

## Pastor general meets royalty, state officials in last leg of trip

**By Aaron K. Dean**  
BURBANK, Calif. — Touching down aboard the Church's G-III jet, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong arrived at the airport here Dec. 2 from Tokyo, Japan, completing his five-week tour of the Orient and Asia.

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During the last 13 days of his trip (see Nov. 26 and Dec. 10 issues of *The Worldwide News* for previous trip coverage) Mr. Armstrong met with King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Queen Sirikit, Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn and education officials in Thailand. In Sri Lanka the pastor general met privately with President Junius Richard Jayewardene and Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa. He also met and spoke to government and civic leaders there.

### Flight from Bangladesh

Tuesday, Nov. 20, the G-III flew to Colombo, capital city of Sri Lanka, from Dacca, Bangladesh. There to meet Mr. Armstrong on this island nation (formerly Ceylon) were Robert Morton, regional director of God's Church in Australia and Asia, and Mohan Jayasekera, pastor of the Colombo and Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka, churches.

Mr. Morton and Mr. Jayasekera escorted Mr. Armstrong and his group to the airport VIP lounge, where Mr. Armstrong was greeted by Festus Perera, minister of fisheries and G.M. Premachandra, deputy minister of the same agency.

The group went to the Lanka Oberoi Hotel in government vehicles and noticed a banner hung over the entrance welcoming Mr. Armstrong.

That evening Gamini Dissanayake, minister of land development and the group's official government host, called on the pastor general at the hotel.

The minister, who also oversees the Mahaweli River dam project, explained underlying reasons for the continuing social unrest and terrorism in Sri Lanka.

Cultural and racial friction between Tamils, the minority race (18 percent of the population who were brought from India during the days of the British Empire), and Sinhalese (74 percent of the population) periodically erupts into open violence. (Moors make up the remainder of the population.)

The majority of the problem, the group was told, centers on a group of Tamils living in northern Sri Lanka who demand a separate nation. Elements of this group regularly commit terrorist acts to force the issue of a separate nation.

The day before Mr. Armstrong arrived members from this group killed several policemen. Because of the potential danger, Mr. Armstrong's group discussed whether the Sri Lanka trip should be canceled. Mr. Armstrong believed that God had opened the door for him to visit leaders of the country, and he directed that the trip go forward.

Once in the country the Sri Lankan government assigned a dozen security guards to Mr. Armstrong. These guards stayed with the group 24 hours a day.

That evening Tamil terrorists raided a police station, killing some police. The government ordered a national curfew from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Similar previous incidents led to national riots, and the Sri Lankan government was taking no chances.

Wednesday, Nov. 21, Deputy Minister Premachandra, founder and president of the Samodaya Foundation in Sri Lanka, was host to a luncheon in Mr. Armstrong's honor. Nearly all of the Sri Lankan government ministers, plus prominent civic leaders, attended the luncheon. Mr. Armstrong met the government ministers at a reception before the luncheon.

After the meal Mr. Premachandra proposed a toast to the pastor general.

Mr. Armstrong returned the toast and spoke for 30 minutes on the causes of troubles in Sri Lanka and the world at large.

### Press conference

At 5 p.m. the group returned to the banquet room for a press conference with Sri Lankan journalists.

The journalists asked Mr. Armstrong about the terrorism problem and how Mr. Armstrong could bring lasting peace to the region.

Mr. Armstrong explained: "I can't bring peace. Peace comes from living the way of give. People won't live that way until Christ returns and makes us live the way to peace."

Segments from this press conference are scheduled to be aired on *World Tomorrow* programs.

That evening the group viewed a television program about Mr. Armstrong and the Worldwide Church of God produced by the Sri Lankan (See *ROYALTY*, page 3)



**ELECTED OFFICIALS** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong converses with John Van de Kamp (center), California state attorney general, and Thomas Bradley (left), mayor of Los Angeles, Calif., in the Hall of Administration Dec. 18 during a reception for the Community Dispute Resolution Center in Pasadena. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

## Explains cause of disputes between people

# HWA addresses legal officials

**By Michael A. Snyder**  
PASADENA — "But why should there be disputes? Why are there disputes between nations?" Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong asked a group of elected officials, judges, attorneys, civic leaders and businessmen in the Ambassador Auditorium Dec. 18.

"Why disputes between organizations? And why disputes between individuals and people? I think we have to go back to the beginning and see how it came out."

Mr. Armstrong's remarks were part of a reception and address organized by the Ambassador Foundation to promote the Community Dispute Resolution Center here,

according to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the foundation.

The nonprofit center, funded by the foundation since 1983, helps individuals resolve civil disputes through mediation, making formal litigation in courts unnecessary.

John Van de Kamp, California state attorney general, was the main speaker, and he praised the center as an alternative to expensive lawsuits.

Mr. La Ravia compared the center's activities to principles in Matthew 18:15-17, where individuals are told to first try and settle disputes between themselves

efforts for the center.

### Cause of disputes

The pastor general then explained what the goals of the (See *HWA*, page 3)

## Church marks 20th year

PASADENA — "God seems to be causing a spiritual awakening in the West Indies," said evangelist Dibar Apatian, regional director of God's Church in French-speaking areas, in a *Worldwide News* interview Dec. 14.

The evangelist based his comments on response received during two *Plain Truth* Bible lectures he presented during a Dec. 5 to 10 trip to Martinique and Guadeloupe.

Mr. Apatian also conducted the 20th anniversary celebration of the Martinique congregation.

Mr. Apatian said that the French-speaking Caribbean has received "a strong witness" in more than 20 years of broadcasting *Le Monde a Venir* (French *World Tomorrow*). "One radio station in the Caribbean took a survey and found that about 90 percent of French-speaking population in the West Indies is familiar with *Le Monde a Venir*," he said.

The evangelist conducted a *Plain Truth* Bible lecture in Fort-de-France, Martinique, Dec. 6, drawing 87 new people.

"We were very impressed with the response," Mr. Apatian said. "It is often difficult to schedule such a lecture. Appropriate halls are often difficult to rent during the week, and public transportation (See *20TH YEAR*, page 11)

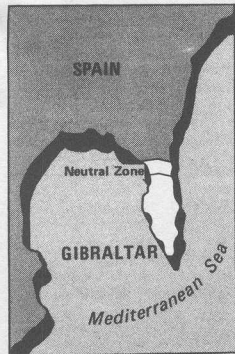


**VISIT WITH ROYALTY** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong meets with King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit of Thailand in the Phuphan Ratchanives Palace in Chiang Mai, Thailand, Nov. 26. Mr. Armstrong gave the king a videotape, *More Than a Monarch*, that was produced by Media Services in Pasadena. [Photo by Warren Watson]

# The empire shrinks back; China advances

PASADENA — "The Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses" (Daniel 4:25, Revised Authorized Version).

It is important to keep this principle in mind when looking at the rela-



**THE ROCK** — Map shows Gibraltar, hallmark of Britain's imperial glory, with the strip of land that connects it with the Spanish mainland. [Artwork by Ronald Grove]

tive fortunes of two major nations today — Britain and China.

Great Britain, until shortly after the end of the Second World War, ruled the destiny of one fourth of the world's peoples, becoming in the pro-

cess a "multitude of nations" (Genesis 48:19).

Nearly all elements of the empire have long since been transformed into independent states, most of them only tenuously tied together in the modern-day Commonwealth. And now, Britain is on the verge of relinquishing its final two significant pieces of empire — Hong Kong and Gibraltar.

At the same time, China, encompassing another fourth of all humankind, is throwing off the ideological shackles of its recent past and taking strides toward great power status.

## Hong Kong agreement

Let's look first at Britain's declining fortunes. In December the British House of Commons unanimously approved an accord that turns Hong Kong over to China 12½ years from now. Dec. 19, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Chinese officials signed the agreement in Beijing.

Under the terms mutually agreed to, Britain's prosperous Asian crown colony becomes a special administrative region of China in 1997. This is to be followed by a 50-year span during which China "guarantees" that Hong Kong can pursue its independent trading and financial policies, including the retention of its own currency.

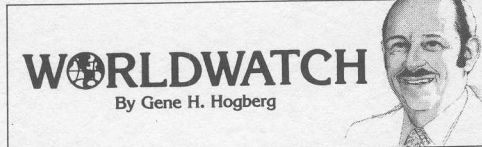
British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe called the draft accord "a bold and imaginative plan," adding: "The concept of maintaining two separate political, economic and social systems within one country is a

foresighted one," one, he said, which is closely associated with China's leader, Deng Xiaoping.

Deng is spearheading that nation's impressive modernization drive. But he has reactionary adversaries who don't like the direction he is taking the country. And not a few of Hong Kong's 5.5 million people are fearful

imposed by the government of Francisco Franco 15 years ago. As of Feb. 15 there will be free movement of people and traffic across the narrow strip of flatland that connects Gibraltar to the Spanish mainland.

In return, however, British negotiators, for the first time, agreed that the tricky question of sovereignty will



## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

over the relationship with China in the long term. More about China later.

### Gibraltar next to go?

Following in line with the Hong Kong reversion is a preliminary agreement, reached Nov. 27, between Britain and Spain over the future of Gibraltar. This crown colony, the famous Rock, has served as the hallmark of Britain's imperial glory: a symbol of power, strength, permanence and endurance.

The great wartime prime minister, Winston Churchill, called Gibraltar "the most inestimable jewel in the British crown."

In the short run, both sides to this age-old dispute benefit. Spain agreed to lift the blockade on Gibraltar

be open for discussion in negotiations. At the same time, the British stressed that "the wishes of the people of Gibraltar" will be respected.

About 30,000 British subjects live on Gibraltar. They are overwhelmingly opposed to becoming Spanish citizens and are some of the most loyal subjects of the Queen. Statements made by Spanish officials after the



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## The wrong direction

A few years ago I was in my front yard with my lawn mower tipped on its side. I was trying to get the blade off so I could replace it.

I remember its brand name was Maverick because a friend told me, "It figures your having that model, it fits your personality."

Anyway, I had my biggest wrench attached to the nut, but couldn't budge it. I got a 2-foot length of pipe and slipped it over the wrench handle to give me leverage, and was leaning on that — still unsuccessfully.

Next I took a large hammer and was banging on the pipe. By this time I was beginning to get somewhat emotionally involved with my lawn mower.

My neighbor walked over about then and said that he had a lawn mower like mine once and that, if he remembered correctly, the threads on the bolt went the other way. I reversed my exertions and, sure enough, the nut turned easily.

I was glad he showed me I was wrong. I was saved from frustration and failure. I would never have gotten the job done, no matter how hard I tried, doing it my way.

To be told we are wrong is sometimes an embarrassment, even a humiliation. We want to run and hide our heads in shame. But there are times when finding out we are wrong is sudden and immediate relief. No longer do we have to keep doggedly trying to do something that isn't working.

When God inspired David to write Psalm 121, He was gently and kindly telling us that we are, perhaps, wrong in the way we are going about life, and then, very simply, showing us the right way. For many, the first great surprise after baptism is in the form of problems.

Somehow it is not what we had supposed. We had our minds set on

"peaches and cream," smooth sailing right into the Kingdom of God. We are rudely awakened to something different, and we look around for help, scanning the horizon for something or someone who will give us aid: "I will lift up my eyes to the hills — From whence comes my help?" (Psalm 121:1, Revised Authorized Version unless noted).

Psalm 121 is the neighbor coming over and telling us that we are doing it the wrong way, looking in the wrong place for help. Psalm 121 is addressed to those of us who, disregarding God, His word, His ministers, gaze all around, making long and devious circuits in search of remedies to our troubles.

As members in God's Church we encounter a trial or tribulation and cry out, "Help!" We lift our eyes to the hills? No. "My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth."

