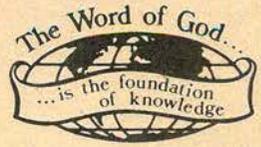


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## CHRIST MOVES SWIFTLY TO PUT AMBASSADOR COLLEGE BACK ON TRACK AS GOD'S COLLEGE

By Herbert W. Armstrong

**T**HE LEAVEN of secularism and materialism was subtly injected into the college that had been built as GOD'S college — as a college DIFFERENT from any other. It was a college UNIQUE in, but not part of, Satan's world.

During the first three years of Ambassador's life I personally fought and bled and died, so to speak, to keep this leaven OUT — to make it truly GOD'S OWN college.

### Intellectual leaven

God prospered it and it grew. But in the last 10 years the aggressive urge of some to obtain accreditation — to get this world of Satan's ENDORSEMENT, opened the door for this leaven of intellectualism, which pervades this world's higher education, to gain an entering wedge.

It was not realized by those — and there were a number — who

wanted accreditation that Satan had gotten his foot in the door. But those who had known it, during its growing years as GOD'S COLLEGE were aghast when they came to the Pasadena campus after years of absence — men like Leon Walker and others who had been students in the days when it really was GOD'S college. They now found it as if turned from day

into night, from the light of GOD'S WAY into the darkness of this world's higher education.

I never wanted accreditation personally, but I did allow others to pursue it on their sincere but misled assurance that they could obtain accreditation and still retain it as God's college.

Outside educators, wedded to the leaven of this world's

"higher education" — with their Ph.D.s — were brought into the faculty. The leaven spread, as leaven always does.

### Instructors reinstated

But now the living Christ has moved drastically to put Ambassador College back on GOD'S track once again, as HIS college. Under Christ's guidance and

inspiration, I now announce that those former men of God — men who were taught and then did teach when it truly was GOD'S college, have been reinstated on the faculty to teach all of the theological and Bible courses. These men include Dr. Herman L. Hoeh, Dr. Roderick C. Meredith, Mr. Raymond F. McNair and Mr. Leon Walker.

I will have much more to say about this and the early foundational days of the college in the next issue of *The Good News*.

## Financial situation good, Work being done

PASADENA — "The financial outlook for the Work looks very promising," says director for financial affairs Ray Wright, as income figures and recent cost-saving decisions are being analyzed for the month of June.

Mr. Wright said, "The recent decision to close the undergraduate program in Pasadena and formulate a new academic structure geared more to the present needs of the Church has resulted in millions of dollars worth

of annual savings.

"In addition, an unpredicted and unscheduled heavy income response was netted by Mr. Herbert Armstrong's recent co-worker letter."

June's Pentecost Holy Day offering was also exceedingly good according to Mr. Wright.

### Work being done

In an interview with *The Good News* June 29, Mr. Wright said that

the Work is being done.

"In fact the Work for the first time in a long time is taking on a very consistent form in which a strong foundation for growth can be developed."

Mr. Wright cited Mr. Armstrong's active role in television for which 50 top markets are being sought in the United States. In addition Mr. Armstrong is being heard on daily radio and is making new broadcasts for Saturday or Sunday programming.

"Response to Mr. Armstrong being on the air again has been very exciting. Many comments are coming in from people saying how glad they are to have Mr. Armstrong back on the air.

"The exciting part of the media coverage is that we have a consistent message for the first time in years. Radio and television both will be religious in content."

Mr. Wright said the new religious broadcasts will shorten the time it takes a person to make contact with the Work after hearing the broadcast.

### A positive turn

"Along with these changes," Mr. Wright said, "The Plain Truth has taken on another dramatic change in that Mr. Armstrong, working with managing editor Brian Knowles, will endeavor to make the magazine much more positive than it has been over recent years."

An additional section will be added to the PT for members and co-workers. This section will be totally religious with strong spiritual meat according to Mr. Wright.

Mr. Armstrong has also taken an active role in working with Richard Rice, director of subscriber development and the Mail Processing Department, to upgrade and turn the programs to a much more positive direction and utilize the technique that is so unique to Mr. Armstrong of capturing a person's interest and attention.

"All these added together make a very dramatic change in the thrust of the Work. The programs are positive, upbeat and alive. It has a consistent message of Jesus Christ. The Work is again on the road," Mr. Wright said.

He added, "The cost of doing the job will be greatly reduced, allowing us to put more money and more effort into better media coverage or more issues of the PT."

"When you consider the short time in which Mr. Armstrong has taken over active leadership, we have made giant improvements already."

### Church Doctrine:

## SMOKING IS A SIN

By Herbert W. Armstrong

**I**t may come as astonishing news to some of our members, but the truth is I personally did smoke — until a little more than 51 years ago, that is! As a matter of fact I was smoking until after I was baptized! Let me EXPLAIN THAT!

True, I had not been a "heavy smoker." On the average I had, since age 19, been smoking about THREE CIGARETTES a day (not three packs) or one cigar. On those days that I smoked a cigar I usually smoked no cigarettes at all.

How did I get started? Not like most youths of 19 or under. But at age 19 I had the job of timekeeper and paymaster of the Finkbine Lumber Mill just outside Wiggins, Miss., some 30 miles north of the Gulf. I had to keep work-hour records and pay the main labor force, all blacks, only a generation or two after the

**Speaking of degrees of sin, smoking may be a milder sin — but nevertheless a SIN. Here is the story of how this came into the doctrine of this Church.**

abolition of slavery. It was at the time when they were totally illiterate, not one of them could write his own name. They made an X mark instead of a signature. What a long way our black population has come since then!

I did not belong on that job. I had felt flattered when it was offered to me. It was offered because I had made such an excellent record in my first job on a daily newspaper. But on this job I was like a fish out of water. I was doing the work it had taken three men to do before I was put on that job.

But I tried. I did my best. And that required working until 10 at night on alternate days and until midnight on nights inbetween and rising at 5:30 every weekday morning. I think it is understandable that I had difficulty

keeping awake on those long nights. But I was determined to succeed. I was determined to GET THE JOB DONE no matter how long the hours required.

I began to find myself drowsing off on these late night hours. That is when I started smoking. I tried smoking a pipe. I found that keeping the pipe in my mouth while I worked kept me awake. After leaving that job I turned to the three cigarettes a day or the one cigar.

During my superintensive in-depth study of the Bible, evolution and allied subjects from the fall of 1926 until the spring of 1927, my mind was on the studies — not on smoking. But in the spring of 1929 I made an unconditional surrender to God. I came to BELIEVE what He said in His Word. I GAVE MY LIFE TO

HIM and was baptized. I was very conscious of the experience of receiving God's Holy Spirit. This was the spirit of a CHANGED mind. It was the RENEWING of my mind. What had seemed important before now seemed utterly worthless. My whole approach to the things of life — my whole attitude — was CHANGED!

### What about smoking?

Then it was that I asked myself, "What about smoking?"

I had learned that "all the churches" — meaning Protestant and Catholic — did NOT take their religious beliefs and doctrines from the Bible. Rather, they attempted to read their ideas and beliefs INTO the Bible — by twisting and distorting the Holy Word of God, and by taking verses out of context. I said, "I will not give up smoking just BECAUSE the church in which I was reared regarded it as a sin. I must find the answer IN THE BIBLE," I said.

Now I knew smoking was not mentioned specifically in the (See SMOKING, page 5)

# Solzhenitsyn: prophet scorned

PASADENA—Exiled Soviet writer Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn unleashed a storm of controversy when he delivered the commencement address at Harvard University in early June.

In his hour-long address Solzhenitsyn tackled not the evils of the Soviet system but instead denounced contemporary Western, especially American, society. Speaking "like an Old Testament prophet," to use *Time* magazine's words, the literary great decried such evils as cowardice among the ruling elite, crass and mass materialism, letter-of-the-law legalism, which has opened the floodgates to all aspects of immorality, and a licentious superficial press, which acts as a law unto itself.

Solzhenitsyn reserved special condemnation for the Western world's godless rationalistic humanism, which, he said, "based Western civilization on the dangerous need to worship man and all his material needs."

Under the assault of this philosophy, which proclaims the "autonomy of man from an higher force above him," Solzhenitsyn said that modern Western man has lost his "sense of responsibility to God and

## Worldwatch

BY GENE H. HOGBERG

[as a result] society grew dimmer and dimmer.

The Western world has now sunk to such a level of "spiritual exhaustion," exclaimed Solzhenitsyn, that "I could not recommend your society in its present state as an ideal for the transformation of ours [the Soviet-led communist East]." In fact, he warned, the West has been so dulled by materialism and "the constant desire to have still more things and a still better life" that it is simply no match for the sterner societies of the communist world where "life's complexity and mortal weight have produced stronger, deeper and more interesting characters than those generated by standardized Western well-being."

### White House denunciation

Solzhenitsyn's "extraordinary jeremiad was not well received in many quarters, including the White House. Rosalynn Carter, wife of the President, was particularly blunt in

her reaction.

"I can tell you flatly," she told the National Press Club, "the people of this country are not weak, not cowardly and not spiritually exhausted." Seemingly pleased to let his wife take the lead, the President waited a couple of days to echo her sentiments.

Others too took exception to the Russian's remarks. The *Washington Post*, undoubtedly smarting under his criticism of press irresponsibility, editorialized that Solzhenitsyn

seemed to have "a gross misunderstanding of Western society."

Many of his critics attacked his person or his personality, since they found it hard to answer his specific charges. In some quarters he was dismissed as some sort of a pre-Bolshevik Russian religious mystic who simply hadn't lived in the free world long enough, therefore "couldn't know enough" about it. One critic dismissed him for being "curmudgeonly self-righteous" and likened him to the "Watergate scoundrels."

Obviously, Solzhenitsyn's arrows struck home and, in his case, the prophet was without honor even in his new country.

### Decline in courage

Solzhenitsyn's piercing analysis of the Western world today is so per-

ceptive it's worth noting a few of his remarks in detail. Here are key excerpts of his address:

• "A decline in courage may be the most striking feature which an outside observer notices in the West in our days. The Western world has lost its civil courage, both as a whole and separately, in each country, each government, each political party. . . Such a decline in courage is particularly noticeable among the ruling groups and the intellectual elite, causing an impression of loss of courage by the entire society. Of course there are many courageous individuals but they have no determining influence on public life.

• "Decline in courage is ironically emphasized by occasional explosions of anger and inflexibility on the part of the same bureaucrats when dealing with weak governments and weak countries not supported by anyone [such as South Africa]. But they get tongue-tied and paralyzed when they deal with powerful governments and threatening forces, with aggressors and international terrorists [such as the U.S.S.R.]."

### 'Destructive freedom'

• "Destructive and irresponsible freedom has been granted boundless space. Society appears to have little defense against the abyss of human decadence such as, for example, misuse of liberty for moral violence against young people, motion pictures full of pornography, crime and horror. It is considered to be part of freedom and theoretically counterbalanced by the young people's rights not to look or not to accept. Life organized legalistically has thus shown its inability to defend itself against the corrosion of evil.

• "Hastiness and superficiality are the psychic disease of the 20th century and more than anywhere else this disease is reflected in the press. In-depth analysis of a problem is anathema to the press. It stops at sensational formulas.

• "The human soul longs for things higher, warmer and purer than those offered by today's mass living habits, introduced by the revolting invasion of publicity, by TV stupor and by intolerable music.

• "There are meaningful warnings which history gives a threatened or perishing society. Such are, for instance, the decadence of art, or a lack of great statesmen. There are open and evident warnings, too. The center of your democracy and of your culture [New York City] is left without electric power [See SOLZHENITSYN, page 7]

## NO 'LAVISH SPENDING' BY GOD'S CHURCH

Dissidents, ranking in deep bitterness against God's Work, have been quoted in the public press as accusing this Work of "lavish spending" of the people's tithes. That must be branded as a heinous, shockingly evil lie!

God's Work is conducted God's way. God's money is carefully and judiciously handled. And incidentally in a manner that, quite the contrary to God's accusers, numerous shortcuts and savings for the Work have been accomplished under the guidance of the living Christ, who is the HEAD of God's Church and Work.

This false impression started in 1974 when we were accused in the public press of "profligacy" and "corruption." Those words put in the minds of readers the impression of lavish, illegal extravagance beyond all reason, involving deliberate dishonesty. The one quoted in the press as using those words has confessed to leaders of God's Work, since, that what he meant by those words was quite different.

