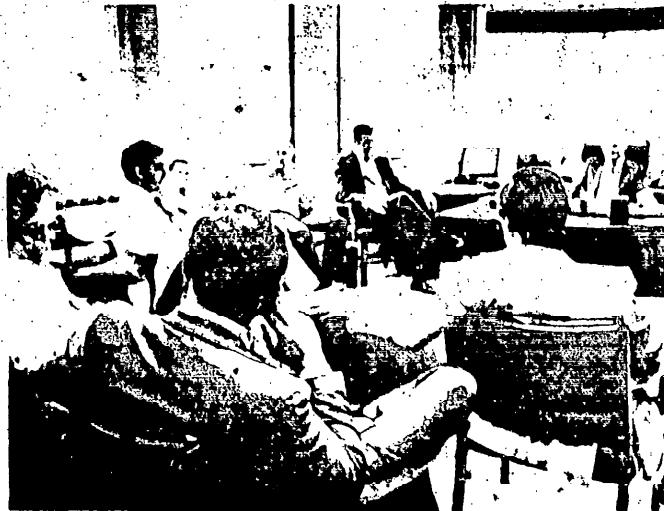
college-age people and are very eager to help them grow and develop in the spiritual and social dimensions of their lives."

(A feature-length article on the diploma program is scheduled to appear in a future issue of *The Good News*.)

Any student who has questions or desires additional information about the diploma program may write to the Ambassador College Admissions Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif.; 91123, or call (213) 577-5027, leaving his or her name and phone number. A member of the faculty will return the call as soon as possible.



SEMINAR — An estimated 2,000 people above attend a seminar on family enrichment June 4 in Milwaukee, Wis. The seminar was presented by the Work's Human Potential Center and was sponsored by the Greater Milwaukee Chapter of the AICF. Director of the Human Potential Center Arthur Mokairow, below, speaks to the large crowd. (Photos by Clair J. Wilson)



AREA COORDINATORS MEET — United States area coordinators and key headquarters personnel meet with C. Wayne Cole right, June 13 and 14 to discuss, among other items, recent personnel and departmental changes in the Work. (Photo by Roland Rees)



Coordinators meet in Pasadena

PASADENA — United States area coordinators met with Wayne Cole June 13 and 14 in regularly scheduled administrative meetings.

The coordinators normally meet with headquarters' officials four times each year to keep posted on administrative programs and to provide an updated look at the Church's needs and progress.

Ronald Kelly was in attendance as the newest area coordinator. Mr. Kelly replaces Guy Eaglefoot in the Denver, Colo., area. Mr. Eaglefoot, his wife, Penny, and their children are moving to Cleveland, Ohio, where he

Evangelist in New York; speaks to 2,000 brethren

By Mark A. Rothhaar

NEW YORK — Speaking to an audience of more than 2,000, C. Wayne Cole, evangelist, director of the worldwide ministry and personal assistant to Heber W. Armstrong, said he wanted to bring a hopeful inspiring message to those assembled at Pentecost services Sunday, June 11.

Mr. Cole had been asked to speak before some six or seven months ago by Elbert Atlas, the Church's Northeast Area Coordinator in the United States. His visit to New York included a Sunday evening conference with area

leaders.

We live today in the presence of

greatness, Mr. Cole told his audience. He was referring to Mr. Armstrong whom he noted was feeling

very well and was very strong.

We have a beautiful understanding of the truth, he added. There never has been a time when we should cease to grow.

There is a world out there that needs this message, he said.

Mr. Cole took note of the recent administrative changes in the Work, both his morning comments and afternoon sermon. He said that he sees light and hope in these changes.

Mr. Cole recalled how he had been at Ambassador College in 1952 and 1953, at a time when trouble and drama rocked the campus. He said that he had the opportunity to leave then if he had wanted to leave, but did not.

I'm going to follow in where you enter the mantle of authority falls, he continued.

In his sermon Mr. Cole noted that John had been quite sick in his mid-80s when he wrote his final epistles and was probably past 90 when he completed the book of Revelation.

Mr. Cole said that the age well may have been too advanced for him to work because of his age at the time. He also highlighted the story of Joseph and noted how God led him through a series of circumstances unusual at the time, perhaps to fulfill the special purpose He had in store for him.

He urged his audience to consider these points when viewing the recent changes in the Work.

Is there any uncertainty about it? Is it great for God to handle? Is God at times more in mysterious ways in His Church to direct us? Is

In an interview after his sermon, Mr. Cole expressed optimism about the immediate future of the Work.

It's clear that we must differentiate between the trauma we're experiencing and the hope for the future generated by the issues being made.

Basically the Church is stable, Mr. Cole said.

When asked about Mr. Armstrong's physical health and if he felt that he was up to the challenges ahead of him, Mr. Cole said,

Yes, he is remarkably well.

will be the area coordinator for the newly formed Cleveland area.

The first meeting, which included key headquarters' personnel, provided an update regarding the latest personnel and departmental changes in the Work.

Other sessions included presentation on the new ministerial education programs by school administrators and members of the faculty, and a discussion and film on alcoholism by Dale Haning, head of Human Potential Center's section on Alcoholism.

