

IT HAPPENED IN BRITAIN

They said it couldn't be done—to thunder Christ's Gospel by radio DAILY to Britain! It COULDN'T—by human planning or maneuvering. But the living Christ DID IT! Read how God's Work now leaps forward in Britain!

by Raymond F. McNair

PART TWO

In 1959, I began conducting Bible Studies in the home of one of the members in *Bristol*. We averaged about 18 in attendance. In early 1960, we began holding Sabbath Services in a room at the Grand Hotel. We averaged about 20 each Sabbath—if I counted myself!

In the summer of 1960, Mr. Roderick C. Meredith conducted a series of evangelistic campaigns in Britain. His first Evangelistic Campaign was in Bristol—intended to bolster up that struggling little church. After Mr. Meredith's campaign, the attendance of the Bristol Church rose from about 20 to 40. Still later that summer, Mr. Meredith conducted another Evangelistic Campaign in *Birmingham*. This resulted in a church of about 45 being established in that city.

His final campaign in the summer of 1960 was held in Manchester. After the campaign was over, a church of about 50 was raised up. The Manchester Church was later moved to Warrington—halfway between Manchester and Liverpool—a place more centrally located for the brethren.

It was in the autumn of 1960, while Mr. Meredith was still in England, that the doors of Ambassador College swung open for the first time. About 30 students enrolled that autumn. There are now about 198, from nineteen countries, attending the college in this, the sixth year.

Churches in Ireland and Scotland

A new church in *Belfast*, Northern Ireland, was organized by Mr. James

Wells after the Feast of Tabernacles in October, 1962. We had previously been holding monthly Bible Studies in Belfast for a year or so. The Belfast Church began with 49 in attendance the first Sabbath. It now averages about 115.

The seventh church to be established here in Britain was at *Glasgow*. A Bible Study in that city was organized (after a period of intensive visiting in the Glasgow area) immediately after the Feast of Tabernacles, 1963. The first actual Sabbath Service began in early January, 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Jones were the primary instruments used in raising up this church. Mr. Jones remained as the pastor of that church until mid-1965, when Mr. Robert Fahey became its pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones then returned to the College at Bricket Wood so Mr. Jones could assist in teaching and other duties.

Also, immediately after the Feast of Tabernacles in 1963, we began holding regular Sabbath Services at Bricket Wood for the students, employees and local members. Previously, all of the people in the Greater London area had traveled to London each Sabbath in order to attend church services there. We were having over 300 in attendance in London before the Bricket Wood Church was formed.

Present attendance figures for the British Churches are as follows: Bricket Wood, 300; London, 220; Warrington, 120; Birmingham, 120; Belfast, 115; Bristol, 78; Leeds, 57; Glasgow, 70; Newcastle, 45.

