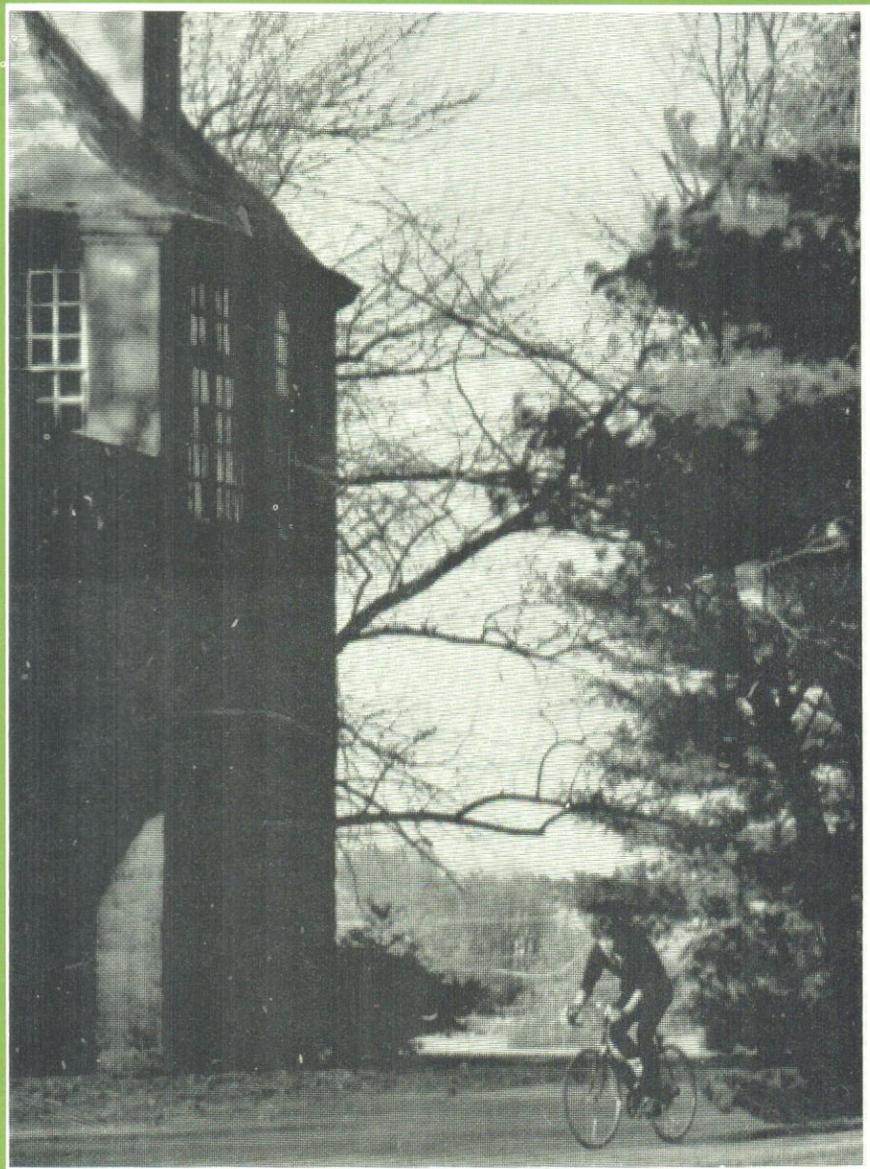


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Sabbathkeeping Teen Meets Polish President

By Kimberly Kuzma

My family and I waited excitedly in the Rose Room of the Belveder Palace, the Polish "White House." Suddenly two doors swung open to reveal General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the president of Poland, who greeted us warmly.

Before being seated, I addressed him: "One hundred years ago the people of France gave the Statue of Liberty to the American people as a sign of their friendship. I would like to present this miniature Statue of Liberty to you as a token of friendship between the American and Polish people."

"Miss Kimberly," the general responded through his interpreter, "this is a thoughtful gift. Its symbolic value is recognized the world over. And I'm pleased to accept it on behalf of the Polish people."

Portentous Letter

Little did I realize what it means to meet a head of state or what the political issues are in a socialist country when I wrote a letter four months earlier asking for a meeting with the general or his staff.

In preparation for a family trip to Poland, where my father was born, we read news of an economic depression in that country, owing in part to worsening relations with the

United States. Dad said this was unusual, since relations between those two countries have been excellent historically. I wondered if a 17-year-old girl, though politically naive and without diplomatic training or experience, could make a difference. Since professional diplomats hadn't been very successful, perhaps a youthful and more direct approach might break this bottleneck.

Three months later the Polish government sent me an invitation to meet with General Jaruzelski. The day before our appointment my family and I went to the Warsaw government offices for a briefing session. The head of the Polish cabinet, an aide to the president, and a member of the foreign service (who served as the interpreter) explained to us that our meeting with the general was the first visit he had ever had with an American family. It would be a private meeting with no press present until afterward. This briefing lasted three and a half hours, as we were apprised on the current situation in Poland and given an opportunity to discuss our concerns and the issues that would be brought up at our meeting with General Jaruzelski.