The meetings centered on budget

and manpower. Final manpower decisions were made on districts that had yet to be assigned pastors in the annual summer round of transfers. Those names will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

Local evaluation recommendations were reviewed for local church elders. Local preaching elder assignments will also be given. Heber W. Armstrong for review and approval. Plans were discussed with the local elders ordained before their respective congregations prior to the beat of Tabernacles. The preaching elders are to be elevated at the festival.

Parents choose 'difficult path' for partially deaf daughters

By Dan P. Greyling

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — What's it like to have a deaf child? What are the problems and frustrations a deaf child faces? How do the parents of deaf children cope?

I found the answers to these questions in an interview with Brian and Sue Price, parents of Deanna, 2, and Lauren, 5. Both girls suffer a hearing loss. Lauren has about 25 percent hearing; Deanna only 20 percent.

When I interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Price, both longtime members of the church they now had just learned that Deanna had passed her first year of schooling. This was a remarkable achievement because the English medium school she attends does not cater specifically to deaf children. The Prices were understandably exuberant.

In her first year of classes Deanna was integrated with normal children. In fact, neither Deanna nor Lauren has been taught sign language; the medium used by schools for the deaf.

It is our intention, as much and for as long as is possible, to integrate both our daughters with normal hearing children," Mrs. Price says. "We hope that this will be a permanent arrangement but realize full well that it's going to take a lot of patient hard work."

Exceptionally good

Mrs. Price says that when Deanna was a baby, she didn't seem to be disturbed by loud noises. I therefore usually had the radio on and used the vacuum cleaner in her room while she was sleeping. Because she slept through all this noise, we thought her to be an exceptionally good baby. Little did we know.

When Deanna was 6 months old, I would put her between my hands to listen to her heart. I called her mine, but she did not turn around. I clapped my hands. Still no response. Only when she felt me touch the cord and saw my shadow did she turn her little head and smile.

The Prices now realized for the first time there was something wrong with their daughter's hearing.

It took confirmation. Deanna had no very strong desire to learn.

Since that day, at the insistence of Deanna's teacher, Mrs. Price began therapy. Sue and Brian estimate all those days since everything they did had to be repeated numerous times. It was really talk and more talk all the time. Deanna aware there was a world of sound.

The innumerable hours of speech therapy and sign language training paid off when, at age 2, Deanna spoke her first word — "mama."

About that time, Mrs. Price gave birth to her second daughter, Lauren, who was born with normal hearing. When Lauren was 18 months old, however, the parents discovered she also had a hearing loss, although a fluid buildup behind both eardrums. When she was asymptomatic, the fluid disappeared, but the hearing loss remained.

Expenses started piling up for Brian and Sue. Physics therapy, hearing aids and tragecosts were taking their toll. But they wanted the best for their girls and were prepared to sacrifice.

Adjusting and helping

The Price kids, as they are often referred to, are quite normal, except they are missing one or two important abilities: children missing yours and mine, indeed.

The biggest problem, Mrs. Price says, is to teach them how to live with themselves. To allow them to adjust and help other children to lead as normal a life as possible.

At first I was upset that my daughter, Deanna, in particular, would never hear a bird singing or hear my voice. I often wonder if the dreams. And, if she does, does she dream of words? Also, what are her thoughts? But I do take strength from the fact that if she goes soon she will be able to hear.

The private school Deanna attends has thanks to the efforts of a society for hard of hearing children, fitted a unit and classroom with headphones and amplification, and the society has employed teachers who are fully qualified to teach these children. All expenses are covered by the society which had been formed by Deanna's speech therapist and ear specialist.

So far Deanna has no hang-ups about her ears. She knows they don't work properly, in the same way people who wear glasses have weak eyes or someone in a wheelchair has something wrong with his legs.

Interested in dance

But a problem her parents have noticed is that Deanna tends not to keep friends very long. They are inclined to become impatient with her.

She and her sister are interested in dance and plan to begin ballet lessons taught by a teacher who instructs deaf children in the art. The Prices hope the lessons will contribute toward solving Deanna's social problem.

Brian and Sue Price have chosen the difficult path in bringing up their daughters. It would have been easier to have them mix with other hard-of-hearing children and learn sign language, they believe. But that is not the way they want it.

Todays van Beethoven comes to mind. In spite of his deafness, the German composer wrote some of his most beautiful music when he could not hear it.

Mrs. Price had the final word in our discussion. "We are confident that, with continued trust in God, Deanna and Lauren will continue to improve and enjoy the various forms of training we have chosen."



HEARING LOSS — Above, Brian and Sue Price, members in South Africa, pose with their daughters. Left, Deanna (right) has an 80 percent hearing loss; Lauren has a 25 percent loss. (Photos by Dan P. Greyling)

Crime prevention begins at home

By Sidney Lyle

ODESSA, Tex. — Crimes of every conceivable nature are being committed every hour of the day and night. Local municipal and county enforcement officers are at a loss in trying to curb the runaway crime problem. Because of the ever-increasing case load there is the inevitable decrease in cases solved. Officers must stretch their investigation time between a larger number of reported crimes.

State government is getting into the picture with special committees and fact finding commissions appointed by the governor. And, of course, the federal government is dumping an avalanche of cash down the crime-infested rat hole. Where will it all stop?

