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With profound gratitude the student body dedicates this issue in its entirety to MR. and Mrs. HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG, our beloved College President and his consecrated wife.

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TIME — RACES ON!

Garner Ted Armstrong

Think of it! This great end-time work of God is over twenty-five years old! Twenty-five is not a specially significant number to God — but it should serve to help *us* learn a *vital lesson!*

This work is well over HALF FINISHED!

What does that mean to *you*? Students, it should literally FILL every ONE of you with *drive*, with *zeal* and purpose! Probably not a ONE of us really envisions, with true clarity the horrifying, heart-stopping times ahead of us. God is *holding back* WHOLE NATIONS, actually intervening to change the course of WORLD AFFAIRS — for YOU!

The ONLY reason this nation is still afloat is because God has a WORK to be finished! Sounds preposterous? Perhaps — to the carnal mind. But it's TRUE!

As the college grows, the *percentage* of those who are becoming dynamic, forceful, dedicated servants of Christ seems to drop. We have already reached a "leveling off" stage in our growth at Ambassador College. Probably we'll never be too much larger than we are at this moment.

And so the job is for US to accomplish — not someone else!

God is waiting for YOU to develop — not someone else! Had He wanted someone else, He would have *called* them here! The Creator GOD has CALLED you here!

And still — many, it seems, will fall on the scrap heap of uselessness! Some are filled with suspicion, envy, jealousy! Others, with a tremendous, over-whelming liberal portion of personal VANITY! Others, with pseudo-sanctimoniousness, self-styled religious "fervor," and stolid self-righteousness! Others, with a "whipped-dog, what's-the-use" attitude!

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Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong receive congratulations and 25th Anniversary presentation.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

SURPRISE!!! Seventy voices joined together in shouting "surprise" from a dimly, candle lit dining room at stately Ambassador Hall last Sunday evening.

On this Sunday — the twenty-fifth anniversary of *The World Tomorrow* program on the air — Mr. Ted Armstrong and his wife, Shirley, persuaded Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Armstrong to go to Ambassador Hall to view the newly installed imported chandelier in the grand hall. Shirley (conveniently) had not seen it as yet. Entering the grand hall, Mr. Herbert Armstrong switched on the beautiful chandelier and the foursome viewed it admiringly for a time. Then, Mr. Ted Armstrong suggested they see the new light fixtures in the main dining room. When the door to the main dining room was opened, a mystified Mr. Herbert Armstrong wondered at the obscure shadowy figures in the dim, candle lit room. Then, to the shout of — surprise — the lights suddenly blazed on to reveal a beautifully decorated banquet scene. Huge floral arrangements of white and red carnations decorated the immaculate white tables gleam-

ing with sparkling glass and silver. While the seventy guests applauded. Mr. Ted Armstrong escorted his father and mother to the head table where a red and silver banner read: Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

The banquet began. The waiters appeared in immaculate full dress to serve the superb cuisine highlighted by rare, imported, sparkling burgundy. No finer surroundings, no finer food, no finer service could be found in the nations finest hotels or dining rooms.

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Waiters, left to right: Messrs. Hammer, Kelly, Michel, Hampton, Antion, and Portune.

JUST SUPPOSE . . .

The next time you count your blessings, you will doubtlessly remember the program that first sparked your interest in a new way of life. Will you also remember the self-denial that made it possible?

God promised to open a door for this Church at this time. It is God's doing and no one would want to put the credit elsewhere. The question is: How would you have stood up under the load? Just suppose . . .

Would you have dared to stand up almost completely alone and defy all the organized churches in this world? Would you have dared to put your name in the limelight for millions of deceived people to sneer at?

You might consider the proposition and decide you would, as a means of livelihood. But would you still do it if the most you could get from it were a bare subsistence? Suppose you had accepted the challenge and the income from tithes and offerings had shown a slight increase. Would you have decided to raise your living standards a little or would you have invested it in more radio time?

