



SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE PRESS and SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE MUSIC

Francyl and Marvin Gawryn are spending the month of May on a promotional media tour. They will have been coast to coast before they return.

Reaching High: The Psychology of Spiritual Living, the book written by Marvin and published by the Family of God Foundation publishing company, SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE

THE SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE PRESS announces a

NATIONAL TELEVISION TOUR

by Marvin Gawryn, author of
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The Psychology of Spiritual Living



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PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY

THE JOURNAL OF THE PUBLISHING BUSINESS

SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE PRESS, has just gone into a second printing. It is carried in Walden and B. Dalton chain bookstores from coast to coast, as well as in hundreds of other stores serviced by such distributors as Book People and De Voss. Response to the book is enthusiastic.

Media Tour

Both the book and Francyl's latest album, *Children of Light*, published by our FOG music company, SPIRITUAL

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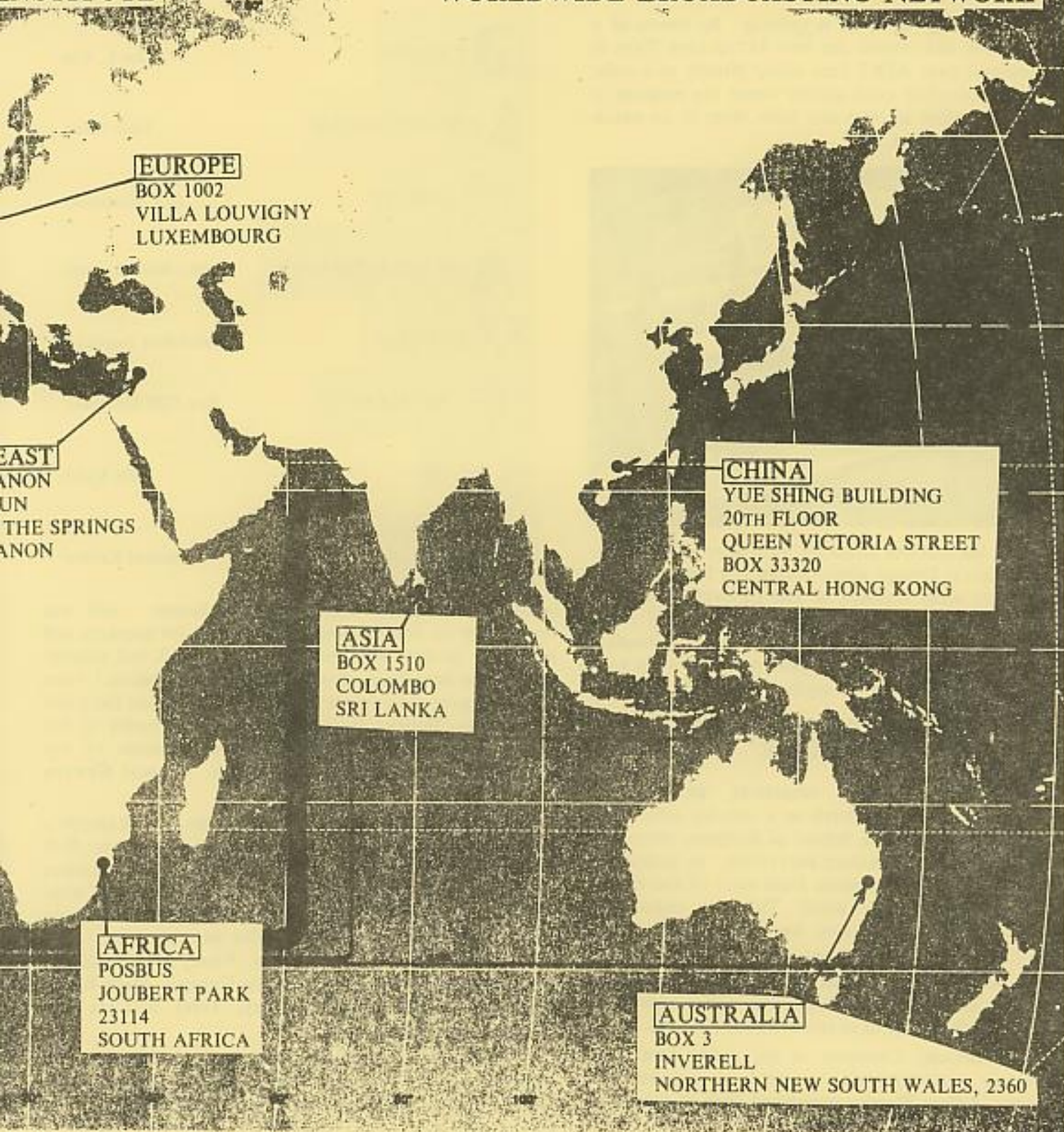
RENAISSANCE MUSIC, are being promoted through a national tour with concerts and media interviews in Boston, New York, Atlanta, Denver, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Diego. Marvin has a number of radio and television appearances scheduled, Francyl has both interviews and concerts scheduled, and in some cases both of them will be interviewed on the same program. At this writing they are in the middle of this tour, so a more detailed report will come later.

