

## WORLD OPINION

Recently, a major radio network carried a world-wide public opinion poll on one of its popular programs. To get the views of the average citizen in the major capitals of the world about the most vexing problem facing mankind today, a reporter asked, "Do you think there will be a war over Berlin?"

The majority of persons interviewed expressed the thought that there would not be a major war. They believed today's powerful nuclear weapons act as a deterrent to war. No nation would dare start one for fear of annihilating all mankind. This, they felt was a key factor that would force the two world powers to work out a "peaceful solution" of all the world's major problems.

Yet others stated that the future looked dim, with no way out but nuclear causing tremendous destruction to both sides. Most of them added that the responsibility of preserving world peace fell on the United States — that it was up to this country to lead the fight for freedom.

It must be mentioned that no one mentioned God, and no one expressed hope that He would intervene or do something about present world affairs. These opinions reflect the attitude of this world . . . a world that DOES NOT KNOW GOD nor His plan for peace.

In view of all this, it becomes most imperative that the Gospel of THE COMING WORLD TOMORROW should increase in scope to reach all nations as a witness to them, and to be a light to this PRESENT DARK AND CHAOTIC WORLD.

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## PERSONAL LETTER

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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.

In 35 years of experience, I have never known a single exception. I have seen this thing happen time after time.

Whenever people begin to resent AUTHORITY over them in God's Church, they begin to shrivel up and die spiritually! The authority in God's Church is not of men, but of THE LIVING CHRIST!

And so, when I saw all the various names of the various local news bulletins, I foresaw the serious DANGER of local brethren becoming so wrapped up in local social interest among themselves that they begin to lose interest in GOD'S WORK, and to drift away from God. That is why I had the present name adopted — so that ALL members will be mindful this is the CHURCH OF GOD, not of some locality. Each local group is merely a PART of the ONE TRUE CHURCH OF GOD. We are THE BODY OF CHRIST. Why? Because God the Father started His work through the one human body of Jesus Christ. But Jesus only started it. God has delegated to Jesus Christ the responsibility of continuing that work through His CHURCH. Jesus said: "Of myself, I can do nothing." It was the Holy Spirit of God in Him which really did the work. But that physical Jesus died, and was resurrected a spiritual SON OF GOD. When He ascended to heaven, He sent that same Spirit to carry on the WORK OF GOD, through the COLLECTIVE BODY of His CHURCH.

This is not a one-man work. It is the WORK Christ does through THE CHURCH — through YOU, each one of you, as well as through me, the other ministers, and those in executive and administrative offices. This is YOUR job, as much as mine. My life is dedicated to it — wholly. IS YOURS? This WORK OF GOD is the one immediate goal and purpose of my life — it IS my life — it is all I live for. And, dear brethren in Christ, it must also be YOUR life, and all that YOU live for, if you expect to attain to the final and ultimate BIG goal of entering into the eternal KINGDOM OF GOD!

God has called us. He has chosen us. He has built a GREAT WORK through us. It is a dynamic, POWERFUL work, exerting a terrific IMPACT on this whole world. Christ uses us as a TEAM. Perhaps I am the quarterback, calling signals for each "play" or move, as our Coach and Leader, Jesus Christ directs me. But just as a quarterback alone, without the rest of the TEAM, could never win a football game, so I alone would be HELPLESS in God's Great Work!

THE WORK is far bigger and more important than your local church. Let's always keep our eyes on, and our hearts IN, THE WORK first of all, and then the local fellowship as a subsidiary part of that WORK, contributing to it! Then we all REJOICE TOGETHER as God expands and prospers HIS WORK!

## Personal Glimpses

Some familiar faces we see in San Antonio every Sabbath are those belonging to the Johnny Compian family, Let's see how much we know about them . . .



Mr. and Mrs. Compian and family.

Mr. Johnny Compian was born near Floresville, Texas, May 6, 1932, of Mexican, Polish, German and French descent. The sixth of a family of seven children, Mr. Compian attended school in Floresville until he quit during the tenth grade. His purpose was to go to work, and he soon obtained a clerical job at Kelly Air Force Base in 1951. January 1953 found Mr. Compian drafted into the Army Engineers. After basic training, he spent eighteen months in Germany with the U. S. Occupation Forces. He completed his military service in December 1954, and resumed his clerical job at Kelly Air Force Base, where he is still employed.

On September 12, 1939, in Stockdale, Texas, Gloria Marian Lopez was born "third from the end" in a family of ten children of Spanish and English parentage. She attended grade and high school in Stockdale. However, she quit school in the eleventh grade in order to marry Mr. Compian.

They now have three obedient children: a lovely girl, Patsy Marian, 5 and two sons, Johnny David, 3 and Michael Spencer, 5½ months. The whole family resides comfortably in a neat two-bedroom trailer home.