On the long-awaited day I

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Kimberly Kuzma and her family pictured with Polish President Wojciech Jaruzelski. Photo courtesy *Adventist Review*.

looked out over the city of Warsaw that had been reduced to broken bricks and ashes nearly 50 years ago. That the Polish people rebuilt their capital from almost nothing really amazed me. Now, what could I do to help them rebuild their relations with my country?

Almost before I knew it, I found myself seated next to the general. As he smiled I felt the tension drain from me. His courteous, pleasant manner put me at ease.

The general thanked me for writing such a sincere and wise letter. He then provided us with a brief history of Poland and explained that his country lagged in economic development because of the vast destruction of industry, housing, and people during World War II—33 times greater than that of Great Britain. In fact, more than 85 percent of Warsaw was

completely demolished!

Jaruzelski explained that the United States has many employer/employee disputes, but these seldom, if ever, affect relationships with our government. Generally speaking, in Poland, the government serves as the employer. With no middleman to take the brunt of employee dissatisfaction, such problems affect the worker/government relationship. Hence the relationship between the Polish people and the government remains a complex and sensitive issue.

We sensed a general feeling of apathy from the many people we met on the street, in stores, and on tours. The government realizes this, and in cooperation with a large number of worker organizations, is seeking to make improvements. From talking with these people, we

received the impression that conditions in Poland are better now than at the time martial law was imposed.

The 30 Protestant denominations in Poland and the Catholic Church (which accounts for about 85 percent of the Polish people) enjoy freedom to assemble, preach, and print religious materials. The government radio stations broadcast mass, as well as one of the Protestant services, every Sunday.

Each Polish citizen is guaranteed a job and provided with free medical care. Mothers receive a three-year maternity leave. Education, including books, is free to all.

Jaruzelski expressed that both of our countries have made mistakes in the past. But today is a new day. Let's forget the past, he offered, and move ahead based on what is happening in Poland now. I smiled when he said that trying to heal Polish/American relationships was like throwing peas against the wall. No matter what Poland does, he felt, just bounces back, and nothing seems to happen.

The Polish government would like good relations but feels frustrated, wondering what else it can do to restore its relationship with the U.S. to previous favorable levels. The general indicated that Poland's slow economic progress causes a greater dependency on the Eastern Block countries. He hoped that Poland, with its historical close relationship with the United States, could form a unique bridge to other Eastern Bloc countries, specifically the Soviet Union.

Heart Team Possibilities

The subject of greatest interest to me in our discussion was that of a possible visit of the Loma Linda University heart team to Poland. The president seemed quite knowledgeable about the Baby Fae case and asked about the current

status of infant heart transplants. He wanted to know if a foundation could be identified that would help pay for the expenses of the heart team to work with the physicians in Poland.

As we stood up to leave, Jaruzelski embraced each of us warmly, saying, that he considered us his personal friends and hoped we could come and visit him again. Once again the doors opened, and we received presents—beautiful bouquets of roses for my mom, sister, and me, and personal gifts for each of us to remind us of our trip to Poland.

The next day, Sabbath, we met with the Adventist church in Warsaw and shared with our 400 members highlights of our Friday meeting. They considered our visit with the president a providential happening. We were evidently the first Adventist family to have this privilege. Our experience served as an encouragement to them, boosting their already high sense of mission regarding what can be done in Poland to advance God's work.

I was surprised to learn that the Polish Adventist Church enjoys religious freedom as never before. In the past few years it has grown significantly through the publication and sale of Adventist literature, religious broadcasting, and religious meetings and youth rallies.

Following coverage on Polish TV of our visit with Jaruzelski, journalists from three Polish newspapers interviewed us. They wondered what had prompted me to write the letter and what I could do upon returning to the United States to improve relations between our countries.

What can a 17-year-old do? I can attempt to contact appropriate U.S. government officials, but I suspect that more can and should be done. I am still searching for ideas and

asking God to open doors.

As I reflect back on this experience, I have to pinch myself: Did it really happen? And then I look at General Jaruzelski's signature on the back of the photograph of our family standing next to him, and I know it did.

I don't know what God has in store for my life, but I now read with

more meaning the biblical story of Esther and reflect on the words "And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14, RSV).

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A new house of worship for the Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement in Japan; the first chapel in that country, it was dedicated May, 1986, without debt. (Photo courtesy *Reformation Herald*.)

Acceptance Without Compromise

By Richard A. Wiedenheft

Editor's Note: When I first wrote this article almost two years ago, several people recommended I publish it in the SENTINEL. I procrastinated doing so because of its strongly exhortative tone; however, I do think it has a worthwhile message and invite your comments.

Many Christians, and many Sabbathkeepers in particular, are very zealous for truth and for obedience to God. Commendable attitudes indeed! But we are often shackled by our own zeal. We become so concerned with doctrinal correctness that we neglect to love! Please don't misunderstand, I am all for truth and for proper doctrines. But we can become so preoccupied with these that we neglect even greater truths—love for brethren, unity of spirit, oneness in Christ.