Mr. Armstrong has actually had to make these decisions. Early in the 1940's Mr. Armstrong had to speak live from several scattered stations. He spent much time in traveling and his scripts were prepared in hotel rooms. He did the work of several men — and what was the pay? Less than half as much as some teen-age welders were making in the shipyards.

The story of the growth of the "World Tomorrow" program seems to be a gradual growth from an embryo to a giant. Actually it is the story of countless hours in small hotel rooms, weeks of forced family separation, abuse, and discouragement: *but it is also a story of accomplishment and satisfaction.*

"JUST SO!"

The Philadelphia era of God's church was yet in its infancy. The Armstrongs held its meetings in their own house. Mrs. Starkey, their first secretary, recalls the special Thursday night meetings when 20 or 30 young people would group together for fellowship in the warm welcome of this home. The special treat would come afterwards when Mr. Armstrong made them his own special, personality-filled sandwiches; and delicious, steaming cocoa with "just a pinch of salt — just so!"

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE STUDENTS SAY,

"THANK YOU!"

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong, we thank God for you. God created you. God brought you to repentance and led you into vital knowledge. He commenced an exemplary new creation in you. He sanctified you for a tremendous mission. You are God's handiwork. — For this we praise Him.

You have sought first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness. You dedicated your lives to His service, realizing that you are not your own. In the face of adversity and apparent futility, you exercised the faith of Jesus Christ. God gave you vision. TWENTY-FIVE YEARS of faithful toil you have devoted to broadcasting and publishing Christ's message to mankind.

An unpopular message. A wonderful message. Your sacrifice, your steadfastness — now that you have been tested — is bringing blessings: and, what is more, is bearing priceless Fruit.

We, the Student Body of God's Ambassador College are a portion of that Fruit. Your yielded and zealous activity as tools in His hands has made genuine happiness an accessible reality for us. Through you, God has revealed the knowledge of our thrilling, awesome Destiny. Through you, He has opened the Bible to our understanding, and brought to light the Way to qualify for that Destiny. To this end you have, together, earnestly prayed and striven.

For all this and more, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong — WE THANK YOU: WE LOVE YOU.



These Plain Truth selections demonstrate the progressive evolution (counterclockwise at extreme lower left) from a 175-copy, mimeographed issue through the successive stages of an 8-page pamphlet-magazine; a 16 page magazine; The Good News only, for a time; 24 pages with pictures; culminating in the 2 color, 32-page, 175,000 copies currently published.

This extension of God's Word was nursed into life twenty-five years ago by our parents in Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong. It has grown a thousand-fold and will continue to grow. The PLAIN TRUTH has made plain the path of salvation to a multitude of spiritually hungry and thirsty souls.

We, who are students at Amba-

sador College, give God special thanks for the effective pen and mind of Mr. Armstrong. We thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, for twenty-five years of faithful service which has brought each of us into a closer relationship with our God. We thank you for helping us to see and understand His plain truth.

BANQUET

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The guests attending this twenty-fifth anniversary banquet were: All the ordained ministers of the Church of God, except the two who are in England, the faculty of Ambassador College, intimate friends of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong who have been with the work since its early days, and those professional men and their wives who are intimately associated with *The World Tomorrow* Program.

The keynote of the banquet was a "memory tape" prepared by Mr. Norman Smith. This composite tape, using old recordings, went back to capture some of the memories of the early program from Eugene, Oregon with the "old quartet." The program was traced from its beginning in 1934, broadcasting to a local handful, down through the years to its present five million watt—world-wide—scope.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong, addressing the banquet, recounted in vivid detail the early days of the program. He outlined the beginnings of the *Plain Truth* magazine in the little, stuffy, windowless office where the *Plain Truth* was born. Mrs. Starky who worked in that little office, rose at Mr. Armstrong's request, to tell of personal experiences in those early days.

