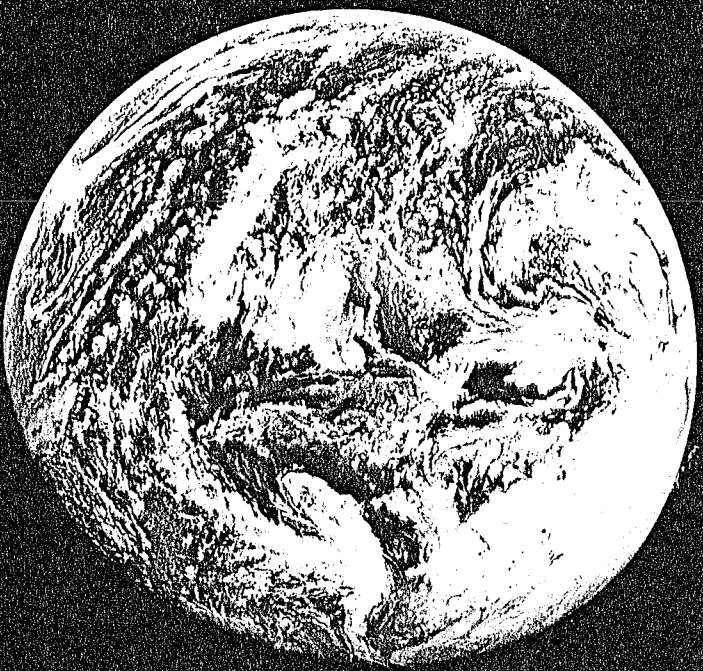


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"Up to the present, we know, the whole created universe groans in all its parts as if in the pangs of childbirth" (Rom. 8:22). Humankind somehow senses that something is very wrong with this world today. The tragic symptoms are everywhere about us. Humanity is continually confronted with a growing multiplicity of problems: the specter and shadow of the Bomb, overpopulation, famine, pollution, crime, racial conflict, political corruption, the alienation of the young, immorality, divorce, disease. Educators, theologians, politicians, ecologists — all responsible men and speaking as with one voice — warn us that humanity desperately needs help! Something must be done if mankind is to continue to exist on planet earth. This booklet explains how you can become involved in a world-saving crusade for sanity!

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It All Began With One Man

The very fact that most of you reading this booklet are subscribers to the *Plain Truth* shows that you are ac-

tively concerned with the state of this world. You are seeking and searching for *answers!* You are beginning to understand the real meaning behind all of today's bad news.

But perhaps you would like to know more about the organization and the very real personalities that compose it. You would like to know more about just what is behind the *Plain Truth*, the *Garner Ted Armstrong* radio and TV programs, the Worldwide Church of God and all that makes up what we call — "the Work."

We want you to know all

MR. ARMSTRONG on the air in the early years of the college, with Mrs. Armstrong by his side.

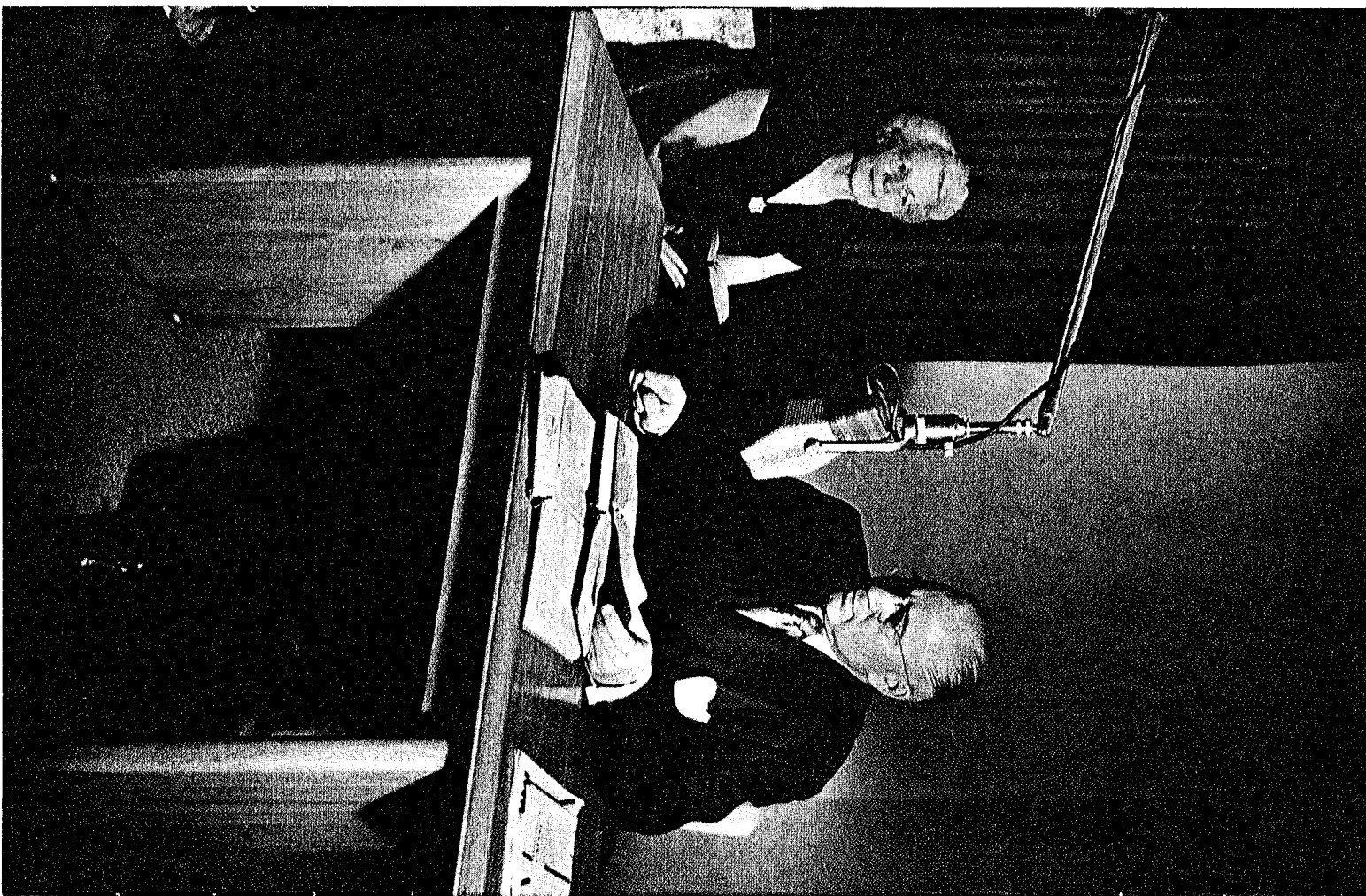
about us. That is why we are publishing this new booklet about this Work.

It all started with one man and his wife.

The Story of One Man

It is the story of a man who had been unusually successful in the world of business, a man whose energy formerly had been directed to self-gain and status — who came to reverse his entire life's goal and to devote himself to giving instead of getting.

Herbert W. Armstrong was born July 31, 1892 in Des Moines, Iowa of respected and upright parents of solid Quaker stock. His ancestors had emigrated from England to Pennsylvania with William Penn a hundred years before the United States became a nation. From early boyhood Mr.