He disagreed that the Great Commission to carry Christ's Gospel "into all the world" applied to us. "The two witnesses of Revelation 11," he said, "will take care of that." Clearly he had a total misunderstanding of this point of God's Work. He regarded the entire necessary expenditures of going into all the world with Christ's Gospel as unnecessary and therefore mispending.

In the past few days the public press has again quoted a former but disfellowshipped minister of accusing God's Church of lavish spending, and especially in providing top-ranking ministers with respectable-appearing homes of good character and quality. Of course these ministers paid rent for these college or Church-owned homes.

The ludicrousness of this most recent Satanic jab in the public media intended to injure and cause division in God's Church is the fact that the accusing ex-minister himself occupied the two finest of these homes, built purposely for his occupancy and largely according to his own plans and designs.

It most certainly is seriously debatable to say that these minister-

occupied but Church-owned homes were in fact any better or in any way more costly than they should have been.

We should be reminded, in this connection, that Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has been teaching many nations around the world that broadly speaking there are only TWO WAYS of living — GIVING and GETTING. God's Law is the WAY OF GIVING — of outgoing LOVE and concern for the good and the welfare of others. First, outgoing love toward God; and second to neighbor. The getting way is vanity, lust and greed, jealousy and envy, competition, strife, animosity, revenge. This world of Satan lives by the "GETTING WAY." That is the real root cause of all this world's troubles and evils.

IF God's Church did go a little further than some might agree to in providing its top-ranking ministers with respectable homes of middle-class quality, then it was merely being generous in "GIVING" and in outgoing concern for the welfare of those best serving God's Work. It certainly was not the sin of "GETTING."

However, long before these recent untruthful accusations were given to the public press the Church has been selling those homes. Most of them had already been sold before this vengeful accusation was made.

Incidentally it might be here noted that the Pasadena home occupied by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, in actual fact, cost the Work, originally, just \$17,500! One could not buy a second-rate shanty in Pasadena today for that! The Work paid much more than that for some of the "slum-area" homes purchased by the college to be wrecked and to become part of the beautiful college campus!

True, Mr. Armstrong's on-campus home was remodeled — but that work was done by the college's own reconstruction and building crew.

This kind of slander against the Work of the living God certainly will not be believed by the Spirit-led people of God!

Jesus Christ is the living HEAD of God's Church. This Church is IN GOOD HANDS! You might borrow a quip from the advertising of an insurance company and say that we are "THE GOOD HANDS PEOPLE."

## sharing...

### Striving for fairness

Perhaps the title of this article should be "Why everyone isn't treated fairly." Because people aren't all treated exactly the same in every situation; some people start out and run the race of life with longer legs.

Now I have always felt my legs were a bit on the short side. Like a lot of people I have felt that I was shortchanged in some areas. I am sensitive about my shortfalls areas and, accordingly, I am concerned in my dealings with others that they not be slighted. However, after years of supervising others, I have come to realize it is impossible to be totally fair with everyone, especially so in the eyes of those being dealt with.

Each day I make decisions that benefit some over others. It is impossible to do otherwise. The more people there are to deal with, the more opportunity there is for being unfair.

Society today is on a fairness crusade. "Let's make everything fair for everybody all the time" is the rallying cry. In the United States especially, we seem to be preoccupied with fairness. We fear fair housing and fair-trade laws, fair employment standards and fair wage requirements. Politicians, citing the "fairness doctrine," demand equal time on radio and television during political campaigns. Broadcasting stations must offer equal time to citizens to reply to editorials. And on it goes.

Yet, in the midst of this rush to fairness, we often become unfair. If everyone receives an equal wage, for example, those who produce more or show more initiative are slighted. If we rush overmuch to the aid of the "have-nots," we neglect valid needs and rights of the "haves." Fairness is a noble sentiment, but humanly it doesn't always work.

Not that I am against fairness. I like to be treated fairly just like everybody else does.

Total fairness just isn't always in the scheme of things, and the sooner we learn to face that fact the happier we will be. Like the homely girl or boy with the better-looking sister or brother, we are going to have to seek solace in whatever other talents and

This issue's column is written by Ted Herlison, the Work's director of ministerial services.

opportunities we have, in those advantages that may be uniquely our own.

The Bible gives some hints at life's seeming inequities. A sidelight of the Matthew 20 parable of the vineyard workers shows an employer making seemingly unfair judgments as to who receives what and how much. Jesus, in the same chapter, verses 20-24, likewise appeared arbitrary in His judgments between individuals in declaring that the Apostle John might receive a more desirable benefit — life without martyrdom — than Peter. Jesus claimed it was His to give and made no excuse for it. He did not stop to say, "Now what shall I do for you, Peter, to be sure you are treated fairly?"

In the end God does treat everyone fairly. The gift of eternal life is obviously so great that any earlier inequities will be equalized out. However, that is tomorrow. Today such apparent inequities concern us. In the final analysis, we are better off when we realize that we do not all start out equal in everything, nor do we all finish equal. Time and chance affect all of us.

In making policies that affect large numbers of people, we are aware that our best efforts will benefit most everyone, but not all. We then attempt to make compensating judgments to close the gap. Unfortunately, we do not always succeed perfectly.

I have had to learn that there is a place for judgment in the distribution of benefits and that it is unwise to carry a burden of guilt about the inability to make sure all is totally fair. As a philosophy for the individual, it is far better to enjoy our slice of the pie of life than it is to waste good energy begrudging another person who may appear to have received a larger slice. The book of Ecclesiastes has something to say about this.

A wise mother once told me that her children had been taught not to automatically expect presents or rewards just because another child in the family received something. In that way the children were being prepared for similar situations, which are a part of everyday adult living, and would come to understand that the treatment we receive may not, in this world, always be equal to what others receive.

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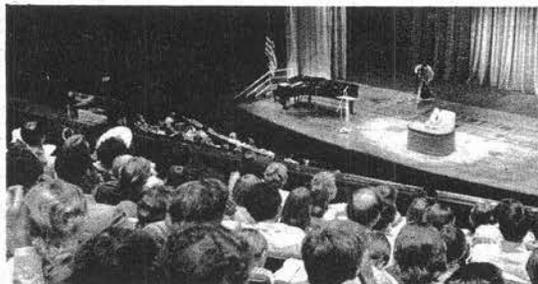
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**VIDEOTAPING SERMON** — Herbert W. Armstrong addressed the Pasadena congregations June 17 at Ambassador Auditorium. His videotaped sermon will be converted into a television program scheduled to be shown in local church areas. The photos here depict preparation for the videotaping. Clockwise, from left: Mr. Armstrong waits backstage for services to begin; he launches into his sermon; cinematographer Ron Prociw assists Mr. Armstrong with a lapel microphone; Mr. Prociw checks microphone connections as Mr. Armstrong comes onstage; members listen from the Auditorium balcony; Mr. Armstrong and producer Dick Quincer check details before services. (Photos by Scott Ashley and Roland Rees)



## Transcript of Stan Rader's address

PASADENA — Following a June 17 sermon by Herbert W. Armstrong in the Ambassador Auditorium, Stanley Rader, general counsel to Mr. Armstrong, also addressed the headquarters congregations. Following are excerpts of Mr. Rader's address.

Hearing Mr. Armstrong today under these circumstances and being allowed to share almost the majesty of the moment is something that really makes you take pause. Every moment in time, every moment in history is precious, unique, but some moments are more precious and more unique. And I think what we've just experienced today, as our brethren in Tucson have experienced the past three weeks, is a new beginning in God's Work.

I think it would be good to share some of what I have experienced in the more than 21 years that I have been serving Mr. Armstrong and thus serving the Work and serving the great God of all of us. It's perhaps easiest for me to do that by telling you just a little bit about how it came about that, three years ago, I was baptized by him in Hong Kong.

I don't think many people have heard the story, but it's an important one because it perhaps transcends the usual events that might lead up to somebody's baptism. After all, Mr. Armstrong and I had a very intensive relationship. It went back for many years prior to that: 1975 is only three years ago and our relationship goes back to 1956. And it was always the same relationship. I never related to anybody else in the Work other than Mr. Armstrong. I tried to make friends with other people. I tried to do what I could to help others in the Work, but basically I had to report to Mr. Armstrong. I took my lead from him. I took my direction to him. I gave my advice to him.

And as many of you know who have been in the Work for a good long period of time, for many years Mr. Armstrong began to receive some criticism for associating with me so closely. The story went: How could you possibly spend so much time with Mr. Rader. After all, he isn't converted. Well, when he heard that, of course, he took umbrage. He was a little offended — not so much because it was somewhat of a slur on me but essentially because it was an attack on him. After all, as God's apostle he would be led by God to spend time with people that he should spend time with and if he found it helpful to the Work and helpful to him to spend time with me, then God would take care of that problem.

At any rate, Mr. Armstrong always diligently avoided discussing too much about the spiritual side of things with me for a very long period of time. We would kind of tiptoe around the issue because maybe he thought, like many people, that politics and religion don't cement the best friendships sometimes.

He didn't want to impose his religious or spiritual standards on me, and we had a very fine relationship with one another. Maybe he didn't want to discuss that which was so religious that it became very personal and would lead to a strain of that relationship. Therefore I'd say for many years (right on up until about 1970) we would discuss spiritual aspects of the Work but more or less in a nonpersonal way. And although I would attend the Feast of Tabernacles and Church services with him, it was always taken for granted that I was somewhat of a visitor.

All this time, of course, I was not failing to learn a great deal about the spiritual aspects of this Work. After all, Mr. Armstrong is a great teacher. He is a great teacher by example if by



**CHECKING NOTES** — Stanley Rader reviews his notes backstage before speaking at Ambassador Auditorium June 17. (Photo by Scott Ashley)

nothing else and I began to see where the strength in this Work came from. I couldn't help but be influenced in a positive way by association with Mr. Armstrong. I began to spend more time with Mr. Armstrong than I spent with anybody else and Mr. Armstrong began to spend more time with me during many of those years than he had with anybody else. Obviously, I either had to learn from him, if I were a good student and he were a good teacher, or I would have to reject everything that he stood for.

Now during the first 14 years or so of our relationship I thought it would be quite impossible for me to be baptized because I never thought I would qualify. Looking around me and see-

ing all the people that I had come in contact with in the Work up to about 1970, I never thought that I would measure up.

I didn't come into the Work in exactly the way as the others did. Mr. Armstrong called upon me for professional services — services that the Work needed, services that he needed and I was providing those professional services. I was a servant and I was worthy of my hire and I had not rejected all of the values that had become important to me as part of this carnally minded world.

As I looked around, I saw that everybody that I was coming into contact with had a different set of values. They had accepted the values of the Church, which of course are the values we find in the Word of God. Mr. Armstrong was a fine teacher and he practiced what he preached. And he was such a good teacher that he was able to get others to practice what he preached, which perhaps is the real ultimate test.

I just didn't feel that I would ever be able to totally reject everything that I had understood to be important

I didn't think there was exactly anything wrong about my set of values and my set of principles, but I did recognize that they were not quite the same as the principles for which this Work stood. I didn't feel that I had passed the test as yet because things were different around here — 10, 12 years ago — they were quite different.

There was a spirit that pervaded this organization that you could practically touch. You could cut it with a knife — everybody noticed it. Anybody stepping foot on this campus noticed it, whether he be a person from the Pasadena downtown area, somebody clear across the ocean or a hard-nosed businessman from the

East or some other metropolitan center. We know what it is and, as I said, you could practically touch it. You could sum it up. Everyone seemed to love everyone else. Everyone, of course, loved God, and as a consequence things seemed to be completely different in this organization.

As time went on, however, things began to change just enough so that it wasn't quite the same any more. I wrote a memorandum on the subject — a very long memorandum (about eight or nine pages) — in 1971 to a man whom I still hold in the very highest regard. He is no longer an active member of the Church, but at the time he was a very active member and had a very elevated position.

In that memorandum I told him that I had begun to notice a change in the organization. I had begun to notice that people were coming into the organization who were like me. They had not rejected their own system, their own set of values, their own principles. They had not rejected their own goals and objectives. They were people who were coming into the Work and were hoping to satisfy or fulfill their own goals and their own objectives and their own value system by changing or distorting or just moving this Work around enough to make it possible for them to do that. In other words, they had not accepted the value system that was here.