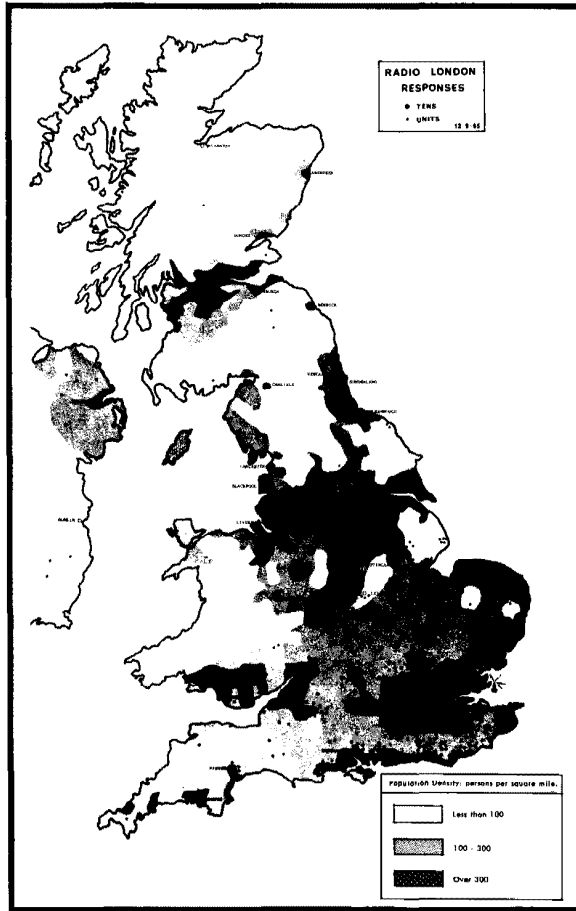
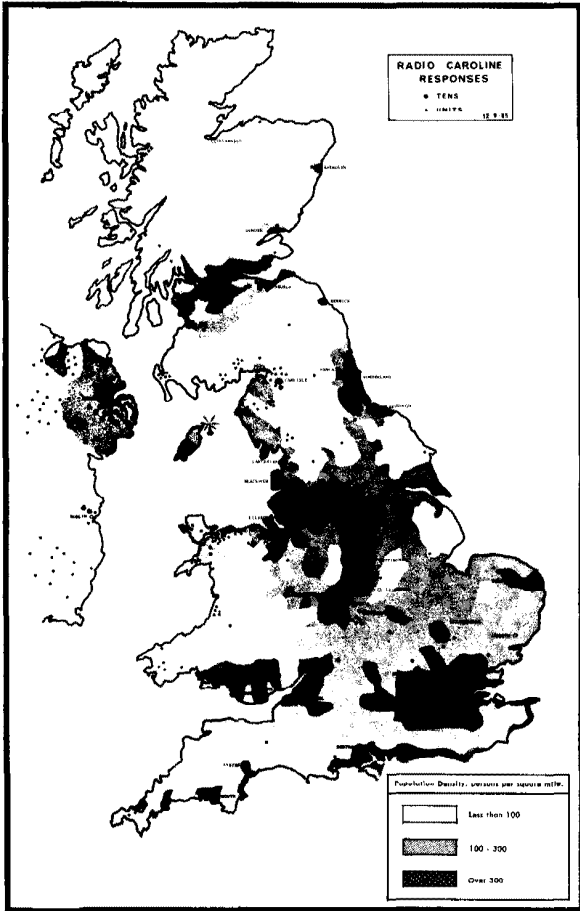
The latest British church (at Newcastle-upon-Tyne) had its first service on December 11th. Forty-six were present for that service. My wife and I were privileged to attend the first service, as we had previously done at Belfast and Glasgow; and I gave a sermon on the real purpose of a local church. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fahey were also present. He will be the pastor of the Newcastle Church.

A total of about 1,120 people now regularly attend the Sabbath Services in the nine British churches.

God's ministers in Britain have been encouraged by the good report which a number of the ministers from the Headquarters Church in Pasadena have given regarding the British churches. These ministers expressed their joy at finding the churches in England, Scotland and Ireland all diligently following the example of God's Headquarters Church.

We ministers have continually striven to keep the minds and hearts of God's people here looking to God's Headquarters Church—as in the days of the Apostles—who looked to the Head Church at Jerusalem. This, we know, is necessary for the growth and unity of God's *one* Church.

All of the British congregations pray continually that God will bless the Headquarters Church, and that He will guide, direct, protect and inspire Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong. Also, we unitedly pray that God will continue to bless and inspire Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong, especially in his tremendous responsibility of making the daily broadcasts; and we pray for the guidance of all of



