

Building for boys

Construction has begun on facilities at the new 1,445-acre National Royal Rangers Training Center in Eagle Rock, Mo. A log house is being built near the main entrance of the center for a caretaker/manager. Also a headquarters lodge containing meeting rooms and classrooms, kitchen, rest rooms, and staff quarters is being erected on the crest of a hill overlooking the central valley on the property. The house is scheduled for completion this fall, and the lodge should be ready by next spring.

Highlights of General Council videotape being offered for first time this year

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—For the first time the Audiovisual Services Department of the Assemblies of God plans to put together a video presentation, *Highlights of General Council*.

"We hope in about an hour tape the viewer will get the whole picture of General Council," said Melvin Snyder, Audiovisual Services representative.

The video will touch all aspects of General Council—the fellowship, worship, and business, he said. *Highlights* will include everything from shots of San Antonio, Tex., to the plenary sessions and Teen Talent competitions.

Flessing, Pirtle, & Associates of Roseville, Calif., which has produced other Assemblies of

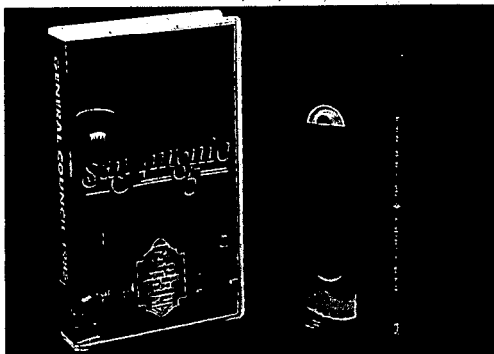
God videos such as *Mission America*, is producing *Highlights of General Council* for Audiovisual Services.

The videotapes will be available in VHS and Beta formats through Audiovisual Services for \$49 each.

"It's sort of a test," Snyder said of the production of *Highlights of General Council*. "We feel there's a market for it. In the past the videos of messages have gone quite well."

Videotapes of each of the main Council sessions, including the Saturday morning Prayer Breakfast with Missouri Governor John Ashcroft and the *Live! From San Antonio* telecast, will also be available this year, he said.

Highlights of General Council will be an hour-long videotape of the fellowship, worship, and business of the Movement's biennial gathering. Excerpts of the main sessions of Council will be included.



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lence.' To suggest that a moment-of-silence statute that includes the word *prayer* unconstitutionally endorses religion, while one that simply provides for a moment of silence does not, manifests not neutrality but hostility toward religion."

White said he thought the majority of the Court would approve of moment-of-silence laws that did not mention prayer. Yet, "if a student asked whether he could pray during that moment, it is difficult to believe that the teacher could not answer in the affirmative," White said. "If that is the case, I would not invalidate a statute that at the outset provided the legislative answer to the question, 'May I pray?'"

Though she provided the sixth vote against the Alabama law, Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor filed a separate concurring opinion. "Moment-of-silence laws in many states should pass Establishment Clause scrutiny because they do not favor the child who chooses to pray during a moment of silence over the child who chooses to med-

itate or reflect," Mrs. O'Connor wrote. "It is difficult to discern a serious threat to religious liberty from a room of silent, thoughtful schoolchildren."

Moment-of-silence laws mentioning prayer are on the books in these states: Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia.

The Alabama law was challenged by Ismael Jaffree, an agnostic, who objected to the religious observances which his children witnessed in the Mobile public schools.

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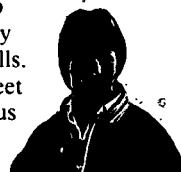
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