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EVANGELISTS and APOSTLE—Left to Right—Top Row: Dr. Herman Hoeh, Messrs. Al Portune, Norman Smith, Charles Hunting, Dean Blackwell. Middle Row: Mr. Wayne Cole, Dr. Paul Meredith, Messrs. Gerald Waterhouse, Raymond Cole. Bottom Row: Messrs. Ted Armstrong, Herbert W. Armstrong, Roderick Meredith. Mr. Raymond McNair is not shown.

TWENTY-ONE CONFERENCE -- 1964! ORDAINED

The Church of God leaps ahead! Growth is evident in all phases of the work. New churches are being established, the broadcast is booming out with over 22 million watts of radio power per week, the multi-million dollar building program is commencing, and God's ministers grow in character and service.

As a result of this growth in service and responsibility seventeen former preaching elders were ordained

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"But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to



Ministers play basketball

keep the law of Moses. And the apostles and elders came together for to consider the matter" (Acts 15:5-6). So commences the first recorded account of a ministerial conference, conducted by the New Testament Church of the Living God!! And on January 7, 1964, nineteen hundred fifteen years after the conference spoken of in Acts 15, the apostles and elders of God's Church came together once again to consider matters

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Are You Doing Your Part?

Are you absolutely sure that you are an intricate part of the **WORLD-WIDE** work of God? That the *living* head of God's work, Jesus Christ, is directing His work?

Recent news from Pasadena reveals that the response of God's people in filling out the "statement of intention" card is *very slow!* Have you filled out and sent in your card? If not, ask yourself again! Are you whole-heartedly a part of God's work? Concerned about following every instruction of Christ? Concerned about every phase of the work of God?

Notice what happened to the ones in the early years of the Philadelphia Era of God's Church who weren't concerned about others—about following instructions—about being a part of the **WORLD-WIDE** commission given to the Church of God! Quoting from a personal letter of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong which was published in the first edition of the Memphis and Little Rock Church of God News!

"As time went along, and the growth of the broadcasting and evangelistic work took me more and more

Twenty-one Ordained

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to the rank of pastor. They are: Mr. David Antion, Mr. Dibar Apartian, Mr. Ronald Dart (to be ordained in England), Dr. Charles Dorothy, Mr. Roger Foster, Mr. Jim Friddle, Mr. Tony Hammer, Mr. Dale Hampton, Mr. Ronald Kelly, Mr. Leslie McCullough, Mr. Bill McDowell, Mr. Burk McNair, Mr. Ernest Martin (also to be ordained in England), Mr. Leroy Neff, Mr. Dean Wilson, Dr. Clint Zimmerman, and Mr. Kenneth Swisher.

Mr. Leon Walker was ordained to the rank of preaching elder, and Mr. Lowell Blackwell, local elder. Then to top it off two men were ordained to the rank of evangelist—Mr. Dean Blackwell, and Mr. Charles Hunting.

(Courtesy of the Portfolio)

away from Eugene, Oregon, some leading members began to say, as the Israelites said when God called Moses away to Mount Sinai, 'As for this Moses, we wot not what has become of him. Come on, let's desert the truth we learned through him, and make us an idol to worship'. These members said, 'As for this Herbert Armstrong, we don't care anything about this broadcast of his. What do we have to do with his getting people converted down in California, or over in Texas? We care nothing about them. We are only interested in ourselves—our own little church here!

"They lost interest in **THE WORK OF GOD!!** They became wrapped up in their own local fellowship **ONLY!**"

Soon half the church, as Mr. Armstrong reported, became sour, unhappy and disgruntled. Finally they left the church and started a little group of their own outside of town!

"They began gradually **REJECTING** precious truth they had learned in God's Church and had believed. When the church started in Eugene, these people were **HAPPY**, their faces wreathed in smiles. But after they lost interest in **THE WORK OF GOD,**

News Briefs

Engaged:

On November 2, 1963, John L. Petty and Betty Dame announced their engagement. Two weeks later both were baptized following the Bible Study.