Diversity Among Christians

At the heart of our problem is the fact that there are so many different points of view and practice among those who claim to follow Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul experienced a very similar situation. In practically every city there were new Christians who had come from different backgrounds. Some were Jews who continued to be very zealous for the law of Moses (Acts 21:20). Other Jews were more moderate. Then there were Gentiles who had previously been adherents to the Jewish religion. There were Gentiles who came out of paganism. It was quite a hodgepodge!

The New Testament reveals differences and conflicts in the

churches at Colosse, in Galatia, Corinth, and Rome. How Paul dealt with these situations can be very instructive to us today.

The Message of Romans 14

From what we learn in Romans 14, there were differences of practice among the Romans relative to avoiding meat (perhaps because of concern that it had been sacrificed to an idol), and observance of certain days (perhaps special feast or fast days). Though we don't know too many of the details, we do know that Paul could so easily have straightened things out. He could simply have given them a formula for each problem. But he didn't. Because there was an even more important truth involved: *don't judge your brother!* "Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters . . . Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand . . . You then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat . . . Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another" (Rom. 14:1,4,10,13).



Dealing With Modern Differences

Among Christians today the situation is very similar. We have those who are vegetarians and those who eat meat, those who drink wine and those who abstain, those who wear makeup and jewelry and those who don't, those who observe annual feasts and those who don't, those who observe non-Biblical holidays and those who refuse, those who use the sacred names Yahweh and Yahshuah instead of God and Jesus and those who don't. On and on we could go!

Yet in the face of all the differences of practice and doctrinal belief among Christians we are exhorted by Scripture to have unity of spirit: "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit . . ." (Eph. 4:3).

But how can we find unity when there are so many divisions and differences? How can we minister effectively to the world and to one another if we are so divided and can't even agree among ourselves? How can we hope to someday be presented as one bride to Jesus Christ if we are hostile and judgmental and condemning of one another?

People answer these important questions in several ways. Some look at all the conflict among Christians, throw up their hands and leave religion altogether! They become atheists, agnostics, or merely believe in a God but nothing more.

Others deal with the lack of unity by drawing a box around themselves and their particular set of beliefs. They insist that they only have the truth, that they don't

interpret the Bible like other people, they just "believe what it says." They believe they alone are the true church, that they alone are unified in spirit. Of course they must close their eyes to so much of the working of God that is going on outside their organization and keep their heads buried in the sand. And they can't ask too many questions or think too much or they're likely to learn something new—and discover that they were wrong about something.

But there is another way for Christians to have unity even in spite of all their differences—and that is the answer found in Romans 14: *accept your brother for whom Christ died!* We can be one in spirit, in faith, in hope, even though we have differences in practices, belief, and organization—if we learn and practice the truth about acceptance and love—if we recognize that God is running the show, that He is in control of His church, that He is leading each of us step by step, and that all of us see through a glass darkly—probably to a greater degree that we would care to know!

Why We Judge Others

There are a number of reasons that we tend to condemn those who don't believe exactly as we do:

1. We place a very high value on truth and on obedience.

To be sure these are admirable traits and worth pursuing; but we can become so preoccupied with the quest for one point of truth that we neglect an even greater truth. For example, we can become so concerned about the Sabbath truth that we neglect another truth: "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:12). We can be like the Pharisees who were so concerned about the truth of tithing garden herbs that they neglected the truth of justice, mercy, and faithfulness (Matt. 23:23).

Is it such a shame to say, "I don't know" or "I'm not sure" or "I don't have an opinion on that issue." Is it such a shame to admit that we are still growing and learning and to accept as brothers and sisters other Christians who are also growing and learning? We must learn to say, "This is how I see it and how I will live, but I will love and accept and give my life for my brother who sees it differently."

2. Two value thinking: if I'm right on this question, then everyone else is wrong. If it's right for me it's right for everyone.

To be sure, there are absolutes and Christians must not compromise with those absolutes. But is it possible what you see as absolute, another sincere, truth-seeking, Bible-studying, God-fearing Christian may not see as absolute? Is it possible God is leading your brother down a somewhat different path for purposes and reasons far beyond your ken? Is it possible God is leading both of you to an even greater depth of understanding than what either of you see now? Is it possible that each of you has different lessons to learn so you both can come into the fulness of Jesus Christ—in God's due time? Can we allow that God is the Master and we are merely servants? Or must we arbitrarily superimpose the things God has shown us and is showing us on everyone else—now?

3. We view God in terms of rules, not in terms of a relationship.

Unfortunately too much of our spiritual security rests not in an intimate personal relationship with God, but on adherence to rules and regulations. Hence, if we are to judge ourselves accepted by God—based on the rules we keep—we must judge others, who don't keep exactly the same set of rules, as rejected.

Our quest for truth is

commendable; but we are shackled by our own zeal. We are so intent on certain points of truth that we neglect more important points—such as love, acceptance, and humility.

