

# Pilots note parallels to combat in peaceful 'Wings of Hope' mission

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NEW YORK — In a way, it seems to take a warrior to bear up in the harsh struggles some people must make just to survive in peace.

That's the observation of an interfaith, air-service organization, Wings of Hope, whose pilots, all volunteers, provide radio and air links for missionary and other organizations working on development projects among the poor in remote areas, functionally inaccessible on the ground.

"It takes a strong person," says William D. Edwards, executive director of the organization whose St. Louis headquarters crackle with shortwave radio communications with remote bases abroad.

"We serve only in the hinterlands where there's no other way in or out," says Edwards. "Conditions generally are subhuman, in medicine, education and diet, with just the bare beginnings toward civilization."

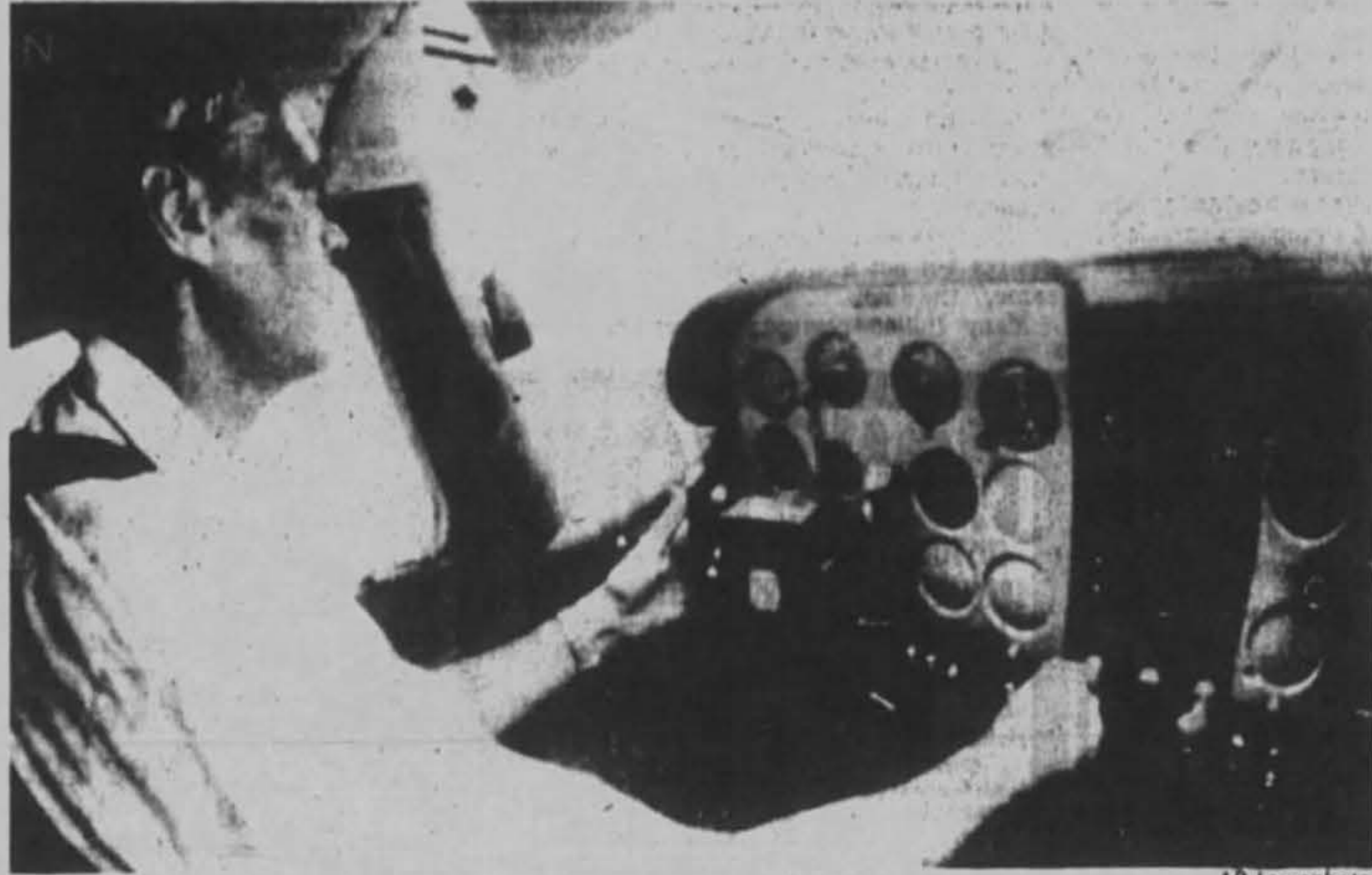
"Our aim is to make active the gospel imperative to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, help the sick and hurt."