A look to the hills (physical solutions) for help ends in disappointment. For all their majesty, for all their quiet strength and firmness, they are, finally, just hills.

As Jeremiah put it: "Surely the idolatrous commotion on the hills and mountains is a deception; surely in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel" (Jeremiah 3:23, New International Version).

Psalm 121 rejects a worship of nature, a religion of stars (astrology), a religion that uses the hills as high places of worship; instead it looks to God who made those hills.

Help comes from the Creator, not from creation. The Creator is always awake. He will not slumber or sleep. The Creator is lord over time. "The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in," your beginnings and your endings. He is with you when you set out on your way; he is still with you when you arrive. "The Lord shall preserve you

from all evil."

No written matter is more realistic and honest in facing the harsh facts of life than the Word of God. At no time is there the faintest suggestion that the way of life we have been called to exempts us from all difficulties.

What God's Word does promise is help and deliverance from them. Throughout the Bible we find that faith encounters troubles. The sixth request in the sample prayer Christ gave is "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matthew 6:13, King James Version).

That prayer is answered every day, sometimes many times a day, in the lives of those who are obeying God's ways.

All the water in all the oceans cannot sink a ship unless the water leaks into it. That is the promise of this psalm. None of the things that happen to you or me, none of the troubles we encounter, have any power to get between us and God (see Romans 8:28, 31-32).

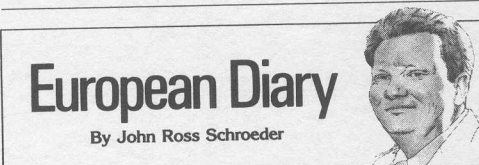
When anxieties threaten, when illnesses come, when conflicts disturb our relationships with others, do we conclude that God has gotten bored in looking after us? Do we take our eyes off of God and His plan of salvation?

Do we use the everyday religion of *Reader's Digest*, advice from a friend, an Ann Landers column, astrology readings from our newspaper, the hustler wisdom of a talk-show celebrity to solve our problems?

We know that God created the universe and has a master plan. But sometimes we find it difficult to believe that He is willing to watch and be concerned about the daily soap opera of our personal trials and tribulations; so we try to find our own remedies.

But Psalm 121 says that the same faith that works in the big things works in the little things as well. The God of Genesis 1 who brought light out of darkness is also the God of this day and age who delivers us from all evil.

God is merciful in giving us help along the way. Our daily prayer should be "Yet I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, do not delay" (Psalm 40:17, NIV).



## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

## Family life in Britain

**BOREHAMWOOD, England** — The British family flourishes. Homes in the United Kingdom are not falling apart. Happy homes in Britannia are the norm. Children are better behaved. So says a report put out by the National Council of Voluntary Organizations.

British tabloids were chock full of effusive expressions extolling the

merits of British family life. Unfortunately the report was not the only one coming off the presses.

Much more sobering was the one from the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association. As reported by *The Standard* Sept. 3: "Children are beginning infant school at four or five already half out of control. They are more anti-social, more aggressive, ready to defy teachers, attack their fellow pupils, smash property and use obscene language. The other side of the coin, equally alarming, is that many cannot cope even with the simplest tasks, like dressing themselves or going to the lavatory."

Emanating from a nationwide survey of 156 infant and primary schools, this primary school report talked about a "marked deterioration" (See *FAMILY*, page 9)

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### Feast reports

I am prompted to write because of the strong impact on me of your publishing Feast reports around the world (November 12, 1984). It was like reading a family newsletter. I felt happy for the good times, sad for the trials, encouraged by their solutions. The summary of sermon subjects gave me the impression of reading down the menu of a high quality restaurant: a literal feast.

D. Couture  
Pincourt, Que.

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### Bedtime prayer

On a recent Sabbath we heard Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's tape on the subject of abortion. He referred to the blessing of children ceremony and how precious life is to God. This reminded me of a bedtime prayer of a little three-year-old girl recently. Heidi Kerestes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kerestes of the Duluth, Minnesota, Church, said "and thank you for Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, Pasadena, California, 91123."

It doesn't take one long to figure out why God has a special place in His heart for the little ones.

Marilyn Jaeger  
Mellen, Wis.

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### Third-tithe blessings

God has blessed me to be able to buy my first house — and during third-tithe year! Just giving me title to a lovely two-bedroom house that is so much like the kind I would have wanted to design myself (but never would've) wasn't the end of the sudden outpouring of blessings.

We have been able to find such good (See *LETTERS*, page 11)

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## Royalty

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government. Using excerpts from *World Tomorrow* telecasts and the *Behind the Work* Festival films, the program explained the activities of the Church and its pastor general.

The thoroughness of the production showed the group that the Sri Lankan government is well-acquainted with activities of God's Church.

The program aired the following evening, Nov. 22, in prime time at 7:30 p.m. on Sri Lankan television. The potential viewing audience included all of Sri Lanka and the southern portion of India.

Thursday, Nov. 22, Lalith Athulathmudali, minister of national security, visited Mr. Armstrong in his hotel suite at 10 a.m. He apologized for his absence from the Nov. 21 luncheon, explaining that the terrorism problems required him to travel to the northern part of the country.

After discussing the necessity of the national curfew to quell further problems, the minister said he hoped it would not hinder Mr. Armstrong's schedule.

### Government ministers

At 2 p.m. Mr. Armstrong and his group arrived at the newly completed national parliament building. For security reasons the edifice was constructed in the middle of a lake with only a causeway for access.

The group first met again with the official host, Mr. Dissanayake. Mr. Armstrong then went to the office of E.L. Senanayake, speaker of the National Assembly, for a private meeting.

The speaker came dressed in his official attire, which reminded the group of robes worn by judges in English courts. The two spoke for 20 minutes before Mr. Armstrong left for his next meeting.

At 4:30 p.m. the pastor general was taken to the building's top floor for a private meeting with Prime Minister Premadasa. After offering refreshments, the prime minister discussed the problems faced by Sri Lanka. He said he hoped Mr. Armstrong would be able to assist the country.

The television crew from Media Services in Pasadena videotaped this meeting. Segments are scheduled to be shown in future Church productions.

At 6:30 p.m. Mr. Nipolasara, a prominent monk and well-known sculptor in Sri Lanka, presented the pastor general with a gift—a fiberglass sculpture of an ancient relief carving. He has requested that students be sent from Ambassador College to

teach English in Sri Lanka.

### Major project

At 10:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 23, Mr. Armstrong was met by Mr. Panditharatne, director general of the Mahaweli River dam project, and taken to a heliport for a trip to see the project.

During the 30-minute flight the group viewed the terrain of Sri Lanka. The dam project, involving five major dams on the Mahaweli River in eastern Sri Lanka, is planned to make Sri Lanka hydroelectrically self-sufficient and provide adequate irrigation to cultivate now-unproductive land.

The project was scheduled to be completed within 20 years, but was rescheduled to be completed in five years.

The helicopter circled the Victoria Dam before landing on a peninsula. Queen Elizabeth II of Britain officially opened this dam in 1982. Sri Lanka has been a member of the Commonwealth since 1948.

The group went to a building next to the dam and met Harry Hogg, a Scotsman and director of the dam project. He explained the construction status and potential output.

Mr. Armstrong remained with Mr. Hogg in a garden area overlooking the water while the rest of the group took a boat across the man-made lake for a tour of the dam. Mr. Hogg then learned that the Church operates a Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Scotland. He asked if he could visit the site in Loch Lomond when it is open.

The group rejoined Mr. Armstrong and went to a workers' compound for a lunch of chicken soup, vegetables and ice cream.

During the meal Mr. Hogg said he was returning to the United Kingdom that night. When he returned, he said, he was to be decorated with the Order of the British Empire for his work in Sri Lanka.

After the meal the group boarded the helicopter for the return flight to Colombo.

After a 30-minute flight, the helicopter touched down at the Ministry of Fisheries headquarters.

There, Mr. Perera showed them a movie about whales (whales are a protected species in the Indian Ocean). Mr. Armstrong was presented with potential project proposals for the Ambassador Foundation. These deal with sanitation education and upgrading the skills in fishing villages.

After the presentations the group returned to the hotel.

Sabbath, Nov. 24, the group was driven to the presidential palace. President Jayewardene had invited Mr. Armstrong for lunch.

Arriving promptly at 11:30 a.m., Mr. Armstrong was introduced to President and Mrs. Jayewardene. Mr.

Armstrong presented a diplomatic gift of Steuben crystal called the Star Obelisk.

The president, after thanking Mr. Armstrong, discussed the problems facing Sri Lanka.

He explained how a former administration made Sinhalese the national official language. Besides offending the Tamil population and increasing cultural division, he continued, the government policy also deterred technological growth since many technological journals and textbooks are published in English.

The president said he hoped Mr. Armstrong and the Ambassador Foundation could help Sri Lankans learn more English.

After the discussion ended, turkey, fruits and vegetables were served, which reminded the group of the American Thanksgiving holiday. Since Mr. Armstrong and the group were abroad, the traditional Thanksgiving meal two days previous was missed.

About 2:30 p.m. the group returned to the hotel.

Earlier in the day the national curfew was lifted, which enabled a planned *Plain Truth* subscribers lecture to proceed that evening.

At 4 p.m. Mr. Armstrong went to the hotel ballroom where about 900 people gathered to hear Christ's apostle.

After being introduced by Mr. Jayasekera, Mr. Armstrong delivered a powerful message, which was recorded by the television crew for broadcast on *The World Tomorrow*.

Later that evening Mr. Dissanayake presented Mr. Armstrong with a copper etching that pictured the history of Sri Lanka.

### Flight to Bangkok

Sunday, Nov. 25, the group returned to the airport for a flight to Thailand. After landing at the Don Muang Airport in Bangkok at 4:30 p.m., the G-III was met by two government cars from the prime minister's office.

The group was driven to the Montien Hotel, which was decked with a banner welcoming the pastor general. The management and staff personally greeted him in his hotel suite.

Monday, Nov. 26, Mr. Armstrong again boarded the G-III for a flight to the Sakon Nakorn Military Airport in northeast Thailand.

The G-III was granted special permission to land at this airport since it is close to the royal Phuphan Ratchanives Palace in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Mr. Armstrong was greeted by Bira Boonjing, governor of Sakon Nakorn province, who escorted the group to two Mercedes-Benz cars sent by the king. The group drove 20 minutes to the palace.

"So I — not in a religious manner, but in a factual, rational and commonsense manner — like to understand these things."

To understand root causes, the pastor general explained: "I go to the original source of law books — the oldest law book that had ever been written. It may astonish many of you to know that that book is the Holy Bible . . ."

"And it is a book in law," he continued. "It talks about law in its very first chapter, and early in the chapter and all the way through the book to the end."

### Two trees

The Bible, the pastor general said, "... shows the beginning of this thing we call human nature, and of what has happened in our society and why we have disputes between individuals, between groups and between nations. It records that before the very first man were two trees symbolic of two decisions he had to make."

Mr. Armstrong explained the nature of the two symbolic trees and the ways of life they represented.

The first human, Mr. Armstrong explained, "... took to himself all of the knowledge and self-sufficiency in solving all his problems and so

disputes did arise. If he had taken of the tree of life, he would have taken of the way of his Creator — a law. And the law simply is a code directing a way of human life. All law is merely the rules of human conduct."

"The way of the Creator was the way of love. And I call it the way of give — the way of cooperation, the way of concern for others. What this first man did take was the self-centered way of the concern for self — for settling his ideas, his own problems, his own controversies, his own way."

