**The CO Dodd 1938 article and other information**

HWA “… And now, Again – A New Good News”, *Good News*, February 1963, page 8:

In searching old files for information for this article, I ran across an article by C. O. Dodd, co-founder of the Salem, West Virginia, movement of 1933, which split that church. This article was written in 1938, after Mr. Dodd had fallen out with Mr. Dugger’s movement.

It is captioned “My Apology.” In part, Mr. Dodd wrote:

“I wish to make this apology to the members and ministers of the Salem and Stanberry and German branches of the Church of God, for certain misrepresentations in the organization work of 1933 ... I went along with the leaders and continued to be used in these deceptions ... Later, when I saw **mistrust, envy and strife** grow rampant in the ranks, I knew that God was not blessing a work founded on rank **misrepresentation** ... I, therefore, in the spring of 1937, resigned from the Salem organization, but have continued to work with God’s people in the three branches even until now ... First, let me say that at the time of reorganization” (the split in 1933) “I thought that the plan was to get the church on a higher plane, to have the members live holier lives, to have an organization free from partyisms and politics, to study and grow in advancing light ...

About a year afterwards, however, I concluded that we had been deceived, as I saw **favoritism and respect of persons shown in the ruling clique**, saw old time politics played as aforetime, members allowed to live as before, and ministers forbidden to teach new truths, and told that, ‘We have a saving message. What we have is enough.’ I thought God could overrule this, and so remained silent until this time; but now I wish to apologize and ask for pardon.’’

I was one of the men to whom Mr. Dodd referred, forbidden to teach new truths. Of course I continued very vigorously to preach these new truths. That led to final and complete severance of cooperation between the Sardis and Philadelphia eras of God’s Church.

For years I had tried working *with* ministers of this Sardis church. But they only worked *against* the true Work of God. They plotted to kill the broadcast.

They resorted to lies-which they well knew to be deliberate lies-to discredit me personally.

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Notes on opposition to HWA:

“From the very first, in my association with these Sardis brethren, I was treated by their ministers as a greenhorn tail-ender. The Sardis brethren all loved me. But their **jealous** ministers used every device constantly to humiliate me and persecute. God blessed my efforts to produce ‘fruit,’ but their efforts produced none!” (“History of the Beginning and Growth of the Worldwide Church of God,” *The Good News*, May 1980).

Notice what HWA wrote about these attitudes in another Church amongst a few of the people he encountered there. Firstly, some of the ministry were jealous of him, antagonistic and had a competitive spirit (*Autobiography*, Vol 1, page 474, 1973 edition).

Some of these jealous ministers were looking for all kinds of excuses for having a go at him that they then picked on his wife according to the *Good News*, June/July 1980 (a series titled "The History and the Beginning and Growth of the WCG") page 24:

"But in all boldness I said that if one of these men dared say a word against my wife, I would forget I was a minister, and close their mouths with my fists! ... and the brethren would have backed me in shutting their mouths from accusing my wife".

It's a pity that some tried to provoke one to that extent, but what else is new? Nothing has changed. Mr Armstrong later wrote

"... opposition from other ministers, both within this church and without, was met at every turn continually" (page 319 of the *Autobiography*).

In that aforementioned series he writes

"Persecution from their [jealous] ministers continued" (September 1980, *Good News*, page 28).

Now this quote is excellent:

"Always the brethren … had been more than friendly to me – they really did love me and my wife. It was their **jealous** ministers, who were fruitless in the work, who persecuted me" (August 1980, *Good News*, page 4).

You can read about HWA's experiences in the last few chapters of the *Autobiography*. It was merciless how they tried to turn the membership against him. There is surely nothing new under the sun and his experiences can be easily identified with.