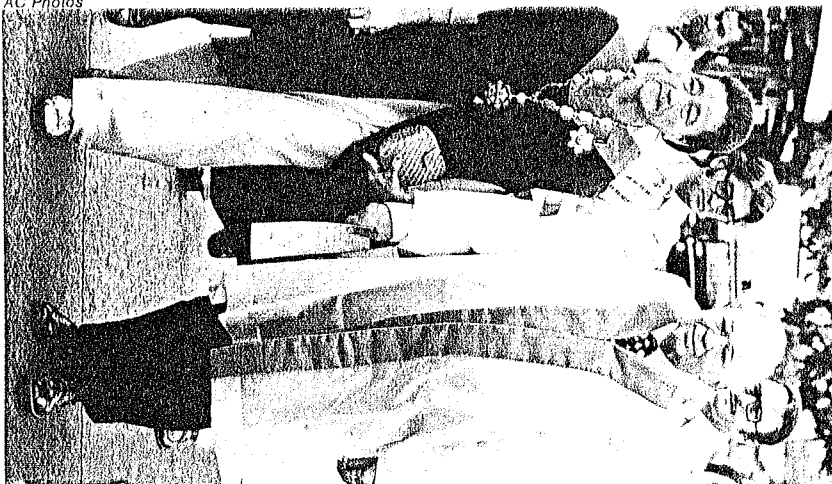
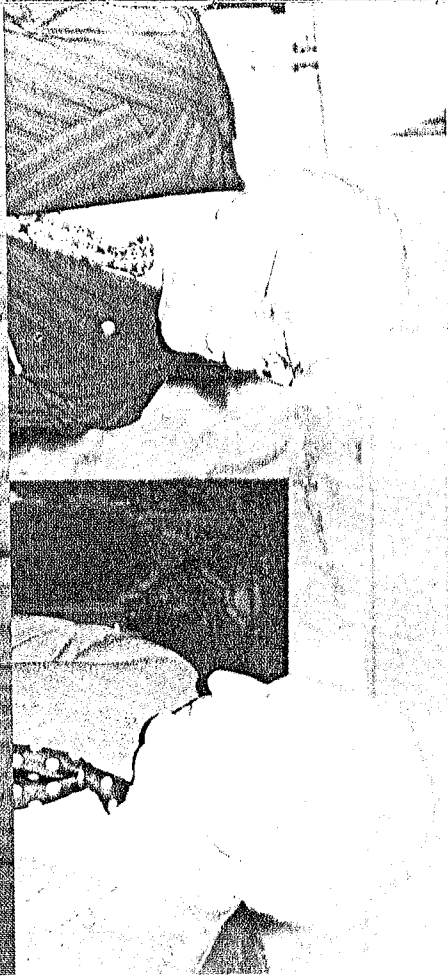
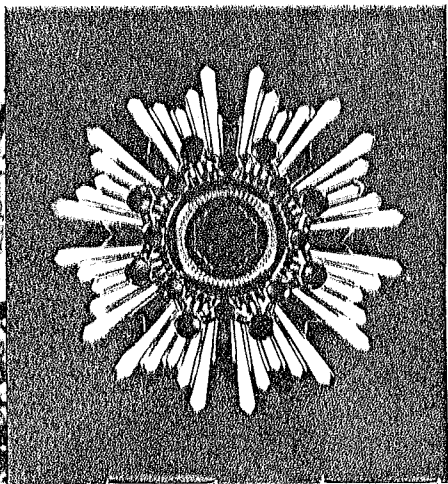
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Armstrong had a passion for *understanding*. By age 16, in addition to school studies, he was frequenting the philosophy, biography and business administration shelves in the public libraries. At 22, bulwarked by a broad-based, intensive education, he was the "Idea Man" in the editorial department of the largest-circulation trade journal in America.

Business experience brought Mr. Armstrong into personal contact with corporation executives great and small, and with presidents and vice presidents of banks — all the way from country bankers to top bank managers on Wall Street and South La Salle Street, Chicago.

In the autumn of 1926 Mr. Armstrong was challenged on the theory of evolution. He delved thoroughly into the works of Darwin and his sponsors, Haeckel and Huxley, the works of Lyell before them, and Chamberlin and Vogt after them. This led to a study of

CLOCKWISE from top left: the Order of the Sacred Treasure — highest honor the Japanese government can bestow on a private citizen of another country — was recently conferred on Mr. Armstrong. With Leopold III of Belgium. Speaking at banquet in Cairo. Receiving honorary degree at Angeles University.



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Genesis and the whole Bible, and to its claims for special creation and the existence of an all-powerful Creator.

As he studied, Mr. Armstrong discovered compelling evidence that this Creator was indeed a supreme, living Intelligence infinitely higher than man and that the Bible was His inspired and accurate Revelation to man.

Mr. Armstrong's rational study of the Bible revealed the root causes of all of this world's ills as well as the solutions that will ultimately be effected — in spite of the resistance and opposition of humanity. Mr. Arm-

strong found the missing dimension in knowledge — an understanding of what man is, why man was put here on earth — the purpose for which humanity exists — *the incredible human potential!*

He soon discovered a biblically revealed "give" way of life which the Creator set in living motion to cause and produce peace, happiness, abundance and well-being. Mr. Armstrong, along with his wife Lorna,

MR. ARMSTRONG has met many world leaders in his travels. Here he is greeted by President V. V. Giri of India.



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started to practice this new way of life together in the spring of 1927. Soon they began to share this newfound way with others — at first only with a few scattered people in the Pacific Northwest, then, as finances made possible, the continental United States.

The scope of this Work is now worldwide. As a result, this enterprise now affects the lives of a hundred and fifty million people and more on all continents. Many thousands of lives have been changed — turned right side up — made more successful and happy.

Mr. Armstrong is now Founder, Chancellor and Chairman of the Board of the Ambassador Colleges with the parent campus in Pasadena, California, and a second campus at Big Sandy, Texas. He is also President and Pastor General of the Worldwide Church of God, as well as Editor-in-Chief of our periodicals.

A New Dimension

In recent years Mr. Armstrong has entered upon a great new dimension in this Work. He and those with him had been unable to reach many big-population countries — especially in the non-English-speaking world — through the vehicle of mass-communication media. Govern-

ment control forbade the use of such media in most of these countries.

The "give way" could only be shared with these countries — *first* through the topmost leaders and then later with those individuals possessing sufficient education to comprehend — under *the auspices* of those at the very top.

In the last several years Mr. Armstrong has had countless meetings with many prime ministers, kings, princes, heads of state, leading educators and others. He has spoken at many dinner meetings with large groups of leaders in nations all over this world. These meetings have led to major public appearances in a number of countries. Many more such events are being planned.

King Albert of Belgium had an iron cannonball melted down and formed into four watchcases to encase fine watches for presentation to the four men who had made the greatest contribution to world peace. Three were quickly awarded. Fifty years later, his son, Leopold III, awarded the fourth to Mr. Armstrong for his efforts toward world peace.

Herbert W. Armstrong has unreservedly devoted his life to sharing the "Give Way" with humanity.

The Garner Ted Armstrong Program

Herbert W. Armstrong's crusade for helping humanity quickly grew beyond the capacity of just one man and his wife. Soon the services of others with various talents and abilities were required.

