

CHURCH NEWS

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papers, pop bottles and aluminum cans. Later in the month the YOU will have a flea market to sell the collected items. *Julia Lanum.*

The **ROANOKE**, Va., YOU participated in a community service project July 13 when they cleaned up the New River Cave. The teens were accompanied by several parents and YOU coordinators and led by experienced guides from the Virginia Tech Caving Club. They divided into three groups, one of which managed to reach the underground waterfall. Each group picked up several bags of litter. *Julia Lanum and McKinley S. Orr.*

The **ROCHESTER**, N.Y., YOU has been involved in several activities recently. In sports, Districts 11, 12 and 13 had track regionals in Albany, N.Y., June 8, with District 13 winning first place by two points and District 12 second. Biregionals for the Northeast and Allegheny regions took place at Pennsylvania State University June 22. The Allegheny region took first place.

A yard party for the **ROCHESTER** and **SYRACUSE**, N.Y., churches was given by minister David Pack June 29. Volleyball, badminton and other lawn games were enjoyed at the Packs' new house. The members then assembled for a meeting to discuss future activities. A housewarming plaque was presented to the Packs by the Rochester teens.

The second annual camp-out was in a local park June 29-July 2. Because of damaged tents, the youths slept in an abandoned Boy Scout building. A botanist showed the group edible and non-edible plants. They also were taught survival methods. The nights were spent around a camp fire with popcorn, marshmallows and conversation. *Mary Gnage.*

A group of 26 **ST. PAUL**, Minn., and **DES MOINES**, Iowa, teens took a 10-day trip to Colorado, leaving June 26. After Sabbath services in Denver they toured the National History Museum. They also hiked around Arches National Park in Utah and the Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. Other activities included dining at the famous Casa Bonita Restaurant, sledding down the Breckenridge Alpine Slide, rafting down the Crystal and Roaring Fork rivers, swimming at Glenwood Hot Springs in Colorado. *Jane Ramberg.*

The **SYRACUSE**, N.Y., YOU cleaned up the Oakwood Cemetery June 5. The 19 teenagers and 14 adults cut down trees, pulled weeds and mowed grass. Several truckloads of debris were hauled away before the group was finished. *Christine McMorris.*

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The account of the Exodus was brought to life by the **TWIN FALLS**, Idaho, YES participants June 26, under the direction of Danell Wolf and Sally

Dayley. The three-act play opened to the music of the song "Exodus." The audience was then led through the 10 plagues, with the Egyptians being bombarded with ceramic frogs. Styrofoam hail, paper lice and locusts and finally death to their firstborn. The sound effects of thunder, wind, swarms of insects and rain added to the mood of the play. The closing scene showed the triumphant Israelites leading their cardboard

sheep and cattle out of the land of Egypt. The play was written by Moses, produced by Danell Wolf and narrated by Joel King. The cast of characters included Ranell Dayley, Moses; Christine Baucum, Aaron; Clint Wolf, pharaoh; Catherine Baucum, the queen; Ryan Dayley and Eddie Harness, guards; and Brandy Schreiber and Mandy King as the Israelites. *Betty King.*
The **VISALIA**, Calif., YES had an

exciting afternoon of activities July 6. About 80 children, parents and guests traveled to the MacCracken Swimming Pool and Recreation area in Woodlake, Calif. After swimming, the group enjoyed breaking a pinata filled with goodies and trinkets. The red, white and blue pinata was made by Carol Garcia and her daughters, Robin and Kristy. Mr. and Mrs. Greg Guy coordinated the activities for the day. *Sharyl Justice.*

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HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

THE PEOPLE have a right to know! True, I traveled around the world—still do. You said—and front-page banner headlines screamed across the nation—that I was "siphoning off millions of dollars of church funds every year for my personal account."

Now I tell you—and the nation—what really happened on those arduous trips.

You should have ascertained the true facts before you filed the massive civil lawsuit against the living GOD and His Church—instead of accepting at face value the allegations of ex-members.

In Japan I spoke to several public audiences. The Japanese government conferred on me the highest decoration ever given a nonofficial alien. At His Imperial Majesty's invitation I enjoyed a 35-minute private audience with Emperor Hirohito. Only His Majesty, his interpreter, the United States ambassador and myself were present together. Ten ranking members of the Imperial Japanese Diet call themselves my "Japanese sons." I am highly respected and loved in Japan and many other countries.

In Japan I have spoken on many occasions both to public audiences and at banquets attended by royalty and officials high in government.

Let me tell you what I said to these public audiences and these important gatherings. I give you here one example as a gist of all such speeches:

I said: "You are a generation destined to live in two worlds—the present evil world of man, and the soon-coming PEACEFUL world of GOD! The very first created man—ancestor of all races—was created in the image of GOD. He was made to have a personal relationship with the Creator—to be ultimately born into the very divine immortal Family of the living GOD! But he rejected GOD as his Maker, Ruler, Revealer of basic knowledge and Giver of eternal life! He cut off, from GOD, himself and the world that should spring from him!"

"But that God of love, mercy and forgiveness now proclaims the good news (Gospel) that we may be reconciled to our Creator by the death of His Son Jesus Christ—that we may yet receive that blessed SONSHIP and be BORN AGAIN INTO the VERY KINGDOM of GOD!"