As time went on we found people coming into the Work who were never here when the other spirit pervaded the institution. We had people coming in who found themselves in positions of some influence, of some power, of some authority, and they had never experienced the other attitude — the attitude that went back just a few years. They found the spirit of competition. They saw a spirit of conflict — quite different than what had been here before.

So by 1970 I began to think. (See STAN RADER, page 5)

# “And this Gospel shall be preached...”

Matthew 24:14

## Sermon Summaries from Ministers of the Worldwide Church of God

### God's Sabbath: A Rich Delight

We read in Genesis 2 that God rested the seventh day and blessed and sanctified it. Jesus taught that the Sabbath was made for man (Mark 2:27-28) at the time man was made. Our booklet *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?* explains how we know which day it is that God calls the Sabbath and why it is important to keep it.

I want to expound a bit on the meaning and purpose of the Sabbath and show why we have been given this law by God and how to make the Sabbath what God intended it to be — an opportunity to pursue some of the very highest ideals of human life.

In Genesis 2:1 we see the beginning of the Sabbath day. “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it [which means set apart for a holy use]: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.”

So we see that God rested at creation. And when a man rests on this Sabbath day he's imitating his God, the very God who set this time aside.

In Exodus 20:8, Sabbath observance is given as a commandment: “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

So it is that God made this day for man at the very time of creation. It was a time set aside for man to use.

#### Purpose of the Sabbath

Why was this day given? Isaiah 58:13 gives us some of the answer. “If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own way, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words.” (Here, where it talks about your own pleasure, it is essentially referring to, if you read the Jewish translation, pursuing your own business.)

The Sabbath is to be a delightful day to the people of God. We are not to pursue our own business. It doesn't mean we can't have pleasure on this day. Indeed, the Sabbath will become one of the most meaningful and rich days once we comprehend the vision of why this day is given to man.

#### Day for teaching children

I personally believe that this day should be very enjoyable even for children. It is a day to teach them about God and the great purpose in life.

Let me take the time to read you three parables that illustrate different approaches toward teaching children about God on the Sabbath day. Some approaches produce good results while others fall short of our desired results.

#### Parable No. 1

“I took a little child's hand in mine. He and I were to walk together for awhile. I was to lead him to the Father. It was a task that overcame me, so awful was the responsibility. I talked to the little child only of the Father. I painted the sternness of the Father's face. We walked under tall trees. I said the Father had the power to send them crashing down, struck by His thunderbolts. We walked in the sunshine. I told him of the

greatness of the Father who made the burning blazing sun.

“One twilight we met the Father. The child hid behind me; he was afraid. He would not look up at the face so loving, he remembered my picture. He would not put his hand in the Father's hand. I was between the child and the Father. I wondered. I had been so conscientious, so serious.”

#### Parable No. 2

“I took a little child's hand in mine. I was to lead him to the Father. I felt burdened by the multitude of the things I was to teach him. We did not ramble, we hastened from spot to spot. In one moment we compared the leaves of the trees and the next we were examining a bird's nest. While the child was questioning me about it, I hurried him away to chase the butterflies. Did he chance to fall asleep I wakened him lest he should miss something I wished him to see.

“We spoke of the Father often and rapidly. I poured into his ears all the stories he ought to know and we were interrupted often by the wind of which we must trace to its source. But then in twilight we met the Father. The child merely glanced at Him. The Father stretched out His hand but the child was not interested enough to take it. Feverish spots burned on his cheeks. He dropped exhausted to the ground and fell asleep. Again I was between the child and the Father and I wondered. I taught him so many, many things.”

#### Parable No. 3

Now the third parable illustrates a more successful and desirable method of teaching.

“I took a little child's hand in mine to lead him to the Father. My heart was full of gratitude for the glad service, for the glad privilege. We walked slowly, I suited my steps to the short steps of the child. We spoke of the things the child noticed. Sometimes it was one of the Father's birds. We watched it build a nest and saw the eggs that were laid. We wondered later of the care it gave its young. Sometimes we picked the Father's flowers and stroked their soft petals and loved their bright colors.

“Often we told stories of the Father. I told them to the child and the child told them to me. We told them, the child and I, over and over and over again. Sometimes we stopped to lean, resting against the Father's tree and letting His air cool our brow and never speaking.

“And then in the twilight we met the Father. The child's eyes shone. He looked up lovingly, trustingly, eagerly into the Father's face. He put his hand in the Father's hand. I was for a moment forgotten. I was content.”

Yes, the Sabbath is an opportunity to help our children appreciate and understand God through His creation, to take time and reflect deeply on the beauty and meaning of life. It is the day when we prepare to meet God!

#### Day to set priorities

It's easy to get our priorities out of line. The Sabbath day allows us to keep our priorities in perspective. It can give us an awareness of what's really important.

Oftentimes we tend to get our minds on the day-to-day business, our pursuits, frustrations we're facing in life, difficulties we face as human be-

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ings. Most people in this world labor with their mundane troubles and concerns seven days a week — with the result that anxieties, ulcers and emotional upsets beset millions.

God has told us that there are six days to labor and be concerned with material pursuits. But the Sabbath is a day of rest and freedom from the daily cares. The very fact that we're not pursuing our own material gains on this day makes it a delight. We are showing that we are not the slaves of materialism. We're not bent on packing in as much money or as much of anything as we can possibly get.

#### Lesson from history

In Nehemiah 13, Judah was in trouble. They had gone into captivity, Ezra, the great leader of God, brought them back into the land and now Nehemiah, a very vigorous, very forceful leader, was restoring and rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem once again. But the people were in a weakened spiritual condition.

And so in Nehemiah 13: “In those days I saw in Judah men treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in heaps of grain and loading them on asses; and also wine, grapes, figs and all kinds of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day; and I testified against them in the day which they sold provisions. There dwelt men of Tyre also in the city who brought fish, all kinds of wares and sold on the sabbath day unto the children of Judah.

“Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that you do, and profane the sabbath day? And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened until after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodged outside of Jerusalem once or twice. Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why do you lodge before the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath day. And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day” (verses 15-17, 19-22, paraphrased).

#### Jesus' example

Jesus also had a lot to say about the Sabbath day. Probably no part of His conduct was more criticized than His mode of observing the Sabbath. Let's look at a list of the charges that the Pharisees leveled against Jesus regarding His Sabbath keeping. There are five recorded incidents in which the Pharisees charged Jesus with breaking the Sabbath.

Here are the five things that Jesus did on the Sabbath day that were His “crimes”: 1) healing a man who had been paralyzed for 38 years and telling him to take up his bed; 2) healing a man with a withered hand; 3) healing a blind man; 4) healing a man of dropsy; 5) healing a woman bowed down by an infirmity for 18 years.

Those were the five “acts of work” that Jesus committed and those were the “crimes” that were charged against Him on the Sabbath day. They were acts of mercy, acts of love.

The Pharisees thought that by setting up innu-

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Bible. But I HAD LEARNED GOD'S PRINCIPLE OF SIN! I knew God said, "Sin is the transgression of law" — meaning God's laws. I had learned that there was the SPIRITUAL law based on the principle of *outgoing LOVE*. I had learned there were also *physical* laws God had set in motion within our human bodies to control our state of health.

I had learned, even at that early stage of my knowledge of the things of God, that GOD'S SPIRITUAL LAW is first of all *outgoing LOVE*. Next it was magnified into the two Great Commandments — love toward God and love toward human neighbor. The Ten Commandments, I knew, merely stated the broad PRINCIPLES of love toward GOD (the first four of the Ten), and love to fellowman (the last six Commandments).

But also I had learned one more VITALLY IMPORTANT BASIC PRINCIPLE. In II Corinthians 3:6 God through Paul began explaining that the ministers of the NEW Testament are ministers NOT of the strictness of the letter of the law, but of the SPIRIT — that is, the obvious intent, meaning or principle involved.

I knew, for example, that the Ten Commandments explained only the general PRINCIPLE of the direction, attitude and purpose of the law.

God had given me, in my own

**Church Doctrine:**

**SMOKING IS A SIN**

experience, a very vivid example of what Paul was talking about in II Corinthians 3. My elder daughter, then 9 years of age, was a rapid and inveterate reader. She had been bringing fiction "love-story" books home from the school library. She would read an entire book in just two or three evenings. I had received a note from her teacher.

I said to Beverly: "Your teacher has warned me that you are injuring your eyes, and even perhaps your mind, by reading so much of this fiction and suggested I speak to you about it. Therefore I am telling you not to bring any more of those fiction books home from the school library."

The very next evening, I noticed Beverly reading a book and already about half way through it.

"Beverly," I asked, "isn't that another love-story fiction book?"

"Yes, Daddy," she replied. "Well, why are you disobeying me, when I told you to stop reading such books?"

"Oh, I'm NOT disobeying you, Daddy. You said, 'Don't bring any more of those books

from the school library.' I didn't bring this book from the library. I borrowed it from Helen!"

My daughter obeyed the strict LETTER OF THE LAW — but not its obvious intent and meaning — not in the PRINCIPLE involved — not "the spirit of the law."

**Principle applied to smoking**

I applied this PRINCIPLE of God's law defining sin to smoking. What was the obvious intent, meaning and principle of the law?

It was the principle of outflowing LOVE toward others, toward God and toward neighbor.

I then asked myself, "why do I smoke? Is it to express outgoing love to God?" Most assuredly NOT! "Am I smoking to express outgoing love and concern for the welfare of other humans?" I had to answer in the negative. Often, I realized, smoking is obnoxious and objectionable to nonsmokers.

Then I asked myself, "Is it injurious to me?" It was not yet then known that smoking is a cause of lung cancer. But I knew well the function of the lungs — to filter out impurities from the blood passing through the lungs returning to the heart. I did know

that inhaling smoke into the lungs simply *had to be* harmful, at least in some degree.

I realized that the *opposite* to, or transgression of, the law of outgoing love to others was coveting or lust — inordinate self-desire.

WHY, I finally asked myself then, do I smoke? It was a form of SELF-desire, breaking — at least in some measure — the Tenth Commandment!

In other words, God was showing me SMOKING WAS A SIN, even though a mild one! That was more than 51 years ago. I stopped smoking then and there.

Now it had happened that my smoking was obnoxious to my wife. She had merely tolerated it.

That is how THE LIVING GOD SHOWED ME THAT SMOKING IS A SPIRITUAL SIN!

But what about being a *physical* sin — harming the physical laws that God set in operation in our bodies? We know now that it is a cause of lung cancer, which can be fatal.

But I learned one point more. Some 10 years after I had quit smoking, I made a test on myself. I was in Portland, Ore., doing a broadcast or making recordings. On this particular trip my wife was not with me. I knew that if I smoked she would smell it either on my clothes or in my breath. I tried an experiment.

I bought a pack of cigarettes. In my hotel room, removing all

my clothes and hanging them in the wardrobe closet with the door shut, I took out a cigarette and lit it. I wanted to learn how it would affect me after some 10 years of nonsmoking.

After about two puffs, I felt DIRTY all over. I felt definitely that it was in violation of the natural law of cleanliness. I never took the third puff. I threw the cigarette and the remainder of the pack into the toilet and flushed it. Then I took a shower so I would feel CLEAN again — and perhaps also so that my wife would not discern the telltale smell of it when I returned home in Eugene, where we then lived.

That is how and WHY, when God had used me as His apostle in building His Church for this era of time, GOD used me to put into HIS CHURCH the truth that smoking is, INDEED, A SIN. Even though one may argue it is only a mild sin, yet SIN IS SIN and that *does include* smoking.

Other uses of tobacco fall, in principle and obvious intent of the law, in the same category!

Tobacco is a poison weed! I know because a ditch-digging laborer, working in front of our house when I was 5 years old, induced me to "take a chaw" of his chewing tobacco. I swallowed it! I learned at age 5 that tobacco is a poison weed that can make you horribly sick in your stomach! I swore off chewing tobacco at age 5!

**Stan Rader's address transcript**

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Now, wait a second. I'm getting ready to accept this system of ideas and values. I am a pretty good student. I have the very best teacher. In fact, Mr. Armstrong has complimented me on more than one occasion by telling me that I have been his best student. I was ready to accept everything and reject my prior set of values and traditions. All of a sudden, I looked around me and I said, "Well, I may find myself in a hostile environment. I may find myself pretty soon among a very small minority of people who want to keep this Work on the right track, and therefore I began to be concerned.

