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And Now—

The PLAIN TRUTH

in German!

The foreign work takes a big leap forward!

by Herman L. Hoeh

A NEW leap forward has again occurred! Beginning with the August number, The PLAIN TRUTH will appear each month in the German language. Nearly 5000 copies for the first two-color issue!

And it is being presently printed on our own presses here in Pasadena. Perhaps later the films will be sent to England where new presses are to create another printing department in connection with Ambassador College in the United Kingdom.

Only the Beginning

The first issue of "Die REINE WAHRHEIT" — that's "The PLAIN TRUTH" in German — is 24 pages in the same general design as the English editions. Soon we will be adding the Bible Story and then special news items especially designed for our European audience and countries behind the Iron Curtain. That will quickly bring it up to 40 pages as in English!

I know hundreds of you brethren speak or read German. But for those of you who do not, I would like to introduce you to members of the German staff, both here and in England.

Doing the broadcast—twice each week — is Mr. Erhard Klammer—who was born in West Prussia. He is planning to

graduate from Ambassador this coming year. Already he has been teaching several of the German classes here in Pasadena.

Assisting him in reading all the mail in Europe is Mr. Gerhard Marx—no, he is not related to the famous Karl Marx you've heard about! Gerhard Marx was born in Westfalen, Germany, and is soon to graduate from Ambassador in England. He answers personally all the correspondence needing special attention.

Assisting Mr. Marx in England is Gunar Freibergs, a refugee from behind the Iron Curtain who settled in New South Wales, Australia. Both he and Mr. Marx have visited and baptized several in Europe this summer as a result of the broadcast.

Here in Pasadena we are ably assisted by Mr. Robert Neitsch, from British Columbia, Canada. He is responsible for answering our correspondence from countries throughout the New World. He also personally works with me in editing "Die REINE WAHRHEIT" and all the articles in German.

But very little would be accomplished without our efficient secretary, who, like Mr. Neitsch, is a graduate of Ambassador. She is Miss Donna Fink, from South Dakota. Every radio script has been typed by her — and she sets up every

article to be photographed for "Die REINE WAHRHEIT."

Beside these staff members, we have the able assistance of other individuals who have translated numerous articles for the broadcast and the magazine and the dozens of booklets now available in German. First is Mr. Hermann Lampe of Frankfurt, Germany, then Mr. Werner Otto Jebens, who is entering Ambassador this fall. He formerly attended the Chicago Church of God. Also assisting us are church members in the U.S.A. and Canada: Mr. Fraunfelder, Mr. Sprogis and Mr. Schnee, not to mention the work my own mother has done in the past.

Without Ambassador College this new expansion would not have been possible. But these men and women are only the start of a growing department. By next year there will be the need of a baptizing tour in Europe itself — to reach people who will have been hearing the broadcast for upwards of two and one-half years.

What Europeans Are Thinking

Since it is your tithes and offerings that make this and every part of the Work of God fully possible, you ought to have the privilege of reading the heartwarming letters that have been received in response to the German broad-

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cast. Here are some, translated into readable English by our staff, yet retaining some of the particular flavor that speaks of the German-speaking peoples throughout Europe.

"Dear Mr. Klammer:

"I have been listening to your program for over a year and have gleaned many good things from it. I must admit that my life is now different from what it was before. No, not that I lived godlessly, but all the things I now know, I didn't know before. Heartiest thanks for all the good words which I have already heard from you and which I still hope to hear. Even though I am 71 years old I still like to listen to your programs and thank God that he permits me to do it."

woman from Chorzow, Poland

"Dear Sir:

"I listen to you every Sunday morning even though the reception is not too clear at times. I understood enough of one program to know that it dealt with Divorce. I am in such a situation... Please send me your booklet, Divorce and Remarriage."

woman from Russia

"The World Tomorrow:

"From Sunday to Sunday I look forward to Mr. Klammer's message with the conviction that 'The World Tomorrow' alone is preaching the plain truth and with such wonderful clarity. I have never heard the like before."

woman from Vienna, Austria

"Sir:

"We are already well acquainted with you through listening to the World Tomorrow. We have heard every program this year over Radio Luxembourg and are very happy and thankful to God. Please send us your booklet about marriage.