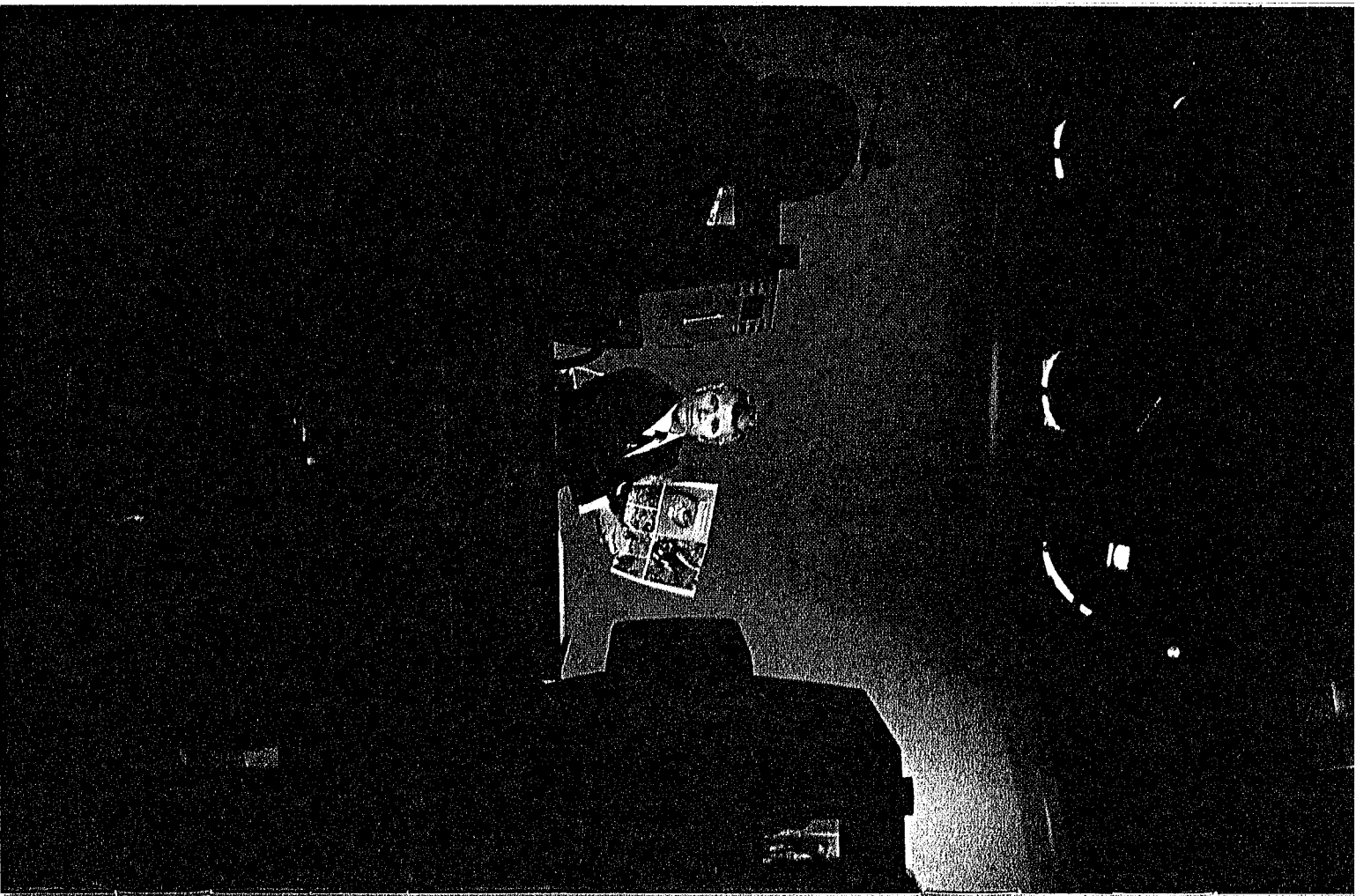
Mr. Armstrong found that as the college grew, the circulation of the *Plain Truth* magazine climbed, as offices began to open up overseas — finally girdling the globe — as more and more executive and administrative responsibilities fell on his shoulders — that he needed help with *The World Tomorrow* broadcast which he had originated on radio in 1934.

Mr. Armstrong found qualified help in the person of his own son — Garner Ted Armstrong — whose talents are *uniquely* fitted for radio and

television. Garner Ted was born in Portland, Oregon, in 1930. After spending most of his youth in Eugene, he joined the Navy in 1948 and saw service on an aircraft carrier off the coast of Korea.

In a very few years after he began sharing the daily broadcasting with his father in 1955, Garner Ted became "the voice" of *The World Tomorrow* program. It continued its rapid growth of previous decades under his aegis.

In 1967 Garner Ted Armstrong carried the message of the world tomorrow into regular weekly television after his father had pioneered briefly in this medium in 1955. Now the *Garner Ted Armstrong* program, a full-color half-hour commentary explaining the



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meaning of world events in the light and backdrop of biblical prophecy, is seen on stations across the United States and Canada. He continues to do the daily radio program which is now heard in several nations in the English-speaking world.

A Unique Radio Talent

A radio station program manager once asked Mr. Herbert Armstrong: "I would like to know how Garner Ted Armstrong does this program. Where does he get all the amazing facts he is always giving us? I don't see how he could keep pouring out so much information, unless it is all written on script — yet it doesn't sound like he is reading it, and he surely could not find the time to write so much, besides researching so much information, and keep it up daily. And surely *no one* could carry so much in his head and ad lib it."

Paraphrased and summarized, here is his father's frank reply: "Ted has now been on the air about 13 years [now 20]. He is very well informed. I think no man has a better grasp of world affairs and their significance, of social conditions, of family life and problems and of human nature. Probably no person on earth has a better knowledge and *understanding*

of the Bible, and of biblical prophecy — which gives the only real explanation of world conditions today, and of their meaning and where they are heading, and of the real meaning and purpose of life itself.

"So far as current news and events are concerned, Ted is an inveterate reader. He reads rapidly as his mother did. He has an unusually apt sense of comprehension, especially for sifting out instantly what is important from what is trivial. And he has a remarkable power of retention.

"We have at Ambassador College, Pasadena campus, a very well-organized News Bureau, staffed with a crew of well-trained men. They have been trained for our particular program. The News Bureau is equipped with AP, UPI, and Reuters teletypes. These are bringing us constantly, twenty-four hours a day, the full leased wire news reports from all over the world.

"Besides this, they scan and clip important news magazines — *Time*, *Newsweek*, *U.S. News*, *Der Spiegel*, and others, in addition. **GARNER TED ARMSTRONG** speaks at personal appearance in Portland, Oregon. Publications of the Worldwide Church of God are displayed on table in lobby (top left).

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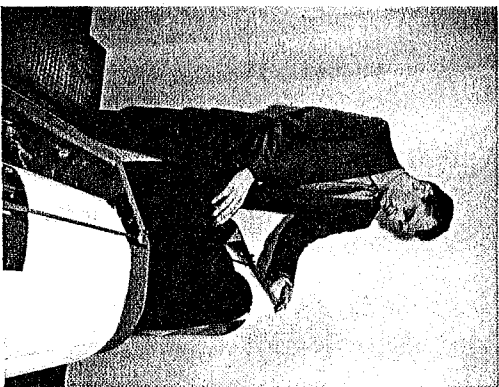
tion to important newspapers, such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *New York Times*, *London Daily Times*.... These men work very closely with Ted.

"News is all carefully boiled down, classified, and on whatever subject Ted is planning to speak, the highspot on that subject is brought to him just before broadcast time."

The TV Team

The *Garner Ted Armstrong* TV program is more than just news and good reporting. It offers biblical solutions and answers to the critical problems that face the average American, Canadian and, indeed, the citizen of the world today. This unusual telecast gets down to the nitty-gritty of a problem — making it factual and interesting. In bringing the advanced news of the wonderful world tomorrow, Garner Ted Armstrong combines up-to-the-minute news reports with biblical prophecy. No other program gives such unique insight into world problems.

The television studios are located on the beautiful Ambassador College campus in Pasadena, California. Here a team effort produces the telecast. Researchers compile needed information on the pro-



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THE AMBASSADOR COLLEGE News Bureau is serviced by AP, UPI and Reuters teletypes.

gram subject. Many times the input includes conducting interviews with respected professionals in their fields; gathering data, graphs and charts; plus finding interesting film clips. A single program can require animation, set design, film clips, charts and graphs, interviews and on-location filming.

Our "video pod," a videotape unit designed and assembled by Ambassador College personnel, is a unique, one-of-a-kind means of providing flexible and first-rate on-location coverage for the television program virtually anywhere in the world. All this is possible because the video pod is a complete produc-

tion facility inside of a common freight container ("pod") used by airlines throughout the world. The pod is usually carried on a small flatbed truck but can be shipped by air anywhere in the world on short notice. At the destination another flatbed truck can be rented to carry the pod right up to the site.