First we should consider where it all started. It began in the home when what is now a decently controlling criminal mind was a young impressionable inquisitive child. Then something went wrong. As the youngster grew his values became twisted judgments became a thing of

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emotion and human dignity gave way to greed. It has become all too easy to blame society for our own ignorance and in finding excuses for our failures in the questionable conduct of other people.

Trained to home

Almost all instances of criminal behavior can be traced back to what was or was not taught in the home. Therefore, what is needed across America is a new commitment to true family togetherness and an unending drive to upgrade the quality of family life.

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with them, with whatever means available.

Counter the effects

You can counter the effects of the crime problem at your home or business by knowing how the criminal mind functions and implementing reasonable steps to protect your property.

Whether you intend to use the information for personal and family security or for a special project in school or college, write for the following free booklets today:

"The Adventures of Suck-It Home," State Farm Fire & Casualty Co., Bloomington, Ill., 61710; and "Crime Can Be Stopped."

Here's how: Ambulance Corps Press, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123; or write Crime Prevention, Odessa Police Department, 221 N. Lee St., Odessa, Tex., 79760; and request the "Crime Packet."

With these available helps you will have the information needed to assist in fighting the crime and ensuring a safe, friendly, law-abiding community for everyone's enjoyment.



SUMMER SCHOOL — 110 students are currently enrolled in the first of two semesters scheduled at Ambasador College this summer. Clockwise from left, Gerald Freibergs lectures his Old Testament Survey class; Ken Howlett and Larry Bauer practice their tennis swings; Philip Pierce lectures in Old Testament Survey; Hassel White demonstrates camera techniques in a photography class; as Kathy Braden looks on. (Photos by Scott Ashey)

Little people, giant man, huge task

'PT' article helps save people

PASADENA — A *Plain Truth* article entitled "To Save a People" has helped to save up to 100,000 pygmies. Jean Pierre Halter, an explorer who devoted his life to the study of the survival of the pygmies of the Ituri Forest in eastern Zaire.

To "Save a People," during 1976, *PT* has done much to help efforts to save the pygmies from the ravages of extinction brought on by outside user.

The 6-foot 5' Belgian born Halter now has 400 tribesmen, the pygmies, by the people he lived among for many years.

Halter now lives in California where not visiting the pygmies has written three books on his experiences and observations in Africa.

In 1973 Halter met Dr. Herman Hesch, then senior editor of *The Plain Truth*, who says of Halter: "Young, Jean Pierre was one of those men my life scheme it was worth living to meet."

Their friendship produced the article, "To Save a People," which Halter was scheduled as the cover story for the Work & Human Potential magazine.

In the following message, World to Good News, Halter brings his 60 tribes up to date and shares his philosophy of life:

Can we learn anything from the pygmies?

"To me the pygmies show that what called progress is the destruction of the liberal society, the family. The pursuit of happiness that of the Americans is not right... it is always open to some sort of progress."

"The pygmies... know that there is only one way to happiness... you explore happiness. The experience of happiness is the experience of being able to share and are kind to other people. There should be no hierarchy. Also the first quality that any human being should have is courage. The courage of believing the courage of doing what one thinks is right, the courage of standing ground, the courage of being the courage of anything. And when real leaders of people is the leader showing and the fear of being right, the feeling of going somewhere."

"I am not a saint, I am not perfect, but I do my best to always do what I can for the pygmies."

fear (with fear of losing). If someone is really faithful and truly believes in God, why should he ever be afraid of dying?

I am interested in saving the Ituri-Burundian plateau pygmies. I think it's important, and therefore I didn't leave.

"It is easy to say, and it's hard to live when you are enduring extreme suffering. When I lost my hand because bleeding to death and I was 50 miles from a hospital, I had to swim 50 miles, leaving crocodiles and fish, get on my truck and drive around, car batteries came on an impossible road. But I decided I have to do it because I think life is worth living."

Why do the pygmies need saving?

No one questions saving the whale and other endangered species. Why question saving a unique people? When I first saw a tribe of pygmies in the 1940s there were about 15,000 of these healthy, delightful, happy and highly moral people. Today there are less than 4,000.

The pygmies' ancestral forest was being increasingly chopped down by greedy lumber operators. When we take away their forest, it's like taking away their supermarket, family doctor, pharmacy, everything.

How do you go about saving them?

"One thing I don't do is give them anything because a gift or a handout can result in people you want to help. Everything I'm doing is to help them solve their problems with dignity and self-respect, that they feel they are doing it themselves and not because of condescending outside help."

The most realistic way is to help them survive the negative impact of encroaching civilization, to provide them with a home and place to raise a family in a more appropriate way. Simple applications will provide them with what the forest cannot any more.

What does this help cost?

If I am helping 1,000 pygmies, it only costs \$1,000 and I never spend that much at a time. It's 26 cents per year. This is less than the cost of one CARE package that often does more harm than good.

There are two ways to help: one is to contribute to the Pygmy Fund, the other is to buy a pygmy book.



PYGMY PROTECTOR — Jean Pierre Halter walks through a Bantu village with his pygmy friends to show the taller people his friendship and protection of the pygmy people.

Very sentimental, unselfish attitude

Giving the hungry a meal or helping themselves is the only real satisfaction in the long run. But that is hard. You have to give them, you have to teach them, you have to persuade, insist over and over, and it's rough.