"And all civilization has been based on that way ever since. One is the way of love toward neighbor, of love toward his Creator God. The other is the way of love of self, of self-reliance, and the world has certainly not relied on its Maker, its Creator. It prefers to forget the Creator and solve its own problems its own way."

Mr. La Ravia characterized the evening as "a very meaningful event." The evangelist said that Mr. Van de Kamp said he was impressed with Mr. Armstrong's address. "He said that he had wanted to hear Mr. Armstrong in person for some time," Mr. La Ravia said. "He said he was impressed with Mr. Armstrong's clarity and power."

## Pastor General's Itinerary

Nov. 20: Arrives in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Receives visit from Gamini Dissanayake, minister of land development.

Nov. 21: Attends reception and luncheon given by G.M. Premachandra, founder and president of Samodaya Foundation, and gives address. Gives press conference for Sri Lankan journalists. Watches a program about himself and the Church put together by the Sri Lankan government.

Nov. 22: Receives visit from Lalith Athulathmudali, minister of national security. Goes to parliament building where he meets with Mr. Dissanayake; E.L. Senanayake, speaker of the National Assembly; and Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa. Is visited by Mr. Nipolasara, one of the leading monks of Sri Lanka. Nov. 23: Meets with Mr. Panditharatne, director general of the Mahaweli River dam project. Visits project site and receives explanation of the construction status and potential output by Harry Hogg, director of the project. Visits the Ministry of Fisheries headquarters.

Nov. 24: Meets with President Junius Richard Jayewardene and his wife for lunch and discus-

sion. Addresses about 900 *Plain Truth* subscribers in the Oberoi Hotel ballroom. Receives visit from Mr. Dissanayake.

Nov. 25: Leaves for Thailand. Arrives in Bangkok at 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 26: Leaves for Sakon Nakorn Military Airport, close to the Phuphan Ratchanives Palace in Chiang Mai. Bira Boonjing, governor of Sakon Nakorn province, greets him. Meets with King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Queen Sirikit and Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn. Presents the king with documentary, *More Than a Monarch*.

Nov. 27: Views the documentary with a group including Professor Manrat Srikanond and Suwit Yodmani of Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda's office.

Nov. 28: Meets with Prasarn Malakul na Ayutthaya, dean of education at Chulalongkorn University, and some of the staff.

Nov. 29: Leaves for Tokyo. Arrives at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 30: Has dinner with some of his Japanese "sons."

Dec. 1: Conducts Bible study for the traveling group.

Dec. 2: Leaves Tokyo. Makes customs stop in Hawaii. Arrives at Burbank airport at 7 a.m.

At 4 p.m. Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Dean and John Halford, a *Plain Truth* senior writer who joined the group, were escorted into a room to wait for the king and queen of Thailand. Minutes later King Bhumibol, Queen Sirikit and Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn entered the room.

### Royal visit

Mr. Armstrong presented the king with a videotape of a documentary produced by Media Services in Pasadena entitled *More Than a Monarch*. The production covers the projects and activities that the royal family coordinates and participates in to help the country.

The royal family then led a discussion of the various projects it is involved in, showing pieces made from these efforts, including a solid gold handcrafted peacock and several hand-painted porcelain vases.

While Mr. Armstrong was talking with the king, Queen Sirikit made an interesting comment to Mr. Halford: "Thank Mr. Armstrong for the encouragement he has given my husband in his work." Members of the group felt humble when they realized that even royalty needs encouragement.

The group was served refreshments, and King Bhumibol presented Mr. Armstrong with a set of books. At 5:15 p.m. the group returned to the airport for a flight to Bangkok.

Tuesday, Nov. 27, Mr. Armstrong was interviewed by journalists from a Thai-language newspaper.

At 4 p.m. Mr. Dean paid a courtesy call to Thailand's 18th Supreme Patriarch Ariarangsawatayana, who was in a Bangkok hospital. At 6:30 p.m. the director general of Mahachulalongkorn University visited Mr. Armstrong. Two Ambassador College students teach English at this facility.

That evening, Mr. Armstrong arranged for Thailand officials and friends to view *More Than a Monarch* in his hotel suite. Included were Professor Manrat Srikanond, who performs music with the king (King Bhumibol plays the saxophone), and Suwit Yodmani of Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda's office. Professor Srikanond's daughter performed on the piano for Mr. Armstrong after the viewing.

Wednesday, Nov. 28, Mr. Armstrong met with Prasarn Malakul na Ayutthaya, dean of education at Chulalongkorn University, and some of the university staff.

The group lunched with the pastor general, discussing education in general.

About three months ago Dr. Malakul na Ayutthaya and his staff visited Ambassador College and Imperial Schools in Pasadena.

Kevin Dean, a pastor-rank minister and superintendent of Imperial Schools in Pasadena, visited the university earlier in the day. The staff pointed out the teaching and administrative methods they observed at Imperial Schools and what they had implemented.

They hope to send two more faculty members to Pasadena in the spring to observe more. The group felt that this was an indication of the quality of the Church's educational programs.

That evening Mr. Armstrong learned that the royal family had viewed *More Than a Monarch* and approved it for distribution. The group learned that King Bhumibol was so impressed he showed it to his entire staff.

### Return to Tokyo

Thursday, Nov. 29, at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Armstrong boarded the G-III for a flight to Tokyo. After touching down at the Narita Airport at 6:30 p.m., the group cleared customs and drove to the Imperial Hotel.

Friday evening, Nov. 30, Mr. Armstrong enjoyed a dinner with some of his Japanese "sons," explaining the Ambassador Foundation projects that were proposed during the trip.

After dinner Mr. Armstrong's Japanese "sons" asked him to play the piano. After a few pieces, they said good night.

Sabbath afternoon, Dec. 1, Mr. Armstrong's group met in his suite for a Bible study. Mr. Armstrong led a study of Galatians.

Sunday, Dec. 2, the G-III left Tokyo at noon with Mr. Armstrong and his group aboard for the final leg of the five-week tour. After a customs stop in Hawaii, the G-III continued on to Burbank, touching down at 7 a.m., Pacific Standard Time.

Since the G-III crossed the international date line, the group landed five hours before they started.

The pastor general was greeted by evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services, and other evangelists, ministers and families of the traveling party.

After reviewing the trip for those greeting him, Mr. Armstrong left for Pasadena for some sleep before resuming his duties in his Hall of Administration office.

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Ambassador Foundation are and the causes of dispute.

"I would like to say that the Ambassador Foundation is funded by the Worldwide Church of God, but the Ambassador Foundation itself is not a religious organization. Its work is not religious, it is secular. And we are engaged in various projects toward world peace between nations all over the world . . ."

"Indeed we are helping in a way [to bring peace] that I think people in Pasadena, Calif., and even in the United States do not realize," he told the assembled legal officials.

Tracing the root causes of conflict, the pastor general explained that to consider only modern results of conflict was similar to walking into a movie when it was nearly finished.

"You can't understand what you're seeing. You don't know what led up to it, you don't know what went before, and so you don't understand what you're seeing now."

"Now most of us have come into this world when it's about 95 to 99 percent over," Mr. Armstrong told the group.



# Ministerial Refreshing Program III

Session 11, Dec. 5 to Dec. 18



**Richard & Michelle Baumgartner**  
Church pastor  
Muncie and Richmond, Ind.



**Maurice & Clara Benson**  
Local church elder  
Wisconsin Dells, Wis.



**Robert & Janet Borton**  
Local church elder  
Fort Wayne, Ind.



**Jonathan & Berenice Buck**  
Church pastor  
Brandon and Moosomin, Man.



**John & Frances Burquist**  
Local church elder  
Mobile, Ala.



**Randy & Lois D'Alessandro**  
Assistant pastor  
Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C.



**Randal & Susan Dick**  
Church pastor  
Dallas, Tex., West



**Robert & Dyanne Dick**  
Church pastor  
Elkhart, Michigan City and Plymouth, Ind.



**Wayne H. Dunlap**  
Associate pastor  
San Antonio and Uvalde, Tex.



**Jacob & Clara Friesen**  
Local church elder  
Saskatoon, Sask.



**Bruce & Phyllis Gore**  
Church pastor  
Kansas City, Mo., North and Kansas City, Kan., South



**Peter & Sonja Hawkins**  
Local elder  
Circulation manager  
Cape Town, South Africa



**Warren III & Martha Heaton**  
Church pastor  
Buffalo, N.Y., South



**Alfred & Margarete Hellemann**  
Associate pastor  
Bonn, Darmstadt and Duesseldorf, West Germany



**Phillip Hopwood**  
Assistant pastor  
Red Deer and Wetaskiwin, Alta.



**Ernest & Evelyn Hoyt**  
Associate pastor  
Eugene, Ore.



**Lincoln & Elizabeth Jallal**  
Assistant pastor  
Bridgetown, Barbados, and Castries, St. Lucia



**David & Rebecca Johnson**  
Church pastor  
Houston, Tex., East



**Paul & Patricia Kurts**  
Church pastor  
Laurel and Meridian, Miss.



**Garry & Emmy Lucas**  
Local church elder  
Barrie, Ont.



**Edwin & Billie Marrs**  
Church pastor  
Detroit, Mich., East



**Robert & Gail Millman**  
Church pastor  
Westlock and Athabasca, Alta.



**Rex & Davina Morgan**  
Church pastor  
Whangarei, New Zealand



**Walter & Audrey Neufeld**  
Church pastor  
Prescott and Flagstaff, Ariz.



**David & Sandra Orban**  
Church pastor  
Pittsburgh, Beaver Valley and McKeesport, Pa.



**Harold & Mae Richards**  
Local church elder  
Alexandria, La.



**Dan & Barbara Rogers**  
Church pastor  
Greensboro, N.C.



**William & Marty Royer**  
Local church elder  
Sarasota, Fla.



**Rainer & Claudia Salomaa**  
Church pastor  
Kamloops and Salmon Arm, B.C.



**William & Daphne Sidney**  
Church pastor  
Bombay, India



**Lyle & Joyce Simons**  
Associate pastor  
Vancouver, B.C.



**Carlton & Beverly Smith**  
Church pastor  
San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara, Calif.



**John & Frances Storey**  
Local church elder  
Kingston, Ont.



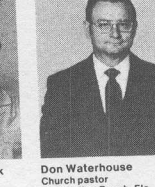
**Donald & Edwina Thomas**  
Local church elder  
Mobile, Ala.



**Jim & Joan Tuck**  
Church pastor  
Huntsville and Florence, Ala.



**Weldon & Jessie Wallick**  
Local church elder  
Lakeland, Fla.



**Don Waterhouse**  
Church pastor  
Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Geneva, Ala.



**Ronald & Laura Weinland**  
Associate pastor  
Cincinnati, Ohio, North and South.



**Yuet Siam**  
Church pastor  
Johore Bharu and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



## Sri Lankan official says HWA points others to live way of give

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Dr. Armstrong, ladies and gentlemen:

This is a great day for all of us, and I know for certain that everyone present here today appreciates very much the opportunity of being able to meet Dr. Herbert W. Armstrong, so honored personality.

*This is the address of welcome to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong given by G.M. Premachandra, Sri Lankan deputy minister of fisheries and founder and president of Samodaya Foundation, at a Nov. 21 luncheon in Mr. Armstrong's honor. After the address, Mr. Armstrong spoke to the assembled government ministers and civic leaders about the causes of troubles in Sri Lanka and the world at large.*

Dr. Herbert W. Armstrong, who is the pastor of the Worldwide Church of God, founder of the Ambassador Foundation, chancellor of Ambassador College and editor in chief of the *Plain Truth* magazine, has dedicated his lifetime for the cause of world peace.

More popularly known as the ambassador without portfolio, Dr. Armstrong has fulfilled and yet continues to fulfill the Church's ongoing mission, broadcasting the news of the ultimate potential and of the soon-coming age of universal peace and prosperity.