Evangelistic Campaigns

An important aspect of the TV program are the hour specials filmed on location at evangelistic campaigns conducted by Garner Ted Armstrong.

He is no newcomer to evangelistic campaigns. It was during the very week of his brother Dick's untimely and tragic automobile accident in 1958 that Garner Ted was speaking at his first evangelistic campaign in Springfield, Missouri. (At the time of his death, Dick Armstrong was the evangelist in charge of the International Work.)

His father wrote: "During this week, Ted suffered sympathetically the pains Dick was living through. Yet he was compelled to remain right there appearing cheerful, speaking to the audience night after night.... Ted's campaign produced rich results."

In 1970, another series of per-

sonal appearances commenced with the theme "America, Listen." Successful appearances were held in Cincinnati and Nashville. These were but "warm-ups" for the present series.

In August of 1972, Garner Ted Armstrong held the first in the current series of campaigns — which is still very much in progress. The site of the event was Calgary, Alberta, where more than 3,000 Canadians turned out. Next was St. Petersburg, Florida, followed by San Antonio, Vancouver, Houston, Portland, Kansas City, etc. Certain campaigns are hand-picked for full TV and film coverage to be edited down and aired as specials over many TV stations across the United States.

Such are the main activities of Garner Ted Armstrong. But he is also President of Ambassador College and Executive Vice-President of the Worldwide Church of God.

On the personal side, Ted Armstrong holds a private pilot's license with a multiengine rating, and has accumulated over 200 hours flying modern jet aircraft, mostly in the service of this Work. He is an avid deer and elk hunter and enjoys fishing when his jammed schedule permits.

The Gospel is Published

While personal appearances, meetings with heads of state, and the radio and television broadcasts are all vitally important, they are not sufficient to fulfill our commission in this modern age. The good news needs to be printed and published as well as preached. Today this Work is reaching millions with printed material containing vital spiritual truth unavailable from any other source.

Birth of the Plain Truth

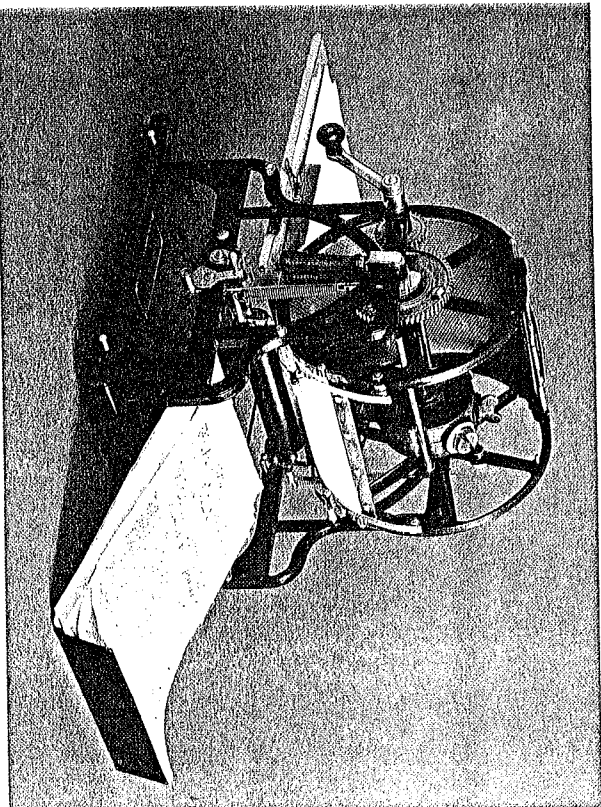
Volume I, Number 1 of the *Plain Truth* made its humble appearance a month after *The World Tomorrow* radio broadcast went on the air in 1934. Less than 200 copies were distributed — all had to be addressed by hand, by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong had cherished since 1927 the idea of a magazine to be called the *Plain Truth*. At that time he had made up an entire “dummy” of this proposed magazine, and had even written articles for it. He even had a professional letter artist design a front-cover idea in 1927. But at this time there was never the financial “wherewithal” to start publishing a magazine.

That ambition to publish the *Plain Truth* was a natural outgrowth of his earlier business experience. Then in January 1934, he realized that this magazine was a *must* as a backup for the radio broadcast.

The editorial in the first issue stated what has been the guiding principle of all our publications: “In these anxious days of stress, turmoil and strife; of revolution and economic collapse; of war and fear of war; of



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EARLY issues of the *Plain Truth* were produced on an old hand-operated Neostyle similar to this one. The Neostyle was the "granddaddy of the mimeograph."

confusion before a bewildering onslaught of creeds, dogmas, fables and false teachings, the *Plain Truth* makes its humble and modest appearance.

"The *Plain Truth* comes with a definite mission. It comes in a sincere effort to help lead those who honestly are hungering and thirsting after righteousness out of this modern confusion of tongues, and into the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. "The real truth is simple and plain..."

A Unique Publication

The *Plain Truth* is obviously unique. Unique in its treatment of international affairs. Unique in its elucidation of solutions to the problems of humanity. The *Plain Truth* not only reports what is going on behind the scenes, but ties trends together from the perspective of the Bible. No other major news publication uses the Bible as a point of reference with which to analyze global trends.

Since 1934, this publication has anticipated many of the major developments of our time — years in advance of their fulfillment. During the collapse of Hitler's Third Reich, for ex-

Our Plain Truth Bureau in Brussels

Here in what is increasingly known as the capital of Europe — some 300 yards from the doorstep of the European Economic Community (EEC) Commission headquarters — the Work has established an editorial outpost to help serve in watching and reporting the activities related to the unification of Europe.

Brussels, the capital of Belgium, is the headquarters not only of the EEC, but also of NATO — both being destined to play an important part in future world affairs.

Opened in May 1971, a large part of the Brussels' operation includes maintaining contacts (personal relations) with numerous officials responsible for the various organizations that make up the European communities. Contacts are also maintained with the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as embassies from many nations.

These are important because they represent sources of information needed to keep tabs on Europe. They are also needed to gain accreditation to the numerous conferences and press briefings continually taking place in Europe.

Personnel there contribute articles to the *Plain Truth* and select news "clips" by telephone to the *Garner Ted Armstrong* broadcast.

The Jerusalem Bureau

The volatile Middle East — and Jerusalem in particular — is a focal point of world attention and concern. Local and regional news today can mushroom into tomorrow's international headlines. Our man in Jerusalem provides the publications and broadcast with clippings, articles and audio reports on current conditions and developments. This continuous stream of information from the media is a tremendous help in sustaining a timely and relevant editorial posture.

ample, the *Plain Truth* told its audience that the German nation would emerge, phoenix-like, from the ashes of defeat to become a major economic power in the Western world.

Overall, the *Plain Truth* has stressed the awesome impact of our nuclear age — a time when all human life can be wiped from the face of the earth — and has explained its import for the average man on the street. The *Plain Truth* goes far beyond the physical, the circumstantial, the obvious. It probes into the heart and core — the spiritual side — of each and every issue, and thus presents the real solutions which are otherwise unattainable. This is how your *Plain Truth* is serving you.

The Good News

The *Plain Truth* is not the only periodical published by this Work. Volume one, Number one of *The Good News* dates from April 1951. Not only has its circulation grown from a few scattered members of the Worldwide Church of God to about 350,000, now including co-workers and donors with us in this Work, but also includes

DATA PROCESSING maintains subscription lists for the *Plain Truth* and other publications.

many additional readers sharing an interest and curiosity in biblical truth.