What makes the pygmies unique?

They are neither savagely primitive, wild, and bestial, nor in their mental and spiritual depth they are really unique. They are the only group of human beings today on the planet earth that is really courteous, gentle, less and still live in harmony with nature. If these people are gone, it's very difficult to see the very root of beauty of humanity.



FACES TELL THE STORY — Left: Pygmies children display the joy of living. Above: Two pygmies watch a tropical sunset. Top: Jean Pierre Halter, the founder of the Pygmy Fund, a nonprofit organization dedicated to prevent the extinction of the pygmies. (Photos by Jean Pierre Halter and Dexter Faulkner)

How does the pygmy view the rest of the world?

A pygmy sees the whole world as a speck of dust in the immensity of the universe that is the home of God. They have a very sadness song that ends up by saying that when the last tree will be cut, the last man underneath will die.

An ample police pressed over head while we were running around the fire and I said, "We are so small. We put together a bird so we can go anywhere in the world in minutes of a few hours." And then an old man replied,

"Well, if that's the case for you, but I've got a lot to say for people."

(See EXPLORER, page 12)

Explorer a patchwork of old African scars

By Klaus Rothke

PASADENA — Undoubtedly the largest pygmy ever to come out of Africa is Bernard Kipor Chiekele, who weighs 310 pounds. He is Jean Pierre Halter, an explorer who spends considerable time with the pygmies working to save these unique people to extinction.

For all practical purposes, the

Pygmies are the pygmies sharing

the immeasurable realities of the

isolated people's existence. He

wrote in one of three best selling

books on Africa its people, animals

and his adventures.

Ironically the very people he did

what himself to living once tried to

kill him. In 1953 a personal arrow

pierced his leg after he witnessed

two men who were hunting the pygmies.

who had never seen white man, but

he wished to help them.

I stood there with the person

standing behind him and I said,

"I know you shoot me with your

arrows. They are very painful but

I could speak their language and I

I knew what they wanted with

me."

Below, left: Leaping through

the air, a pygmy shows his

ability to jump over obstacles.

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Ministers bring truth to Lesotho during three-night lecture series

By Syd Hull

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa -- The main purpose of this trip to Lesotho was to deliver three *Plain Truth* lectures and visit some prospective members along the way.

Our first lecture was to be given in Maleteng, a small town about 50 miles south of Maseru, which is the Lesotho capital.

On arrival at Maleteng, we had difficulty finding the hall. We finally met up with a prospective member, a Mr. Mpho who directed us to the site. Somewhat to our surprise the location turned out to be the Assemblies of God hall! We were enthusiastically greeted and welcomed by the local minister of this church, Mr. S.M. Leketse, who kindly put his facilities at our disposal.

Mr. Leketse then offered to interpret my introductory remarks, and also the lecture. I agreed to this mainly because I would be able to monitor everything he said, being fluent in Sesotho myself.

At the same time I thought it would be advantageous to do it that minister repeated God's truth to some of his own congregation.

Brief introduction

This man acquitted himself well of his task. He is a dynamic and polished speaker and he interpreted, also reading from the Sesotho Bible, with enthusiasm, zeal and personal energy. The crunch came when I said in English, "Nowhere does the Bible teach that we go to heaven when we die. In fact no one has ascended up to heaven."

Mr. Leketse responded for a brief moment, his hand went to his head, and then he blurted out just as I had said it:

The 1½ hour lecture was followed by a question and answer session lasting three hours during which this minister looked reflectively. However, throughout the entire proceedings he barked at all the way.

The audience of 34, among whom were other visitors of religious, was most attentive and even asked questions during the lecture.

We had to prove our credentials. During the question and answer session in which the entire audience participated, the Rev. Mr. Vass tried to trip us up on the Trinity.

"What words do you use when baptizing people?" he asked.

I replied, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Mr. Vass started smiling. Then I added, "Meaning in the family of God, because without the Holy Spirit, no one can be born into God's family. No one can receive eternal life."

Then Mr. Vass delivered his trinity and

then he sang a hymn which was called "The Blessed Trinity."

Not good

I replied, "I cannot accept that as part of the Trinity." Mr. Vass, as that hymn is not inspired; we only God's Word is." I replied.

The audience laughed smirkingly and Mr. Vass left, obviously disappointed, the smile having long since evaporated.

Another minister, Mr. J.M. Hlafula, after persistent questioning had to admit while rubbing his head that he was "very confused." Whereupon he subsequently rejected many of our books.

The entire audience was shocked to realize that all they had accepted from professing Christianity is

mainly false. After being answered to their satisfaction, they thanked us for being able to bring them God's truth. The three remaining ministers, as well as the entire audience asked us to come again and also requested more literature.

Mr. Leketse, our interpreter, then asked if he could close in prayer, to which I agreed. He proceeded to thank God for sending us to teach them His truth! Also that he was grateful to have helped us. Thus ended an unusual experience.

Later the evening of the 7th we visited a member's home and met two fine people, a nursing sister — daughter of a Lesotho chief — and her son. She occupies a senior post while her son is in his early 20s.

They asked us some good questions. Which is God's Church? Why did He raise it up? What's its job? Who will do it? And where do they fit in?