Dr. Armstrong has, during the last 15 years, met kings, emperors and world leaders, alerting them of human holocaust in the event of a nuclear war, yet proclaiming to them the age of peace to come. Dr. Armstrong has not only won the friendship of these world leaders but was bestowed with honors, awarded with decorations and conferred with honorary degrees for the educational, cultural and humanitarian projects he had undertaken in several parts of the world.

The Ambassador Foundation, Ambassador College, the Worldwide Church of God and the *Plain Truth* magazine, as long as they exist will stand as a beautiful monument to Dr. Armstrong's dedication to world peace.

At the age of 92, Dr. Armstrong still continues as an active and dynamic personality, meeting heads of state, personally receiving the projects undertaken by the foundation and carrying the message of peace world over. A reputed voice, an ambassador of world peace and builder of bridges between people everywhere.

Sir, your presence here today inspires us to follow your footsteps, molding of our lives according to the 'way of give' rather than the 'way of get,' which you so often advocate.

God has no doubt bestowed upon your long life, strength and perseverance mounting because of your extraordinary love for human

beings — for the poor and the destitute.

On behalf of the Samodaya Foundation I thank you for accepting our humble invitation and being present here today in spite of the numerous appointments you have to attend during your short stay in Sri Lanka.

We believe in your philosophy. It has its blessings from God and the strength from modern science and technology. No nation can forge ahead without the effective use of scientific knowledge. The Samodaya Foundation is a humble organization yet with noble objectives and principles.

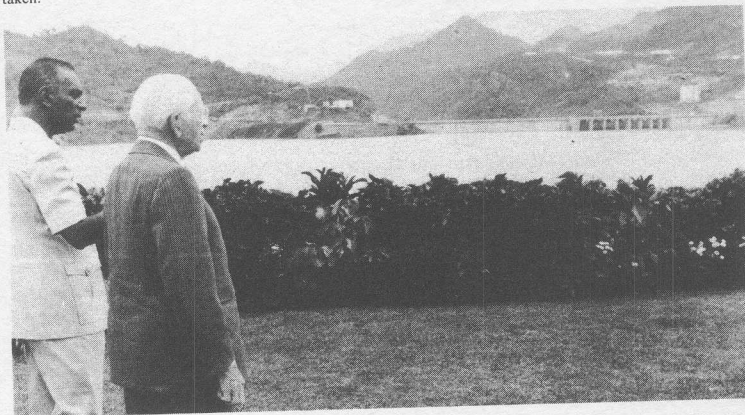
We believe in that world peace and harmony could be achieved only through the social and economic developments of all nations.

Sir, we seek your assistance and guidance in steering our way towards their goals we hope to achieve.

Sir, we wish you long life, health, happiness and strength to continue with the good work you have undertaken.



**PASTOR GENERAL IN SRI LANKA** — Above, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong meets with E.L. Senanayake, speaker of Sri Lanka's National Assembly, Nov. 22. Below, Mr. Panditharatne, director general of the Mahaweli River dam project, discusses the project with Mr. Armstrong. (Photos by Warren Watson)



## Nation's leaders attend luncheon in Sri Lanka

*The following is a list of people invited to a Nov. 21 luncheon in Colombo, Sri Lanka, given in Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's honor by G.M. Premachandra, deputy minister of fisheries and founder and president of Samodaya Foundation.*

1. Gamini Dissanayake  
Minister of Lands and Land Development and Mahaweli Development
2. Lalith Athulathmudali  
Minister of National Security (not at luncheon)
3. Festus Perera  
Minister of Fisheries
4. Ranjith Atapattu  
Minister of Health
5. M.H. Mohamed  
Minister of Transport and Transport Boards and Private Omnibus Transport
6. Asoka Karunaratne  
Minister of Social Services
7. Ranil Wickramasinghe  
Minister of Youth Affairs, Employment
8. Lionel Jayatilake  
Minister of Educational Services
9. Jayawickrama Perera  
District Minister Kurunegala
10. W.J.M. Loku Bandara  
Minister of Indigenous Medicine
11. Wimala Kannangara  
Minister of Rural Development
12. M.S. Amarasingi  
Minister of Trade and Shipping
13. Sunethra Ranasinghe  
Minister of Women's Affairs and Teaching Hospitals
14. G.V. Punchi Nilame  
Deputy Minister of Women's Affairs and Teaching Hospitals
15. Wijepala Mendis  
Minister of Textile Industries
16. H.B. Abeyratne  
Deputy Minister of Transport
17. Anura Bandaranayake  
Leader of the Opposition
18. W.M.P.B. Menikdiwela  
Secretary to the President
19. Harsha Abeywardena

Secretary to the United National Party

20. Wickrama Weerasuriya
21. Amaradasa Gunawardena
22. Willie Perera
23. Raja Gamage
24. Mr. Bodinagoda
25. Pemsith Seneviratne
26. Eilan Silva
27. Dinkie Fonseka
28. Kingsly Perera
29. Ranjan Wijeratne
30. Sena Singhe
31. D.M. Somaratne
32. Anura Gunasekera
33. Livy Wijemanne
34. Thivis Guruge
35. Mahinda Wijesundara
36. H.G.P. Panditharatne
37. N.M. Dharmadasa
38. D.M. Dassanayake
39. D.B. Ekanayake
40. R.B. Tennekoon
41. H.L. Jayasinghe
42. S.H. Piyaratne
43. D.M. Ratnayake
44. P.A. Somasiri
45. S.M.H. Bandara
46. Nimal Sarathchandra
47. D. Gunawardena
48. H. Kularatne
49. K. Ariyaratne
50. Seelarathne Senerath
51. K.L. Dharmadasa
52. Mohamed Rifat

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53. Aaron Dean
54. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morton
55. Leon Sexton
56. Mr. and Mrs. Mohan Jayasekera
57. Sawat Yingyuad
58. Elaine Browne
59. Larry Omasta
60. Kevin Dean
61. Jon Hicks
62. L.J. Pettijohn
63. S.E. Szabo
64. W.R. Watson
65. G.R. Werings
66. S.J. Bergstrom
67. R.T. Alsobrook
68. Herun Jayawardena
69. Onil Perera
70. Leslie Hewage
71. Bernard Gunasekera

## 'Gravel granny' pushed in her wheelchair Disabled member enters race

By Joan Mitchell

SYDNEY, Australia — Dressed for the part in T-shirt and sweat bands, strapped in her chair by a seat belt and with her four-man team of stalwarts at the helm, there was no stopping the "gravel granny" once she gained momentum and started to move through the 26,000 or so runners.

*This article, reprinted by permission of the Liverpool, Australia, Leader, is about Dorothy Roots, a member who attends the Sydney, Australia, South church. Mrs. Roots entered a 26-kilometer City to Surf race in her wheelchair Aug. 5. She was pushed by other Church members. The article appeared Aug. 15.*

A mere 83 years young in November, Dorothy shot past the finishing line in Sydney's annual sprint to complete the course in 87 minutes, lopping an hour off her estimated time of arrival.

Volunteers Jim Thomas, Graham Kelly, Bernie Wellstead and Ernie Spall took it in turn to push and to clear the way with Dorothy constantly spurring them on to greater efforts.

'Wonderful woman'

Arrangements had been made for

comfort stops and refreshments along the route, but then the sprightly sportswoman refused to waste a minute.

"Don't stop, don't stop, keep going — out of the way, wheelchair coming," shouted Dorothy.

"Mrs. Roots is a wonderful woman," said Jim.

"You could see the amazement on the faces of the runners as we passed them."

"She really got us going — before we realised it we were running up 'heartbreak hill,' then we decided we'd better slow down to a walk."

Spectators lining the route loved her. Applauding and cheering, they yelled: "Good on yer granny, go for it," and she did!

Responding with a royal wave she disappeared from view in the sea of moving bodies.

Still fresh and firing on all cylinders, she was flagged in as the oldest woman participant in the race.

At Bondi, as a fitting end to what Dorothy describes as "the most exciting day of my life," she was carried up three flights of stairs to be guest of honor at a champagne luncheon.

Back at the Elizabeth Drive Nursing Home where Dorothy has lived since she suffered a stroke two years ago, the medal she won will be proudly displayed in her room to remind her of her great City to Surf

adventure.

"I went into training you know, inside and out," said Dorothy.

"No tea or coffee — caffeine is out!"

"I drank several glasses of milk every day and kept a supply of Nutri-Grain in my pocket to nibble on in case I got peckish between meals."

"And I mustn't forget the exercises Marion teaches us at our stroke club meetings."

"I did them every day to make my arms and legs stronger."

"Next year I shall be back in the race again."

"Mind over matter and self-control, that's what you need," said Dorothy firmly.

"Self-pity is no good — the harder you have to struggle the better person you are; it builds your character."

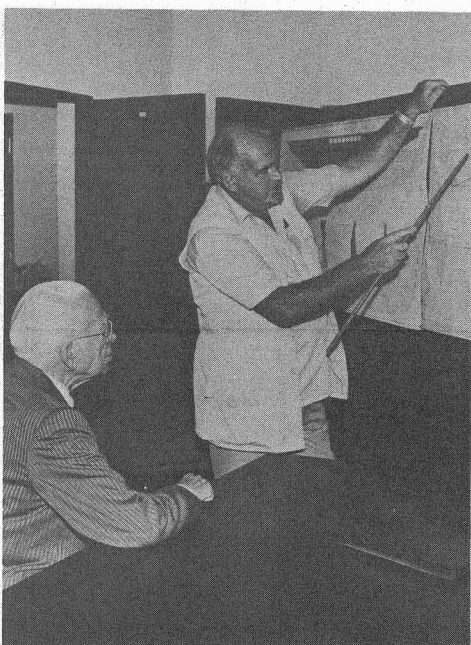
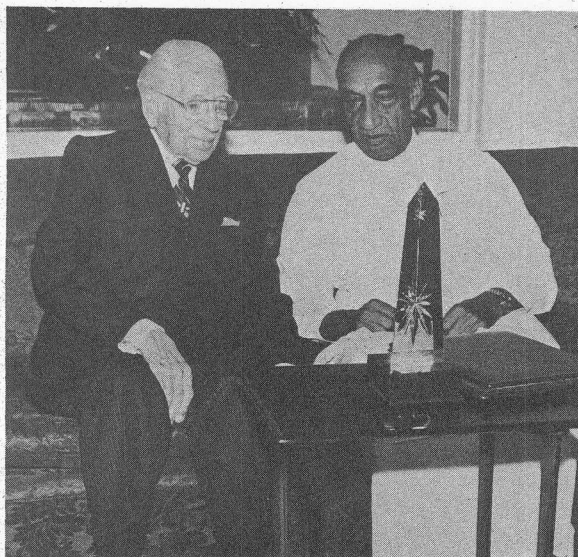
School of hard knocks

Dorothy should know, she was a pupil at the school of hard knocks for many years.

When her husband walked out and left her with eight young children to bring up on her own, Dorothy made a home [for] them in a two room tin shack with an earthen floor, and took on other people's washing and ironing to put food on the table.