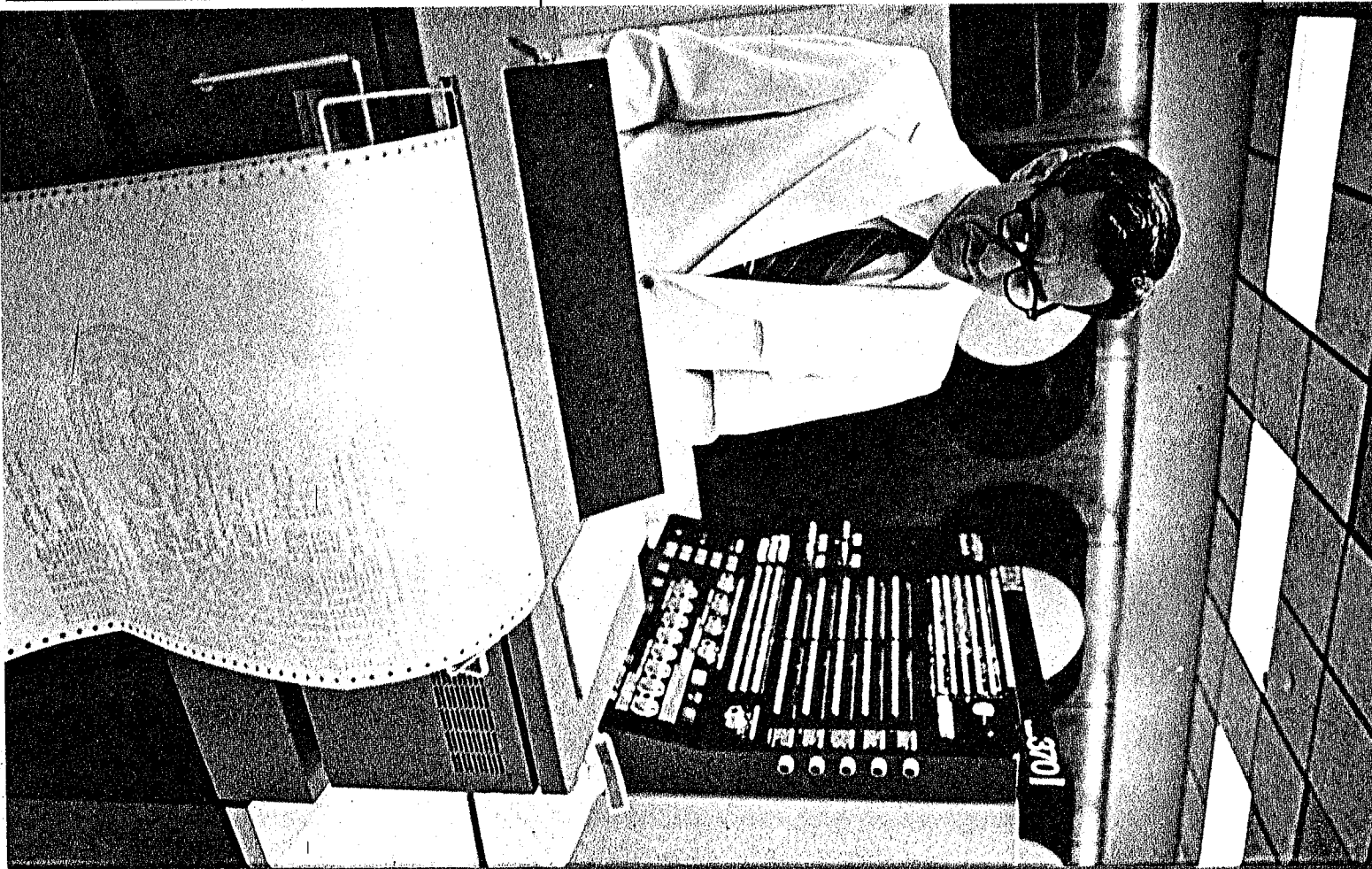
The Good News is primarily a magazine of biblical understanding. It contains strong doctrinal spiritually oriented "meat-of-the-Word" articles for those who sincerely desire to look more deeply into their own Bibles and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Bible Correspondence Course

Another important free publication is the Bible Correspondence Course. For over two decades, hundreds of thousands have become "biblical literates" through the help of this international course of biblical understanding. Approximately 750,000 students scattered throughout nearly every country on earth have taken our course.

People from all walks of life and age groups are enrolled — even ministers of religion — and all are learning the keys to understanding Bible prophecy, and the principles which lead to success, financial security and a happy, abundant life today.

Students write in every day to tell us how truly *unique* they find the course to be. That is because the Correspondence



Course is designed to guide our students through a systematic study of their own Bibles (the Bible is the only required textbook). It shows them in a step-by-step manner the real meaning behind today's world news, and of God's purpose for human life.

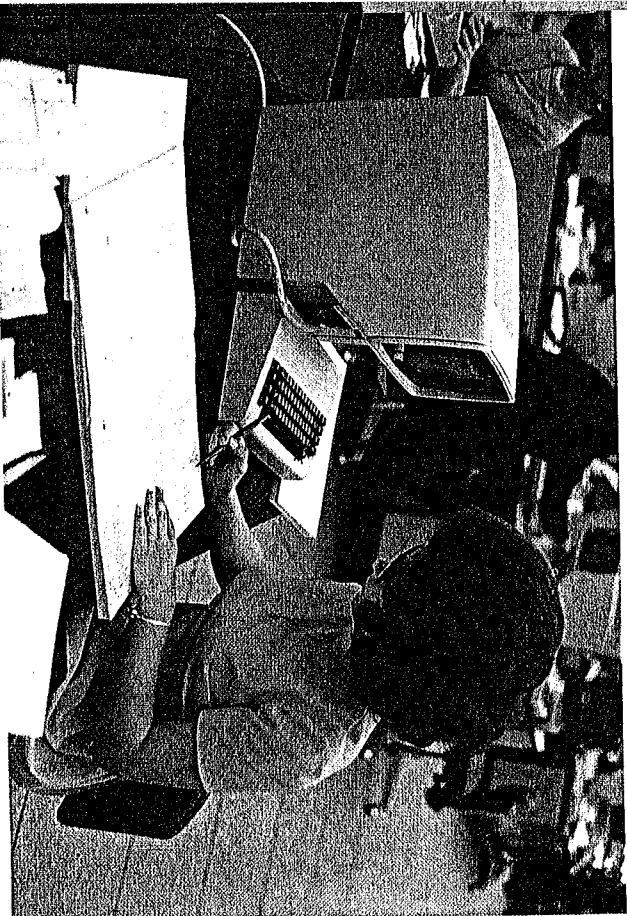
The course is dynamic, down-to-earth — a course of real understanding. It pulls no punches. It shows what the Bible really says, making it easy to understand.

Twelve attractively illus-

MAIL PROCESSING Center,
Pasadena, receives more than
two million letters a year.

trated 16-page lessons make the Bible come alive. The most vital, most important questions of life are thoroughly gone into and our students are directed to the clear, plain, simple answers in their own Bibles. Over 50 different booklets and reprinted articles are also offered and sent upon request as supplementary reading material in conjunction with the lessons. The course is also available in the French, German, Dutch, Italian, Spanish and Afrikaans languages.

Booklets and Other Periodicals
The Worldwide Church of
God has published several



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books, dozens of colorful booklets, and numerous reprint articles (primarily designed to answer specific questions that emanate from various of our other media). Booklets are published on a wide range of some secular and many biblical topics. See the illustration on page 41.

To keep its membership up to date on the global activities of the Work, the Church also publishes *The Worldwide News* — a semi-monthly tabloid-type periodical.

The Mail Processing Center and Circulation Divisions

The Garner Ted Armstrong radio and TV programs, the *Plain Truth* and *The Good News* and the other publications all have one factor in common — they all bring in lots of mail. That mail has to be opened, read, processed, and literature must be mailed out to our many readers and listeners around the United States. This feat is all in a day's work for the men and women of the Mail Processing Center.