One Body—Many Members

The book of 1 Corinthians teaches a powerful lesson in regard to the body of Christ, the church. And it is not a picture of a homogeneous mass—but of a variegated body, with each member functioning effectively to do what other members cannot do. Just like the human body has eyes for seeing, feet for walking, fingers for grasping, so the spiritual body has many different parts—parts that function for different purposes and with different methods to serve one God. “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I don’t need you!’ And the head cannot say to the feet, ‘I don’t need you!’ On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable” (1 Cor. 12:4,5,6,12,13,21,22).

We can be so quick to consider ourselves as stronger, or having more truth, or being more open-minded than other Christians. But before we get too satisfied in our self-righteousness we’d better remember what Paul wrote: “. . . those parts of the body that *seem* to be weaker are indispensable.”

God is the One—He is the only One—who sees the whole body. We see only a portion of it, and we must

be very careful how we pass judgment. For however stringent we are in judging others, God will be just as stringent in judging us (Matt. 7:1-5). If we must err, let it be on the side of being too accepting of others, not on the side of being too judgmental and critical.

Acceptance Doesn’t Mean Compromise

Just because you are willing to accept as a brother in Christ someone who has different beliefs than you in no way means you are compromising your own convictions. You can continue to strongly believe in, teach, and share your own understanding of God’s Word while you fellowship with, love, and respect others who have a different understanding on some points.

The Apostle Paul set a terrific example for us. He was willing to be all things to all men, even unconverted men. He was willing to accept them where they were in order to win some to Christ. How much more should we be willing to accept those who are already won to Christ? “Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I am become like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some” (1 Cor. 9:19-22).

Paul certainly didn’t compromise with truth; but he was willing to accept people where they were. We should do the same. Sure we might have a doctrinal truth which

another person doesn't. But can we accept him where he's at before we try to share it? Can we respect and understand his views before we try to share ours? Can we realize that there are many things more important than most of the doctrinal issues Christians argue about? Can we recognize that maybe, just maybe, since we see through a glass darkly, we could learn some truth from other Christians, even those we might consider as having less truth than ourselves? Can we let God be their Master and Teacher? Can we see ourselves as fellow servants?

To love someone means to really understand them, to understand the path that has brought them to where they are, to respect them as children of God, as potential kings and priests, to empathize with them, to accept them even at their worst.

We have so much to offer to the world and to one another as fellow Christians. But to be able to effectively share what we have we must learn to accept everyone where

he is. Then, even though we have differences, we can grow together, we can have unity of spirit, and we will be able to effectively share with a world in great need.

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News from BSA

BSA Director Recovering

Gil Sanford is not one to let grass grow under his feet. During most of the winter he was in Mexico, where he helped with construction of a new building for a furniture factory associated with a Seventh-day Adventist academy. The factory provides work for students so they can earn their way through school. On Feb. 17, Gil was helping erect roof trusses on the new building when one of them broke and all the others gave way. Twenty people were working on or under the trusses—three were injured severely. Gil sustained a broken rib and bruised leg; another man was struck on the back and paralyzed from the neck down (he's regaining some movement and sensation); the third man is walking but is in considerable pain. Gil plans to use his recuperative time to catch up on correspondence and writing.

Final Call for Summer Meeting

We invite BSA members and other interested individuals to register now for the BSA meetings July 6 and 7 in Denver.

Attendees will be able to participate in evaluating the work of BSA and in formulating plans in many areas, such as BSA publications, development of local chapters, promoting the Sabbath truth, dealing with controversial issues and doctrinal differences, nominations for officers and board members.

The meetings will be a great opportunity for BSA members to get to know one another personally and to learn from and share with many others who are committed to the Sabbath truth.

If you're not a BSA member, we urge you to consider becoming one so you can participate fully in the

business to be conducted in Denver and in the 1987 election of officers.

If you plan to attend, we invite you to register right away, see back cover for details.

Sabbath Youth Book

In conjunction with BSA, Lettie Siddens of Kingston, Missouri, is working on a children's book with a Sabbath theme. If you have songs, poems, puzzles, stories, or any other material that might be suitable for such a book, contact Mrs. Siddens at RD 1, Box 29, Kingston, MO 64650.

Election Year for BSA

1987 is election year for BSA officers and directors. Nominations will be on the agenda for the meetings in Denver. The primary election will be held during the summer, with a run-off in the fall. Newly-elected leaders will begin serving a four-year term on January 2, 1988. If you are a BSA member and interested in the possibility of serving on the board, or if you know someone whom you would like to recommend, please let us know.

Correspondents Needed

Reading many different seventh-day publications is one of the major responsibilities of the editor. He could use some help!

If you are a reader of several different seventh-day publications perhaps you can help. Your job as a correspondent would be to keep your eyes open for significant news items, for short quotations, and for articles that are worth reprinting or condensing for the SENTINEL. When you see something you think our readers should know about, all you have to do is send it to the editor.

For more information on how you can serve as a SENTINEL correspondent, write the editor at RD 1, Box 475, Falls, PA 18615.