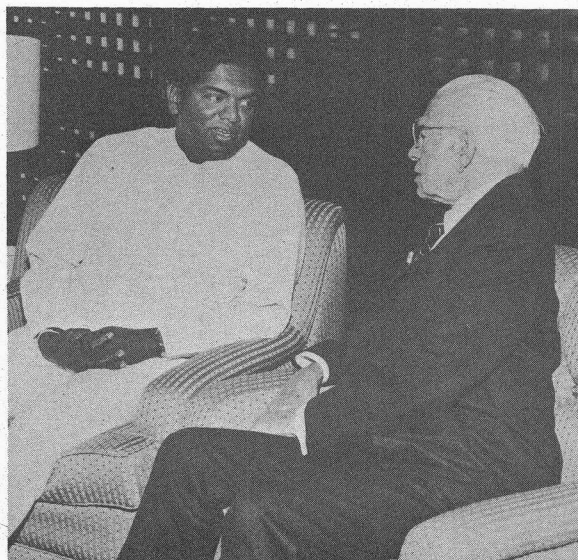
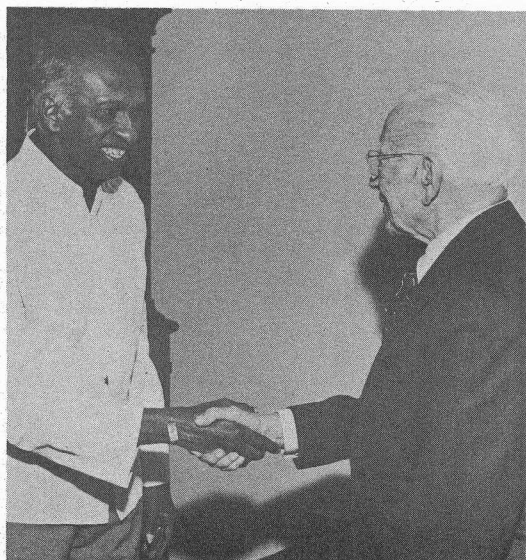
By comparison, the City to Surf marathon was child's play!





## HWA meets o

**GUEST OF GOVERNMENT** — During the last 13 days of his five-week trip to the Orient and Asia, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong met with royalty and officials of government and education. Officials he visited and activities he took part in include (clockwise from upper left): Junius Richard Jayewardene, president of Sri Lanka; King Bhumbol Adulyadej of Thailand; a Japanese Diet member, his wife and President Jayewardene; Bira Boonjing (left), a provincial governor in Thailand, at Sakon Nakorn Military Airport in northeast Thailand;







# fficials in Asia

President Jayewardene; E.L. Senanayake, speaker of Sri Lanka's National Assembly; at Sri Lanka's Mahaweli River dam project; Lalith Athulathmudali, Sri Lankan minister of national security; Festus Perera, Sri Lankan minister of fisheries; Harry Hogg, director of the Mahaweli River dam project. Center photos, from left: G.M. Premachandra (left), Sri Lankan deputy minister of fisheries, was host to a luncheon in Mr. Armstrong's honor; Mr. Boonjing; and a Radio Ceylon interview. [Photos by Warren Watson]





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These words greeted more than 500 brethren from 14 states assembled in the Meadowview School in CHESTERFIELD, N.J., Nov. 17.



# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Churches commemorate anniversaries

Sixty people attended Sabbath services Nov. 17 at the Kinamot Restaurant, marking the fourth anniversary of the TACLOBAN, Philippines, church, one of the first sites where Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his liberating forces landed on Leyte.

Pastor Felipe C. Casing led the congregation in singing appreciation for the establishment of a church here in 1980 and for its continued growth. A sermonette explaining lessons from the prodigal son was delivered by Jose V. Tomada, while the sermon was Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's first-day message at the Feast of Tabernacles.

According to Leo Negru, one of the pioneer members, about 30 were at opening Sabbath services, and not only has the church grown 100 percent in four years but two other churches have sprung from it.

After listening to Mr. Armstrong, members took part in a potluck and fellowship while waiting for the afternoon Bible study, in which Mr. Casing answered general questions and explained obedience.

In spite of the blackout caused Nov. 5 by typhoon Undang, which battered Tacloban, a church social took place in the evening. Gorgonio D. de Guia, also a pioneer member, gave a history of the Tacloban church. Then followed a 30-minute talent program with a surprise solo by Mr. Casing singing "I Believe."

After the program members ate a cake baked by Melodia Belatero and topped with a replica of the Ambassador Auditorium, constructed by her husband, Samuel. The evening ended with games and dancing.

The 20th anniversary of the SPOKANE, Wash., church was commemorated Nov. 10 at the Spokane Falls Community College with special Sabbath services, a historical review and YOU entertainment.

In an afternoon sermonette as-

sociate pastor Valden White discussed the necessity of conquering human nature. In his sermon pastor Roger Foster recapped the growth of the Spokane church and reviewed some of the lessons learned in the past 20 years.

After a roast beef dinner, evening celebrations began with 55 of the original members being called on stage for a group portrait. Mr. White then summarized the 20-year history, playing taped messages from James Friddle, the first minister to make periodic visits into the area, and James Lichtenstein, the first resident pastor.

The evening concluded with 13 selections by the YOU anniversary ensemble. The 16-member group sang and danced rehearsed numbers including "The Desert Shall Blossom," composed by Molly Zammit, a Spokane member, and a 1920s medley. Rod Foster performed "If I Were a Rich Man."

More than 550 were in attendance, and master of ceremonies was Allen Walker, one of the original members.

SEATTLE, Wash., brethren celebrated the church's 25th anniversary Sept. 22. Original members were introduced to the audience.

Split sermons were given by Valden White and his son, Glen, both original members. The elder Mr. White is associate pastor of the Spokane, Wash., and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, churches, and the younger Mr. White pastors the Fresno and Visalia, Calif., churches.

Valden White recalled Seattle's first services with 230 in attendance and squeaky chairs. He said that when Seattle's first pastor, James Friddle, who started the church in 1959, used to spontaneously call on men to give the opening prayer, he was petrified. He recalled thinking, "Please don't let him see me." But God helped him, he said.

Glen White credited Mr. Friddle's

groundwork with stabilizing the brethren, so they could blossom into what the Seattle church is today.

After services brethren feasted on anniversary cake and unfurled a quilt, the needlework of Seattle women, embroidered with scenes of the Pacific Northwest. The quilt was presented to the current pastor, evangelist Dennis Luker, and his wife, Lee Ann, in honor of their service during the past five years.

The festivities continued on the evening before the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 26, with a banquet and slide show honoring Mr. and Mrs. Friddle at Seattle's Olympic Hotel. Brethren had raised money to bring Mr. and Mrs. Friddle from Nashville, Tenn., where Mr. Friddle is pastor.

In a speech to about 300 Mr. Friddle recounted stories about the Seattle pioneers. Mr. Friddle exhorted the group to be ready for the "approaching storm" of the end time. He spoke the next morning on the Feast of Trumpets in the Tacoma Dome in Tacoma, Wash., reminding brethren from western Washington churches to grow spiritually and endure to the end.

Two decades of the JACKSON, Miss., church were celebrated by 411 brethren Nov. 17. Vernon Hargrave, pastor of the Columbus, Ohio, churches, was unable to attend, but sent a sermonette by cassette (See CHURCHES, page 9)



CONCERT PERFORMANCE — Soloist Gina Dupont performs before an audience of 1,050 at Concert '84 for brethren of the Montreal French- and English-speaking churches.

## Brethren stage concert, talent show

MONTREAL, Que., French- and English-speaking brethren combined efforts in presenting Concert '84 for Church members, families and friends Nov. 24. The concert raised funds for future missionary.

A crowd of 1,050 applauded the performance, which featured a medley of French and English songs depicting different eras of music in the New World.

The performers were conducted by Joey Storozuk, who sang a number of songs. Soloists included Gina Dupont, Sylvie Richer, Jean Claude and Dorothee Lazure, Helene Theriault,

Madeleine Regnier and the Concert '84 Singers.

YOU members greeted the audience and served beverages and cakes during intermission.

After a Saturday evening potluck at an area school Nov. 17, the

LEXINGTON, Ky., church conducted a talent show, featuring singers, dancers, an instrumentalist, comedy skits, a quartet and a poet.

Daniel Rodrigue and Randall P. Williams.

## Areas share social events

Families and visitors from MOUNT GAMBIER, Australia, participated in a river cruise and barbecue Nov. 11. The event was sponsored by the Mount Gambier Spokesman Club and organized by Bob Praetz. David Austin, associate pastor of the Mount Gambier, Bendigo and Ballarat, Australia, churches, and his family joined the party for the barbecue, a cave tour and part of the cruise.

Forty-nine participated in the Glenelg River cruise that departed from the Nelson Endeavor. The Glenelg is a tidal river for 36 miles (60 kilometers) inland, and the limestone cliffs that embrace the river are riddled with more than 100 caves, some of which provide homes for thousands of bent-wing bats.

The group visited the Princess Margaret Rose Cave, which contains examples of growing stalactites, stalagmites and other limestone formations. The cave also contains the remains of animals that are now extinct.

An audiovisual slide presentation was shown for those who didn't venture into the cave on the guided tour. A barbecue was then eaten at the river's edge.

CEBU, Philippines, singles hiked their way to the top of one of the highest mountains overlooking the city of Cebu, Nov. 18. The tropical sun's scorching heat failed to discourage 19 singles and two YOU members who took several hours to climb to the peak.

With the group were Petronilo F. Leyson, Cebu church pastor, and his wife, Luzminda. The group ate lunch near communication stations at the top.

A tractor's engine started, hay flew through the air and the third

annual MONTVALE, N.J., church hayride was under way Nov. 10. More than 100 brethren filling three hay wagons converged on Kuperis Farm in Sussex County, N.J.

Afterward, most went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Keplero to roast hamburgers, hot dogs and marshmallows over an outdoor grill.

Koltz stables in Greenleaf, Wis., was the setting for the APPLETON and GREEN BAY, Wis., churches hayride Nov. 18. The activity produced a turnout of about 35 adults, teens and children. After the hayride there was a potluck and a sing-along led by William Miller, pastor of the Appleton and Green Bay churches, and Sharon Fischer on their guitars.

FLINT and LANSING, Mich., brethren took part in an evening of activities, beginning with a potluck after Sabbath services Nov. 3 at the Montrose Junior High School. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moody coordinated the meal.

Gene Nouhan, a deacon in the Flint church, presented ideas and incentives for fund-raising projects for the churches.

The evening included a YOU Bible study, pre-YOU activities, a pep squad, volleyball, basketball and a rehearsal for the new Flint and Lansing choir, under the direction of Neil LaCasse from Lansing. After tryouts 68 members were selected for the choir.

The multipurpose room was alive with dancing feet as young and old participated in a square dance. Others took part in table games, conversation and refreshments from a YOU concession stand.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., brethren shared a Mexican dinner followed by a fun show Nov. 17. Master of cere-

(See AREAS, page 9)

## Teams play curling games

Nov. 17 and 18 brethren of the BONNYVILLE, Alta., church were hosts to the second family curling weekend. Nov. 17 brethren from North Battleford, Sask., and Lloydminster, Alta., attended Sabbath services and a potluck meal, complete with ice sculpture.

Sunday morning the curling bonspiel began with teams chosen by draw. Curling is a game in which two teams of four players each slide 40-pound curling stones over a stretch of ice toward a target circle, scoring points by being nearest the center of the circle. While each

player throws his two rocks, other members of the team sweep the ice ahead of the rock as it "curls" its way down the ice.

Each team played two games. The team scoring the most points was awarded trophies of carved curling stones made by Ed Bouchard, a deacon in the Bonnyville church. The winning team was composed of Glen Rogers, Tim Sitter, Tammy Sitter and Kim Murphy, wife of Owen Murphy, pastor of the Bonnyville, Lloydminster and North Battleford churches. Kathy Wenzel.