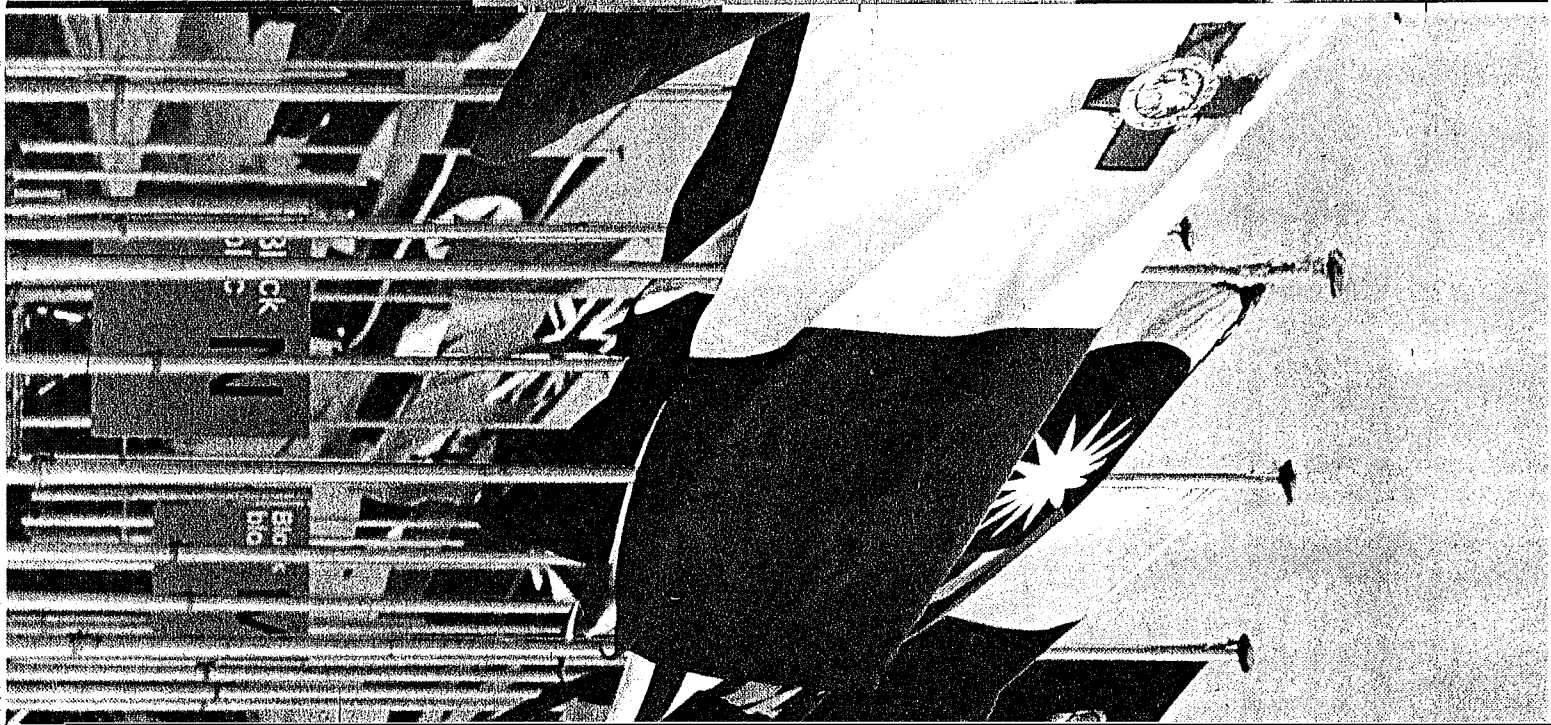
We have received nearly 30 million letters since 1934 and have mailed out some 400,000,000 pieces of literature during that same period. In 1975, over 2,000,000 pieces of mail were received at our Pas-

adena address. That represents a stack of mail 1½ miles high. In order to process that much mail per annum, our Circulation Division maintains the latest machines developed by computer technology. Its Data Processing section maintains a subscriber list of three million persons for the *Plain Truth*. (All information in our computer is held *highly confidential*. Your name will *not* find its way onto some commercial list via our mail processing facilities.)

Individual Concern

Some of the mail can be handled almost entirely through computer terminals, especially those letters just requesting literature. Nonetheless, each of these requests is given individual, personal attention and care — *by a human being* concerned with the human product — *people's lives!*

Amidst this mass moving of mail then, we are able to maintain the personal touch. Letters with questions or problems of a personal nature are *carefully* and *thoughtfully* read by a small staff of highly trained employees with many years of practical experience. Such letters are given high priority and are promptly processed.



Australia in 1956. The first office was opened in Sydney three years later. Since then the Work in Australia has seen steady growth.

Today the circulation of the *Plain Truth* magazine is 150,000, and *The World Tomorrow* program has been heard regularly in most parts of the country. In addition, many Australians have been introduced to the Work by five-minute programs called Capsule Commentaries. These were specially recorded for Australia by Garner Ted Armstrong using local statistics and information.

The Gospel has also been effectively spread in Australia through lectures and film programs. Since Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God have ministers and representatives living in most of the major cities and towns, these programs can be held regularly in all parts of the country. Future plans for the Australian Work include increasing the circulation of the *Plain Truth* and the *Good News* magazines.

Firm plans are also being made to begin broadcasting the Garner Ted Armstrong *Television* program to all capital cities. For many years technical difficulties made this

impractical, since the television system used in Australia is incompatible to that of the United States. The video tapes produced in the U.S.A. could not be used here and the cost of transferring each program to 16mm film was prohibitive. However, recent technological developments have solved most of these problems. Australians will soon be seeing Garner Ted Armstrong's compelling T.V. program in their own homes.

In 1973 the decision was made to relocate the Australian office out of Sydney. A suitable site for the new office building was purchased near Burleigh Heads in South East Queensland. The new building was designed to harmonize with the natural rural setting yet still provide a modern and efficient working environment. Our new facilities were formally opened early in 1976 and all departments of the Work are now located in our new office building.

Each day hundreds of letters come in from all states of Australia and from many countries in South East Asia. Our staff process the many requests for booklets, magazines and the Correspondence Course, as well as requests for personal help and counsel.

Although Ambassador Col-

International Offices

We now have 12 offices on five continents. We list them here in the order of their founding:

London, England	January 1953
Sydney, Australia (now Burleigh Heads)	December 1959
Vancouver, Canada	February 1961
Dusseldorf, West Germany (now Bonn)	April 1962
Manila, Philippines	July 1962
Geneva, Switzerland	October 1963
Johannesburg, South Africa	February 1964
Jerusalem	April 1967
Mexico City, Mexico	October 1967
Auckland, New Zealand	August 1968
Salisbury, Rhodesia	December 1972
Utrecht, Holland	August 1975

