

A Border Patrol agent says—

'I'm one of those strange guys now!'

World dilemma continued

prised of men and their families. Materials are available through the Men's Ministries Department.

A TRANSDENOMINATIONAL Kingsmen International organization has also been formed. Its goal in 1983 is to provide banquets to which churchmen will invite the unchurched. A well-known speaker will be featured, and Kingsmen International will provide personnel to help plan the city-wide evangelistic thrust.

The sole purpose of Kingsmen International is evangelism. The layman may become a member of Kingsmen for \$10 per year and be an extension of Jesus' love by participating in these banquets.

Evangelism follow-up training will be provided by Lifestyle Evangelism. The goal of Kingsmen International is to kick off these banquets in selected cities by this spring.

THE 2d national Assemblies of God Men's Convention will convene June 16-18, 1983, at Evangel College, Springfield, Missouri. Its purpose is fourfold: (1) to provide an opportunity for men to worship; (2) to provide instruction in many areas of ministry as well as on men's life-style and responsibilities in today's world; (3) to

What do you do when the world around you begins to crumble before your eyes? Especially the world you thought had all the answers?

I reacted in the manner I had been trained all my life—with strength, pushing forward, not letting anyone or anything get in my way. I didn't want those around me to know I was afraid. That might ruin my macho image!

In the latter part of 1974 I had just been transferred to Salinas, California, as a Border Patrol agent. There I faced the problem—illegal aliens—

provide opportunities of expression and testimony; and (4) to provide fellowship. (See page 23.)

The convention has as its overall purpose to prepare and motivate men to yield to the work of the Holy Spirit so they will fulfill the 1983 theme, "Men Reaching Out in Love."

Today can be a new beginning for every man. Through his local assembly and men's group he can find ways to help solve the great world dilemma. He can help see that every individual in his town, in the United States, and around the world hears the story of God's love in Christ.

By FRED HAWKINS
as told to Pastor R. A. SITES

more aliens than I ever dreamed of while serving on the border for 3½ years in Chula Vista, California.

What really bothered me was that the government, which I was so proud to serve while in the Navy and in Vietnam, didn't have all the answers to the problems around me.

What a disappointment! What a shock! The government of the United States didn't have all the answers. I really had thought it did.

Growing up in Hawaii, surrounded by the might of the military, I had watched all those parades and had seen the power of man and his machines. But now I saw a flaw in the government which I loved and served.

Everywhere I went in Salinas, the problem seemed to get bigger. And the bigger the problem got, the harder I worked to overcome it.

I decided that getting involved in outside activities might help me cope with job frustrations. Having been raised a Roman Catholic, my first inclination was to turn to the church and its activities. So for the first time in my adult life I began attending mass every Sunday. I joined the Knights of Columbus, advancing to the third degree.

But still I felt no satisfaction, no relief—only the added frustration of knowing that the church appeared to be against the immigration laws I believed in and had sworn to uphold.

My next step was to try to block out the problem as though it were not there. Alcohol seemed to help when I was around the other guys. This grew from an occasional beer in the back room of a service station to drinking regularly after work. I became violent when drunk—and that was almost daily now. All my frustrations and hate would vent them-

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A group of district Men's Ministries directors confer during their 1982 conference.