Second lecture

Our second lecture was given April 8 at the A.M.E. James Hall in Maseru. This was also the location of the subsequent third *PT* lecture.

The lecture began at 3 p.m. with an attendance of 55 and ended at 6:45

Once again an enthusiastic meeting. Again when they realized they had been deceived. Even during the lecture they had discussions back and forth and asked questions.

Anyone belaboring a point was

Syd Hull, minister in Johannesburg, South Africa, visited the country of Lesotho April 7 to 9. He describes his trip in this report.

quickly silenced by prominent members of the audience who said they had come to learn and demand precise answers. We were tactful in answering. We were direct but tried not to hurt or offend them. Discussions of subjects such as the Sabbath, the Holy Spirit, the Trinity and others were taken up in nearly 2½ hours of a group question-and-answer session.

A group of young people, sincere and earnest, discussed at length the Sabbath and resurrection. Almost the entire group stayed for this session after the main session had ended.

Two detectives were sent to cover the meeting. This is normal in Africa. But they assured us that they are both *Plain Truth* readers.

Again the top strata of Lesotho society attended. It was an intelligent audience of a high standard.

The third and final lecture was given the next day, April 9, during a heavy downpour of rain in Maseru. The room was the same except for minor differences. Ninety-eight people attended.

Once again we were blessed with a successful meeting conducted almost entirely in Sesotho. We were questioned again even during the

lecture. However, no confusion was evident, but decorum and order.

Settled audience

This time the audience was far more settled, their minds seemingly open. Two cabinet ministers of the Lesotho government and other dignitaries attended.

We prefaced the lecture with a brief discussion (as a result of the previous meeting) with proof that God's Holy Spirit is as available today as it was during the time of the apostles. We were challenged on this subject.

One minister of religion also claimed that all strong drink was taboo. He came off second best.

After the lecture the audience participated in lively and enthusiastic questions and answers. The questions were no pushovers; they needed thought and consideration.

When one individual became argumentative, regarding this being the true Church, the Lesotho minister of immigration and interior intervened. He addressed this pushy fellow and said, "My friend, we have come here to learn and we are learning. You are trying to argue. The speaker is not here to force you in any direction. If you do not want to accept what he says, you don't have to. I have come to learn and others have questions which they would like to ask. Now, sit down."

Suddenly the man seemed very tired; he sat down.

I would like to quote what this minister of immigration said as he addressed us from the audience: "You men have brought a most refreshing and unique approach to religion into this country. It is a breath of fresh air much needed. This group

consists of people from many different churches. But this makes no difference; we welcome you."

Both he and one of Prime Minister Leabua Jonathan's chief assistants then asked us to come back again — soon and often.

Embarrassingly pointed

A chief's daughter said, "All other religions have been teaching falsely and have brought misery to this country, but from The Plain Truth, from all your literature and from you we have received the truth."

She was embarrassingly pointed.

God has shown His hand here. At the final meeting, with the rain pelting down, we should (walking physically) have had the least successful meeting. Yet it turned out to be the most successful. God added nearly 40 more people to the previous day's total.

The present above-average response to our meetings was as a result of the growth God has caused through The Plain Truth penetration into Lesotho. Eighteen months ago we activated a *PT* breakthrough into the highest echelons of Lesotho society. It was a concentrated effort and God has caused a concentrated effect. Some 1,400 letters were sent out, generating a total of 187.

All the audience was shocked at the realization that they had been deceived all along by the false "white man's religion."

The wrong approach, word, action or even attitude towards these people (in our dealings or follow-up), who are generally well-above-average in status and position, could not only turn them off, but could do of incalculable damage to our future Work of God in Lesotho.

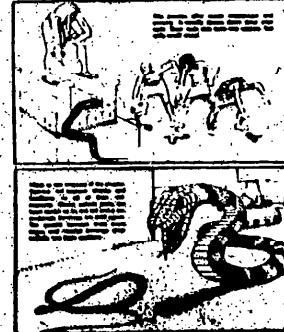
Artist produces children's book on exodus

By Dave Odier

BALTIMORE, Md. — Carl Kelly, a member of the Baltimore congregation and a professional artist



AT WORK — Carl Kelly works on illustrations for his children's book on the exodus. (Photo by Dave Odier)



CHILDREN'S BOOK — Reproduced above are several pages from Carl Kelly's book, *It Is Written — The Story of the Exodus*. From left, the pictures depict Aaron's rod turning into a serpent; the death of Hebrews

is that, through reading, seeing the pictures and coloring them, the story and lesson will be more firmly implanted in the reader's mind.

What is essential in producing such a book?

"This particular book has taken 14 months to produce, but future books in the *It Is Written* series should take less than that," says Carl. "When I read the biblical account, I use in pictures what is written. The pictures are fuzzy at first, but as I read and do research on the events, more and more of the details of that picture emerge."

For character models he used pictures of himself and his family. Photographs of their facial expressions depicting fear, anger, awe, surprise, and other emotions were taken. From these pictures the expressions found throughout the book were drawn. Research into local topography, architecture, dress and plants and animals was part of the

effort in order to portray the background as accurately as possible.