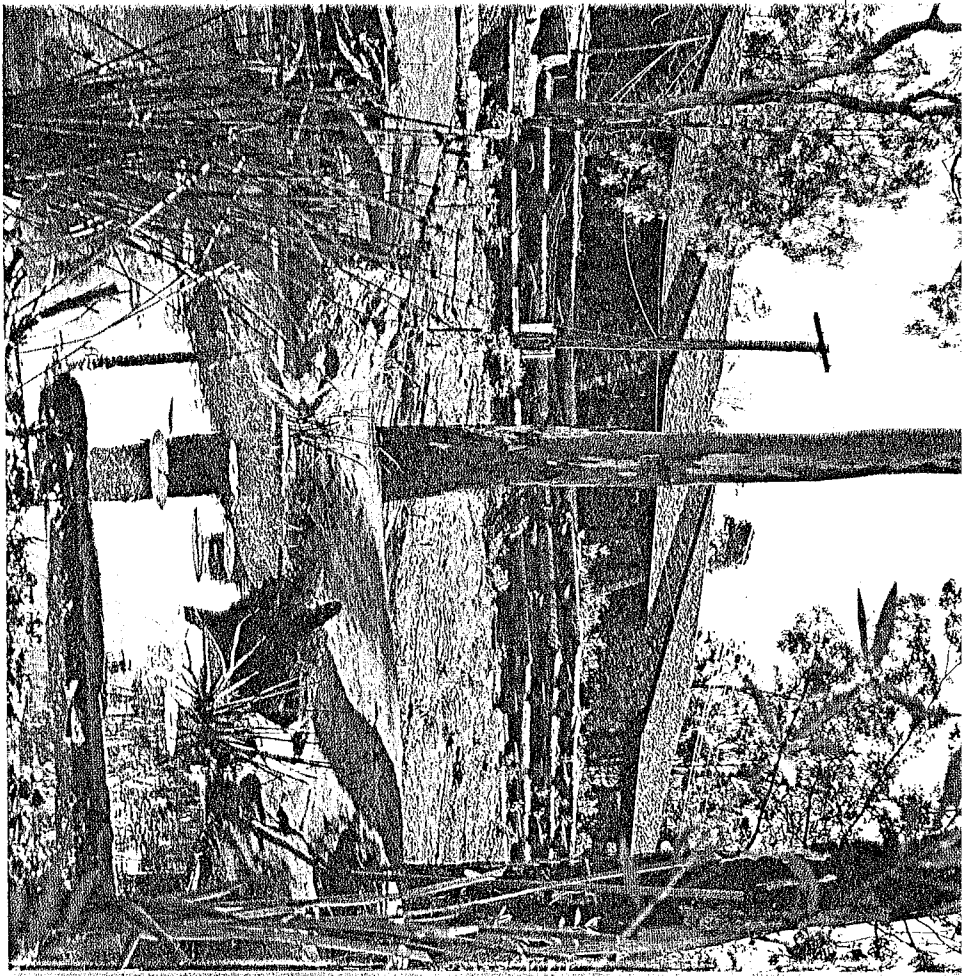
lege does not have offices in Fiji, Tonga and Western South East Asia there are more Samoa.

Responses to advertisements than thirteen thousand readers of the *Plain Truth* and many hundreds of students of the office Ambassador College Correspondence Course. There are also many members of the Worldwide Church of God scattered throughout the region. The needs of these people are handled by a cooperative effort between our offices in Australia and the Philippines.

The New Zealand Work

The New Zealand office, located in Auckland, is proclaiming a powerful witness to the people of New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, including

In 1972, we experimented with distribution of the *Plain Truth* through newsagencies in the major cities, for a trial



Above: View of new Australian Building.
Opposite page: One of the Mailing Staff in the Australian Office.

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Above: New Zealand Business Manager Bill Hutchison (left), discusses Plain Truth proofs with Regional Director, Bob Morton.

Opposite page: Entrance to our Auckland Office.

period of six months. This proved most successful and we plan to further use this means of increasing our readership, as finances allow.

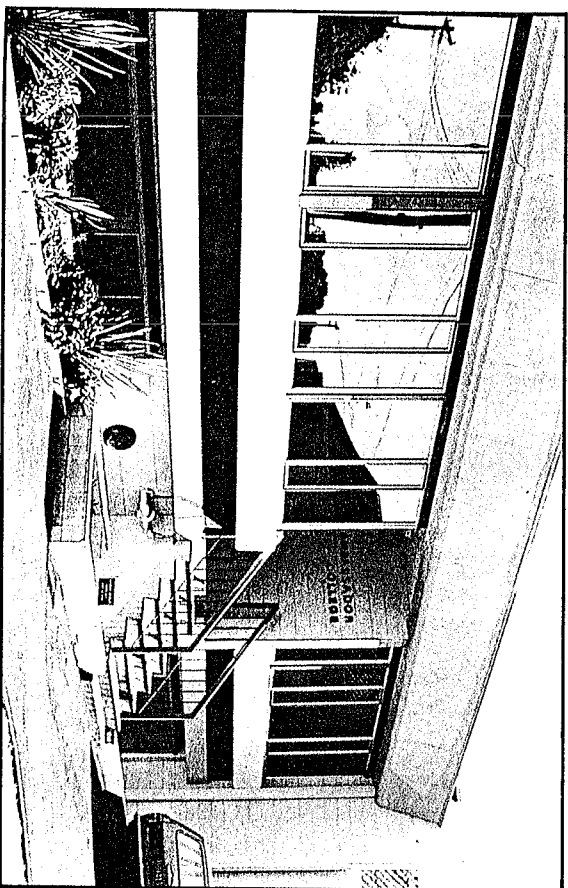
In 1975, a householder card advertising the *Plain Truth* was delivered to virtually every letterbox in New Zealand. Many responded, making possible one of the highest *Plain Truth* saturation rates in the world.

1975 also saw most of our readers invited to special film afternoons in many major cities. Thousands saw "Herbert W. Armstrong, Ambassador for World Peace," and a Garner Ted Armstrong personal appearance campaign, both on film. Many readers

took this opportunity to meet our staff and learn more about this Work. Future plans include expansion of this program to feature a series of *Plain Truth Lectures* on topics vital to New Zealanders.

The South Pacific editions of both the *Plain Truth* and the *Good News* magazines are printed monthly in Auckland. In the year of 1975, over 50,000 letters came into Ambassador College's post office box, and over half a million items of mail were sent out free of charge to those who requested our publications.

The Work in New Zealand is supported totally by local contributions and is manned



entirely by New Zealand and Australian personnel. The Auckland office carries a staff of eight, and additional fully trained graduates of Ambassador College serve the needs of *Plain Truth* and *Good News* readers, Correspondence Course students and members around the nation.

Fifteen Years of Progress

The modern phase of God's Work in Canada began as far back as the 1930s. A few scattered Canadians were able to hire Herbert W. Armstrong broadcasting *The World Tomorrow* program from the West Coast of the U.S. Early Marconi and RCA-Victor radios were sometimes able to pick up the weak or fluctuating signal of some of the very first stations ever to carry *The World Tomorrow* broadcast.

Our office in Canada, located in Vancouver, B.C., opened in 1961. The mailing list of the *Plain Truth* has jumped from 5,000 to well over 200,000 in the English and French editions.

Perhaps the biggest boon to the Work in Canada has been the *Garner Ted Armstrong* telecast. Utilizing over 250 TV stations, it has virtually blanketed Canada.

The Republic of South Africa

Over ten years of steady growth sums up the Work of God in South Africa. In addition to broadcasting over Radio Lourenco Marques, in 1965 we began advertising in nationwide magazines. Many responded to these ads by requesting our literature. In fact, the Work has largely been built as a result of the printed word.

The Johannesburg office handles the mail from South-west Africa, Mozambique, the black states of Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Zambia and Swaziland.

However, as everywhere, there have been problems to overcome from the very first. Language is one such problem. South Africa itself has two official languages — English and Afrikaans (used by the descendants of Dutch settlers). We now advertise and publish literature in both languages.

A small but growing mail receiving office is maintained in Rhodesia. All literature, however, is mailed from Johannesburg.

The Philippine Story

The story of the Philippine Work has been one of survival

and growth in spite of obstacles. Martial law, near civil war on one island, poverty, serious inflation, natural disasters, serious malnutrition — the office and membership have survived all of these and the Work there is growing as never before.

Herbert W. Armstrong held a very successful personal appearance campaign in Manila in 1974, which went a long way toward fulfilling our commission there.

And finally, rounding out the Work in the English language, there is the Caribbean region of the International Division, consisting of the West Indies, the Bahamas and Bermuda. The Caribbean Work started on the island of Barbados, where Herbert W. Armstrong personally opened the first service of the Church of God in February of 1968.