CASTING A STONE — Owen Murphy, pastor of the North Battleford, Sask., and Lloydminster and Bonnyville, Alta., churches, helps his son Keegan cast his first curling stone at Bonnyville's curling weekend Nov. 17. (Photo by Gary Boychuk)

## Thanksgiving activities conducted

More than 500 brethren of the BALTIMORE, Md., church met at Milford Mill High School in Baltimore Nov. 17 to conduct their annual Thanksgiving Sabbath and social. The stage was filled with dozens of pumpkins, homemade breads, canned goods and other nutritious foods typifying the bounty of the fall harvest. All the food was later bagged and sent home with needy brethren.

After services everyone fellowshiped and ate a light meal of sandwiches, cheeses, fruit and miscellaneous desserts prepared by the brethren. Hot spiced cider and coffee were also served.

The Baltimore church had its annual bake sale Nov. 20 at Hampton Plaza in Baltimore. This office and apartment complex has been the bake sale site since 1973. The sale included cakes, pies, breads, homemade noodles, brownies and other goodies, as well as arts and crafts items. Sue Looney was in charge of the fund-raising event, which netted about \$320, thanks to all the women who baked and prepared the items, and six volunteers who (See THANKSGIVING, page 9)



## Youths perform at regional talent contests

**CHATTANOOGA**, Tenn., brethren were hosts for the Southeast YOU regional talent contest Nov. 10 with more than 300 in attendance. Youths from four states demonstrated a variety of vocal and instrumental talent. Judges for the evening were Marcia Bonner, Thomas Hammett and Frank Ashley, and master of ceremonies was Jim Tuck, regional YOU coordinator and pastor of the Huntsville and Florence, Ala., churches.

In the senior division, first place went to pianist Susan Shigehara of

Raleigh, N.C., for her rendition of "First Arabesque." Second place went to Abdiel Rios of Tampa, Fla., who played a guitar medley of "Malaguena" and "Spanish Eyes." Becky Brom of Birmingham, Ala., took third with a vocal solo entitled "Theme from Ice Castles."

In the junior division Nyla Campbell of the Sarasota, Fla., church placed first with a vocal solo entitled "Where Is Love?" Rhonda Dickey of Chattanooga took second with a flute solo, "Serenade," composed by Joseph Haydn.

"Welcome to the YOU regional talent contest and dinner theatre." These words greeted more than 500 brethren from 14 states assembled in the Meadowview School in **CHESTERFIELD**, N.J., Nov. 17. Vincent Panela, pastor of the Trenton and Vineland, N.J., churches, volunteered to be host at this year's contest.

Afternoon Sabbath services included split sermons by Earl Williams, pastor of the Brooklyn and Queen, N.Y., churches, and Richard Frankel, YOU regional coordinator and pastor of the Washington, D.C., and Front Royal, Va., churches.

Mr. Williams told parents the most important gift they can give their children are their converted hearts and minds. Mr. Frankel showed how fathers are the "saviors of the family."

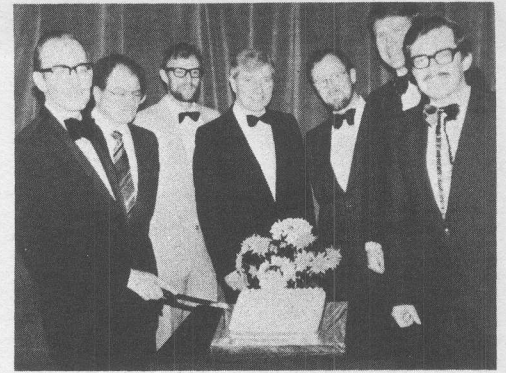
After services singles and YOU members served guests a dinner of oven-fried chicken, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, rolls, applesauce cake, coffee, tea and punch.

The talent contest included eight instrumentalists and four vocalists. Winner in the junior division was Lisa Orban from Pittsburgh, Pa., who performed a piano solo titled *Invitation No. 13* by J.S. Bach.

All the winners in the senior division performed piano solos.

First place went to Cynthia Kendall from Montpelier, Vt., who performed *Fantasia in D Minor* by Mozart. Second place was awarded to Fawn Leasure from Hagerstown, Md., for her arrangement of "A Medley of International Folk Songs," and third place went to Becky McCann from Washington, Pa., who played "Stardust" by Hoagy Carmichael. Awards were presented by Mr. Williams.

*Joan Tuck and Judith A. Hunter.*



**CLUB ANNIVERSARY** — Bristol, England, Spokesman Club members assemble at the 10th anniversary meeting Nov. 18 at Armstrong Hall in Thornbury, England.

## Churches

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tape, mentioning some of his experiences as the church's first pastor.

Kenneth Courtney, Jackson's first local church elder, read a letter from Jeffery McGowan, Jackson's third pastor, who now pastors the Boise, Idaho, and Baker and Ontario, Ore., churches. Then split sermons were given by James Jenkins, Jackson's second pastor, now pastor of the Union and Middletown, N.J., churches, and Robert Peoples, Jackson's fifth pastor, now pastoring the Longview and Lufkin, Tex., churches.

Marc Segall, current pastor, paid special tribute to the senior citizens. After a catered meal, Mr. and Mrs. Segall and their children, David and Marisa, directed a sing-along.

A dance with music by the Baton Rouge, La., band followed.

Homemade desserts and punch were served throughout the evening. James McGowan, a deacon and church historian, set up bulletin boards with photos of members' families and activities throughout the past 20 years. Brochures with pictures of the pastors and their families and facts about the Jackson church were distributed.

In addition to dancing, children watched movies, and YOU members helped serve.

"The Last Decade" was the theme for the **BRISTOL**, England, Spokesman Club's 10th anniversary guest night Nov. 18 at Armstrong Hall in Thornbury, England.

A do-it-yourself meal was planned by members and their wives. One club member was assigned to each table, providing a complete setting for six.

Sixty members and guests witnessed a program presented by original members of the Bristol club. The minutes of that first meeting were read, and tabletopics were presented by Andy Trout, who now attends the Southampton, England, church. Toastmaster was Vivian Carne, a local church elder in the Plymouth, England, church.

Speeches were given by Bam Glenister of the Carmarthen, Wales, church, Chris Hancock from Plymouth and Basil Harris from Gloucester, England. All three are now deacons, a tribute to the value of Spokesman Clubs.

An anniversary cake was made and decorated by Jane Steel, a display of world and Church headlines from 10 years ago was shown and objects in a "whose is that?" collection were matched to their owners.

Overall evaluation was by director David Bedford, pastor of the Bristol, Plymouth and Tiverton, England, and Carmarthen and Cardiff, Wales, churches.

*Ernesto S. Zeta Jr., Rod Hall, T.J. Peralta, H.B. Wells and David Cox.*

## Singles meet for dances

About 180 singles from six states attended "A Touch of Class," a theme dance sponsored by the **DAYTON**, Ohio, singles club Nov. 17.

Singles from Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia danced to the music of Mellow Express, an area orchestra.

Men wore tuxedos and women wore gowns. A variety of hors d'oeuvres were served, and mixed drinks were available. Decorations and lighting added to the evening's elegance.

A singles Sabbath service preceded the dance. Ray Meyer, pastor of the Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches, discussed several negative stereotypes facing singles and four pitfalls to avoid. "Marriage," he said, "is an option, not a requirement."

Area brethren opened their homes to out-of-town visitors for overnight lodging. Organizers of the dance included John Boone Jr. and Roark Plummer.

Over the weekend of Nov. 10 and 11 **LITTLE ROCK**, Ark., singles invited singles from surrounding areas to a dance and social. Saturday, Nov. 10, events began at 7 p.m. with more than 50 people dancing to a variety of music.

Sunday, singles took a two-hour hike up Pinnacle Mountain. After lunch a Bible study was given by Gilbert Goethals, associate pastor of the Little Rock and Searcy, Ark., churches. Mr. Goethals reminded singles that they, like others in the Church, have or are led by God's Holy Spirit.

Weekend activities concluded with coffee and cake after Bible study along with an exchange of addresses.

*Gene Fox and Fred Kellers.*

## Areas

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monies was Hosea Chaney. The show included a variety of vocal and piano solos and comedy skits, performed by adults and children.

The **SARNIA**, Ont., church had its first fall social on the evening of Nov. 24 after afternoon services. The brethren ate a potluck of several hot dishes, salads, fruit and desserts.

Jim Meade, a deacon in the Sarnia church, was master of ceremonies for the evening. The brethren played several games of Uno and fellowshiped.

Sunday, Nov. 4, 87 members of the **ST. PETERSBURG**, Fla., church met for a canoe trip and riverbank picnic. The group took 35 canoes on a 16-mile trip down the Little Manatee River near Tampa, Fla.

Nov. 17 the **KAMLOOPS** and **SALMON ARM**, B.C., brethren met for their first social of the winter season. Each month, November through March, the two churches join for a combined service, potluck and an evening of fun and fellowship.

A sermon on happiness, given by Darcy Leach, a local church elder in the Salmon Arm church, set the tone for the evening activities.

The activities for the socials are coordinated by a different couple each month. This month Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Schmucker organized an evening of dancing. An area square dance caller gave lessons in basic square dance moves.

Twenty-eight members and guests of the **SALINA**, Kan., Spice of Life senior citizens club met for dinner Nov. 17 at Elmore's Cafeteria. Glenn Doig, pastor of the Salina and Hays, Kan., churches, led the group in a discussion of what the club might enjoy at future meetings.

A slide presentation was given by Anna Bailey of a tour of the Holy Land she took during the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles. The slides were shot by Glen Prokesch and narrated by Richard Frankel, coordinator of the Festival in Jerusalem, Israel.

Walter Rehme was master of ceremonies for the event, which was coordinated by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hinkle.

*Martin and Margaret Gooding, Salvador U. Cucharo, Laurie Rivera, Grace Robinson, Joann Whitehead, Gay Chaney, Janet Pray, Lavene L. Vorel, Faye McHollister and Dorothy L. Hinkle.*

## Thanksgiving

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staffed the sale tables.

Nov. 18 at the Kolping House in **ST. LOUIS**, Mo., 350 brethren and their children participated in an evening of family entertainment with a Thanksgiving theme.

Tom and Theresa Zefo decorated the bandstand with a horn of plenty from which fell musical notes, clef signs, musical instruments and scales.

The entrance way was decorated by Dave and Debbie Indelicato with bales of hay, baskets of fruit, flowers, dried corn, pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks and a farmer complete with overalls, plaid flannel shirt, cowboy hat and boots.

The tables were decorated by Kim and Jan Ehlen and Gary and Debbie Temming. They used pumpkins, bales of hay, gourds, paper roosters, mushrooms, streamers, popcorn, fruit and leaves. John and Sharon Rhodes decorated the downstairs with cornstalks, ribbons, trees, leaves, poster-board pilgrims, and a copper kettle filled with apples, dried corn, pumpkins and other goodies.

The evening began with a potluck of many of the favorite recipes of the women. After dinner the children saw movies, played games, ate snacks and were entertained by David Goodwin and Jimmy Nelson who were dressed as clowns, while upstairs adults enjoyed an evening of dancing with music provided by the St. Louis church band.

Bob Mahoney was master of ceremonies. Dances included the polka, waltz, fox-trot, bunny hop, broom dance and the duck dance. Band members are Mr. Mahoney, Eldon Ray, John Drury, Bill Armon, Ron Lewis, Michael Barnes, Marcus Adkins, Rodney Rodgers and Jonathan Thomas. Attendance prizes were an Afghan won by Guy Rockey and a clock radio won by Ron Ehlen.

*Jon and Ginnie Cook and Bill and Betty Slough.*

## Texans sponsor chili cookoff

More than 400 brethren from the **DALLAS**, Tex., **EAST** and **WEST** churches were on hand for this year's church picnic Nov. 11 at Samuel Farm, a rural park east of Dallas. Ten contestants set up their cooking equipment early in the morning for a chili cookoff. Randal Dick, Dallas West pastor, was master of ceremonies.