Births:

A baby boy weighing 10 pounds and 7 ounces was born to Mrs. C. R. Willis of Coldwater, Mississippi, November 16. He was named Donald Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Gardner of Sharon, Tennessee are the parents of a new baby girl—born Tuesday, December 11, at 11:20 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces. Mother and baby are both doing fine!

Baptisms:

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Miller were baptized on the night of November 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Forrester of Parkin, Arkansas were baptized Saturday night, January 25, 1964. Both attend the Memphis Church.

Mr. Howard Calvert of the Little Rock Church was recently baptized also, on Friday night, January 24.

Moved:

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Byrd, formerly from the Little Rock Church, are now living at Rolling Wheels Trailer Park, Lot 408; Elbrigde, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lingle who formerly attended the Memphis Church, are presently living in Mesquite, Texas and attend the Dallas Church.

Good News:

Mr. William C. McPherson, formerly from the Little Rock Spokesman Club, is now Secretary of the Dallas club.

they became unhappy, bitter and quarrelsome.

"**WE DON'T WANT TO SEE SUCH TRAGEDY EVER REPEATED IN GOD'S CHURCH!** Whenever brethren become primarily interested in **THEMSELVES**, and their own local church, losing interest in the **MAIN WORK** of getting Christ's true Gospel to the world, those people are sick spiritually, and unless cured by turning from this attitude, they soon **DIE** spiritually."



PASTORS—Left to Right—Top Row: Messrs. Leslie McCullough, Dale Hampton, Bryce Clark, Carlton Smith, David Antion, Dean Wilson. Middle Row: Messrs. Dibar Apartian, Ronald Kelly, Bill McDowell, Dr. Clint Zimmerman, Leroy Neff, Burk McNair. Bottom Row: Messrs. Jim Friddle, Roger Foster, Dr. Charles Dorothy, Tony Hammer, Ken Swisher, David Jon Hill. Not shown: Messrs. Ernest Martin, Ronald Dart, and Dr. B. Rea.

CONFERENCE

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of momentous import to this Great, **WORLD-WIDE** Work of God!!

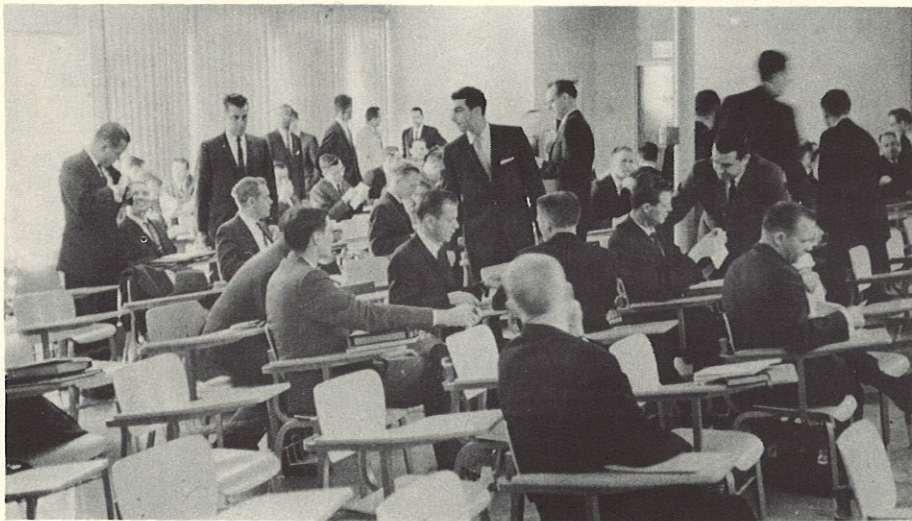
Ministers from widely scattered areas around the globe converged on God's headquarters at Pasadena, to meet and discuss plans for growth and expansion never before witnessed in this Work—a work of unrivalled importance on the earth!!

One of the highlights of the conference was the ordination of *nineteen* ministers and *one* deacon. *Two* more ministers were ordained in England immediately after the conference—making a total of 21.