Discussing Differences



It goes without saying that there are myriad differences in belief and practice among Sabbath-keeping Christians. We range all the way from those who identify with Evangelical Protestants (except for their day of worship) to those who are striving to obey some 600 Biblical commandments. In the face of such diversity, The Bible Sabbath Association is challenged to bring together Sabbathkeepers of all persuasions in order to promote the Sabbath.

One way of dealing with our differences is to ignore them. But doing so will only perpetuate a climate of misunderstanding, distrust, and tension; it will hinder our efforts to cooperate in those areas in which we do agree.

A far better course is to identify our differences and to discuss them openly and candidly. Doing so will certainly involve some tension and risk; but it can also lead us to better understanding, greater appreciation, and deeper respect for one another. These attitudes will lead, in turn, to much more effective cooperation.

In the last year or so, Christianity Today has sponsored the type of discussions I envision. For example, premillennialists, postmillennialists, and amillennialists were brought together to talk about the millennium. Excerpts of their conversations were published in the magazine. Each view was presented, resources were listed for those interested in further study. Readers were pleased with a good overview of the subject—and with better insight as to why the proponents of various views hold those views. Christianity Today did not promote one view above another; it did promote communication and understanding in the spirit of Romans 14.

*I believe similar discussions are essential for the seventh-day communicat—*and BSA is in a good position to foster them. Without taking sides, we can provide a neutral environment for exchanges on subjects such as sacred names, the time of the crucifixion, holy days and holidays, the state of the dead, etc. We can publish highlights so that all our readers can lead to more fellowship and greater cooperation in proclaiming salvation through the Messiah, in sharing the truth of the Sabbath, and in promoting a host of other values we hold in common.**

We do have so much in common; we have much to say to the world and to first-day Christians; but we can say it effectively only if we understand, appreciate, and respect one another—and that involves discussing our differences.

That's my perspective. What's yours?

—Richard A. Wiedenheft

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When Sabbath and Work Conflict

Suggestions for fired Sabbathkeepers

By Gordon R. Engen

If you don't show up for work this Saturday, *you're fired!*"

"Why me?" responded John to this ultimatum from his supervisor.

Recently discharged from the Army, John had studied the Bible with an Adventist pastor until he became convicted he should keep the Sabbath. When he requested Sabbaths off, his employer gave him three options: work the assigned schedule, quit, or be fired.

John kept working, thinking each week would prove to be his last. Then he received a letter of warning, followed by a three-day suspension. After a six-day suspension, the supervisor declared, "That's it; we've come to the end of the line." In a few days a letter from his employer informed John that he had been "terminated."

An Isolated Incident?

Hundreds of Adventists have suffered similarly. A literature evangelist reported that her former employer quickly agreed to give her Sabbath off. "As a matter of fact," he said, "you can have Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday off, as well."

As I was preparing this story, my telephone rang. On the line was a church member who lost his job two years ago because he would not work on Sabbath. He received unemployment compensation for a time, but lost this when his employer objected to his receiving it.

Now he has been notified that he must pay it all back, but he does not have a job or any money.

The saddest part of his story is that he did not know the church's [Seventh-day Adventist] Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department (PARL) could give assistance. Now the time limits have expired for any appeals. Despite his plight, his confidence in the Lord remains strong. He keeps in close contact with his union conference PARL director as he attempts to find employment that will accommodate his religious convictions.

With every influx of members during Harvest 90 evangelism there comes a corresponding increase of Sabbath problems. Just as in John's case, employers continue to resist making accommodations.

What You Should Do

What should you do when your employer says, "If you won't work Friday night, you might as well not come to work on Monday"? Do you have any recourse? Whom should you contact first? Should you exercise legal rights? Whatever you do, do not try to go it alone. When one church member faces severe problems, it becomes the concern of other members, since the outcome may have helpful or disastrous effects on them, also.

Contact your pastor at the first sign of a Sabbath work problem.

Keep him fully informed of any new developments. He has access to guidelines that will help him to know what to do.

At every step, make detailed notes concerning people, places, dates, and meeting times, of conversations, and of incidents. This will prove extremely helpful in the event you seek help from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 forbids religious discrimination in the workplace unless the making of an accommodation would cause undue hardship on the conduct of the employer's business.

Guidelines published by the EEOC forbid an employer to ask a prospective employee any questions regarding availability to work on specific days, such as Friday night and Saturday, until he has determined your qualifications and has offered you the job. At that point he may inquire into your availability for Sabbath work, but he then has the same obligation to attempt to make an accommodation as he does for employees already on the job. If a test for employment selection is given on the Sabbath, ask for an alternate examination date.

Do not act in an arbitrary or demanding manner, but be cooperative and flexible. Offer to work on Sunday, to work fewer hours if you can afford the loss in pay, to trade shifts, to make a lateral transfer to another department, in order to help solve the problem. Inquire into your seniority standing in any move, to be sure you do not lose seniority or pension rights. Do not offer to give up seniority rights or benefits without getting counsel.

Never threaten court or agency action. Explore every possible solution first; threats often make obtaining accommodations more

difficult.