"We wish you God's blessing in your work and are thankful to you for everything you have done."

woman, Lietuvos, Czechoslovakia

"To the World Tomorrow:

"I have received your booklet on Divorce and Remarriage. Many thanks! I know that you are right with your interpretation."

woman from Bordsjo Sater, Sweden

"Dear Mr. Klammer:

"With great interest I have followed your message about the subject of healing through Jesus Christ. Is that still possible today? I have thought about this question for a long time and have read much about it. From birth I have been a sick person. My many pains and sufferings can't be counted, but in spite of this, God has kept me to this day... Now I come with a request to you—which way should I take?"

woman from Blankenburg,
 East Germany

"Honored Sir:

"I heard your program for the first time two weeks ago. I was very happy

that there are still some Christian programs. We don't hear anything like that from our radio stations—mostly the opposite. In this part of Germany belief in the church is despised. The Christians have to stick together if they do not want to be entirely suppressed. There are several things about the church many of us do not believe and consider to be fabricated stories. It is just this speech about the resurrection of Christ which interests me very much. But in order to know everything exactly about the resurrection, please send me the booklet on the Resurrection which you offered."

man from Magdeburg, East Germany

"Dear Mr. Klammer:

"I listen to your radio messages and enjoy them very much. On Sundays I look forward to Wednesday and on Wednesdays I look forward to Sunday. I wish God's blessing upon you and your work."

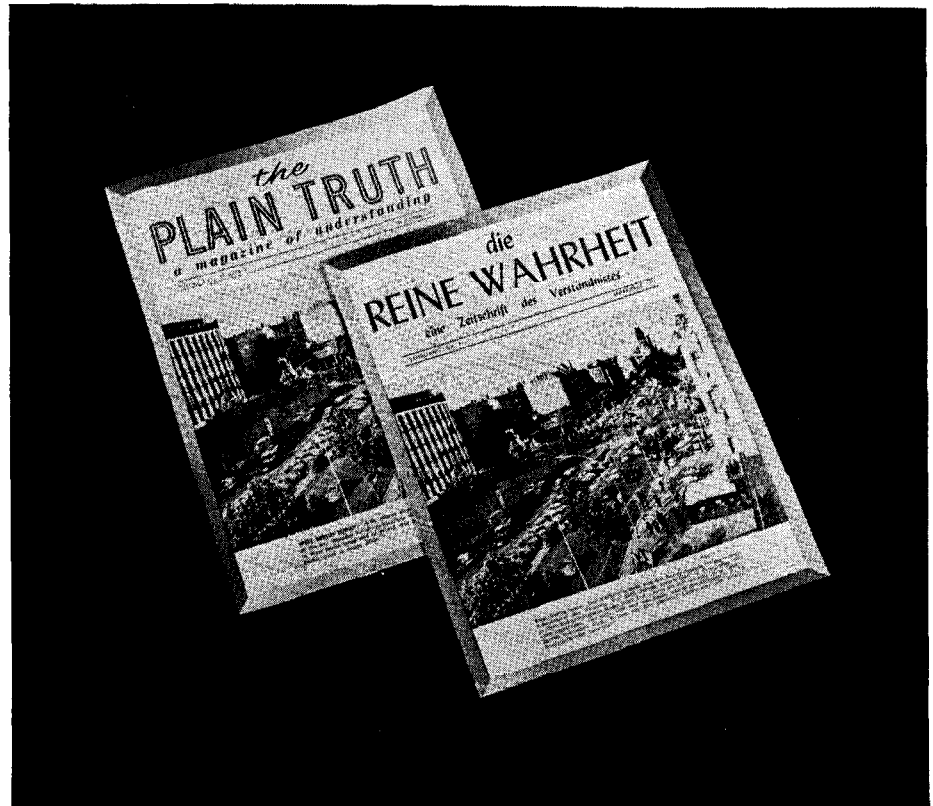
woman from Verna, West Germany

"Sir:

"It is a great joy for me to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful program, the World Tomorrow. Please excuse the writing and the mistakes as I have been suffering from bad nerves for 3½ years—held in their clutches. But God gives me power to bear this burden."

man, Schmiedefeld, East Germany

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The September issue of The PLAIN TRUTH and its German edition side by side.



