

## Advisory Council expands under direction of HWA

The Worldwide News received the following article from the Pastor General's Office.

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong announced the appointment of four additional members to the Advisory Council of Elders.

The advisory council was formed in Tucson before Mr. Armstrong returned to his office in Pasadena. At the time, he named to the council ministers who went to Tucson frequently and who were more closely in contact with him personally. It was more of a temporary, emergency council at the time.

Now, however, the advisory council has become a permanent advisory body to the pastor general, with an official status, not only as a permanent consulting council to Christ's apostle, but an official body that would officially designate a successor as pastor general in the event of disability or death of the pastor general.

Therefore Mr. Armstrong felt some of the ministers of longer, loyal and faithful service should be members of so important an official body.

Named to the council are Herman L. Hoch, the only pioneer student of Ambassador College still in the Church. Also Roderick C. Meredith, who entered Ambassador College in its third year, 1949. (Raymond F. McNair, who entered the second year, 1948, is already a council member.) Next added are Norman A. Smith, who entered in September, 1950, and fourth, Harold L. Jackson, a member since May 28, 1936.

These early Ambassador College graduates and longtime ministers bring additional depth to the existing council. The original advisory group consisting of Dibar Apartian,

Dean Blackwell, Robert Fahey, Ellis LaRavia, Raymond McNair, Leroy Neff, Joseph Tkach and Leon Walker, with Ralph Helge as legal adviser was formed in early March by Mr. Armstrong. The original appointment of the council was announced March 13 in the *Pastor General's Report* and in the March 16 issue of *The Worldwide News*.

The scope and magnitude of the Work in this era is diverse and demanding, and it continues to grow as God blesses it. Christ continues to lead, guide and direct His Work through His apostle.

Mr. Armstrong stated: "Jesus Christ is the living HEAD of this Church and the Work of God. I am merely an instrument in His hands. I look to Him, of course, for guidance. But He is God's Word, and

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**MULTITUDE OF COUNSEL** — Members of the Advisory Council of Elders and Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (seated, right) pause in Mr. Armstrong's Hall of Administration Office July 20. Evangelist Leon Walker, a council member, is not pictured. [Photo by Warren Watson]

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that Word in writing says: 'In multitude of counselors there is safety.' I have always sought and listened to counselors."

The advisory group provides a body of counselors to draw on in making decisions regarding the operation of a large worldwide Work. Mr. Armstrong's appointment of the council also provides a stabilizing influence for the Church in the future.

Mr. Armstrong convened a meeting of the council Monday, July 20, preceding his trip to Europe. He conducted some official Church matters and updated the advisory group on various aspects of the Work.