Remember that in all your contacts, comments, and actions you are a representative of Jesus Christ. Your witness in this crisis may be the only contact someone will have with Seventh-day Adventists and the Sabbath message. Make this a matter of special prayer—privately, with your friends and family, and with the entire church. "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). Put the matter before the Lord, keeping in mind that it may not be God's plan that you retain that particular job. He may have another plan for your life.

—Excerpted from Adventist Review, published by Review and Herald Publishing Assn., © 1986. Used with permission. The author is director of the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Don't look for trouble, but look for success.

You will find what you look for but don't look for distress.

If you see but your shadow, remember I pray—

The sun is still shining, but you are in the way.

Don't grumble, don't bluster and don't shriek.

Don't think of your worries, but think of your work—

Those worries will vanish, the work will be done—

No man sees his shadow who faces the sun.

News from Seventh Day Community

New Adventist Publishing House in Brazil

Casa Publicadora Brasileira, the third-largest SDA publishing house, was recently dedicated in Tatui, Sao Paulo. Over 55,000 square feet and with 250 employees, the plant operates around the clock, 5 and 1/2 days per week—still it is unable to keep up with the demands of 5,000 literature evangelists.

Ted Armstrong Preaches In Jamaica

In a recent letter to supporters, Garner Ted Armstrong reported on an evangelistic meeting in Jamaica, his first such engagement outside North America. Approximately 750 people attended the Sunday afternoon meeting; subsequently, 105 requested personal counseling and baptism and 120 new names were added to the mailing list. Armstrong noted that tens of thousands of Jamaicans have heard his father and him on the radio for many years.

Jacob O. Meyer Completes Caribbean Tour

Assemblies of Yahweh Directing Elder Jacob Meyer recently concluded a three-week tour that took him to nine locations including Guyana, Grenada, St. Vincent, Dominca, St. Lucia, Guadeloupe, and St. Martin. In all he spoke to more than 1200 people, many of whom were long-time members and listeners to "The Sacred Name Broadcast." While on the tour Elder Meyer learned of a tragic automobile accident that resulted in the death of his grandson, Jeremy Pederson and left his son-in-law, Alfredo Ortiz, in a coma. However, Alfredo is making progress toward complete recovery.

Assemblies of Yahweh to Expand Print Shop

In a recent letter to supporters, Directing Elder Meyer reported plans to triple the size of their print shop. The expansion is necessitated by increased circulation of *The Sacred Name Broadcaster*—from 130 names in 1968 to almost 13,500 at present.

Ads in Family Magazines

Pacific Press Publishing Assn. and Review and Herald Publishing Assn. cooperated in placing full-page ads in the October 1986 issue of *Parents* and *Family Circle* magazines, with combined circulation of more than 7 million. More than 13,300 lead cards, received as a result of the ads, were passed on to literature evangelists who have sold thousands of sets of *The Bible Story*. The two Adventist publishing houses are running similar ads in the May issue of *Parents*, *Today's Christians*, and *Working Mother*, with combined circulation near 2.5 million.

Andrews University Plans to Sell Three Industries

According to a news item in *Adventist Review*, Andrews University board of trustees recently voted to sell three businesses, after an unsuccessful two-year effort to make them profitable. The three (University Printers, College Wood Products, and Cum Laude Motel) employed over 200 persons, including many university students. The University prefers that students find work in privately-owned businesses.

"The Quiet Hour" Now On Satellite

The Quiet Hour ministry recently announced that its radio

broadcast and telecast will be carried daily on Three Angels Broadcasting Network. Currently more than 4,000 radio stations broadcast programs from the satellite.

Ex-Gay Counseling Center Closed

Christianity Today reports that Colin Cook, director of Quest Learning Center, resigned, admitting that he had intimate sexual contact with male counselees. The board of Homosexuals Anonymous Fellowship Services decided to close Quest, which, according to the article, was heavily financed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Former Sentinel Editor Appointed to New Project

Editor Emeritus Eugene Lincoln has been appointed by the Review and Herald Publishing Assn., as project coordinator for a three to five-year project of publishing a multivolume set of children's Bible story books. The new post will involve a trip to Israel.

Former Employee Sues Adventist University

Claiming she was unjustly fired for becoming pregnant while unmarried, Bethsaida Arriaga, 21, former library employee at Loma Linda University recently filed a \$10 million suit—this according to the *Riverside Press-Enterprise* newspaper, as reported in *Adventist Review*. The university's lawyer told the newspaper that nonprofit corporations are permitted by law to have religious requirements for employees.

Adventist Education

Dr. George Akers, worldwide director of Adventist educational programs was recently interviewed by Myron Widmer of *Adventist Review*. Akers reported that the SDA educational system is the

largest of all Protestant school systems. The church maintains about 5,000 schools with almost 55,000 teachers and 700,000 students. As for quality, Dr. Akers said, "Year after year the annual achievement tests confirm the adequacy of Adventist education. The system's performance speaks for itself—scores are consistently a cut above the national average in all areas, generally speaking."

Adventist Elected to Provincial Legislature

For the first time a Seventh-day Adventist has won a seat in the provincial legislature of British Columbia. He is Duane Crandall, of Golden, B.C.