The needed qualities, he says, are "much the same" as in war.

"But it also takes spiritual and moral conviction, a deep concern for brothers in need under difficult circumstances," he adds. "We have some rough-and-ready guys out there. But unless they've got real compassion, too, the soft touch, they don't work out in this game."

The peculiar combination is explored in a telling, sensitive TV documentary, "Missionary," being shown Sunday on the ABC program, Directions, in cooperation with the National Council of Churches.

"It's a nagging, old question," says the film's producer and narrator, Howard Enders, a World War II



AP Laserphoto

Roy Johnsen, 51, pilots a plane as a volunteer for the Wings of Hope organization

"It's much the same kind of battle," he says, comparing the service in Honduras to past wartime flying in Korea and Vietnam. Instead of enemy gunfire, "we have some other very real enemies. And perhaps even greater dangers."

Those pressures are brought out in the film, including difficulties that proved too strenuous for one replacement pilot and also the breakdown of a Peace Corps mission of young idealists in strain, fear and a flare of violence.

But Johnsen, a former Navy commander, veteran of 20 years of military flying with numerous combat decorations, blends in heartily with the rugged duty, the poor, pioneering peasants clearing land, striving to build a better life, the hardships and emergencies.

Scenes of the film alternate between Johnsen's military role and his role in the isolated, frontier combat for life. "My heart is back there," says Johnsen of Albany, N.Y., who finished his Honduran stint recently and now works for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Since the "Wings" organization was started 18 years ago, more than half its fliers have been former military pilots, as is Johnsen's replacement, Theodore Kessler, 39, of Houston.

The "Wings" organization, limiting itself to helping humanitarian projects of others, is distinctive in that sense from other missionary flying organizations, such as the Missionary Aviation Fellowship and the Jungle Aviation and Radio Service.

The fellowship, based in Redlands, Calif., has some 105 pilots serving

evangelistic mission outposts, while North Carolina-based JAARS, a service of the Wycliff translators of unwritten languages into Scriptures, has 68 planes operating in its work.

The "Wings" organization, whose force of Roman Catholic and Protestant pilots varies according to need between seven and 18, provides only their subsistence. They take leaves from jobs, volunteering their service.

Johnsen, the war-toughened flier who showed his mettle for similar hard duty in the jungle frontier of Honduras, says in the film:

"It's not the problems you have in life, it's what you do with them. The

measure of a man is how he meets them. Some make it, some break. It's kind of like a rock in a stream, if you can't go over it, go around it or move it, or live with it.

"If we can show God's love in our caring about others as God cares for us, we're on the way...A greater being than I controls the destiny of man. I feel that the message to us and to the world is love, not hate, not destruction. I feel if I can use my talents in those areas, then it's God's credit, not mine. I'm just a tool in his hand."

But he also comments of war: "There is a fantastic gut thrill that goes along with living on the edge."

A documentary about Wings of Hope will be broadcast at noon Sunday on WLS-TV, Channel 7 in Chicago, and 1 a.m. Monday on WISN-TV, Channel 12 in Milwaukee.

infantry veteran himself. He asks one of the fliers, a former Navy combat pilot, how he squares being a man both of war and peace.

"A man who wants to keep this peace occasionally has to war," says Roy Johnsen, 51, serving to fly basic necessities to a remote colony in the Honduran jungles and to ferry the ill and injured for medical aid.