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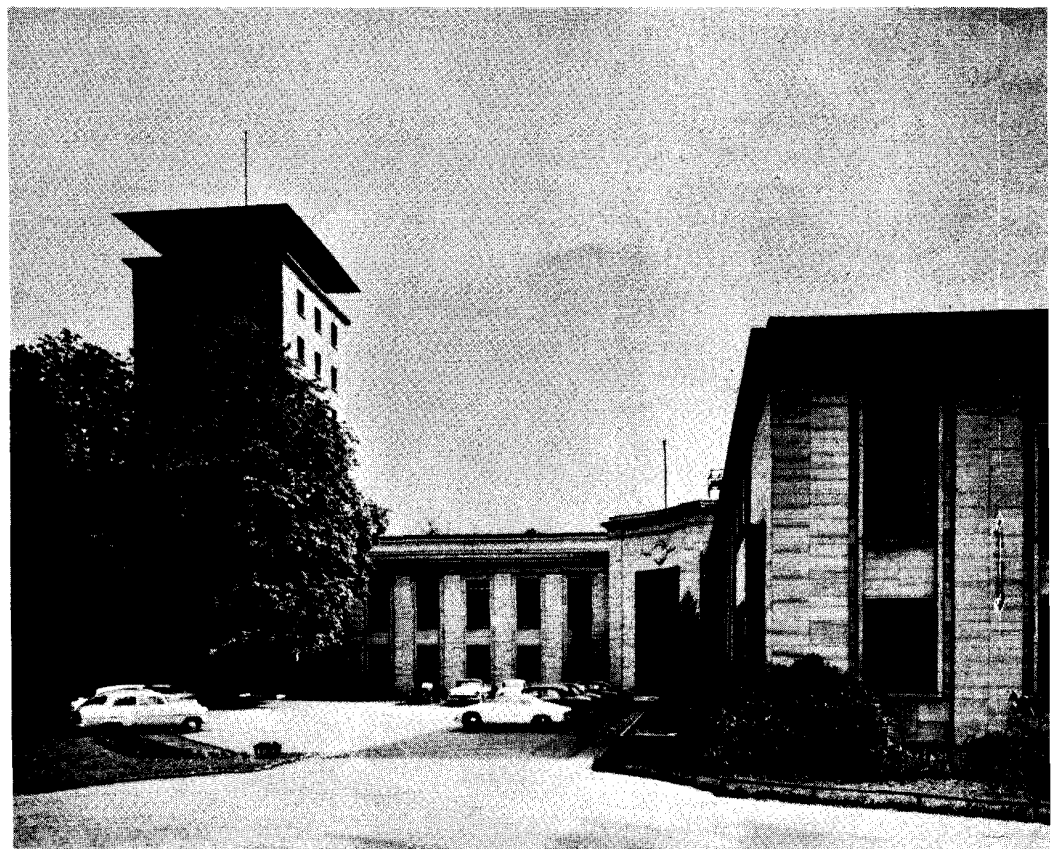
In November, 1959, we began running double-page ads in the British edition of *The Reader's Digest*. We received over 4,500 replies to one ad placed in that magazine! We were able to continue running these two-page, bi-monthly ads for about two years in *The Reader's Digest* before this door was finally closed to us.

Many thousands were brought in contact with God's Truth through this medium, and many scores were actually brought into God's Church as a result of their first having come into contact with the Work of God through the articles which appeared in *The Reader's Digest*.