The September issue of Die REINE WAHRHEIT open to the lead article.

And Now— The PLAIN TRUTH in German!

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"Honored Sir:

"I heard your program over Radio Luxembourg this evening. Since I have terrible pangs of conscience my soul asks and cries out for the truth. . . . In all programs, that is, in the many denominations and sects, one can see how many false teachings are in the world. One must really ask himself, 'Where is the truth anyway?'"

"And now you come with your message. Just one question: Are you completely certain that you are not misleading the consciences of some people? What church do you belong to? There are so many groups today that it is impossible to count them. I beg of you to tell me the foundation and reason of your hope. Much in your program was based on the Word of God."

man from Köln, West Germany

"Dear Mr. Klammer:

"Herewith I would like to thank you and express my heartfelt appreciation for the booklets I have received. I always compare everything with the scriptures and see that everything is based on the truth. Please send me the booklet on Predestination."

woman from Oberhausen,
West Germany

"Dear Sir:

"I would very much like to receive today's message over Radio Luxembourg and the booklet, 'How to overcome your fears.' It would be very important to me. I am now 45 years old; my entire life was one of fear with the possible exception of the first 5 years of my life—but even from this time I have one memory of fear."

woman from Heidenheim,
West Germany

"Dear Sir:

"Together with many others here in Hungary we listen to the Christian programs which serve to build us up spiritually. It is a heavenly Balsam for our souls. Your program especially is very precious to us. It is my heartfelt wish to become acquainted with the booklets you send out."

woman from Bikal, Hungary

"Dear Sir:

"Please accept my heartiest thanks for your booklets about the Reformation. They give me great joy. The spiritual upbuilding one receives from listening to your program is really unspeakable.

"I would be very interested in your booklet on atheism and 'What is God?'"

"As I have already written you, I

would like very much to send a little money—and would like to throw the last farthing in the offering plate, but unfortunately that is impossible as you will easily understand. I can only send my earnest prayer to God that your evangelization may meet with great success."

man from Ostrava, Czechoslovakia

"To the World Tomorrow:

"I would be very thankful to receive the booklets you announced today."

woman from Clug, Romania

"Dear Mr. Klammer:

"Just yesterday I heard your program over Radio Luxembourg. Unfortunately I couldn't hear everything as there were disturbances. Please send me your booklet, 'Why were you born?' You answer many questions which have puzzled me for a long time. Please let me know what the cost is."

woman from Bunde, West Germany

From the Critics, Too!

"Greatly honored Sirs:

"Why do you rage so rabidly . . . ? You can't get away with your fantastic phrases. Your speaking out against the godless substitution of Sanra Claus for the Christchild is to be commended. That you want to disgust the middle Europeans with the Christmas tree is tactless. Are you also sure that your quotations, which are gathered from everywhere, are conclusive in their laughworthy, theological, half-educated combination?"

"Still, however, the tract or booklet you offer interests me; please send it at your convenience.

"Your hot and much too penetrating and authoritative sounding over-enthusiasm causes you to lose much effect, which you are striving for and which you desire to buy with large sums of money.

"But in spite of this I will yet listen to your programs occasionally Sunday mornings before I go to church.

"Therefore in spite of this—friendliest greetings."

man from Baden-Baden,
West Germany

These illustrate the many thousands of letters being received in our British office. And it soon may be that an office will have to be established on the Continent—not only to take care of the growing German work, but of the French work as well.

Since hundreds of copies of "Die REINE WAHRHEIT" will be going behind the Iron Curtain, we are also placing an announcement of literature in the Russian language.

Brethren, pray for this work, and that we will receive the competent help we need in the remaining few years. Pray for the Work of God everywhere!