## Catholic school chief to speak here

The Rev. John P. Hanley, superintendent of schools for the Milwaukee Archdiocese, will speak in Racine next week at the meeting of The League of Catholic Home and School Associations.

The dinner meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m. Thursday at St. John Nepomuk School, 1923 Green St. Reservations can be made by calling Clara Retzlaff at 1-464-9406.

## A-Center chaplain is speaker

Dr. Melvin Miritz, chaplain at the A-Center of Racine, will be the guest preacher at the 9:30 a.m. service Sunday at North Cape Evangelical

Church, 2644 Highway 45. The adult forum and Sunday School classes will meet at 10:40 a.m.

## Christian Science lecture scheduled

Christian Science lecturer Bruce E. Fitzwater of Portland, Ore., will speak on "The Logical Certainty of

Christian Healing" at 3 p.m. Sunday at the First Church of Christ Scientist, 402 9th St.

## Church of future is priest's topic

The church of the future will be discussed in Racine next week by Capuchin priest the Rev. Walbert Buhmann.

His presentation is entitled "The Church, its Mission, Evangelization, and the Future of All Three." The program is open to the public.

## Gospel concerts set

Gospel concerts will be held at 7:30 tonight and 3 p.m. Sunday at Grace Temple Church of God in Christ, 522 N. Memorial Drive.

Among the singers are soloist Louise Tenzy and several groups, including the All in the Family Singers, Golden Jubilee Singers, Grace Temple Choir, and the 100-voice Ebenezer's Choir.

The concerts, which are open to the public, are in connection with an anniversary celebration for Grace Temple's pastor Elder Jettie L. Cornett and his wife, Bonnie.

## Churches rap FCC plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mainline Protestant and Roman Catholic spokesmen have criticized proposals by the Federal Communications Commission to deregulate commercial radio.

The action would mean "the near death by neglect of the concept of public service radio," the Rev. Donald C. Matthews of the U.S. Catholic Conference told an FCC hearing. He added:

"We see the present proceeding as another attempt to promote the dominance of purely commercial interests in broadcasting to the detriment of the public interest."

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## Bethany hosts drama group

The Covenant Players, a California-based drama group, will present a program called "Transit Gloria" at the 9:15 and 10:30 a.m. services

Sunday at Bethany United Methodist Church, 1500 Grange Ave. The performances are open to the public.

## Lutherans, Episcopalians plan services

BOSTON (AP) — Church authorities have approved joint celebrations of Holy Communion on "special ecumenical occasions" by Lutheran and Episcopal parishes in suburban Rosindale and Newton, Mass., as a result of increasing cooperation between them.

A meeting of pastors with bishops of the two traditions produced the new understanding between two Lutheran and two Episcopal congregations which have increasingly shared worship forms and facilities.

## Catholics launch 'Life' program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roman Catholics in 18,000 parishes across the country have launched their annual "Respect Life Program," with a statement from New York's Cardinal Terence Cooke that "every human life — born and unborn, young and old, weak and strong ... is sacred."

Cooke, chairman of the U.S. bishops pro-life committee, said some contemporary forces conclude life is "good only if it measures up to certain standards and that God's creatures are good only if they are useful to others."

The program, including special studies in Catholic schools and organizations, focuses this year on the Bible and respect for life, teen-agers and sexuality, handicapped children

and capital punishment. The tragic effects of these false attitudes can be seen in the evils of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia and the all too frequent failure of society to care for the physically and mentally handicapped."

# News of the Churches



**CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST**  
5109 Washington Ave.  
Nursery care is always provided.

THIS SUNDAY at both the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services the Rev. Arnold Nielsen will preach on the theme, "Fully Qualified and Equipped." The liturgist for the day will be Tommy Mathieson. Classes for all ages will be held in the Church School during both services.

Special events of the week: Sunday, 9:00 a.m. New Members Class, Family Life Event (Fall Tour on bus at 12:15, Hike at River Bend at 2:00, Supper at church at 5:00); Bazaar Workshop Monday; New Members Class Thursday.



**EVANGELICAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
11th & Main

YOU ARE INVITED to join us this Sunday when Pastor Owen E. Miller will be bringing us the message, "It's Never Too Late" for the 8:30 and 10:45 worship services. Join us on Access Sunday which reminds us of that part of our congregation which is handicapped in the population at large they number over ten percent. Access Sunday reminds us of these persons, of our mutual relationship in ministry and mission, and of the wholeness of the family of God. For late service the Chancel Choir will be providing special music. Ruth Miller is organist.



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
801 WIS. AVE.

ABOUT 15 delegates, including young people who will be attending Youth Congress '80, will be attending the Wisconsin State Convention this weekend. Since our Interim Pastor, Reverend Colin Weller, will also be attending the convention, we will be welcoming a visiting preacher, Reverend William Wells, who will be conducting our worship service at 11:00 a.m.

Preceding our worship service at 9:30 a.m., we will be having Sunday Church School and Adult Seminars. The three Adult Seminars now in progress are: An Adult Bible Study, led by Dave Werther, Weight Control in the Christian Approach, led by Sue Krogh, and Wayne Johnson will lead a discussion on Reverend Olson's book, "Mid-Life: A Time to Discover - A Time to Decide."

New Life United Church of Christ holds worship at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. At 10:30 a.m., there will be coffee in Fellowship Hall and 11:00 a.m. Church School.

The Spanish speaking congregation, under the leadership of Reverend Modesto D. Lopez, invites you to gather in Hood Chapel at 9:30 a.m. for Christian Education and at 10:45 a.m. for worship.

The members of this Christian Community invite you and offer you a warm welcome.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
7th and College

BORN AGAIN will be the topic of the sermon at both the 9 A.M. and 11 A.M. services of worship at First Presbyterian. The question does not mean doubt about the concept but does imply questioning of some interpretations of the phrase. Now that it has become popular politically it is well that Christians understand what the phrase means and who is!

Believing that worship should be meaningful to all ages we provide Nursery for pre-school age children the entire morning where the beginnings of reverence are taught. Children Kindergarten through Sixth grade worship with adults for 15 minutes and then leave the 9 A.M. service for choir and other activities. Children attending the 11 A.M. service have available Bible oriented activity sheets for use during the adult sermon.

CHURCH SCHOOL meets at 10 A.M. with classes for all ages including three varied opportunities for adults. There is a study of the Book of Romans, a Christian Parenting Class and a Talk it Over which this week discusses the implications of the morning sermon.

Presbyterians see the Bible as the only sufficient guide to faith and practice. To that end we believe adults should continue study. We offer three classes each midweek which at the present time are investigating the implications of 1 Peter. Classes meet for men Tuesday noon, for women Thursday morning and for men and women Thursday evening. You are invited! In addition we offer six program commissions whereby individuals may grow through service in areas of faith determined by their interest or their expertise. The commissions are: Christian Education, Worship, Social Concerns, Outreach, Mission Interpretation and Memorial Fund.

We welcome you to come worship, study and serve the Lord Jesus Christ with us.



**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
Of the United Methodist Church  
745 Main

IN THIS Sunday's 10:40 Morning Worship Rev. Wallace Spielman will preach on the topic: "Invisible Allies." Nursery care is provided for infants and small children. Church School meets at 9:30 a.m. with classes for all ages.

Activities for the week include: Monday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m. the Wesleyan Guild will hold their October dinner meeting. Rev. and Mrs. Spielman will present the program, "Report from Oberammergau." Devotions will be given by Mrs. Laura Jones. Tuesday, October 14, Gift Shop will meet at church. Bring a sandwich, dessert and coffee will be provided. Wednesday, October 15, the Children's Shop will meet at the home of Mrs. Carol Feest, 6606 Durand Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. New members are welcome. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the men's group will be working on a painting project in the church. All men are invited to meet from 9:00 to 3:00 to help work. Wear paint clothes, bring a lunch, and bring any paint equipment you may have. Coffee will be provided. Thursday, OPA will meet at church at 1:00 p.m. Ruth Regan is