I began to think up resignation letters and I resigned, more or less, in 1973. I resigned again in 1974. I resigned again in 1975. The only year I didn't was 1976. I don't know what happened. But periodically I would go to Mr. Armstrong and I'd say, "You know, Mr. Armstrong, things are changing here. Maybe it's about time for me to leave. Maybe I ought to be like the actor who knows when it's time to get off the stage and I ought to just exit. If someone would write me a good exit line, maybe now is the time for me to do it." And of course he told me, no. I was wrong. He told me that the Work needed me, that he needed me. And of course, I stayed.

Now many times when I would write these letters of resignation, I must admit that I was feeling a little down at the time, maybe a little bit resentful as we all have occasion to feel from time to time — some more often than others . . .

Maybe this criticism of me, which I'd heard from various quarters, was getting the best of me or maybe I just wanted Mr. Armstrong to pat me on the head and say, "Oh, don't worry about it, Stan, you've done a good job and I love you." . . . and pat me on the head again and send me away. We all like that because we're all children, regardless of how old we are, and

everyone likes to be complimented

Mr. Armstrong did pat me on the head. He did reassure me and tell me not to worry about the criticism. He told me not to worry about people finding fault with me because he was the only one I was responsible to and he was responsible to God and that he would take care of my problems. Mr. Armstrong said I was needed in the Work and needed at his side and he wanted me there. So I would forget about it again for a year.

But, any rate, I was coming closer and closer to that point where I wanted to receive God's Holy Spirit. I felt that I was ready for it but I was troubled. So I finally decided to write Mr. Armstrong a memorandum about it . . .

That is when I pretty much told it to him as I have told it to you today. I said there was something different about the spirit that pervaded this institution when I first met you and things aren't the same anymore. Now I feel I am ready for baptism. I don't feel, however, that I could be, because if I did, I would find that I was surrounded by too many people who had rejected, to a greater or lesser extent, the very values for which this institution stood; the very values which I had begun to accept in lieu of the values which I had before.

And then he said, "Stan, you're wrong. You're absolutely wrong, intellectually and spiritually you are wrong."

And I said, "What do you mean by that?"

He said, "Because if you are ready to receive God's Holy Spirit, if you have truly repented or are ready to repent, then it's between you and God, and you must be baptized. It doesn't make any difference about anybody else, doesn't make any difference about it."

That conversation took place in March of 1975 and within hours I had been baptized by Mr. Armstrong in a hotel in Hong Kong. But we still had one more thing to discuss.

I said, "Mr. Armstrong, you know if I'm baptized, it's going to cause an awful lot of problems for you. For years, people have been hitting me over the head and hitting you over the head because I haven't been. But the moment that I am baptized, they'll be hitting you over the head and hitting me over the head because you have baptized me."

And I even told him, "Maybe we shouldn't announce it. Maybe we should keep it a secret." At times I have found myself in that proverbial position, "Damned if you do and damned if you don't." And of course he rejected that immediately, and, as a consequence, I was baptized. He made some kind of an announcement.

Now it is kind of interesting because I wasn't too far wrong about the trouble that might be caused. . . . I received, however, hundreds, maybe a thousand, letters from around the country from brethren that I had never met congratulating me, telling me how they had hoped that something like this would happen and how important it was. . . . Sure enough, the attacks on my character, on my reputation, on Mr. Armstrong and the like increased.

Now that gives you a little idea about the relationship between us. You can't live together practically, as we have, for over a period of more than a decade and have a relationship that goes back almost 22 years now without knowing one another pretty well.

Maybe that will help you understand just a little bit more about how the two of us have worked together, and also show what kind of man he is to be able to point that out to me so quickly. . . . when I finally had put down all my thoughts about being ready and not being able to go forward.

Naturally I was talking about the question of hypocrisy because I didn't want to engage in hypocrisy. It's too difficult. The hypocrite has to keep up appearances. There is more false energy wasted — I mean energy

wasted in keeping up false appearances — than I want to give to the problem.

It's much easier to stick with the plain truth, as we call it. Everybody will always know where I stand on every issue and Mr. Armstrong knows whatever I tell him — even if I'm wrong — it's what I believe, it's how I feel. Therefore there's some comfort for him to know, at least, what I tell him I believe, even if I should be wrong. And believe me, I'm wrong many times. He'll be the first one to tell you that, but he knows that is what I feel.

I give my advice forcefully, I give my advice cogently, forthrightly, and candidly and if it comes to my having to carry out a decision for him or help execute a decision, it's done just as energetically and loyally. To a certain extent that is comforting.

Now with that in mind, I would like to read you a little bit of what I did write, which my wife wouldn't let me deliver today because she didn't want to hear a sermon. I did write a little bit about Mr. Armstrong, and I'd just like to share it with you at this time.

I wrote that Mr. Armstrong is both a product of experience and of self-experience. These are my observations. You are free to reject them or accept them. In some respects, the latter (self-experience) is more important than the former . . .

Mr. Armstrong has spent his whole life chiseling himself into shape and the essence of the spiritual life, after all, is the quest for balance. The object, goodness, is clear enough. We all know that. The difficulty lies in steering toward it between the rival rocks of despair on one hand and pride on the other. We must retain a sense of humility and fear of failure without at the same time denying the creative encouragement of success . . .

The result has been that he has become in all humility a confident man with a confidence based not on ignorance but on self-knowledge. Of course, his confidence has been strengthened and in fact based upon his belief in God's laws, and he has been able to find his internal peace

through his obedience to God. Obedience to God made him the apostle of this Church, and he had not sought the place. It had been given him in the full knowledge of his qualities and his frailties: He would therefore obey God by doing what he felt to be right in everything that he did, and the Almighty would protect him from error.

He believed in the inspiration of God in all things as well as in his capacity as apostle — not in sudden, blinding flashes of illumination, nor in the sense that he could communicate directly with God and ask for instructions of a specific nature — but in the deeper sense that God had created and shaped him for certain plans, for certain purposes for His overall purpose (God's overall purpose), and therefore endowed him with instinct and habits of thought, which were trustworthy.

Then I went on to say that (and again, this is my opinion) Mr. Armstrong's office as apostle is quite simply the most important office in the world today, but it is an office based not on power but on affection. He has been able to persuade multitudes of people, including multitudes of persons who are not yet converted, to accept this definition of his office, largely because of his own capacity to fulfill it. And yet he has taken no credit for the success . . .

Then I had a little more about the Work, I said. This is the one and only true Church of the living God. Instead of faulting the Work and the great process and the great perfection of God, let us respond in our attitudes and in our searching of ourselves. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering for He is faithful who promised, and let us consider one another to provoke on to love and on to good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. Let us exhort one another.

So don't be shaken, brethren, don't be shaken by the trials and testings of the things that will come, because our faith is constantly being tested day by day, week by week.

As Mr. Armstrong said in his sermon today, "We are in that time — that end time — and it's now."

## Biblical studies diploma program will begin at Ambassador in fall

By John Zahody

PASADENA — A new Diploma in Biblical Studies program will be offered here this fall by the Ambassador College School of Biblical and Ministerial Studies. The program is being established under the direction of Herbert W. Armstrong to serve the young people of the Worldwide Church of God.

In a brochure recently published by the college, the new nondegree program is described as "a unique college-level program designed to give increased biblical understanding and to promote spiritual development. The motto 'recapture true values' depicts those distinctive qualities which are not available in other colleges and universities. In addition, this special program offers career guidance as well as social and recreational opportunities during a formative period in life."

"Those of us on the administration of Ambassador College appreciate the challenges placed before us when Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote the policy and purpose statement creating the new school," stated Dr.

George T. Geis, dean of faculty, in a recent issue of the *Pastor's Report*.

"As the weeks have gone by since Mr. Armstrong's announcement, we have increasingly realized the opportunities before us. What in reality has occurred is that we are now privileged to develop an entirely innovative type of program. Centering on those distinctive qualities which truly made Ambassador College unique over the years, we will now have a program which will give young men and women of the Church a foundational education in the more penetrating and significant dimensions of life."

A core curriculum of seven courses is required of all students, and includes Life and Teachings of Jesus, Principles of Living, Early Christian History, Old Testament Survey I and II, Doctrine of the Worldwide Church of God and Marriage and the Family.

"For this entire 30-unit program [whether taken during the regular school year or in summer sessions]," continued Dr. Geis, "the student will concentrate on these

areas without being compelled to pursue other areas of study such as a foreign language, American history or English. In fact, the whole purpose for this type of program is to help the student better understand life and "find himself" as they say in the vernacular.

"Personally, I see this diploma program as a rich opportunity for my own son (or daughters, for that matter) who is still some years away from college. . . . He could enter immediately after completing high school or as a meaningful change of pace sometime during his academic program at another college. I feel that this would be vital not only in terms of his future career direction in life, but also in terms of his spiritual and moral development. And who knows, he might even meet that one person at Ambassador College who, at some future date, will become my daughter-in-law!"

"I see the diploma program as serving the young people in the Church between home and college or career," commented student services director Gregory R. Albrecht.



**PLANNING PROGRAM** — From left, student academic adviser Richard Paige, dean of faculty Dr. George Geis and student services director Greg Albrecht discuss proposals for the Diploma in Biblical Studies program slated to begin at Ambassador this fall. (Photo by Roland Rees)

"They can come here to enjoy the unique social opportunities and atmosphere as well as the classes."

Mr. Albrecht went on to say that students who wish to augment their studies in the diploma program could do so by attending classes at one of the several colleges and universities located near the Ambassador campus.

"The academic part of our program is flexible enough to accommodate students at various academic

levels," stated Richard H. Paige, student academic adviser for the diploma program. "Some of the courses offered will actually be part of the masters program [master of arts in religious studies], while others are designed for those who are beginning college-level studies."

"The student, in consultation with the adviser, will arrange a program of academic work and extracurricular activities that are tailored to meet his or her own particular needs."

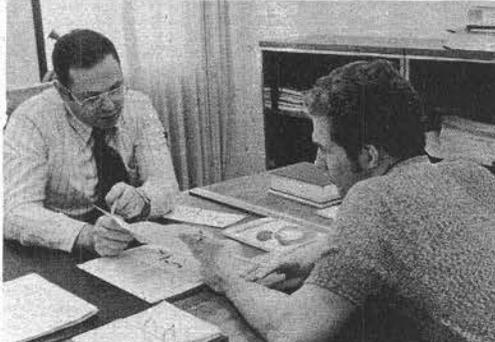
"I think we'll be able to help our students in a more concentrated way than we ever have before," added Mr. Albrecht. "The activities and leadership opportunities we have to offer will help our students find their own capabilities. These would not generally be available at other colleges and universities."

Extracurricular activities planned for the coming school year include intramural sports, music, Ambassador and Women's clubs and other student-organized activities.

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



**BIBLICAL STUDIES** — From left: Student services director Greg Albrecht chats about the upcoming biblical studies program; Dr. George



Geis, dean of faculty, works at his desk; student academic adviser Richard Paige explains the program to Chuck Fisher. (Photos by Roland Rees)

## God's Sabbath

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merable rules for the Sabbath, people would be able to keep it better. In reality they reduced the day to a miserable micrology of dos and don'ts.

Jesus' approach to this day is very important for us to study. He responded with remarkable wisdom to the formalism of the Pharisees when they charged Him with this Sabbath breaking. His replies were simple. They went right to the core of reasons why God had originally instituted the day. In no case, however, in His defense of His actions on the Sabbath day, does Jesus call in question the fact of man's obligation to the Sabbath. Jesus had no quarrel with the Pharisees that the Sabbath should be kept. The question was one of how it should be kept.

In Mark 2:27 we see, "And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath." It was made on the seventh day of creation. In fact, it was the last act — the conclusion — of God's physical creation as recorded in Genesis. Man was made on the sixth day. And then God in His love gave this seventh day of rest to man in order that he would be able to keep in contact with God, to see clearly the highest goals and the highest priorities that human beings can pursue. The Sabbath was made for man's rest, for his worship, for his growing close to God, for his fellowship. It was made for man's benefit.

### Human dos and don'ts

The Pharisees' view was that he who best keeps

the Sabbath goes to the greatest lengths in abstaining from what might be construed as labor, irrespective of what that does to himself or others. But Christianity is much more than mere lawkeeping. True worship, according to Jesus, is not legalistic or mechanical. It's deeply predicated on understanding of the purpose of law.