The contestants were Bob and Lori Looper, Tony and Jane Carpenter, Carl and Susan Clopton, Shirley Heitmann, David and Linda Rand, Ron King, Dale Morris, Rita Moore, Jeannie Geer and Melissa Seachord.

Just before noon five judges assembled to taste the bowls of chili. Judges were John Ivy; Mr. Dick's wife, Susan; Terry Thomas; Merle Cunningham; and Verdie Campbell.

After tasting and drinking water, the judges announced the winners.

First place went to the Cloptons who were given a silver ladle that was later engraved. Mr. Clopton said his secret was using nearly a full bottle of chili powder. Mr. Morris later admitted that he forgot to bring his chili powder.

Second place went to Mr. and Mrs. Looper. Mr. Looper, who did the cooking, is a transplanted North Carolinian. The Loopers were awarded an "I Love Texas" apron.

Emerging from a three-way tie for third place was Jeannie Geer, who was awarded a chili cookbook.

The group had a covered-dish lunch, and the rest of the day was spent playing sports and games. *David Moore.*

## Family

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tion" in behavior over the past five years.

Let's consider the opinion of Mary Kenny, an Irish journalist living in the United Kingdom. Mrs. Kenny had little to say about the family report, but the primary school account did not escape her attention.

She summed it up in the Sept. 4 *Daily Mail*: "Young children are naughtier, noisier, more defiant and more wilful than ever before. Bad language is more commonplace, aggressive behaviour more usual and destructiveness more the norm."

Mrs. Kenny's evaluation was substantially the same as *The Standard's* with somewhat different conclusions. *The Standard*, Sept. 3, concluded: "There is now a case for a much wider-ranging and bigger-scale inquiry, preferably with Government backing [and probably funding], to draw all the threads

together and to try, meticulously, to discover what is causing the breakdown and what can be done."

But Mrs. Kenny did not need a voluminous research paper to tell about causes. They were all too obvious. She wrote in the article quoted earlier of simple things like getting to bed at a decent time. "Those of us now in our thirties and forties remember being sent to bed by seven o'clock in the evening. Modern children seldom hit the sack before 10 p.m."

Children learn aggressive behavior and abusive language from adults — their parents and other grown-ups.

Television is a prime teacher. Mrs. Kenny wrote: "Television is guilty of opening up a whole world of aggression and confrontation to children. *John Craven's Newsround*, a child news programme shown near bedtime on BBC 1, shows film of picketing miners making two-finger signs to the camera and clashing with police."

Mrs. Kenny continued: "This has a profound influence on young

minds. They easily absorb the notion that it is normal, smart and adult to be rude and aggressive. Indeed, everywhere they look in the adult world they see the same ghastly examples of bad manners, adversarial attitudes and quarreling."

Divorce is not ignored. Even the optimistic family report admitted that "three in ten first marriages end in divorce." Britain's divorce rate is easily among the world's top five.

Mrs. Kenny wrote: "Divorce is guilty, too — guilty of removing one parent from the home and weakening adult control over children. When parents divorce, the child not only loses the day-to-day presence of one parent, usually the father, but of a whole extended kin on one side of the family — grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins. One survey this year claimed that one third of divorced fathers never see their children again."

The sorry state of much of British childhood today emanates from a factory. That factory is the home. Children are the products.





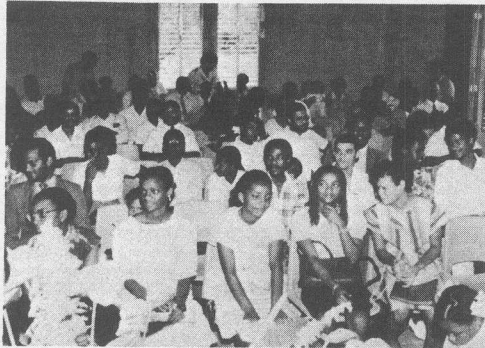


## 20th year

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shuts down early in the evening, which forces people to use their own cars or walk."

Starting at 6:30 p.m., Mr. Apartian spoke for an hour about how to find the true Church. Then many of the people attending the lecture stayed to ask questions for another hour.

Martinique pastor Erick Dubois



**CHURCH HISTORY** — Above, brethren in the Fort-de-France, Martinique, church mark the 20th anniversary of the church there Dec. 7. Below, brethren of the church in December, 1967.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR THOMAS**  
20 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**AUBURN, Wash.** — Fred and Ella Weber celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 3. Their children were hosts for a party for the event.



**MR. AND MRS. FRED WEBER**  
The Webers were married June 3, 1934, at the Little Brown Church in the Vale in Nashua, Iowa.

The couple have five children, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Weber has been a member since 1964, and Mr. Weber since 1968.

## Obituaries

**INDEPENDENCE, Kan.** — Frank Duane Lewis, 23, of Bartlesville, Okla., died Oct. 27 in an automobile accident.

He is survived by his parents, Glen and Jacqueline; a brother, Michael; and a sister, Kathy; all members of the Church.

Vincent Szymkowiak, pastor of the Joplin, Mo., and Independence churches, conducted graveside services Nov. 1 in Bartlesville.

**VICTORIA, Tex.** — Carl N. Ferguson, 71, a member since 1970 and deacon here, died Sept. 30.

Mr. Ferguson is survived by his wife, Doris, a member who attends in Victoria; a sister, Mrs. Earle Woodall; four sons, Joseph, David, Jonathan and Tim; a daughter, Sue Clifton; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Services were conducted Oct. 2 in Victoria by Dennis Van Deventer, pastor of the Victoria and Houston, Tex., West churches.

**TAMPA, Fla.** — Mary B. Ritchie, 75, a member since 1967, died Nov. 5 of a heart attack.

Mrs. Ritchie attended the Baltimore, Md., church for 16 years before moving to Tampa two years ago.

She is survived by her husband, Luther, a member in Tampa; and four sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by Ronald Lohr, pastor of the Tampa church.

is planning follow-up Bible studies for the new people.

Friday evening, Dec. 7, Mr. Apartian conducted the 20th anniversary service for the Fort-de-France church. After ordaining Patrice Shenoy to the rank of deacon, Mr. Apartian discussed the history of the Martinique congregation and physical and spiritual growth there. He reminisced about Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's visit there in 1968. "Fort-de-France was the first French-speaking congregation in the Caribbean that Mr. Armstrong spoke to," the evangelist said. "He spoke to about 70 people, and I translated."

More than 300 people now attend the Fort-de-France church.

The evangelist referred to an article entitled "God's Church in Martinique" that he wrote in the September, 1965, *Good News*. In that article he wrote: "Our Church

members in Martinique are far from being rich or wealthy, but they do live comfortably and are blessed with good health and lovely children."

"This is still true nearly two decades later," he said. "One comes away from Martinique realizing that they have the gift of appreciation — they are grateful for what little they do have. One is reminded how much we who live in more developed countries often take things — both spiritual and physical — for granted."

Mr. Apartian also recalled the faithful service of the late Louis Jubert, the first minister ordained in Martinique. "From the date of his ordination on Aug. 7, 1965, to his death in 1970 he was a hardworking and loyal minister," the evangelist said.

A buffet in the Church-owned hall followed the evening service.

After flying to Guadeloupe, the evangelist conducted combined services for the Pointe-a-Pitre and Basse-Terre churches Sabbath, Dec. 8. "We had 170 brethren attend, which made me think about the fact that a little over a decade ago there were no members of God's Church in Guadeloupe," he said.

During services Mr. Apartian and Gilbert Carbonnel, pastor of the Guadeloupe churches, ordained Roland Girard and Sully Felice to the rank of deacons, the first ordained in Guadeloupe.

Mr. Apartian went to a rented movie theater Dec. 9 to conduct his second *Plain Truth* Bible lecture.

"We had outstanding response beyond what we expected — 180 new people," he said.

Mr. Carbonnel, who returned with Mr. Apartian to Pasadena Dec. 10, plans to conduct follow-up Bible studies when he returns.

## Empire

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trol the country? (Gen. Franco battled them for four years during the 1936 to 1939 civil war.) The Soviets would love to see a Spain in sympathy with them, and in possession of such a potential bottleneck to the Mediterranean.

In any event, the countdown has begun, leading up to Britain's eventual loss of one of the world's great sea gates (Genesis 22:17, 24:60).

### China's leap forward

Britain's steady slippage comes at a time of unusual activity in the People's Republic of China — a nation with which, perhaps not coincidentally, representatives of God's Church are having increasing contact.

Dec. 7 a remarkable editorial appeared in the *People's Daily*, the Chinese Communist Party newspaper. It said that some of Karl Marx's teachings were "outdated" and that China's 40 million Communist Party members should not allow his 101-year-old precepts to "limit the richness of contemporary life."

"There are many things that Marx,

Engels and Lenin never experienced or had any contact with," the editorial charged. "We cannot depend on the works of Marx and Lenin to solve our modern-day questions."

This announcement was so dramatic that a slight textual modification was made the next day. Dec. 8 the newspaper ran a correction saying that the sentence should have read: "One cannot expect the works of Marx and Lenin to solve all of today's problems."

Regardless of the wording, the Marx-is-obsolete dismissal is an ideological justification for remarkable changes under way. It follows by a couple of months China's plans to extend the principles of decentralized planning and the profit motive, so successful in agriculture, into the urban parts of the country, into the factory work place.

Flora Lewis, political affairs analyst, speculated in the Dec. 11 *New York Times* on the impact China's decision will have on the rest of the communist world: "China's official attack on Marxist orthodoxy... was such a surprise to the Soviet-bloc Communists that it left them speechless. It is a historic watershed that can have far-reaching, dramatic consequences."

In the Dec. 12 *Washington Times*, Hoover Institution scholar Arnold Beichman pondered the Soviet response in particular:

"Deng Xiaoping's rediscovery of the principles of the free market... is

sure to hasten top-level changes in the present Soviet leadership, with Mikhail Gorbachev, youngest Politburo member, likely successor to the ailing Konstantin Chernenko..."

Mr. Gorbachev is known to be more pragmatic in the application of Marxist theory to economic reality.

A Dec. 13 *Wall Street Journal* editorial, entitled "Burying Marx," pointed out the questions surrounding Eastern Europe too: "China's critique of Marx should be especially troubling for the legitimacy of governments in Eastern Europe, where most citizens already take Marx about as seriously as the tooth fairy. The Soviets won't like it much, especially if China's open-market reforms lead to faster economic progress, again showing up the Soviet model as a failure."

Thus, China's demotion of Karl Marx just might have a major role to play in reshaping the political structure of Europe.

Marxism, wrote Joseph C. Harsch in the Dec. 14 *Christian Science Monitor*, "is the ideological cement of the Soviet empire. It is the excuse under which Moscow imposes its authority on the others. It is the excuse for the 'Brezhnev doctrine' — the doctrine that declares that Moscow has the right and the duty to see to the preservation of socialism in other countries."

Thus we may be seeing the first concrete ideological cracks in the Soviet vise on Eastern Europe.

their culture, history and art skills, as well as their friendliness and hospitality, have left a deep impression not soon forgotten.

Jacqueline Sweithelm  
Oceanside, N.Y.

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### Shining lights

I have watched your program on TV and read *The Plain Truth*. I also read some of your booklets which someone left in the laundromat in the apartment building where my husband and I live. I was once a cleaning lady in a resort in the Pocono Mountains and observed how some of your people live and worship. I must say that I approve of your ways and like your views on the Bible.

Doris M. Mutchler  
Scranton, Pa.