Both the record and the book have been publicized through advertisements in trade magazines, copies of which are reproduced here. Rebecca Marshall did the graphic design for these ads.

MULTI-MEDIA DIVISION

David Kantor and the Multi-Media Division at FOG are involved in preparing a multi-media presentation, *Theos 21*, and David is also in charge of coordinating all the audio-visual equipment and the simultaneous language translation systems for the conference.

There is other news from the Multi-Media Division, which will be reported later in the summer after Snowmass. (The reason for this late summer schedule will be found in the previous paragraph!)



RADIO LUXEMBOURG

Beginning in December of 1980, the FAMILY OF GOD FOUNDATION began broadcasting over one of the most powerful stations in the world, Radio Luxembourg, which blankets all of Europe and transmits far into the USSR as well. This week we received letters from listeners in Germany, England and Wales.

LIVE BROADCASTING

On December 28, 1980, the first live broadcast originated from our studios at the FAMILY OF GOD FOUNDATION headquarters in Berkeley, California. Now, in addition to the thousands of taped broadcasts aired worldwide we have the ability to broadcast *live* over any of our stations as well.

The technology involved is exciting. By means of a device we have nick-named the WBN SATTELLINK Vern is able to transmit over AT&T lines either directly to a radio station or to a satellite earth station where the program is beamed to a satellite in orbit and from there to an entire hemisphere of the planet.



During the first live broadcast Vern gave special greetings to listeners in Oregon where **David and Rose Clearwaters** and many other students of The URANTIA Book hear the program regularly. David later telephoned to relate how exciting it was to be listening to the first live program in Oregon and said that a cheer went up when Vern gave greetings to his listeners in the north.

SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE

The Seventh Annual SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE was held in March as a two-day affair. The first day was held at Pacific School of Religion, sponsored by the SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE INSTITUTE. As before, on the first day we hosted speakers from each of the eleven major living religions of the world. This year, rather than hearing individual presentations, we held a panel discussion, with five religions represented in the morning and six in the afternoon. This format provided more exchange between the speakers themselves, and was a successful innovation which we intend to retain for future years.

Terry McCade, Chairman of the entire SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE served as master of ceremonies. **Jeffrey Wattles** introduced each of our guest



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speakers with grace, kindness, and humor. (Jeff was responsible for coordinating arrangements for speakers and personally invited probably half of them. "A real second-miler," was how Terry described Jeff's participation.) Vern Grimsley gave the keynote speech and moderated the panel discussions. Bettina Gray addressed the assembly in her capacity as Director of Interreligious Relations of the BERKELEY AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL. Francyl Gawryn presented music.

The second day was sponsored by the SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA URANTIA SOCIETY, on the topic *Evolutionary Religions from the Perspective of The URANTIA Book*. Readers of The URANTIA Book met to hear brief summaries of what the book has to say about each of the world's religions presented the day before. These talks were given by: Martha Bredemeyer, Jeff Wattles, Nancy Ann Sullivan, Gard Jameson, Brian Cox, Marvin Gawryn, Mary Blessing, Mary Echlin, Bettina Gray, Terry McCade and Rebecca Marshall.

Vern gave a speech on *The Spiritual Renaissance -- Personal and Planetary* and then a general discussion followed. It was a really fine time of sharing ideas. We started this day with a social over brunch (arranged by Nancy Sullivan) and closed the week end with a remembrance service led by Jeff Wattles.

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TRANSLATIONS

Creciendo Espiritualmente, the Spanish translation of *Growing Spiritually*, which Vern wrote, has been published and is being distributed in South America by members of the Bogotá study group. All reports indicate an enthusiastic response to this booklet and a desire for more material, which we are presently preparing. For information on get-

ting copies of *Creciendo Espiritualmente*, contact:

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David Kantor is in charge of coordinating this project for FOG.

Broadcaster to speak

International Broadcaster Vern Bennom Grimsley from San Francisco will be the featured speaker for the Barton County Knife & Fork Club on Monday, Jan. 26 at the Black Angus Restaurant.

Grimsley has been featured on the CBS network, Radio Free Europe has beamed his commentary behind the Iron Curtain in six languages, and he has done daily talk programs over the world-wide facilities of the prestigious American Forces Radio Network.

In addition to head the Worldwide Broadcasting Network, Grimsley is also Director of the Spiritual Renaissance Institute, an educational center for the advanced study of philosophy and world religion.

Knife and Fork Club members must make reservations for the 7 p.m. dinner by Saturday.