You see, Jesus by His life was showing people how one should love God with all his soul and heart and might and how to love one's neighbor as oneself.

Jesus taught it was lawful to do good on the Sabbath day. In Matthew 5:17, Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." How did Jesus fill the law to the full? Galatians 5:14, "For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." So how did Jesus fill the Sabbath to the full? He acknowledged it was a day for rest and for worship, but He also taught through His life that the Sabbath day is also a day for loving one's neighbor as one's self, and His life reflected that throughout that day.

So far we have said that the Sabbath day was the conclusion of creation week and that it was made for man to rest, to be refreshed and to be renewed. It's also a time to pursue some of the highest goals of his potentiality — that of growing to become a member of the Family of God. It's a day of rich, full worship of God and for fellowship and for doing good.

The Sabbath is a day for prayer, for studying God's Word, for thinking about God. Early in the

morning we can establish contact with God, talk with God, draw close to Him, study His Word, drink in of it.

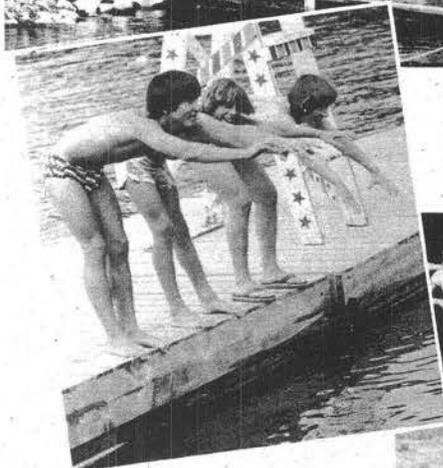
The Sabbath day when properly understood is utterly a delight. It's not burdensome. It's a day once again when man can pursue the highest of his potentiality. When he can pursue what so many men in today's society have neglected, time to draw close to God. Time to develop the spiritual aspect in man which in an age of materialism tends to be pushed further and further out. In 1 John 5:3, it says: "This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments." His commandments aren't burdensome. Properly construed and understood they're beautiful elements in the plan of God.

As Jeremiah said, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt: which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel: After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God and they shall be my people" (Jeremiah 31:31-33).

The Sabbath is a law that God doesn't want to force us to keep, but He does desire us to have it inscribed in our hearts for our own benefit. He desires that we understand what this day means to our development, spiritually, physically, emotionally and every other way.



**SUMMER TIME** — It's summertime and once again hundreds of youths are attending the Summer Educational Program (SEP) at Orr, Minn. The Youth Opportunities United-sponsored camp offers two sessions, the first began June 20 and ends July 10. The second session is slated to begin July 13 and will end Aug. 2. More than 300 campers from all over the United States and Canada are presently using the facilities, which are located on the shores of Lake Pelican. An equal number of campers is enrolled for the second session. Photos here show campers assembling on the shores for waterskiing instruction, learning how to shoot a rifle, holding a friendly swimming race and rehearsing cheerleading skills. (Photos by Ron Dick)



## Solzhenitsyn: prophet scorned

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for a few hours only, and all of a sudden crowds of American citizens start looting and creating havoc. The smooth surface film must be very thin, then; the social system quite unstable and unhealthy.

### Losing battle to communism

• "The American intelligentsia lost its nerve [in Vietnam] and, as a consequence thereof, danger has come much closer to the United States. But there is no awareness of this. Your shortsighted politicians who signed the hasty Vietnam capitulation seemingly gave America a carefree breathing pause; however, a hundredfold Vietnams now loom over you; That small Vietnam had been a warning and an occasion to mobilize the nation's courage. But if a full-fledged America suffered a real defeat from a small communist half-country, how can the West hope to stand firm in the future?"

• "To defend oneself one must

also be ready to die; there is little such readiness in a society raised in the cult of material well-being. Nothing is left, then, but concessions, attempts to gain time and betrayal.

• "One must be blind in order not to see that oceans no longer belong to the West, while land under its domination keeps shrinking . . . The next war (which does not have to be an atomic one and I do not believe it will), may well bury Western civilization forever."

### Spiritual demise

Solzhenitsyn reserved his final comments for the collapsed spiritual state of Western society. This he attributed to the inroads of "irreligious humanistic" concepts:

"To such consciousness, man is the touchstone in judging and evaluating everything on earth. Imperfect man is never free of pride, self-interest, envy, vanity and dozens of other defects. We are now experiencing the consequences of mistakes, which had not been noticed at the beginning of the journey. On the way from the Renaissance to our days we have enriched our experience, but we have lost the concept of a supreme complete Entity, which used to restrain our passions and our irresponsibility.

"If humanism were right in declaring that man is born to be happy, he would not be born to die. Since his body is doomed to die, his task on earth evidently must be of a more spiritual nature. It cannot be unrestrained enjoyment of everyday life. It cannot be the search for the best ways to obtain material goods and then cheerfully get the most out of them. It has to be the fulfillment of a permanent, earnest duty so that one's life journey may become an experience of moral growth, in that one may leave life a better human being than one started it."

### Will anyone listen?

These are mighty strong words from a modern-day secular prophet

whose "calling," as it were, is recognized by at least a few not blinded by today's goddess, materialistic world. As Patrick J. Buchanan wrote; Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn is a human diamond made hard by the crushing weight of Stalin's monstrous regime, a prophet sent to the West as a final warning that unless its ways are altered, the end is not far distant."

The sad truth is that neither Solzhenitsyn's warnings nor rebukes from God's own servants are likely to be taken any more seriously than the warnings given the kings of Israel and Judah by the prophets of God.

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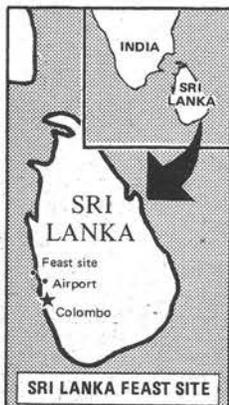
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## Sri Lanka site open for transfers

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia  
— Sri Lanka is now open as a Feast



**FEAST SITE** — This year's Sri Lanka Feast site is on an island 30 miles north of Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital. [Artwork by Scott Ashley]

site to a limited number of transfers reports Chris Hunting, supervisor for India, Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia.

The site is described as "a Hawaiian setting without crowds, noise and commercialism" by Dean Wilson, director of the Australian Office and recent visitor to the island.

Following is a report filed by the pastor of the Sri Lanka church, Mohan Jayasekera:

Sri Lanka is an island of unspoiled beauty. The Feast site is on a hideaway tropical island 30 miles north of Sri Lanka's capital, Colombo, and just 10 miles from the airport.

The island is reached by ferry with hotel reception near the pier. It is a superbly picturesque location in charming remoteness bounded on all sides by untrampered beauty.

The chalets of the Ranveli Beach Hotel are scattered midst tropical splendor and are furnished and decorated in traditional Sri Lankan style.

Other facilities include a private beach, a sea-water swimming pool, a tennis court, a minigolf, a play park for children, a minigolf course and a bowling alley. Visitors can also enjoy fishing and waterskiing.

A central dining room offers both

oriental and western cuisine.

Many airlines serve Colombo, making Sri Lanka easily accessible by air from any part of the world. Let us know when you are arriving and we will pick you up at the airport to transfer you and your family to the Feast site.

The cost is unbelievably low, 280 Sri Lanka rupees, all inclusive, for a double bed. That's \$25 for a couple per room and three full meals plus afternoon tea.

Visas are not required to enter Sri Lanka and there are basically no restrictions.

The Feast site opens two nights before the Feast proper due to special circumstances. The convention opens on Friday night, Oct. 13, and closes Wednesday evening, Oct. 18, since the visiting minister from Australia has to be in India for the last half of the Feast. Services will of course be held on the Sabbath of the 21st and on the Last Great Day, Oct. 23.

If you wish to transfer to Sri Lanka, write: The Worldwide Church of God, Box 202, Burleigh Heads, Queensland, 4220, Australia, attention Chris Hunting.

## Instructor honored

PASADENA — Dr. Emil Pfister has again been selected for the 1979 *Directory of American Scholars*. Dr. Pfister was chairman of the Ambassador College Speech Communication Department last year. He also has been listed in several editions of *Who's Who* and appears in the 1978-79 *Who's Who in the West*.

The criteria for selection are: "A person must have accomplished some conspicuous achievement — something that distinguishes him or her from the vast majority of contemporaries. He or she may scarcely be known in the local community but may be widely recognized in some field of endeavor. Such a person often is one whose work is better known than is his/her name."

# Local church news wrap-up

## Dominoes dominate

ADA, Okla. — The young-at-heart members of the church here enjoyed a covered-dish dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Russell June 3. Dominoes dominated the evening until the wee hour of 11 p.m. *Patsy Pruett.*

## Sizzling bullock

ADELAIDE, Australia — Deep in the Barossa Valley of southern Australia, a small group of young members led by John Jansen met early May 14 to begin roasting a bullock on a spit.

By 1 p.m. about 80 members and friends had gathered for an afternoon of tennis, soccer, volleyball and cricket. Children played on swings and monkey bars and had guessing games.

By 4 p.m. the bullock was sizzling and ready to be cut into succulent chunks for eating. Salads and whole-grain rolls complemented the meal along with the well-known Barossa red and white wines.

The group capitalized on the perfect autumn weather with an evening of disco dancing and a sing-along with banjo accompaniment.

The young organizers, tired, grubby and satisfied, slept in their tents that night. *Rouette Madue.*

## Routine competitions

ALBANY, N.Y. — The Albany brethren



**PICNIC CONTESTS** — Marjorie Ashley feeds Neal Warren in a bottle-feeding contest, left, and a group of members participate in a game of Simon-says at a picnic for the Anniston and Gadsden, Ala., churches June 4. (See "Painting for Pastor," this page.) (Photos by Verna Faye Johnson)

ren were hosts for the district YOU talent and track competitions June 3 and 4. District YOU coordinator Britt Taylor delivered the sermon at Sabbath services, which were followed by a buffet meal served to all guests and members by the Albany women.

First- and second-place winners of the talent contest in the senior division were Michael Lemand, 17, of Concord, N.H., singing "I Write the Songs," and Kim Mitchell, 15, of Rochester, N.Y., doing a piano solo of "Send in the Clowns." In the junior division Tim Prince, 15, of Concord took the honors with his trumpet solo, "Trumpets Lullaby." After the talent show all kicked off shoes, loosened ties and danced to the music of Charlie Starr.

Track events took place the next day at the Saratoga high school. Awards for outstanding athlete were presented in boys' and girls' junior and senior divisions according to cumulative points. Senior-division winners were Dave Mitchell of Rochester and Karen Marques of Albany. Mike Close and Linda Race of Binghamton, N.Y., were junior-division winners. Standings for the church teams were Concord, first place; Binghamton, second; and Rochester, third. *J. Marques.*

## Painting for pastor

ANNISTON, Ala. — Pastor Bill Winner and his wife Carolyn were presented a painting of a mountain scene by the YOU chapter on June 3. The painting was done by Mrs. Don Johnson, a member.

The next day the Anniston and Gadsden churches gathered at the woodland playground and ball field of the Etowah Manufacturing Co. in Gadsden for their first picnic of the summer. The YOU teens sponsored a swap meet for the members. In addition to the ball games and horseshoe pitching were contests of bottle and banana feeding for the adults. *Verna Faye Johnson.*

## Sleepless weekend

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Meeting at the home of Steve and Mary Tershansy in Black Mountain, N.C., in the Blue Ridge Mountains, the YOU members had a

fun-filled, sleepless weekend May 27 and 28.

Tapes by Dr. James Dobson, author of *Dare to Discipline*, on "Self-Respect" and "How to Deal With Group Pressure" were presented Sabbath afternoon.

After a disco dance in the evening, the group hiked down the mountain to a so-called haunted house, but YOU director Leon Stepp decided not to enter it and all turned back. Then chaperons Mel Brady, Mr. Stepp and Mr. Tershansy kept the night alive by spraying hapless victims with water. YOU vice president Mary Ruth Bolden and co-conspirator Chris Brady vowed revenge.

Next morning the group embarked on another mountain hike and went swimming in Lake Lure.

Some teens had departed earlier for a district track meet in Knoxville, Tenn., on May 28. Out of 14 events, Asheville teens won 10 first places, three second places and two third places. They also won first place in the senior-girls' division and third place in the junior- and senior-boys' divisions. Asheville placed third in the district meet.