Mr. Armstrong began the conference by showing the tremendous growth and stride forward taken by God's work during the past year. Then he gave a panoramic view of plans for the year 1964. Jesus Christ has a tremendous amount of work for His Church—that includes **EACH** one of us—to accomplish during this next year and the ones following. **BE SURE YOU ARE DOING YOUR PART!!**

Much of the remaining time during the conference was spent discussing problems which affect many of God's people. The answers to these problems will enable God's ministers to be more effective in pastoring the

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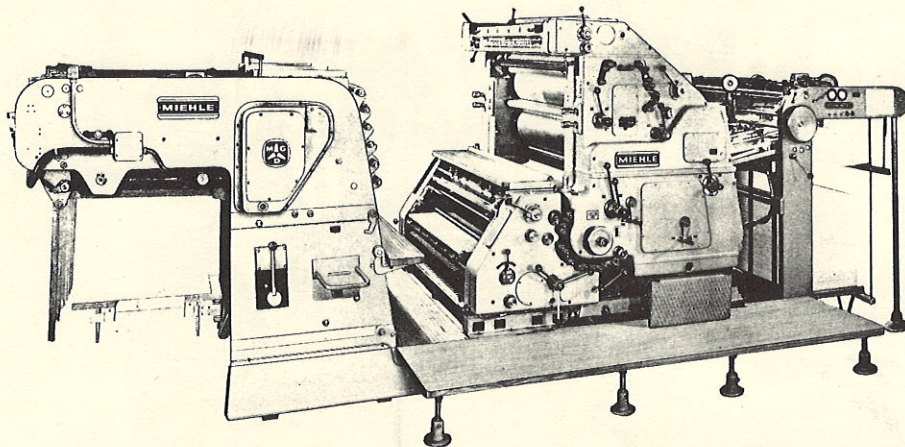


Ministers conversing shortly before morning session during Conference



Midday feast during Conference

Ambassador to Buy Web Press



New Miehle Press to print cover of The PLAIN TRUTH

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has given final approval for the purchase of a giant web-fed press to be used for printing of *The PLAIN TRUTH* by our own Ambassador College Press!

The acquisition of this new equipment will more than double the present Printing Department capacity. One of the main considerations involved in the decision to buy this press was the **COMPLETE CONTROL** it will give us over the entire process involved in the printing of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. No person other than our own employees will ever see the pro-

duct from the time it is written until it is a finished magazine being sent thru the mails to the subscribers. (This new press was pictured in *The GOOD NEWS* of December, 1963).

Also another new press to be used primarily with the new web press is to be added soon to the ever-growing resources of the Ambassador College Press. It will print the cover of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

The capabilities of this new press are astounding. It will print **EIGHT** full nine-by-twelve pages on one large 25½ by 38 inch sheet of paper.

This means that *four separate covers* for *The PLAIN TRUTH* can be printed with two colors of ink on one sheet of paper. The press runs 7,000 impressions an hour.

With this new offset, no longer will two runs through the press be required in order to achieve a two-color page. This two-color printing is possible because the Miehle is actually two presses in one. It has two separate units designed so one prints right after the other on the same side of the page. When full four-color pictures are run—since it prints two colors at once—only two printings per page will be required.

This new press, expected in February, will print *The PLAIN TRUTH*, cover, *The GOOD NEWS* with more color and the majority of the large 6 x 9 booklets.

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Churches of God scattered abroad.

Remember to do your part in God's work during this next year! If everyone will—the work will speed ahead even faster than in 1963!!



LOCAL ELDERS—Left to Right—Top Row: Messrs. Lowell Blackwell, Joseph Tkach, R. H. Roenspies, Ray Jantzen, Bill Glover, Guy Engelbart, Kelly Barfield, Clarence Bass, Don Lawson, Edward Smith. Middle Row: Messrs. Richard Rice, Rufus Turner, Leon Schreiber, Don Billingsley, James Kunz, Martin Filippello, Sidney Hegvold, Bill Quillen, Alfred Mischnick. Bottom Row: Messrs. Al Dennis, Cecil Battles, Pedro Ortiguero, Al Corozzo, Richard Pinelli, Keith Thomas, Lester McColm, Wilbur Berg, Robert Steep.