One of your Church members worked as a helper all last week while I was remodeling for the company he is employed by. The company owner told me, "David is a good and honest worker. He follows directions well and you can trust him." He also said, "I think he's a Seventh Day Adventist or something." David was cooperative, followed instructions well, learned quickly and put forth his best efforts. Wish all my help was that willing.

Peter J. Watt  
Chula Vista, Calif.

I have recently attended Sabbath services in my area. I must say I am certainly glad I did. Never in my entire life have I seen such friendly, outgoing and caring people. It is easy to tell that they have a real goal — an ultimate goal — that they are trying to achieve. I know of nobody else who has this inner joy or glow which is simply irrepressible.

Deborah A. Jones  
Richmond, Va.

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

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deals within two weeks on all of the furniture we needed. The house is proving to be such a joy. My goal is to use it to serve as many people as I can — my roommates, brethren coming to fellowship, visitors needing a place to stay for the night or weekend, etc.

Robert E. Curry  
Pasadena, Calif.

This concludes my third-tithe year. It is the first year that I have been able to observe the third-tithe-year principle. My contributions have amounted to hundreds of dollars, while my blessings have amounted to thousands of dollars! The blessings have been in the form of work done on my house and my car free of charge, clothing and cash, not to mention a total lack of medical expenses, due to God's protection of my health and safety.

God returns all that we give Him and He multiplies it many times over. I'm grateful to be a part of His Work.

Virginia L. Pactor  
Hixson, Tenn.

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A very special thank you to you (Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong), Dr. Richard Liu and the Festival Office for the China Feast. It was the most spiritually rewarding, educational and impressive Feast I have ever had! It is difficult to explain how much we have all gained from this unique experience. The Chinese people,



# NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & UPDATE

## EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

**PASADENA** — Annual mail income in the United States went over the \$100 million mark for the first time Dec. 4, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

MPC receives and processes tithes and offerings from brethren in the United States.

"While we had previously estimated that this would happen, we didn't anticipate that it would happen as soon as it did, and we are certainly grateful for it," said evangelist **Leroy Neff**, Church treasurer.

**Wayne Pyle**, an assistant to Mr. Rice, noted that the new record also pushed cumulative income received by the Church in the Philadelphia area to \$1.1 billion.

"It was interesting that we broke these records shortly after the 50th year of God's Church passed," Mr. Pyle said.

"When one realizes that God's Church needs this large a sum of money to effectively conduct God's work, one can also realize the magnitude of the work that God is accomplishing through this Church," Mr. Neff said.

Mr. Pyle said the degree of Church growth can be better appreciated when one recalls that Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** initially funded 1930s Church activities and radio broadcasts (including his living expenses) with about \$30 a month.

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**PASADENA** — **David Hulme**, director of media purchasing, said that Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** trip to Sri Lanka (see article, page 1) had one unexpected benefit for the *World Tomorrow* program.

"We have had difficulties airing the telecast there for quite some time," Mr. Hulme explained. "Following Mr. Armstrong's visit with the president [**Junius Richard Jayewardene**], the program is now running at 7:30 p.m., Sunday evenings, without interruption."

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**PASADENA** — Bible study attendance topped previous records Dec. 14 when 2,223 brethren assembled on the Ambassador College campus here, according to evangelist **Joseph Tkach Sr.**, director of Ministerial Services.

Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** led the study with evangelist **Ellis La Ravia**, director of facilities management; **Aaron Dean**, Mr. Armstrong's personal aide; and **Larry Omasta**, director of Media Services here.

Using slides taken during Mr. Armstrong's five-week tour of the Orient and Asia, the four men recounted events of the trip.

More than 1,500 brethren assembled in the Auditorium, while 690 brethren viewed the study on a television screen in the Imperial Gym and 30 watched in a classroom in the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center.

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**PASADENA** — Acting on behalf of 527 brethren who attended the 1984 Feast of Tabernacles in the People's Republic of China, evangelists **Ellis La Ravia** and **Herman L. Hoeh** presented two Chinese cloisonne vases to Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** Dec. 5.

Mr. La Ravia said that the brethren wanted to express their appreciation to the pastor general for his efforts in arranging the Feast. Money for the vases was donated in China by the brethren.

**John Halford**, a pastor-rank minister and *Plain Truth* senior writer, joined the group in Mr. Armstrong's Hall of Administration office after the presentation. Mr. Halford was Festival coordinator for the Chinese site.

The vases have brass and baked-earth engravings of red cranes. In China, cranes are symbolic of long life, and red is symbolic of good fortune. "It seemed appropriate to present such symbols to Mr. Armstrong," Mr. La Ravia said.

**Roman Borek**, house manager of the Ambassador Auditorium and a member of the house staff for formal dinners conducted in the campus Social Center, selected the vases in China.

The vases are displayed in the faculty lounge in the student center here.

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**PASADENA** — Twenty-five acoustical engineers from Europe, Canada and the United States met



V.M.A. PEUTZ

in one of the Ambassador Auditorium's studios here Dec. 10 to 12 to hear lectures and participate in a workshop, said **John Prohs**, technical supervisor for the Auditorium.

The seminar, sponsored by Synergetic Audio Concepts, took place in the Auditorium "because the sponsors wanted a world-class facility with fine acoustics," Mr. Prohs said.

**V.M.A. Peutz**, an expert acoustical consultant and concert hall designer from the Netherlands, was the featured speaker. Mr. Peutz' audio specialty is speech intelligibility, a field that concentrates on amplifying a speaker's voice so it is clearly understood.

The Auditorium's acoustic qualities were measured during the seminar by a new TEF (time, energy and frequency) test designed by **Richard Heyser** of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena. Mr. Heyser also lectured at the seminar.

**Ron McKay** from Bolt, Beranek & Newman (BBN), the firm that designed the Auditorium's acoustics, explained why they used certain acoustical designs in the Ambassador Auditorium.

**Don and Carolyn Davis**, authors of *Sound System Engineering* (called the Yellow Book in the audio industry), also spoke. **David Harris** from the Auditorium staff made a presentation on a new sound system design program developed by members of the Ambassador College audio staff.

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**PASADENA** — God's Church will continue advertising in international editions of *Reader's Digest*, said **David Hulme**, director of media purchasing, Dec. 19.

Mr. Hulme said ads written by Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** and prepared by Publishing Services are scheduled in the following February editions of *Reader's Digest*: Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong, South Africa and South Korea.

In March, ads are scheduled to run in editions in Belgium, the Netherlands, Canada and New Zealand.

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**PASADENA** — Looking toward 1985, God's Church plans to double television coverage of the *World Tomorrow* program where only a single program airs in the top



**GIFT FROM CHINA** — Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** receives a gift of cloisonne vases Dec. 5 on behalf of 527 brethren who kept the Feast of Tabernacles in China. From left: **Frank Fish**, an assistant to evangelist **Ellis La Ravia**, evangelist **Herman L. Hoeh**, Mr. La Ravia and Mr. Armstrong. (See "Update," this page.) [Photo by Aaron Dean]

50 U.S. population centers, according to **David Hulme**, director of media purchasing.

Mr. Hulme said that Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** approved the addition of the following stations airing *The World Tomorrow*:

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
WJLA, Washington — 7, 11 a.m., Sun.

**FLORIDA**  
WCPX, Orlando — 6, 7 a.m., Sat. (effective Jan. 19).  
WXFL, Tampa — 8, 11:30 a.m., Sun. (time change).

**INDIANA**  
WLFI, Lafayette — 18, 8:30 a.m., Sun. (effective Jan. 6).

**KENTUCKY**  
WDRB, Louisville — 41, 10 p.m., Sun.

**MISSOURI**  
KSHB, Kansas City — 41, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

**VIRGINIA**  
WRLH, Richmond — 35, 9 a.m., Sun. (effective Jan. 6).

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**PASADENA** — The following men were ordained on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 27:

**Walter Neufeld**, a local elder in the Glendora, Banning and San Bernardino, Calif., churches, was ordained a preaching elder and transferred to pastor the Prescott and Flagstaff, Ariz., churches.

**Gabriel Castaneda**, Long Beach, Calif., East; **Edwin Jacobs Jr.**, Portland, Ore., South; **John Orchard**, Palmer, Alaska; **Vernon Schemm**, Scott City, Kan.; and **Larry Sharp**, Long Beach, Calif., West; were ordained local church elders.

**Wayne Trainor**, a deacon in the Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., church, was ordained a local church elder Oct. 14, during the Feast of Tabernacles.

cast by evangelist **Dibar Apartian** heard three times a week and the hard work of Jean Carion, pastor of the Brussels and Liege, Belgium, and Lille, France, churches.

Elsewhere, in the West Indies, average weekly attendance in the Fort-de-France, Martinique, church increased to 296 and attendance in the Guadeloupe churches jumped to 155.

### Bible lectures

In Paris, pastor **Samuel Kneller** conducted public Bible lectures Oct. 28, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11. Outside attendance varied between 41 and 49. Many of those in attendance are natives of Martinique. Nine new people were invited to services.

**Rejean Vautour**, associate pastor of the Montreal, Que., North French church, conducted Bible lectures in Thetford Mines, Que., Nov. 4, 11 and 18. Eleven new people attended the first lecture. Three of those are regular listeners to the 15-minute French *World Tomorrow* radio broadcast, *Le Monde a Venir*, with Mr. Apartian.

*La Pure Verite*, the French *Plain Truth*, goes to 145,269 subscribers in 134 countries or territories. Circulation of *La Bonne Nouvelle du Monde a Venir*, the French-language edition of *The Good News*, is 12,982, up 26.6 percent over 1983.

An advertisement in the French edition of *Reader's Digest* brought 11,927 responses from France and 2,188 from Belgium.

A direct-mail campaign in French Canada in October brought in 8,049 responses, an average rate of 8.35 percent from eight lists.

## INTERNATIONAL DESK

### A WORLD VIEW FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

**PASADENA** — Response to a series of *Reader's Digest* advertisements in Peru, Spain and Portugal totals 8,190 to date.

Six hundred sixty-four responses (1.65 percent) have been received from a two-page, four-color ad without an insert card in the October Peru issue.

A two-page, four-color ad with a reply card in the Iberian (Spanish) edition netted 6,481 responses (1.58 percent).

A two-page ad in the October Portuguese edition offering *As Sete Leis do Sucesso* (*The Seven Laws of Success*) and *The Plain Truth* in Spanish, French, English or Italian brought in 1,045 responses, a .65 percent response.

Two students from Mexico and one from Chile entered Pasadena Ambassador College this school year. Thirteen students from Spanish-speaking countries attend the Pasadena campus.

### French Feast

For the first time the Feast of Tabernacles took place in Zaire. One hundred nineteen brethren gathered for the last half of the Feast in Kinshasa under the direction of **Bernard Andrist**, pastor of the Geneva and Neuchatel, Swit-

zerland, churches.

"With the Church's help," wrote Mr. Andrist, "our brethren in Zaire were able to have two fine meals during the Last Great Day and the following weekly Sabbath. Most of them had never seen such quality and abundance of food!"

"The brethren over there certainly know that the Church of God is a family. They have great love and a profound respect, doubled by great admiration for Mr. Herbert Armstrong, whom they recognize as the apostle of God."

Attendance at French-speaking sites (Belgium, French Canada, Martinique, Guadeloupe and Haiti) on the first Holy Day was 2,603. For the Last Great Day attendance was 2,676, including Zaire. Attendance was up 12 percent over 1983. This increase is based on solid growth in the French-speaking membership, which stands at 1,357, up 5.36 percent over 1983.

The churches in Belgium experienced phenomenal increases in attendance and offerings. Attendance was up 174 percent, and offerings increased 515 percent over 1983. This growth is mainly attributed to the weekly *World Tomorrow* telecast by Mr. Armstrong with French subtitles, the French broad-

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