The Asheville winners included Robin Cogdill, who was named most-outstanding athlete in the senior-girls' division, Linda McKnight, David Lowe, Mark Williams, who was most-outstanding athlete in the junior-boys' di-

vision, Gregg Williams and Regina Nanney. *Steve Tershansy.*

## Anything goes

ATHENS, Ga. — Anything goes was the mood of an all-day frolic of the brethren here May 28. Barrel rolling, water-ballooning fights, a tug-of-war and bicycle and obstacle-course races were rounded out by delicious food and music by the Funtastics for square dancing. Activities wound down at 6 p.m. *John M. Norris.*

## Annual dinner-dance

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — With music provided by a local trio, the Bridgeport and Hartford brethren met at the Waverly Inn in Cheshire May 28 for their annual dinner-dance.

Marlene Spearmon, Verna Newby, Kate Smith and Frank Pope, all accompanied by Peter Kamen on guitar, entertained with vocal selections during intermission. Arrangements for the dinner-dance were made by Paul and Paula Finch.

Former pastor Jim Rosenthal delivered sermons at both churches June 3. He and his family were en route to Pennsylvania, where he will pastor the Harrisburg church. *Wilma Wilson.*

## Copper coasters

BRISBANE, Australia — Fifty-three members and friends of the Ladies' Club met at the Kontras Restaurant in Bardonia for a farewell meeting for Jana Cardona, wife of pastor Mark Cardona.

The women discussed ideas for mental stimulation and aspects of Proverbs 31. Shirley Thompson brought out that Queen Elizabeth has many of the qualities listed in the chapter.

Four years of service by Mrs. Cardona were acknowledged by a gift of six copper coasters etched with Australian bird motifs. *Olwin Waterman.*

## Brownies model uniforms

CALGARY, Alta. — Mothers of the Guides and Brownies were invited to a season's-end banquet May 29. After a potluck supper, the Guides provided en-

tertainment. Kathleen Hartshome played an accordion solo, Donna Borak performed a piano solo, Amy Omelusk sang "Four Strong Winds" accompanied by Sandra Stedman on the flute and Norma Martin provided spoon accompaniment to the tune "I Feel Fine."

The Brownies entertained with a fashion show of Brownie uniforms from other countries. Joanne Von Hollen modeled Finland's uniform, Juanita Raessler displayed Sri Lanka's white sari uniform and Marnie Prosk showed Japan's maroon skirt and cap with a white blouse. Brownie uniforms from France, Iceland, Thailand, Norway, Mexico and Canada were also modeled.

Glenda Raessler concluded the evening, thanking all who attended for their support through the year. *L. Fraser.*

## Sabbath-school program

CHICAGO, Ill. — Brethren of the Chicago Southside church have been involved in the Sabbath-school program since Feb. 1. The classes, held every two weeks for about 40 minutes, ended for the term May 27 and will resume in September on a weekly basis. Superintendent of the program is Eugene Dumas, with Zelma Hodge and Charles Watson as assistants.

The 60 children in the program are taught in four age-groups by teachers and aides from the congregation. Subjects covered include the creation, Adam and Eve, Noah and the ark and the Ten Commandments. *Barbara Williamson.*

## Super Sunday in Cincy

CINCINNATI, Ohio — After weeks of planning and many long hours of gathering everything from plants to cakes, the Cincinnati West church held its annual bazaar May 28.

Booths featured a fish pond, plants, handmade jewelry, baked goods and a flea market. An auction at 2 p.m. moved large items such as chairs, bikes, plant hangers, bird cages and television sets. Tacos, barbecued sandwiches, cheeseburgers, popcorn and cold drinks were on sale during the bazaar.

Final results of the super Sunday was a super success of more than \$1,000. *Ruth Piccola.*

## Teens traffic in trash

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The teens of the A.M. and P.M. churches here picked up trash for their civic project that they must perform in order to keep their charter in YOU. They assembled at Hoover Reservoir May 21 and asked Mel Dodge, director of the Parks and Recreation Department, if they could be of value by picking up trash. He was amazed that anyone would volunteer for such a menial job. The 40 teens made a clean sweep along about four miles of the shoreline in the camping and fishing areas.

Forty-nine members and guests of the Columbus Women's Club boarded a charter bus for the Amish Tour near Berlin, Ohio. Some of the stops on the tour were the Rastetter Woolen Mill, the Guggisburg Swiss Cheese Factory, the Helping Hands Quilt Shop, which had seven rooms of quilt patterns, kits, stencils and boxes, Heini's Cheese Factory and the Dutch Country Pedlar, a country store. Items were for sale at all of the factories and shops.

The group lunched in an Amish woman's basement room, dining on home-cooked roast beef and mashed potatoes with all the trimmings.

Last stop was in Dover, Ohio, at the Warther Museum. Mr. Warther was a world-famous carver specializing in carving 6-to-9-inch replicas of trains. *William Wood and Betty Bennett.*

## Family-enrichment seminar

DENVER, Colo. — A "Keys to Family Enrichment" seminar was conducted here May 21 as a community service aimed at improving the quality of life in America. The four-hour seminar sponsored by the Human Potential Center was attended by 587 people, with 134 of those having their first contact with the Work.

George T. Geis, who holds a Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Southern California and is a lecturer at the USC school of education and associate professor at Ambassador College, spoke on "The Family: Cornerstone of Self-Esteem."

Kenneth P. Coleman, a graduate psychologist, director of a mental-health

center in Wyoming and a licensed marriage and family counselor, spoke on "Techniques of Family Communication."

Art Mokarow, a certified intern for marriage and family counseling, a minister, a college instructor and director of the Human Potential center, wrapped up the seminar with "Motivating the Family." *Gerald Scharenberger.*

## Mother's Day treat

DEVONPORT, Australia — A group of YOU members under the supervision of coordinator Kelvey Pearson, Daisy Higgs and Lea Evans united efforts to prepare gifts for Mother's Day.

The teens presented the gifts to their mothers May 14 at an afternoon tea prepared by the YOU girls. Mothers were delighted by the decorated wooden spoons from their daughters and hanging baskets from their sons. *Lea Evans.*

## A Joyful Noise

FLINT, Mich. — The YOU teens here sponsored a Mother's Day turkey dinner on May 13. Entertainment was provided by A Joyful Noise, the Flint band, and YOU members doing comedy skits. Many of the teens were honored during an awards presentation.

This dinner was the first activity under the new directors system, which has seven directors working under Flint YOU coordinators Gerald and Marsha Chalmers. Each of the directors is over a specific area.

The directors are Warren and Kay Mendez, athletics; Greg Fuller and Debbie Kintz, fine arts; Bernie and Helen Berman, special events; Fred and Janet Ruppert, fund raising; George and Carolyn Goodchild, education; Al and Cathy Rennert, public relations; and Frank and Louise Carmon, transportation.

The directors will be working with the YOU officers and members. The system was devised to relieve some of the pressure on the overworked coordinators. *Doug Benner.*

## New officers

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — The Spokesman and Ladies' clubs held a combined dinner meeting May 21 in nearby Holland at Point West, which overlooks Lake Macatowa and hundreds of sailboats. Tables were decorated with vases of tulips.

Hostess Dianne Mason opened the meeting and introduced John Helmers and Carla Shavilier to conduct the topics session. Dale Ralston, Spokesman Club president, introduced speakers Lynn Day and Dan Shavilier.

Sue Wierenga, Ladies' Club president, announced new officers for the coming year. Present officers were given two roses, one to give to a new officer and one for herself.

During dinner a group from Grand Rapids entertained with songs, later playing for the dance. *Jole Kroonje.*

## Horticultural tour

GUILDFORD, England — The Guildford Ladies' Club organized a group tour of the gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society May 28. Situated at Wisley, near Ripley, Surrey, the first plantings on what is now a 200-acre site were undertaken 100 years ago. Present functions of the gardens are to display ornamental plants in growth, provide horticultural advice, test new varieties, provide training in the field and undertake research work.

The group met at a picnic area adjoining the gardens and ate packed lunches



**NONAGENARIAN** — Nora Wanamaker, above, poses for a picture at an Iowa City, Iowa, church social May 29 in her honor. Born in 1886, Mrs. Wanamaker marked her 92nd birthday on May 14. She has 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Wanamaker was baptized in 1970 by Bill Quillen.

before mingling with the Whit Sunday holiday visitors touring the gardens. *Malcolm J. Campbell.*

## Creative Talent Day

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Brethren and guests were invited to the Women's Club's Creative Talent Day May 21.

Moderator Doris Harris gave a background of the club and its goals, then introduced the ladies' chorus, who sang "All It Takes Is Love."

Midst a setting of potted plants and fresh flowers and accompanied by violin and piano, 17 ladies and children modeled winsome creations while the moderator gave a brief description of each garment.

Entertainment segments during the fashion show featured a vocal solo by Patty Bogal, a piano solo by Shirley Price and a sit-down dance routine by the cheerleaders.

The guests were invited to view the various items of needlework on display, all handcrafted by ladies of the church. Ladies skilled in culinary arts had prepared and arranged tempting hors d'oeuvres and champagne punch.

Special thanks were given to Mrs. Roy Demarest, whose guidance and encouragement contributed to the success of Creative Talent Day. *Jeanne E. Lawrence and Nancy Seibert.*

## Churches combine for Pentecost

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — The Medford and Klamath Falls brethren held Pentecost services at the county fairgrounds in Grants Pass, Ore., on June 11.

Jan Siegel sang a solo for the morning's special music. Tim Rhay gave the sermonette and George Elkins, pastor of the Billings, Mont., and Wheatland, Wyo., churches, delivered the sermon.

Pastor Leonard Schreiber coordinated services for the day and made announcements. This was his last Holy Day service in the southern Oregon area before moving to his new assignment. Fred Davis will be replacing him.

All members enjoyed a noon potluck meal, which was followed by the Medford church choir singing several psalms with Jim Morrison conducting.

Afternoon services featured sermons by Don Russell, Klamath Falls elder, and Don Bailey, Medford elder. *Roy Manley.*

## Gourmet cooks

LAUREL, Del. — All over the nation the month of June is synonymous with graduation, and the Laurel area was no exception, reported Robert Carey, The Spokesman Club graduated two members. (See WRAP-UP, page 9)



**SABBATH SCHOOL** — Thelma Bruton, member of the Chicago (Ill.) Southside church, conducts a Sabbath-school class. (See "Sabbath-School Program," this page.) (Photo by John Loupe)

# Wrap-up

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Bobby Culp and Bill Wallace, on June 3. The occasion was commemorated by having wives and friends of club members as special guests for a gourmet potluck dinner prepared by the men of the club. YOU members held a fund-raising car wash June 4 in Harrington, Del. Facilities were made available by Jim and Mary Ann Melvin. Sandwiches, cold drinks and homemade ice cream were donated by the teens' parents for the hungry workers. The treasury was enriched by \$60, giving rise to the adage "There's gold in them thar wheels." Elaine Walker.

### Secret pals revealed

LAWTON, Okla. — The Women's Club here held its last meeting of the season May 21 in Duncan at the newly built home of Mrs. J.L. Whitehead, vice president. The women brought all kinds of salads for the meal. Afterwards they revealed their secret pals.

Women's Club meetings will resume after the Feast of Tabernacles. Lisa Moody.

### Hula by Hilda Hips

LENOIR, N.C. — The Women's Club treated the men's club to a Hawaiian luau at the Ruritan Club in Blowing Rock, N.C., June 4.

Two grass-skirted girls, Lynnette Webb and Ann Bennett, greeted everyone at the door with colorful leis and kisses. Plants, nets and shells provided by Marki Smylie and Eihel Crater set the scene, and ladies had prepared tempting Hawaiian dishes for the meal.

Local elder Harvey Bauman presented a film on scenic attractions of Hawaii. Hit of the evening was a wild performance of the hula by pastor Ken "Hilda Hips" Smylie in a grass skirt. Dalton and Alene Medford.

### Cyclists take a break

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. — Ambassador College coach Larry Haworth and his family and 24 members of the Ambassador cycling team rode into Fort Macleod Friday afternoon, May 26, after riding 117½ miles that day. After storing their equipment in Louie Pansky's van ship, Lethbridge pastor Cecil Maranville sent the students on their way to their temporary homes with some of the Lethbridge brethren for the weekend.