Vern Grimsley

By PETER MENZIES
Of the Herald-Republic

Unmindful of his surname, Vern Bennom Grimsley bounded to the podium, his cowlick bouncing, and delivered a thumping speech to the Yakima Knife & Fork Club on the psychology of exuberant living Wednesday night.

"We all have the potential to live with a sense of zest and inner exuberance," said Grimsley, a former psychology researcher for the National Science Foundation and director of the Spiritual Renaissance Institute, based in California.

Philosopher in spotlight

International broadcaster and psychology researcher Vern Bennom Grimsley, San Francisco, will speak to the Lower Valley Knife and Fork Club when it meets at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Keene-Riverview School cafeteria.

He predicts the dawning of a global spiritual renaissance, culminating in a unified world philosophy: the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man — the worldwide Family of God.

"The human brain," states Grimsley, "is capable of storing 12 billion bits of information. It would require computers the size of skyscrapers to achieve the functions which the human brain can carry out, and even then such a computer would lack will, personality, a sense of aesthetics, and character. Human beings possess incredible potential. But if this is true, both mentally and physically, imagine how much more there is to man spiritually!"

There is an unseen dimension to existence, Grimsley believes, "which can energize man to new experience and endeavor; and



VERN BENNOM GRIMSLEY
... psychologist here

these unseen potentials are released by faith.

"The more you exercise a muscle," he notes, "the stronger it becomes. This principle is psychologically and spiritually true as well. What you use, in-

creases. The more you love, the more love you'll have. The more you live in faith, the more confidence and joy you'll have."

Grimsley has been featured on the CBS network, Radio Free Europe and the American Forces Radio network. A former psychology researcher for the National Science Foundation, he now heads the Worldwide Broadcasting Network and is director of the Spiritual Renaissance Institute.

"One cannot always choose the situations one encounters," he admits, "but one can choose the attitude with which one encounters the situations. And that attitude can either be hope or despair, either faith or fear, and that decision is of immense importance.

"There is an extraordinary liberation in the realization that your personal value as an individual is utterly independent of anything else on earth. Man belongs here. Man's place in the cosmos is as planned and assured as the place of the sun and the stars, because humankind are sons and daughters of the infinite God."

NBC CHICAGO

April 12 our SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE BROADCAST



went on the air over NBC Chicago, every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., 670 on the AM dial, WMAQ. Mail response is flooding in from Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, and Ohio.

COMPUTER DEPARTMENT

Through the tireless labors of **Jim Blessing** and **Dana Bredemeyer** a sophisticated computer system has been installed at FOG. This is a customized and specialized system created and assembled to accomplish a wide range of specific tasks connected with the radio broadcast, mailing lists, typesetting, and data storage and retrieval of many different sorts. (This is not one of the simpler pre-packaged computers so widely available on the business market today.)

The first major project to be put into the computer was the 1981 General Conference of the URANTIA Brotherhood.

We also have access to a phototypesetter linked to us by telephone line. The typesetting of this DIARY is the first of our newsletters to be produced using this system.

SPEAKING TOURS

As usual, Vern was booked to give speeches in cities from coast to coast this year, and I am enclosing a few newspaper clippings from several of these tours.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

During the winter season Vern is away much of the time, usually in ten-day segments. My co-workers at the University know this and often inquire where Vern is on a particular day. "He's in Atlanta, (or New York, or wherever)" or else "He's home for a week," would be my reply. Not too long ago I wanted a piece of information and thought to myself, "Now if Vern were only home I could just call him and ask him." A few minutes later I thought, "Wait a minute. He IS home now."

We have a newly re-organized correspondence and computer room which houses our typewriters and correspondence desks and computer center. With all the construction **Jim Blessing** and **Terry McCade** did to build the work tables, it was necessary to empty the room completely. Everything was moved (prompting Jim to inquire mildly at one point, "Where is the computer, may I ask?"). The work stations were entirely rearranged. A few days after this took place I passed **Gayle Eash** on the stair. She was repeating over and over with a poignant sense of urgency in her voice, "Is there any life after death? Please tell me there is life after death." A moment of conversation soon brought out the fact that she was looking for the box of pamphlets Vern wrote titled *Life after Death*.

The second day of the SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE Vern had a great story to tell. The clock radio had begun to play music and he awoke realizing that he was listening to one of the local stations playing Francyl's *Take my Hand, Precious Lord* from her latest album!

Life just now for many of us is characterized as SNOWMASS or AFTERSNOWMASS. **David Kantor** needed a quiet corner here at FOG to do some live recording. Quiet corners being in short supply, I took him into my own private sitting room. As we went, however, I said to him, "Now David, you will find that I have things just piled up in here, and they are going to stay that way until," at which point David nodded and chimed in with me on the words, "after Snowmass."



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