Locust plague

Carl relates how an article about a locust plague in Africa appeared in a Baltimore paper. The article included a picture of the locusts devouring a plant. Carl also mentioned there were the same locusts of Bible times that caused plagues there.

Yet they were definitely not the insect Americans commonly call a locust. So the picture drawn in *It Is Written* is of the proper locust, more like our clouds.

"One of the greatest obstacles for me to overcome in doing this book was my own lethargy," Carl says. "One day it finally occurred to me that God's day comes in the evening. I just had to force myself to get up and do something. There were many nights I had to push myself to do the work. But toward the end you couldn't keep me away from it."

— By Dave Odier

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LANE BRAINS — The Lane Brains of the Ambassador Bowling League, Pasadena, Calif., display their first-place trophies. From left, back row: Deb Cherenze, Mike McCann and John Hesket. Front row: Renee Auldland and Sarah Hesket. The league, which began in 1972, is continuing summer bowling at Eagle Rock Lanes.

Wrap-up

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moving reflector ball in the world. It is used for studying the behavior and movement of space rockets and space telescopes. The group also visited the planetarium for a view of the moon, the planets, and the shapes stars are making.

—By Diane McLaren.

Tournament displayed celebration

PENTICTON, B.C. — Some people do anything to celebrate their 20th anniversary. For example, the anniversary of Salmon Arm, B.C., pastor Ken Webster and his wife Kim gave free open churches a cause to celebrate.

Under the gaze of a softball tournament, brothers from Penticton, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, B.C., and Vernon, B.C. and Tomash, Wash., gathered here on the Canadian Victoria Day holiday weekend. Men's, women's, and children's games were included.

A side of beef provided a delicious part of the month-long barbecue and social dinner after the first day of games. About 350 brethren feasted till dusk at a crowded campsite on Okanagan Lake.

No other barbecue weekend would be complete without the memory of victory. So Webster, it was reported, graciously bowed to defeat in Salmon Arm's second game.

Another such outing is planned, probably someone who has an anniversary that needs celebrating. —By Karen

—Annual Youth Day

PORT ALBION, Mo. — The annual Youth Day of the church was May 13. The theme was "The Joy of the Lord." Activities for Sabbath service included:

Special song leader K. Walker, he was accompanied at the piano by George Frost. After the opening prayer by Roger Evans, Dan Shoop gave the sermonette. Special music was supplied by a quartet, and Sam Sasse gave the closing prayer. Shirley Ray hosted breakfast at the church. Eugene, Dennis, Brooks, Rhonda and Roxy Swanson, Sandy Faulkner and Shirley Shaw handled the food service. Tony Walker and Don White served punch. Ruth Evans and Sam Sasse did the final communion. Bobby Faulkner took attendance and Kellie Walker and Jeff Evans did the cleanup. Linda Arnold

—Overwhelming victories

PORTLAND, Ore. — The YHCA disc golf field meet was held under overcast skies here May 20. The Portland Boys' team and the mixed girls' team scored overwhelming victories.

The Portland junior division won with their division, scoring 67 points. Their senior division, featuring the 1977 Lesley Holt trophy, was led by the mixed girls' team with 104 points. The team round robin was second and third place. Tom Hesket placed second with 115 points, followed by Matt Clegg and Tony Miller, who tied with 101 points each.

The senior boys' division again faced Portland with the top three places. First was Andy Gandy with 104; second was Bill Albrecht with 103; and third was Rich Johnson with 104. The Portland team scored 64 points in the 10th. —By Karen

Deserving Band Adds To Their Score
Members Are the Schubertians with 1,000, the Classingers with 1,300 and the Lummis with 1,200. —By Ed Casper.

Three former members

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The YOUNG chapter here had a Youth Day May 13 in honor of the church's mother. Teens handled most of the duties normally done by adult members.

YOU coordinator Glenn Bechhold began services by leading the singing. Nate Friddle opened with prayer, followed by the sermonette by Eric Shaque, one of the YOUNG vice presidents. Renae Bechhold sang the special music before the sermon by pastor James Friddle. Jay Derrick gave the closing prayer. —By Gregor Hughes

Anchorage outlined off

SPokane, Wash. — A spaghetti dinner and slave auction provided the break for the annual entertainment series sponsored by the YOUNG members May 27.

The program was prepared under the guidance of Miss Roger Palmer and aped by the group's teenagers.

Fridays and Saturdays are the fund-raising days for the Anchorage YOUNG, and the group has been meeting at a fast pace. As eager bidders raised their bids, the teens showed their muscles and stated their talents. From doing homework, landscaping and washing cars to dry wall finishing and working with leather.

Prize items were auctioned with heavily bargained prices from \$2 to \$10. The top bid of the night was for Miss Debrae Danner. Some items have been formed into gnomes to bid on other items. —By Karen

60 Plus Club

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — The county home for elderly individuals provided the location for the monthly meeting of the 60-Plus Club May 13, with 32 members attending. The 60-Plus members presented the program of floral bouquets.

Members helped clean the grounds of rings and leaves down by a stream, then enjoyed the houseful of homemade soup, green salad and desserts outside.

Club director Jess Morrison called the meeting to order. Afterwards the members enjoyed a favorite game, bingo. —By McClain and Virgil Harmon, kept the

records.