SDA Reform Movement In Brazil

Brazilian Reform Movement leaders report that over 700 canvassers and 25 colporteur leaders in 11 state conferences are selling over 40,000 hard-cover books every month—plus paperbacks. They have plans to go to Ecuador, Columbia, and Venezuela to help canvassers in those countries.

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He who prepares for this life and takes no thought of eternity, is wise for a moment, but a fool forever.

—John Tillotson

On the Legal Front

Overdue Overview on Sunday Laws

The Supreme Court ruling most interesting to Sabbatarians, *Hobbie v. Unemployment Appeals Commission of Florida*, is covered elsewhere in this issue. Thus, this scribe will present a broad view of blue laws in the U.S. and Canada.

In colonial times any work on Sunday might have garnered a fine or hours in the stocks. Most restrictive "Sabbath" laws were long ago abolished, except those applying to retail sales of goods and services.

In the U.S. the trend for more than a century has been toward repeal of Sunday closing laws or their nullification by courts on First Amendment grounds. Cincinnati defeated St. Louis in the first National League Sunday game in 1892; and commercial recreation has remained a major force for change.

In recent decades, as the defacto state religion changed from protestantism to humanism, the decline of blue laws has accelerated. last year alone, both Texas and Louisiana repealed such statutes, reducing state-wide prohibitions to less than a dozen. Many county and local laws also faded away.

Blue law advocates have had some "victories," notably in Maryland and North Dakota; but these wins consist almost entirely of maintaining rules already on the books, not in enacting new ones.

The outlook is bright for an end to all state-wide Sunday laws in the next decade or so. This will come about, not primarily because of citizens' desire for religious freedom, but because of the greed of chain stores and stadium owners. That is, perhaps, not the kind of victory Sabbathkeepers would like;

but we'll take it.

Canadian blue laws are much more entrenched, possibly because Canada remains a nation of farms and small towns. People outside big cities tend to be much more conservative and Christian than their urban brethren; and Christianity to most people, unfortunately, means Sunday.

The Supreme Court in Dec. 1986 upheld Ontario's tough Retail Business Holidays Act under Canada's 1982 Charter of Rights and Freedoms, though in 1985 it had struck down the national Lord's Day Act, which had stood since 1907. The difference was that the Lord's Day Act had a stated religious purpose, while the Ontario law does not.

Chief Justice Dickson noted that "the burden on Saturday-keeping consumers [and retailers] is substantial and constitutes an abridgement of their religious freedom." He said, however, this discrimination is allowed by the Charter if "reasonable and demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society." He observed that the law does not actually prohibit the Sabbath rest; it just makes it harder for the faithful to engage in commerce. The chief justice placed much importance on the need for a common day of rest to protect family values.

In the U.S., court tradition requires the state to have a "compelling" reason to abridge religious freedom, a more rigorous test, apparently, than Canada's "reasonable" purpose. Ironically, this conservative reading of Canada's Charter has protected prayer in public schools, something many 7th day Christians applaud. Powerful blue laws also operate in all but one other province.



Resources Available From BSA

Books

<i>History of the Sabbath & Sunday</i> by John Kiesz (64 pp.)	\$3
<i>From Sabbath to Sunday</i> by Samuele Bacchiocchi (372 pp.)	\$8
<i>Divine Rest for Human Restlessness</i> by Samuele Bacchiocchi (320 pp.)	\$8
<i>The Law, the Gospel and the Sabbath</i> by Frank M. Walker (91 pp.)	\$3
<i>Right Face: A Handbook for Sabbathkeepers</i> by Eugene Lincoln (30 pp.)	2 for \$1
Directory of Sabbath-Observing Groups, 1986 Edition	\$7
Back issues of THE SABBATH SENTINEL	40 for \$5

Booklets

<i>Bible Truths about "Salvation by Grace Through Faith"</i> by Frank M. Walker (32 pp., 20/lb.)	50¢ each; \$8/20
<i>Questions for Seventh Dayists Answered</i> by Terril D. Littrell (18 pp., 30/lb)	20¢ each; \$5/30
<i>Sabbath Truth and Sunday Fallacies</i> by George A. Main (12 pp, 60/lb.) ..	10¢ each; \$5/60
<i>Has Sabbath Time Been Lost</i> by Joseph M. McGuire (10 pp. 60/lb)	15¢ each; \$9/60

Tracts

<i>Why I Keep the 7th Day of the Week as the Sabbath</i> by C. C. Morian (7 pp. 100/lb.)	5¢ each/ \$5/100
<i>Facts on Sabbath</i> (6 pp, 120/lb.)	5¢ each/ \$5/120
<i>Roman Catholic Confessions About Sunday</i> (8 pp, 100/lb.)	5¢ each; \$5/100
<i>Protestant Confessions About Sunday</i> (6 pp, 130/lb.)	4¢ each/ \$5/130
<i>The Weekly Rest Day</i> by George A. Main (4 pp, 200/lb.)	3¢ each/ \$5/200
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To Repeat . . .