Several students provided special music for the Sabbath service, which was followed by a potluck meal provided by the brethren. Then almost everyone adjourned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Bohnert, where the cyclists treated the members to a variety show. High point of the show was "Old McWillard's Farm," led by Gary Willard and sung to the tune of "Old McDonald." It featured a bear, a giraffe, a chicken hawk, an elephant and a cricket instead of the usual barnyard animals.

The following morning the cyclists readied their equipment for the last stretch of their journey to Kalispell, Mont. The purpose of their trip from Hope, B.C., through Alberta to Montana was in preparation for a coast-to-coast Canadian cycling trip in 1979. Jan Peterson.

### Costume party

MODESTO, Calif. — Lots of talent and a costume party with much imagination combined to make a great fun night for the brethren here May 21.

Prizes for best costumes were given to Carolyn Bruchett, adult; Lori Gaylor, YOU teen; Jamie Fields, boys 11 and younger; and Carie Burchett, girls 11 and younger. J. Taylor.

### Teens outclass young adults

MONTREAL, Que. — The YOU chapter here sponsored its first annual semiformal dance May 14, first dining on a turkey dinner, then dancing until 11 p.m. Some YOU members from the Ottawa church traveled 120 miles to attend. The 60 who attended enjoyed dancing to the music of two disc jockeys and a light show.

The teens struck again June 4 in the area's first combined sports day and picnic of 1978. The YOU members took on the adults at a track meet, outclassing them 182-142.

The male half of the senior contingent managed to hold its own against its teen counterpart, but the more mature members of the fair sex were manhandled by the under-20 girls.

YOU coordinator Lee Marcelus and his wife Doreen were kept up to their

necks in statistics, organizing events and tabulating the results. When the dust cleared and the sunburns and pulled muscles compared, the teens were found to have triumphed by 40 points.

The day was not without its exciting moments, such as when 17-year-old Larry Lemieux turned in a 5:30.0 mile, nipping Dominic Vincelli, 30, by two seconds. The race marked an all-time best performance for each. In a family affair, cheering fans witnessed as Claudius Brown Sr. edged out his sons Ken and Claudius Jr. in the long jump. See Lemieux and Dominic Vincelli.

### 'Aaron Slick From Punkin Crick'

ORLANDO, Fla. — The YOU all-Florida track meet was May 14 at the Edgewater High School here.

Placing first was the Tampa team with 318 points, followed by Orlando, 224; Lakeland, 218; St. Petersburg, 207; Melbourne, 204; and Fort Lauderdale, 84. The Orlando team placed first in 1977.

Most-valuable-player awards in the senior divisions went to Anthony Davis of Orlando and Cheryl Cooper of Tampa. Junior-division winners were Chuck Wallace of Melbourne and Michelle Sims of Orlando, who won five first places.

Broadway came to Orlando May 21 in the form of a three-act play presented by the church's choral under the direction of Ted Japhet. After many nights of rehearsals and a few days of browsing through Goodwill stores for props and costumes, the choral presented a country comedy, "Aaron Slick From Punkin Crick."

The audience included friends and families of Church members and some elderly residents from a nursing home across the street from the hall.

Members of the amateur cast were Ron Gordon, Larry Strong, Dee Bickell, Marcia Devor, Maggie Rifenburgh, Fritz Schleicher, Carrie Register, George and Genny Embury, Fred and Bea Schleicher and Lloyd Register. Gina Savoia and Dee Bickell.

### Experimental-farm tour

PALMER, Alaska — The Trailblazers met for a trip to the University of Alaska experimental farm May 21. The visit included a complete tour of the barn and dairy facilities. Afterwards the boys and their fathers went to a drive-in to have ice cream and make plans for summer outings.

Meanwhile, the Busy Betsys and their mothers were involved in activities of their own. They had a sing-along to try out some new songs that will be compiled into a sing-along book, "Sneaky Snake." "The Mysterious Fox of Fox Hollow" and "Barnyard Dance" were among the songs previewed.

Then the girls created a colorful three-dimensional spring scene on a large bulletin board that will be displayed at Sabbath services and an old-folks home. Linda Orchard.

### Ten talent

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Talented teens came from the Allentown, Mount Pocono and Philadelphia, Pa., and Long Island, Brooklyn-Queens, Manhattan and Nanuet, N.Y., churches to compete in the YOU district talent contest in Swiftwater, Pa., May 21.

Competition was keen as each contestant displayed his own particular talent. Junior-division winners were Bryant Mickens of Brooklyn-Queens, first; Audrey Schmedes of Brooklyn-Queens, second; and Stuart Bragg of Allentown, third.

In the senior division, winners were Darlene Fryor of Philadelphia, first; Vera Compretto of Long Island, second;

and Rachel Martinez of Brooklyn-Queens, third.

First- and second-place senior winners and the first-place junior winner will advance to the regional competition in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., during the Fall Festival. Jim Stokes.

### Basketball invitational

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Teams from Pasadena and Santa Ana, Calif., and Phoenix, Tucson and Prescott, Ariz., participated in the first Phoenix invitational basketball tournament May 27 and 28.

The Pasadena Alumni and the Pasadena Pacers played against each other in the championship game. The Alumni, coached by Cecil Holbrooks, won first place by a score of 86-62. Willis Jenkins of the Alumni was named most-valuable player. The sportsmanship trophy was awarded to the Pacers, coached by Dave Hall and led by Dwyer Hochwald, who missed receiving the MVP award by 1 point in the final balloting.

Third place went to the five-member Phoenix A.M. team.

The Phoenix ladies' basketball team suited up for a game against the combined Pasadena and Santa Ana team. When the Phoenix team won the trophy, team captain Pat Meyers passed the trophy to coach Dan Anderson.

Door-prize winners, all from Phoenix, were Christine Rath, who won a cassette recorder; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Meyers, who received a dinner for four; and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bailey, who won a dinner for two.

The Phoenix YOU chapter provided refreshments during the tournament. Cheerleaders Debbie Havens, Debbie Reyes, Debbie Walker and Vicki Havens performed a dance routine as entertainment. Dan Anderson.

### Bowling finale

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — After 34 weeks of bowling, the church's Wednesday-night bowling league concluded its season with a banquet at the Lamplighter Inn May 31. The dinner and awards ceremony were attended by 32 members.

Roger Borst, league president, served as master of ceremonies during the awards ceremonies. Second-place trophies were given to Rick Caldwell of the team of Angie Hicks, Dave Havir, Dolly Caldwell and Norbert Silivinski. First-place trophies went to Mr. Borst's winning team of Carole Anderson, Arlene Blackhall, Erika Sliwinski and Linda Matz. The Caldwell team won the first-half standings and the Borst team the second half. In the championship roll-off May 10 the Borst team won handily with a three-game margin of 262 pins.

Also receiving awards were the top finishers in the scotch-doubles competition May 17. During the scotch doubles the members of the two-man teams alternated in rolling the ball. Dave and Hinkle Gilbert won first place.

Recognition was also given for other individual and team accomplishments. The evening concluded with donated prizes being given to those whose names were drawn from a hat.

The young people of the Pittsburgh church met for a camp-out at Laurel Ridge State Park, near Ohyoipole, Pa., May 20 and 21. Local elder Mark Flynn gave an informal talk about the church and organized various games.

The congregation held a picnic at Haymaker Hall in Murrayville, Pa., June 4 with activities including a softball game between the East and West churches, volleyball and touch football. A potluck meal was served at noon; the evening offered



**STILL ROCKING** — Susie Dixon was honored by the Memphis, Tenn., brethren on the occasion of her 93rd birthday May 14. The slogan on her cake reads "93 and still rocking." She was baptized by Harold Jackson July 4, 1963. She now lives in Clarksdale, Miss., and does what she enjoys most, working in her garden among her flowers. Also pictured are Edie Eads, center, and Judy McNeil, right. [Photo by Richard Hunt]

fellowship and dancing. Pam Havir and Frank Lewandowski.

### Pedaled progressive picnic

PORTLAND, Ore. — Some 35 teens and 25 adults converged on Camp-poeg State Park near here June 3 to pedal their way through a progressive picnic. The picnic was organized by Betty Miller and the bike ride by Dan Oliver, director of the preteen group of 8-to-11-year-old boys and girls of the Portland West Church.

The bike ride began at 1 p.m. at the east end of the park. Bikers followed a trail of clues for about three miles across the park to locate each course of the four-stop picnic lunch, from appetizers to salads to a hamburger and hot-dog barbecue to dessert. The final stop featured a scavenger hunt, with participants fanning out through the picnic area to scrounge up not-too-carefully hidden (but very carefully wrapped) cupcakes.

A water-ballooan was cooled off the hot and tired bikers in the 90-degree heat.

Lions, tigers, bears and other wild animals provided the setting for a Portland West YOU venture June 4, when teens took the 40s-80s Club, which is made up of brethren 40 to 80 years old, to the Washington Park Zoo. After a leisurely tour of the numerous animal exhibits, the teens invited the 40s-80s Club aboard the zoo's miniature railroad train for a 30-minute ride through the zoo and park and a five-minute stop to view-Portland's skyline.

The outing ended with a YOU-sponsored picnic lunch in the park. Don Henson and Woody Corsi.

### Balmy breezes

RICHMOND, Ind. — Anderson and Richmond brethren enjoyed their first picnic of the year May 28 with temperatures in the 80s, clear skies and balmy breezes. The picnic began with an early soccer game while the less athletic arrived with food, games and contest entries.

Judges determined the winners in a YOU art contest. The tiny tots walked away with the prizes in a cake-decorating contest, at the same time providing the brethren with dessert.

After tummies were well filled, all gathered for a drawing to determine the raffle winner of a handmade afghan donated to the P-31 Club by Martha Morgan.

Obstacle races and relays and various games were enjoyed by all ages. The men proved their superior strength by breaking the rope in two tugs-of-war. A second game of soccer with almost every able-bodied adult and teen was the final game of the day.

Bruises, skinned knees and arms, sunburns and sore muscles were compared over cold and warm drinks as brethren paused for a moment of fellowship before drifting home. Rhoda Foust.

### Service programs

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Led by its president, Waldo Lentz, the JOY (Junior of Yesterday) Club is well along in its program of helping others.

Dr. Boyce Berkel, a physician, is

scheduled to conduct classes for those in the church who want to learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Esther Luedemann and her group of sewing ladies in nearby Bradenton received a letter of thanks from the Bradenton Manor Nursing Home's director, Jean Grennan, for the "beautiful shawls, colorful lap robes, booties, bibs and other items presented to the patients," also congratulating the women on the workmanlike quality of the gifts.

After hearing a city representative speak on crime prevention, many of the brethren are installing new and safer locks in their homes. Warren J. Miller.

### Funds for the Filipinos

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — When Jose Raduban, a pastor of the Manila and Camarines Sur churches in the Philippines, spoke to the brethren here in January after the ministerial conference in Pasadena about the needs of the Filipinos and the work there, the congregation here devised a plan to raise money to help. On May 20 the plan was put to a challenge.

A fund-raising carnival was in full operation for all ages, also featuring activities that were easily attainable for the handicapped. Fifteen game booths featured funny photos, a wet-sponge throw, a fishing pond, shooting and tossing galleries and bingo. The white-elephant raffle was a big hit, not to mention the jail house. Baked goods were auctioned in no time at all and a country-fair display and sale booth offered an assortment of handmade items. The usual chili dogs, popcorn and candied apples were available for a price.

Tickets for \$1 were raffled for a portable color television set. Sara Rivera was the delighted winner.

A whopping grand total of \$900 was raised for the brethren in the Philippines. Gloria Cuaquio.

### Communications class

WICHITA, Kan. — The communications class, made up of deacons and assistants here, held its last meeting May 20 at the Holiday Inn East with wives as guests for the dinner meeting. Speakers were Lyle Campbell, Bob Willison and Charles Wager.

The Singles' Club converged at the Wichita Omnisphere for "Journey to Andromeda," presented by Omnisphere director Joe Olivarez. Afterwards the group went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gordon for a cookout, volleyball and cards.

Smiling faces were in order as eight students of the Sabbath school received Bibles with their names engraved in gold, presented to them by pastor Jerry Aust, who was assisted by Mr. Campbell. Teachers of the program selected the students on the basis of knowledge, homework, attitude and attendance.

Receiving awards were Scott Gibbens, kindergarten; Beth Ann Beebe, first grade; Crystal Aust, second grade; Kelli Culver, third grade; Janice Atkins, fourth grade; Jim Garden, fifth grade; Danny Harms, sixth grade; and Lisa Boren, seventh grade. Faye Campbell.