—By Karen

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HONOR GRADUATE — John Calorek, left, pastor of the Cape Girardeau and Poplar Bluff, Mo., churches, receives congratulations from Dr. Robert Leestampe, president of the Southeast Missouri State University. In Cape Girardeau, at commencement exercises May 7, Mr. Calorek, who graduated with academic distinction, received his master-of-arts degree in counseling psychology.



ORNAMENTAL TRIO — Tamrie Rawson, Lisa Mihalek and Tess Walden, left to right, all dressed in authentic Japanese costumes, sing a Chinese version of "Jesus Loves Me" at a musical program presented by the children of the Wheeling, W. Va., church. (See "Children's Operetta," the page 1.) —Photo by John Wherry

page moving along. Various bells were awarded as prizes. One lady was upped to win Gladys' bell, while two men won soft white light, both Puff Rose

Talent winners

TAMPA, Fla. — Seventeen contestants participated in the District 23 YOUTH talent contest here May 13. Richard Ames, pastor of the Lakeland, Fla., church, was master of ceremonies.

First-place honors in the spoken word class was Timmy Crabb, 17, of Tampa, who played a guitar solo, "Malagana"; second place went to Treva Peterson, 15, of Lakeland for her performance of "Baby, Baby"; a flute solo.

James winner was Tom Davy, 12, of Fort Myers, Fla., who sang "I'm Living My Life." —John B. Johnson

—By Karen

Chaplain in the Ardennes

UTRECHT, Netherlands — Twenty-five young people ages 12 to 30 went camping in Ochamps, Belgium, in the Ardennes Mountain, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Harold van Verhege and Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Evers May 12 to 16.

Despite blustery cold nights and rain, the campers created their own campfire with aluminum foil and sticks in blizzard conditions and still had a great time. Jan Evers organized the week-end activities. Mr. Evers' and Gerard Evers' feet got really bad blisters through the high wet grass and ungod mud patches on the dirt roads to catch wildlife. Some experiments with hunting and riding.

A morning trip to the village of Huy, a small village in the Ardennes, has a high point. Outside was the sun and inside was the deep sleep of the students.

A tour led by the Evers family visited the neighborhood of the campers. Highly enjoyed among the campers created a special atmosphere of brotherhood.

This was the third year for the annual camp-out in the Belgian Ardennes. Many of the new active members of the YOUTH chapter are Breugel.

—By Karen

Edithian Bowling

VANCOUVER, B.C. — The Ambleside Five Pin Bowling League here completed its fourth year with a banquet, ball dance and awards presentation at Frank Baker's restaurant May 20. League members and their guests were present as trophies and awards were presented to the top as well as the mid-to-top bowlers of the season.

Dan Halvorsen received honors for men's average of 200 and Jerry Matlock, ladies', honors, with 188. Vicki Arntzen achieved overall high three scores with 825 and high single with 332. Art Ellington, as yet uninvited, the most improved average trophy, for improving his average by 41 pounds during the course of the season. Gilbert MacLellan received a trophy as best game player for his 30 points. Dan Halvorsen

—By Karen

WILMINGTON, Ark. — The Senior Citizens' recreation center barbecued with success May 7. 300 members and guests. Mike McDaniel, chairman, cooked the barbecue and donated all the meat and supplies. The last meal was prepared by Lynn's Catering Service and served by the YOUTH members.

While members and guests dined on hearty chowders there were speakers on the theme "The Urge to Know." It was production time for some members of the club, which began in the fall of 1973 under the leadership of Clyde Kilough. Gradeners were Herb Swartz, Elmer Riehl, Gary Polk, Mark Ray Hansen, Max Stutz, Fred Sonnenburg, Sean Steppen and Gary Vandervort. Pastor Dennis Lawrence is the club's director. —By Karen

New club

—By Karen

WIMBLEDON, England

—The ladies

of the church here now have their own club, which meets monthly. The first meeting, at which Rev. Leonard Lewis officiated, was held April 26.

YOUTH members from the church met

and the parents of the children and youth

were invited to the

meeting, and Mrs. Barbara Jones, the pastor's wife, spoke about the recent ministerial conference at the May meeting. —Margaret French



James E. Tamm

AICF cosponsors tournament

PASADENA — The United States Chess Championship 13-round tournament, jointly sponsored by the United States Chess Federation and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF), began Sunday, June 4, in the Fine Arts Hall at Ambassador College and will continue through June 25. The round robin competition is being held on the West Coast and begins a four-year cycle that determines the candidates for the world champion ship in 1981.

Walter Browne, defending U.S. champion and winner of the title for the last three years, walked out on the first round, claiming his particular playing area was not sufficiently lighted. Mr. Browne's refusal to play cost him an opportunity to play in an interzonal tournament next year and lost him any possibility of retaining his title, said grand master Isaac Kashdan, tournament director.

Mr. Kashdan explained, "Each player has to make 30 moves within the 2½ hours, approximately three minutes per move. If they fail to make that number of moves the game is forfeited. We have to have rules. A person must play when he's supposed to or not at all."

A meeting of the players' grievance committee last Sunday upheld the forfeit.