In the early days of the Christian church, one sermon of Peter converted 3,000 people. Nowadays 3,000 sermons may not convert one single soul. Why? God has not changed. The truth has not changed. The great need of mankind has not changed. Then what has changed? Hearers and preachers have changed.

A. Balbach, in an editorial in Reformation Herald, Mar. '87, published by the Seventh-day Adventist Reform Movement.

Forecasting the signs of the times or predicting the bliss of the wonderful world tomorrow may satisfy our curiosity, but it will not save us. When prophecy becomes the center of preaching, what God has done in the past (the gospel) becomes subordinated to what He will do in the future.

Jerry Griffin, in an article in Bible Advocate, Feb. '87.

Time has already amply shown that most of Lindsey's predictions were fiction rather than fact. This type of correlation of biblical prophecies to contemporary events, not only causes disillusionments and disappointments to the millions who accept such predictions as biblical truth, but also aids the cause of the critics who are only too glad to capitalize on such vagaries in order to caricature the whole belief in a personal return of Christ to this earth.

Samuele Bacchiocchi, in his book The Advent Hope for Human Hopelessness, commenting on Hal Lindsey's scenario for a 1981 rapture and a 1988 second coming of Christ.

A growing element in our contemporary society not only seeks special standing for Christians over non-Christians, but claims that this is exactly what the Founding Fathers had in mind.

John V. Stevens, Sr., in an article on the Founding Fathers' commitment to separation of church and state, in Signs of the Times, Mar. '87.

I entered that [1982 joint ministerial meeting] session with the same skepticism, only to find that those who were considered enemies by some, were not enemies at all—they were brothers in Christ. And at that meeting I witnessed God's Spirit at work healing old hurts and restoring a fellowship among many that had been long overdue!

Roy Henderson, in commenting about his early objections to the proposed merger of the General Conference and General Council of the Church of God, in a pro-merger article in The Fellowship Herald, Feb. '87.

The views expressed are in no way intended to necessarily reflect those of The Bible Sabbath Association. If you read or hear concise, significant statements by or about Sabbatarians, please send them to us for possible publication in this column. Include name and address of author.

Orchids and Onions

Response to BSA News Release

Thank you for your latest release, "Seventh-day Christians Opposed to Calendar Change." Whatever we can do to help avert this proposition to change the calendar, we shall be happy to do, for we believe, on the weight of evidence, that the Sabbath is governed by the weekly cycle, which started at creation. We shall appreciate your keeping us informed.

K. Bingham
Davidian SDA Assn.
Exeter, MO

New Contact

We are Sabbathkeepers and are intensely interested in your organization and its publication.

B.&G. H.
Detroit, MI

Renewal

Please renew my subscription. I do so much appreciate what you are doing.

M.C.
Hayward, CA

From the Philippines

I received your letter and a copy of THE SABBATH SENTINEL. Thank you so very much. I'm very willing to send some news with regard to my work here to the editor of your publications so that others may know how the work of the Lord progresses here in spite of the political and economic crisis that we have in the

Philippines.

Ely C. Paypa, Sr.
Seventh Day Baptist
Convention
Cebu City

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I was just rereading my August issue of *The Mt. Zion Reporter* when I came across your address again. Your magazine sounds very interesting to me as we are not natural Jews, but adopted by our Heavenly Father, and He is leading us to learn more about the commandments of God in the Old Testament.

B.&M. K.
Norwalk, OH

Request from Poland

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Jan S. Lachowski
Bydgoszcz

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Noticed your ads in the *Shoppers News*. Please send literature to address below.

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Memphis, TN

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B.T.
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—Robert K. Fries

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Summit School of Theology summer session, June 22-29 at Denver. Instructors include BSA President Leroy Bass. Great opportunity for Christian learning, fellowship, and beautiful scenery—all in one week. For info write SST, P.O. Box 33677, Denver, CO 80233 or call (303) 452-7976. (5)

Florida Camp Meeting—May 29 to June 6. Nine days of fellowship, preaching, seminars, Book Center sales. Speakers include Graham Maxwell, Ron Halvorsen, Gary Dunlap, Del Delker. For info, write Florida Conference of SDA, Camp Meeting, Box 1313, Orlando, FL 32802. (5)

Midwest Campmeeting is to be held August 3-8 at Camp Faresta

near Stewartville, Missouri, 28 miles east of St. Joseph on Hwy. 36. For further info write Keith Siddens, RR #1, Box 29, Kingston, MO 64650. (5)

Attractive Adventist desires meeting interesting, eligible male, 55 to 70. Hobbies include bike riding, breadmaking, creative writing, music. Write Mary Moore, 200 No. Pecos, Space 17, Las Vegas, NV 89101. (5)

Man, age 38, slim, 6'5", frugal, interested in history, photography, light classical—big band music; wants to correspond with Sabbatarian lady who is tall, brunette, self-reliant gardener. Write Regan Castevens, Box 232, Sparta, NC 28675. (5)

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- evaluating BSA publications
- planning for consultation of 7th day groups
- long-range goals for the association

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