My speeches before public audiences were 40 to 60 minutes in length—20 to 30 minutes at important banquets or such luncheons as Rotary Clubs, Lion's Clubs and others. But the above summarizes a gist.

A NEW NATION was in process of being formed in South-West Africa. Representatives of 11 population groups had been in session since September, 1975, in a constitutional convention at Turnhalle. They were drafting a constitution, forming an interim government and working to achieve independence by Dec. 31, 1978.

I was invited to visit South-West Africa and address that convention on the subject of forming a constitution for a NEW NATION! I addressed them on Monday night, March 14, 1977. Here is a brief summary of my address to this convention of nation founders:

"Immediately after the creation of the first human, God the Creator revealed to him the GOVERNMENT of GOD and its WAY OF LIFE. The basic constitution of that GOVERNMENT of GOD was the way of "GIVE"—meaning outflowing love and concern for the welfare of others—as opposed to the way of "GET"—that of self-centeredness, envy, jealousy, competition, strife and violence.

But that first man, Adam, rejected the GOVERNMENT of GOD and its basic constitutional Law of LOVE. Ever since, mankind has formed man's own governments and a society based on the self-centered way. And man has produced a world full of evils, unsolvable problems, human injustices and agonies.

"And that," I said to these constitution founders, "is the world in which you gentlemen are laboring here to form a NEW GOVERNMENT."

I urged them to do a better job—to form a constitution patterned as much as was for them possible on the principles of the GOVERNMENT of GOD! I mentioned how the governments of man are now toppling about one a month!

On Saturday night, Aug. 6, 1977, I addressed a large public audience in Monrovia, Liberia, Africa. There I told people of that country of the Message GOD sent mankind by Jesus Christ—a Message suppressed, unpreached to the world since mid-first century! I traced the course of this present troubled world, filled with human suffering. I announced the good news (Gospel) of the soon-coming KINGDOM of GOD! The living

Christ will soon intervene—will establish His GOVERNMENT over all nations of the earth. He will teach all peoples GOD'S way and bring WORLD PEACE, HAPPINESS and eternal salvation to all! And THAT was proclaiming to them the true Gospel!

Early last December I was the invited guest of the Communist People's Republic of China—the first and only, so far as I know, leader from Christianity to be invited by that government. I and my party were royally treated by heads of that largest nation on earth!

I had a private one-hour conference with Vice Chairman Tan Zhen-lin, one of the two vice chairmen, and a close associate in the revolution with the late Mao Zedong and Zhou Enlai. I had private conferences with both the president and vice president of Education in China—where the government is responsible for the teachings and beliefs of the whole people.

For nearly 40 minutes I spoke to an assemblage of 400 leading citizens and officials of the government. I spoke another 40 minutes to the diplomatic corps—with ambassadors representing 76 other nations present.

To them I delivered the same message—the evils suffered in this present world—emphasizing that all evils have been caused by living the way of "GET" instead of "GIVE." I spoke of man's efforts through time to form new and better human GOVERNMENTS—but the present world is in such trouble that it would seem the ONLY HOPE of HUMAN SURVIVAL lies now in the very imminent sudden intervention of an unseen "Strong Hand from Somewhere." And I announced to them the good news (Gospel) that such a new world will come in our time!

In the Philippines I spoke on successive nights, in the Coliseum, in Manila, to public audiences of 11,000, 12,000 and 14,000, with the personal good wishes of President Ferdinand E. Marcos, and the presence of his mother on the platform. I have spoken to large audiences all over Europe, Asia, Africa, and to leaders in Central and South America. Also large audiences in Australia.

Of necessity I was accompanied by my necessary staff and crew of assistants. The total appropriation for these Gospel-proclaiming tours was the very smallest on the annual budget of the Worldwide Church of God—under \$1 million per year!

AND THAT IS WHAT YOU HAVE TWISTED, Mr. Attorney General, on testimony of ex-members, to mean that I was siphoning off millions of dollars every year—my private personal account! The people have a right to know the PLAIN TRUTH about politically motivated false allegations emblazoned by the public media nationally.

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India

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Mr. Armstrong paid three visits to India and met the president and prime minister. During those visits he held Bible studies in Bombay.

In 1977 I was ordained local elder by Frank Brown, director of the Work in Britain and Europe.

The following year Dean Wilson, former director of the Work in Australia and Asia, asked us to get the Church registered in India. A retired judge was appointed to assist in the registration process in accordance with the Memorandum of Association and Rules of Bricket Wood, to suit Indian law.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hunting took part in a campaign for all *Plain Truth* subscribers in Bombay, and this helped to add more members to the Church.

I visited many areas in India on baptismal tours, especially Manipur and Mizoram (Eastern States) where Western ministers are not allowed.

Until now *The Plain Truth* was printed and mailed from Singapore, but from now on it will be shipped in bulk to India and mailed from here with local funds.

Plain Truth introduction cards will be sent to our members to be given to their friends. This will enable us to have a selected group of readers rather than the masses who requested when the ads appeared in *Reader's Digest*.

CONTINUING SERIES — The above advertisement by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong appeared or is scheduled to appear in several California newspapers, including the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Sacramento Bee*, the *San Diego Tribune*, the *Santa Ana Register*, the *Anaheim Bulletin* and the *La Habra-Brea Star-Progress*.