The International Languages Effort

We publish a French *Plain Truth* and print many of our booklets in that language. We also maintain a mailing and receiving office in the international city of Geneva, Switzerland. The French-language phase of this Work has grown at an encouraging rate. The

subscription list of *La Pure Vérité (Plain Truth)* is now about 120,000 — a 30 percent increase over the year before. About half of that list goes into French-Canada, some 30,000 into France itself and about 8,000 into Belgium.

Bonn, West Germany is the hub of our German Work. A program of controlled expansion of *Klar & Wahr* (the German *Plain Truth*) is already underway — done primarily through newsstand distribution. The German version of *The Good News* is also expanding its circulation.

Our far-flung work for helping the Spanish-speaking portion of humanity stretches from here in the United States to Mexico (site of a mailing office) and on into Central and South America. Our Spanish personnel have to travel far and wide to serve our increasing, but widely scattered, family of Spanish readers of *La Pura Verdad* (the Spanish *Plain Truth*).

Finally, the Dutch-language Work was begun in September 1968. *De Echte Waarheid (Plain Truth)* is being printed and distributed in Dutch-speaking portions of Europe. Our basic booklets are also being translated and published in the Dutch language.



A Unique Church

Many people, even in the United States with a highly urbanized population, still travel in rural areas in excess of two hundred miles or more to attend the weekly services of this unique Church. Overseas, many hundreds travel across countries and continents to attend special meetings of this same Church.

Why would they want to? What is so special about this Church?

Why Unique?

It is a Church that answers the question, "Why not help?" The members, knowing where the "real action" is and where human concern richly pays off, stand behind the global enterprises laid out in the previous chapters.

In a day and an age when people are searching for fulfillment and meaning in life, it is a Church filled with members

who are convicted that they know what true fulfillment and meaning is! The members of the Worldwide Church of God are convinced that they have the answers to the problems confronting the *individual* and society as a whole. They feel they have the answers to the most relevant questions a human being can ask! Why life? Why existence? Why human sorrow and suffering? What is the solution?

Noted theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer termed such questions: "... An inquiry about salvation, the only ultimate serious question in the world." Members of the Church of God bravely face that question. They feel they have a part in addressing that most essential question of individual and collective existence. They feel it is priceless knowledge and thrill at the opportunity they have to help give it to others.

If You'd Like to Know More

Many hundreds have written asking if we have representatives in their areas to counsel with them personally and to answer their questions.

The answer is yes, we do.

The Worldwide Church of God stations personal representatives (most are ordained ministers) in Australia and New Zealand and many other areas of the world. These men will visit you, if invited, directly in your own home.

So if you have spiritual matters to discuss or questions to ask about biblical topics such as repentance, baptism, etc., please feel free to write us and request a private appointment. Worldwide mailing addresses are as follows:

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- Those in other areas of the world should check at the end of this booklet for the address of our nearest office.

They feel the answers to such questions, when earnestly sought, are obtainable. When those answers are found, members feel they provide the answer to the problems facing man as a whole.

The answers are revolutionary!

In a sense, the members of this unique Church feel that they are involved in a revolution. *The revolution of man's spirit based on the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

They feel, as one writer expressed it: "... The Gospel is by its nature revolutionary. In the spiritual sense, Jesus Christ is the only true revolutionary leader." The writer then verbalized the deep convictions held by members of the Worldwide Church of God: "Man spends too much time trying to change the world instead of trying to change the people who make the world what it is. World problems are an extension of individual problems. When man looks at the world, he sees himself with all his fear, meaninglessness, hatred, and self-centeredness. *The world cannot be changed so long as human nature remains unchanged.*"

Not only do the members of the Church *feel* that they have the answers to individual and world problems, but they are

doing something about it! Their convictions are so strong they stand behind the global enterprises of this Work in several ways. They back a worldwide effort at "reaching out" by supporting the principle of tithes and offerings. They put their financial resources behind their convictions — thus proving, as James said, that their faith is not an *empty* faith — it is a faith backed up by works or actions.

They know the importance of friendship and association with people of similar interests and concerns. That is why they will drive thousands of miles yearly to meet with others objectively striving to help themselves *and* humanity.

The ministry of this Church exhibits the same conviction and purpose. Their lives are devoted to pastoring churches filled with people participating in a worldwide effort of helping humanity. The ministry knows the value of uniting people in a purpose. Their daily lives, therefore, are dedicated to helping, teaching, leading and inspiring others to have a part in the same service to humanity.

Come Help Humanity!

What the world needs now is *hope!* Prophets of doom, sundowners and doomsdayers from every field of human endeavor blow the trumpet of alarm warning the inhabitants of earth that *man* is the most endangered of species.

Eminent scientists give us a fifty-fifty chance of still being around in 1980. Famines are depicted as destroying hundreds of millions yet in this decade as the population explosion irresistible force smashes into the immovable object of food production. Pandemics are prophesied, if not from the natural background of the ravages of war, famine and the total breakdown of the services of civilization, then from the biological bombs stored in overkill proportions by every major nation on earth.

Instead of beating swords into plowshares (opposite page), man develops ever more frightening weapons. Armageddon has become a household word and the prophecies of the book of Revelation take on awesome reality as the whole world realizes that the death of thirds and halves of all of humanity is not just a theological pipe dream but a dreadful present-day nightmare of reality that could burst the bubble of civilization at any moment — and literally bring to pass that unbelievable (till now) warning given by Jesus Christ when He said that just before He intervened in mankind's affairs things would have come to the point that if He did *not* intervene no human flesh would be saved alive! (Matt. 24:22.) Newspapers declare that they are not sure which of the four horsemen of



the Apocalypse will ride with his terror *first* in nations such as Bangladesh and India.

The sword of Damocles hangs over all humanity, managed by insane minorities who in these days of nuclear proliferation threaten to blackmail the rest of the world with The Bomb cradled in their hands—lunatic terrorists who would rather have nothing at all if they cannot have all.

The United Nations is anything but united. Governments fall violently or in bloodless coups by the score — *every year*. Tinder boxes to ignite The Last War speckle the earth: the Mideast, China vs. Russia, India vs. Pakistan, South Africa vs. the rest of Africa. Leadership is missing or maligned; faith in government fails. Pollution mounts to the extent that we are now told the Mediterranean Sea will have *no life* left perhaps by the end of the decade, with the rest of the oceans of the world soon to follow. Energy crises mount. World economy disintegrates. Hope fails.

All of these dire predictions and many more yet to come are *true* to a terrifying degree. Without a “Strong Hand from somewhere” to save us from ourselves, this earth really would become a dead cinder,

destroyed by its own most intelligent form of life. Leave God out of the picture and mankind will not survive the year 2000!

But that's the good news we proclaim: Our Redeemer, Jesus, Christ, is alive and well, not in hiding, at the right hand of the Father in heaven. He fully plans to fulfill the promise He made to us in the name of the Father to bring many sons to glory, to establish His Kingdom here on this earth, to save flesh alive, and to intervene *before* mankind commits cosmocide! God's promise is to make you a Son as Christ is now a Son. To grant you membership in the literal family of God. To give you eternal life as He is eternal. To be holy as He is holy. To share all power and joint ownership with the Possessor of the Universe. To share the divine nature. To have the character of God, full of love, peace, joy — *to be God as God is God!* This is the purpose of creation — the hope of the world!

Help us proclaim it!
Come help humanity!

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Why were you born?

"I will say that any man must indeed have a blind soul who cannot see that some great purpose and design is being worked out here below."

—Winston Churchill

To the United States Congress
December 26, 1941

Churchill understood that man's blood, sweat and tears are not spent in vain. Life was not intended to be an exercise in futility, but rather a meaningful and fulfilling experience.

From birth, every human being possesses an incredible potential that few develop, or are even aware of. There seems to be no consensus of what man is or why he exists, if there is a reason at all. There is a purpose to life that science has not discovered and religion has not explained. There are universal goals that lead to abundant living and happiness in a frustrating world.

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