### Concerted effort

WOODBURG, N.J. — About 250 members, their families and friends attended the church's annual spring concert at the Kawamee School auditorium in Union, N.J., June 3. The 26-member choral performed religious selections by Bach, Beethoven and Brahms and concluded the first half with selections from Fiddler on the Roof. Director was Clarence Neumann, who has been directing chorales for 19 years. Special performances were given by Dean and Sandra Lekas, Marianne Borgbese and Jean Scull.

The second half featured a more contemporary theme and included some songs by the Bee Gees. Nancy Scull, Edward Butler, Mary Malcolm, Cherylin Christian, Rosilyn Vereen, Gloria Carter and Charlene Horton contributed special performances.

Mr. Newman stated that the choral "spent about a year getting ready." Admission was free, though donations were accepted to help pay hall rental expenses.

Twenty-eight women almost fell asleep at a June 8 meeting of the Women's Club when a member of the Essex County Heart Association demonstrated techniques of relaxation. The soothing voice of Guenter Haenchen lulled the women into a semislumber land. Before the conclusion of the program, each member led another outdoors. The members being led kept their eyes closed and were directed by touch only with no conversation to demonstrate total dependency, trust and awareness and the need for one another.

A.L. Legg and Anna Mae Prohaska.



**CLASS OF '78** — High school seniors who attend the Akron, Ohio, church were honored at a dance sponsored by the YOU chapter May 13. The graduates are, left to right, David Smith, Susie Oliver, David Dunham, Greta Manning, Rich Walter, Donna Walker, Jim Haymond and Vaughn Turner. Not pictured are Jerry Graf and Loren Geiser.



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Harold C. Volkman and Estelle O. Kirk were married May 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Brown, San Jose, Calif. The ceremony was performed by Judd Kirk, son of the bride. Hal Baird was best man and Nadine Baumstark, daughter of the bride, served as matron of honor.

Doug Stapleton and Lee Ann McNeven are pleased to announce their recent marriage in Sydney, Australia. The ceremony was officiated by Peter Whitting, pastor of the North Sydney church. The couple may be contacted at P248.

Jill Adair Smith and Jeffrey Lynn Berg exchanged marriage vows May 28. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, Detroit Lakes, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berg, Barnesville, Minn. Laurie Lohrey, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. The groom's brother, Greg, was best man. Wayne Luginbill, pastor over the Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D., churches, performed the ceremony. Jill is a 1976 graduate of Ambassador College, Pasadena, and Jeff is a 1972 graduate of Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Tex. The couple is now living in Barnesville.

Colin Naidoo and Meena Govender of the Durban, South Africa, church were happily married May 28. The wedding took place in the garden of the home of the bride, Mervin Ramsamy served as the best man and Patty Naidoo, the groom's sister, as bridesmaid. The ceremony was performed by John Bartholomew, pastor of the Durban church. Colin and Meena are now living in Chatsworth, South Africa.

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## British minister visits members in 2½-week Mediterranean tour

By Martin Keen

BRICKET WOOD, England — Paul Suckling, pastor of the British headquarters church here, returned May 31 from a 2½-week tour of Mediterranean and Near East countries "to solidify the brethren and prospective members" in these regions. The journey took him to Malta, Rome, Athens, Kuwait and Israel (especially Jerusalem) and included interviews with top political figures in Malta for a possible *Plain Truth* article.

Leaving London Sunday, May 14, for Malta, Mr. Suckling spent three days on the Mediterranean island, where he met with the four Maltese brethren, Raymond Grech, Raymond Camilleri, Anna Cordina

While changing planes in Rome on Thursday, before flying to Athens, Mr. Suckling contacted two members in the city, Mr. and Mrs. Umberto Marozza, and visited a native Maltese who resides there.

### Church in Greece

On Friday, May 21, the Bricket Wood pastor was met at Athens airport by George Kovanis, a Pasadena graduate and one of six members of God's Church in Greece. The others are Dr. and Mrs. M.C. Moschidis, Daniel J. Kelesakis, Mrs. S. Gandley and S. Conanan. At a special Sabbath service held in Dr. Moschidis' home, Mr. Suckling briefed the members on the recent changes in the organization of the Work. According to Mr.

His next stop was Kuwait where he met A.J. Solomon, a native Indian who has been a co-worker since 1972. Following a long discussion (the previous night) Mr. Solomon was baptized in the waters of the Persian Gulf May 24 and became the first member of God's Church in Kuwait. Owing to the political situation Mr. Suckling traveled to Israel by way of Greece and did not arrive in Jerusalem until late on Thursday, the 25th. While there he held a Sabbath service with the six members in

Jerusalem, Moshe Ben Simcha, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordon, Brian Hickson, Yona Alcock and Eli Chiprout. He counseled two prospective members, one a lady fluent in French and Hebrew, whose grandfather was the chief rabbi of Morocco.

Adding to Mr. Suckling's brief stay in the Holy Land was the "emotionally moving experience" of a visit to the Holocaust Museum, built in perpetual memory of the six million dead Jews of World War II. "Anyone visiting Israel should not miss seeing this as near to arrival as possible," said Mr. Suckling. "It helps you understand Israel today."

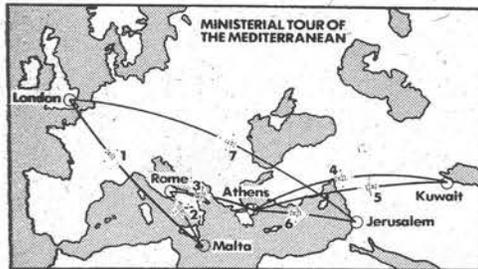
### Stark contrasts

The Bricket Wood pastor said he was struck during his all-too-brief tour by the stark contrasts and abso-

lute confusion reigning in this world's "churchianity." Mr. Suckling compared Catholic worship in Malta and Rome with Greek Orthodoxy in Athens, the mosques of Kuwait and the Arab part of Jerusalem with Judaism as practiced at the Wailing Wall.

He said it was rewarding and exciting to be on the spot where Christ began the Church and to realize the full impact of the words "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

To foster the expected growth in the area an advertising campaign in selected English-language publications is scheduled to begin in Athens, Cyprus, Cairo, Gibraltar, Rome, Malta and Ankara (Turkey). Newsstand equipment has already gone to Athens along with an initial 300 copies of *The Plain Truth*.



**MINISTERIAL TOUR** — Bricket Wood, England, pastor Paul Suckling completed a seven-flight tour of the Mediterranean area May 31.

and Tony Borg, and counseled five other prospective members.

While there he interviewed Dr. Louis Galea and Dr. Joe Brincat, the secretaries of the two major political parties, concerning Britain's projected pullout in March, 1979. He also spent 45 minutes with Brother Dominic Rosso, the secretary of the Archdiocese for Christian Education in Malta.

Suckling, Mr. Kovanis summed up the attitude of all the members when he said that any measures to help the Church concentrate on its main goal of preaching the Gospel were fine as far as he was concerned.

In Greece visits were made to five people interested in the Work. Mr. Suckling stood on the very spot where Paul preached in the Areopagus.

## DONATION INFORMATION

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## Tournament determines chess champ

PASADENA — Lubomir Kavalek of Reston, Va., won the United States Chess Championship tournament after defeating Anatoly Lein of University Heights, Ohio, at Ambassador College. Mr. Lein conceded after six hours of play in a game started Friday, June 23.

The 15-round tournament, which began June 4 (*GN*, June 19), is jointly sponsored by the United States Chess Federation and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF).

James Tarjan of Los Angeles, Calif., was the second-place winner. These two qualify to enter the inter-zonal tournament next year, one more step toward the world championship.

Edmar Mednis, Woodside, N.Y., and Leonid Shankovich, Long Island City, N.Y., finished with identical scores, tied for third place. They must play later in the year in New York to determine the third U.S. qualifier.

## Booklet raises Church's visibility, helps battle child pornography

By Scott Ashley

RADLETT, England — In an effort to increase the visibility of the Work here and influence legislation on a vital moral issue, child pornography, the Work's office here planned, produced and distributed *KIDDIE PORN, Causes and Cures*.

"For the first time in the history of the Work in Britain — and it may be a worldwide first as well — we decided to grasp a fleeting opportunity and produce a booklet on a critical and topical issue before that issue became history," said Martin Keen, editorial staffer here and coordinator for the project.

"It was realized that the Work could make a definite contribution to society by helping highlight a sickening social problem in the hope that something could be done about it," he said. "It was also apparent that the Work, by pursuing this project, would become somewhat better known in a more positive and valid way."

The effort followed a rapid buildup in the child-pornography problem in the United Kingdom and a bill introduced into Parliament by Cyril Townsend to make it illegal.

### Booklet held meeting

"The original idea came out of a meeting with our public-relations con-

sultants in London, Prittie and Nelson," explained Mr. Keen. Following the meeting, the booklet was produced using articles on the subject from the November-December, 1977, and this year's January *Plain Truths*.

Peter Butler, regional managing editor of *The Plain Truth*, wrote a preface relevant to the situation. Additional pages were added using quotes from leading education and government figures and reprints of articles that had appeared in British newspapers. An interview with Dr. Ludwig F. Lowenstein, which had appeared in the original *Plain Truth* articles, was updated and reprinted, along with advertisements for the booklets *VD — The Silent Epidemic*, *The Dilemma of Drugs* and *Building a Happy Family*. David Gunn, circulation manager, oversaw production of the booklet.

"In order to have an appreciable impact on the country as a whole we also planned to reach key figures in the fields of government and education with the booklet," said Mr. Keen.

To accomplish this, the office obtained mailing lists of all members of the House of Commons and House of Lords, noted leaders in the fields of religion and education and 15,000 schools. Through a specialist news company, they reached 1,300 key

media figures. A recorded interview with Dr. Lowenstein was released to 25 radio stations covering many major cities throughout the United Kingdom and a news release containing a synopsis of the booklet was issued to 60 newspapers. In addition, advertisements for the booklet were placed in three national newspapers. All told, 21,000 copies of the booklet were mailed.

### Up for a vote

When the bill came up for a vote in Parliament, it was immediately approved and is scheduled to go into effect this summer. A fine of 10,000 pounds (about \$18,500) or three years in prison will be levied against those convicted of dealing in pornographic photographs involving children or procuring children to appear in pornographic materials.

As a result of the mailings, personal replies were received from ex-Prime Minister Edward Heath, Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher and the Rt. Hon. David Steel, Liberal Party leader. Extra copies of the booklet were sent to Mary Whitehouse, noted leader of a campaign for a return to more strict moral standards, the chief constable of Manchester, England, and the Catholic Teachers Federation. A number of newspaper articles appeared as a result of the mailing and news releases to the media, and

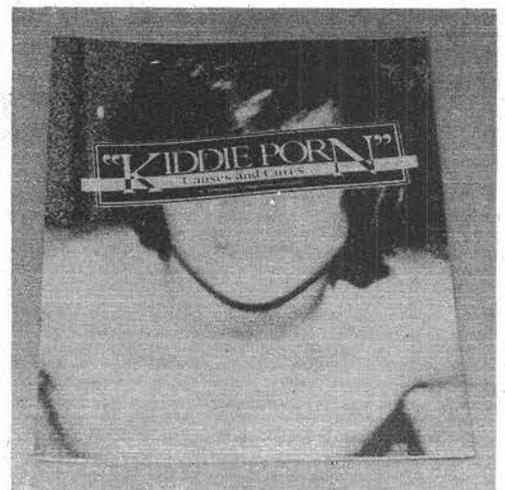
Mr. Butler appeared on a phone-in program on Radio Leicester.

"There is no question that we provided material on a vital topical moral issue and this was the key factor in the circumstances," said Mr. Keen.

"We do feel therefore that the project has been extremely successful and has shown us how we can be of service to society while at the same time get-

ting better known in the minds of the public at large," he said, noting that the Work here plans similar projects for the future.

"In a society where religious doctrine is little understood we feel we can make a substantial impact [as Christ did] by commenting very specifically on selected moral and social issues."



**BRITISH BOOKLET** — *KIDDIE PORN, Causes and Cures*, was produced by the Work's office in Radlett, England, and distributed throughout the United Kingdom in an effort to make the Church more visible and influence legislation establishing penalties for production of pornographic materials featuring children.