The highlight of the evening was the reading, by Mr. Ted Armstrong, of the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, commemorating 25 years of broadcasting. The presentation read as follows:

No anniversary would be complete without a gift. But a gift presents a serious problem. Mr. Armstrong has repeatedly said Mrs. Armstrong was fully 50% of his ministry. She has been with him through much of the actual programming during the last 25 years. No run-of-the-mill gift would do. And so, in selecting an APPROPRIATE gift for the occasion, I found the article I wanted could not possibly be purchased on such short notice, not even at the finest jewelry stores, silversmiths, or trophy makers on the Pacific Coast.

I found it would have to be MADE, by silversmiths in San Francisco. And so I had to decide whether to have a gift to present to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong TONIGHT, or to sacrifice presenting it tonight in order to have a wonderful memento specially created by master craftsmen as a permanent, lasting memorial of this 1st Sunday of 1959, the 25th Anniversary of THE WORLD TOMORROW Broadcast.

PASADENA'S FINEST

What a surprise to walk into Ambassador Hall and to see hanging from the ceiling a 600 piece genuine Bohemian crystal chandelier containing 19 lights.

Mr. Armstrong was able to order it from New York through a Pasadena light fixture retailer. While the design and the brass work originated in New York, the crystals and prisms came all the way from Czechoslovakia to adorn the front entrance to Ambassador Hall. Four smaller chandeliers now hang in the rose room, and two more above the circular stairs.



This is the chandelier Mr. Ted Armstrong ostensibly wanted to see Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong see Mrs. Ted (Shirley) Armstrong see!

I decided in favor of the QUALITY, instead of the time.

And so, it gives me great pleasure to make this special presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong.

As a lasting memorial of this 25th anniversary celebration, we are having made, by silversmiths in San Francisco, a beautiful desk set. The thick, long base is to be one solid piece of specially rolled and carved sterling silver! Beautifully matching pens will be specially made by the Schaeffer Company, and they'll also be of solid sterling silver! They'll repose in solid sterling pen holders, on each end of the base. In the center, a specially cast, hand-engraved miniature microphone, also of solid sterling, will stand beside a hand-finished miniature solid sterling silver world!

In the center, immediately in front of the mike and the world, a gold inscription plate will read: "To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong. In deep and lasting gratitude for unselfish service as instruments in the hands of God through twenty-five years of radio broadcasting."

A PIONEER REMINISCES

Just across the street from the campus, 350 Grove St., Apt. C, live two people every student should meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch J. Schippert first met the Armstrongs in the early part of 1936 at Eugene, Oregon. God had already led them to a knowledge of the Sabbath, and in 1934 Jeremiah 10 promptly disposed of Christmas. They felt very akin to Elijah who thought he was the only one serving God.

They moved to a new neighborhood where they met a woman who told of a Mr. Armstrong, a minister with beliefs similar to their own. Three Sabbaths the Schipperts attended services. Each time — disappointment! The Armstrongs were out of town.

Then one day Mrs. Chloe Schippert saw a woman take a key and open the door of a nearby house. People were talking to her. It was Mrs. Armstrong. Mrs. Schippert was immediately impressed with this woman who was to her "the first wife that looked and acted like a ministers wife ought to."

The next Sabbath, Mr. and Mrs. Schippert heard Mr. Armstrong for the first time. They were critically watching to find something that "wasn't right." The sermon was on not going to heaven — a truth they already recognized. However, they had never supposed there could be "anywhere near that many scriptures" to bear out this truth.

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WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? Paul said "We are not ignorant of Satan's devices" and also told us Satan hindered us." But it seems WE ARE TRULY IGNORANT of Satan's devices — and somehow don't believe a personal, spiritual being who is our ARCH ENEMY can hinder US!

LET'S WAKE UP!

Don't feel this is a tirade against you! It isn't. It's to HELP some of you take stock of yourselves as we round the corner toward the final semester in this year of college. It's in the hope that this short article may be some small HELP to salvage some who are heading straight for the scrap heap!

TIME is short! It won't wait for you. Let's throw away everything that does not help us, in some way to fulfil the commission of Christ. Let's FAST more often — PRAY more often! We don't have much time left. Yes — **TIME RACES ON!** And it will pass us by unless we race ahead with it!