An old friend once told Mr. Compian the truth about Christmas and where this information was available. In this manner, Mr. Compian began listening to THE WORLD TOMORROW in 1955 and about a week later, he sent in for the PLAIN TRUTH. Just as many of us have done, he read some of it and put it away, but continued to think about the things he had read. He listened "off and on" until he received a letter

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I want to sincerely thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the church news. I have enjoyed it very much and I only pray that I can come to church more often. Even if I can't make it to services as often as I would like, I would appreciate it if you would send me the news as it makes me feel like an associate member, if not an active one.

"Thank you again very much for your thoughtfulness."

— Mrs. Charles Wakefield  
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"Brethren of the Churches of God in San Antonio and Corpus Christi, Texas:

"Greetings from your sisters and brothers in and around Mobile, Alabama. We have received and examined enthusiastically your church paper. The pictures and news of familiar and beloved friends gave us a warm, glad feeling.

"We are happy that you are doing this extra labor of love and we appreciate knowing that we, too, may have a part in it."

— Mrs. Virginia Taylor

Editor's comment: Mrs. Taylor and her son Douglas, attended the Church in Corpus Christi when Mr. Wayne Cole was minister here.

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"This is to let you know we got the church paper, and we were very happy to be remembered with a copy. We did enjoy reading it all!

"As it takes money to get the paper out, we would like to send you some to help out if you let us know what you need."

— Miss Ola Denman and  
Mrs. Frances Mitchell

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## CORRECTION

Due to a typographical error, the editor's street number was incorrectly given in the last issue. His correct address appears below. Again we would like to request that your articles be mailed by the fifth of each month to:

Donald Winn  
404½ E. Ligustrum Blvd.  
Robstown, Texas

## CHURCH NEWS AT GLANCE

## WORD OF THANKS

Mrs. Lorraine Waite wants to thank everyone for their prayers. She is up and around and feeling much better. As was explained in the last issue, Mrs. Waite has been suffering from a severely weakend heart.

## THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mrs. Robert Flores recently slipped and fell on a bathroom heater and burned her whole left side rather severely. She is improving very rapidly but let's all remember to pray for her. Also, Mrs. Bennie Bruns was recently bitten by a cat and has an infected foot. At last report, the infection was leaving and the foot was mending very well. Another member, Mr. Roy Pendergraft, injured his leg while on an outing at one of the lakes near San Antonio. His leg later became infected and he had to remain in bed several days. Several other members of the Churches in San Antonio and Corpus Christi have just recovered from the flu and several others are still suffering from that irksome disease. Let's remember that we're not the only ones who have problems to cope with and remember our brethren when we go into our prayer rooms.

## WELCOME BACK, TONY

The San Antonio Church welcomes

Mr. Tony Fiorillo back. Several months ago he went on a visit to Ohio. While there his car broke down and he was unable to return immediately. So he just stayed there awhile. We're very glad to have you back with us, Tony.

## VISITORS

On the Sabbath of December 23, we had visiting with us in the San Antonio Church Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and family. They live near Brownwood and usually attend the Dallas Church. The Corpus Christi brethren were happy to have the Michael Jennings family and the Bill Norrod family with them on the Sabbath of December 23. While here they visited in the homes of several of the brethren. Mrs. Frank Smith and her son, Michael, from LaFerria, Texas, were able to attend services in Corpus Christi on December 16. They were also able to participate in the social which followed that evening. It was a joy to have Mrs. Smith and Michael to visit with us again. We were also very happy to see Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Short and family from Vanderbilt, Texas, in our Sabbath services on December 16. They live quite a distance from Corpus Christi, but we hope to see them often.

## Visitor From Outer Space

by Bill Seelig

Really **BIG NEWS** has been released! This is news that will shake the foundations of the earth! A visitor from OUTER SPACE is coming to this earth!

This is advance news, because the UP or the AP does not even have it. Some of the top men of our organization have been let in on a secret plan to conquer this world. A foreign power that has its base in the heavens has conceived a plan, and is now in the process of putting it into action, that will conquer every nation on the face of this earth — including our beloved United States!

What can we do to thwart this plan? Nothing! The word has been given and the one who gave it will not fail.

If we do not submit to this government now we may be crushed by the terrifying power it yields, power infinitely greater than any atom of hydrogen bomb made or even conceived!

Where is this foreign power located, and who is the guiding force behind it? Heaven, where God's throne is located is the headquarters, and Jesus Christ is leading it.

Only a fool thinks he can resist God. We have God's word and it is as sure as the next second. Let us submit ourselves to God now and escape His wrath when he comes.

Apply Paul's exhortation to Timothy, "Study to show yourself approved" (II Tim. 2:15).