Of the 11 countries in the world, these countries, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.), the United States, and Canada, run their own regional tournaments. The United States is qualified to have three top players compete in the interzonal tournaments. The three leaders of the Pasadena tournament winners will be reported in a later edition of the *GNN* qualify to go on toward world championship competition and will be among the 35 to 45 players from the 11 zones competing in the interzonal matches of next year. The first-place winner will receive a prize of \$4,000. Other amounts varied less amounts.

The best players of the interzonal matches qualify for a series of candidate matches in 1980. The eight leaders in the candidate matches play a series of elimination matches to determine the contender for the reigning world champion in 1981.

According to Mr. Kashdan, the present cycle, overlaid by these preliminary zone tournaments, ends July 16 in Baguio, Philippines, where Anatoly Karpov of the U.S.S.R. and Vassily Korchev, formerly of the U.S.S.R. (defected from the Soviet Union), compete for the world championship.

CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS — Above, Top chess players compete in the United States chess championship at Ambassador College. Below, Isaac Kashdan, tournament director, starts the timer for the fourth round of the 15-round tourney. Bottom: A staff member updates boards in analysis room. [Photos by Sheila Graham]



Babies

ADAMS, Roger and Linda, of Ontario, Mo., expect baby, June 21, 9:35 p.m. 5 pounds 8 ounces. Grandmother.

ADRIE, James and Karen (Tamm) of St. Louis, Mo., expect baby, June 22, 10:10 a.m. 6 pounds 10 ounces. New parents.

AMARIA, Thelma and John, of Los Angeles, Calif., expect baby, June 23, 12:30 p.m. 6 pounds 10 ounces. First child.

CODKIN, Kenneth and Sherrie, of Belmont, N.C., get Astoria Award, June 1, 1978.

DE CAMPUS, George and Barbara, of Belmont, N.C., expect baby, June 23, 12:30 p.m. 6 pounds 10 ounces. Second child.

FELLOTTI, Lorraine and Nancy, of Belmont, N.C., expect baby, June 23, 12:30 p.m. 6 pounds 10 ounces. Second child.

EVANS, Jean and Sherry, of Belmont, N.C., expect baby, June 23, 12:30 p.m. 6 pounds 10 ounces. First child.

FESTERSON, Shirley and Michael, of Belmont, N.C., expect baby, June 23, 12:30 p.m. 6 pounds 10 ounces. First child.

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Monday, June 19, 1978

PASADENA VISIT — Herbert W. Armstrong addresses the Pasadena congregations at Ambassador Auditorium June 17. His sermon was videotaped for condensation into a special television program. Mr. Armstrong's Pasadena address, along with an address by his general counsel, Stanley Rader, is scheduled to be shown in local church areas. (Photos by Scott Ashby)



FATHER'S DAY WEDDING — A smiling Stan Rader, below right, watches as his daughter, Carol, is pronounced the wife of Larry Little by Herbert W. Armstrong, in an outdoor wedding ceremony June 18. Left: Mr. Armstrong poses with Mr. and Mrs. Rader and the newlywed couple. (Photos by Ken Evans and Klaus Reiher)

Explorer, a giant man

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who are so unhappy where they are that they have to go so high to go elsewhere, to escape from their family, their children. Happiness is in the family. Happiness is a good wife, happiness is the smile of a child, and if you are not happy with that, you will be happy with nothing else.

What rules do the pygmies live by?

"In the primitive culture, especially among the pygmies, the first rules are to love the children, respect old people and protect the family."

We, on the other hand, see very much a Disneyland culture where people are raised with fantasy from Cinderella to comic book heroes.

"My point is this, if you raise a child with fantasy, when he gets to grammar school he sits in a classroom; the teacher doesn't talk about Cinderella and Snow White and Charlie Brown. She teaches kids to count, to read, to write. And the kids say, 'Hey, this is no fun.' So they seek back

the TV comic book fantasy they have lost from their childhood and the best way to get kids to spill a little milk later on, smoke a little joint, pop a few pills and so on."

Where does your work with pygmies stand now?

"With the support of *The Plain Truth* and its readers along with others, the popularity of our pygmy friends is now stabilized."

"The situation is still fragile, doesn't have much role, but the program goes on."

"Support to keep our work going is very important right now. I have sold practically everything I own to compensate for the lack of funds. I was unable to raise this passing year. I continue to seek more supporters to the pygmy fund and try to take this opportunity to thank those who supported the pygmies as a result of *The Plain Truth* article."

The address of "The Pygmy Fund," P.O. Box 2067, Mobile, Calif. 90265.

HWA performs Rader wedding

Stanley Rader, general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong and executive vice president of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF), joined his daughter in marriage June 18 at his Beverly Hills home in a ceremony officiated by Mr. Armstrong. The bride is Carol Rader, younger daughter of the Raders. The groom is Larry Little, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Little, partners of Little Craft Inc., in Santa Monica, Calif.

The new bride is a graduate of Otis Art Institute of Los Angeles, Calif., and Claremont (Calif.) College and holds a master's degree in art. Her husband, also a graduate of Otis Art Institute, is a commercial artist for a Los Angeles advertising agency. The bride's sister, Jane Rader, was maid of honor. Best man was Gordon Little, the groom's brother. Attendants were Frances Hopkins, Barbara Johnston, Greg Hussey and Robin Little.