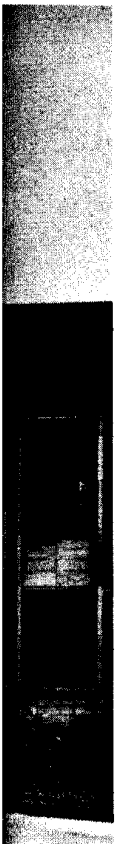
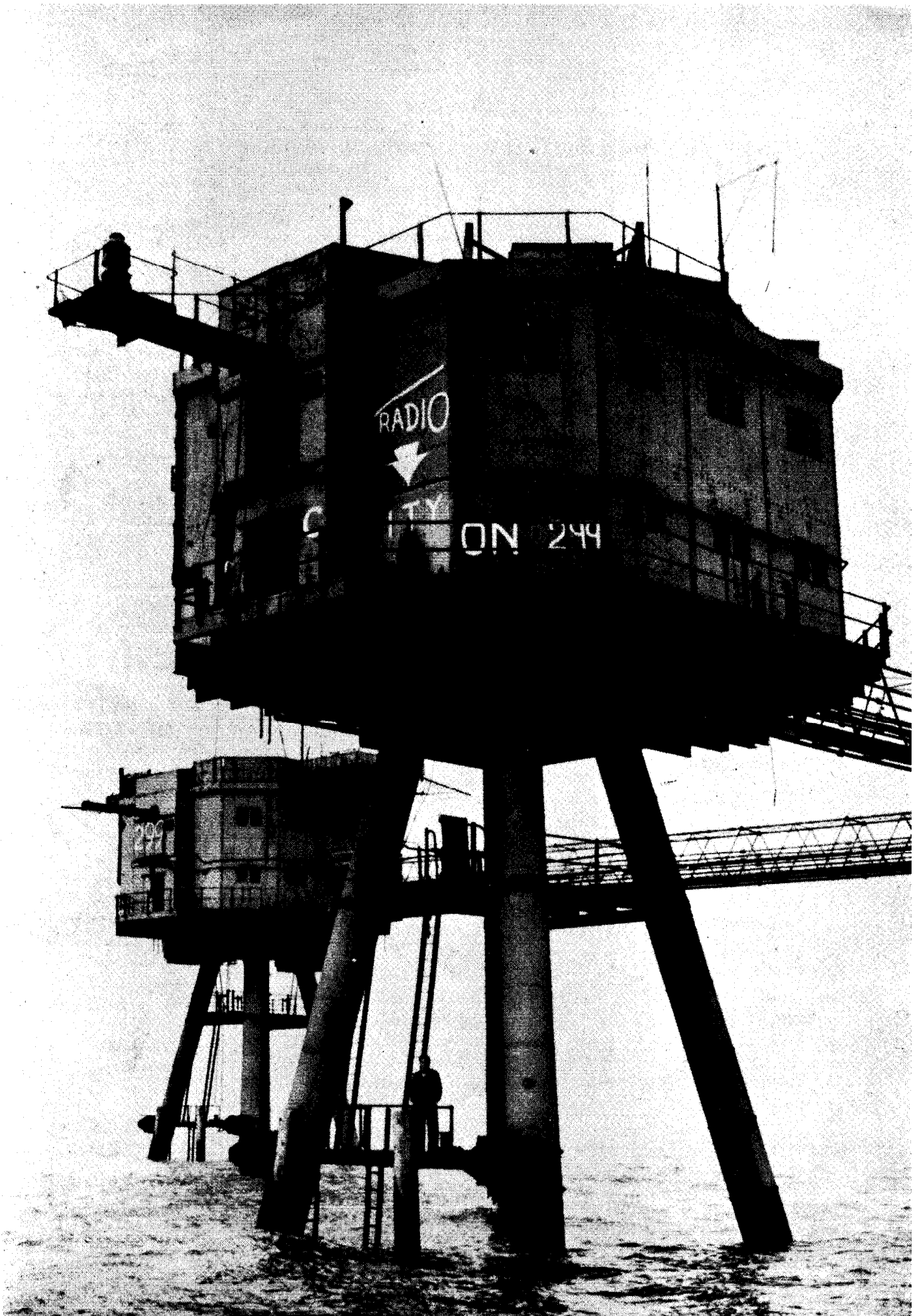
Ambassador-Spokesman Clubs

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op character, leadership and service in the British churches.

A further means of developing students who have ministerial potential, is through the *Visiting Program* which is organized by and co-ordinated from the College. Many of the more advanced students have received very valuable training through visiting in the Greater London area. Others have even been able to do some badly needed visiting in Birmingham, Manchester, Bristol and other parts of Britain.

Through this Visiting Program, students are trained and groomed under the leadership of God's ministers, and are able to render an invaluable service to interested radio listeners and church members.

Vital Statistics of British Work

Feast of Tabernacles figures aptly illustrate the growth of God's Work in Britain. Feast attendance figures for the past seven years are as follows: 1958, 60; 1959, 120; 1960, 234; 1961, 468; 1962, 655; 1963, 936; 1964, 1,272; 1965, 1,532.

And now that we are on four commercial British stations, we hope to see next autumn's Feast attendance back up to a 30 percent increase!

For this coming Feast of Tabernacles it looks as though God is again opening up to us the Prestatyn Holiday Camp in North Wales. This Camp is situated on the shore of the Irish Sea, near the beautiful Welsh mountains. We may possibly meet in this location for the next two years.

Each week we receive about 2,600 letters at our office here at Bricket Wood—about 135,000 letters in 1965. There are over 53,000 on *The PLAIN TRUTH* list. Of this number, about 3,000 are Co-Workers, 49,000 are Regulars. There are about 1,030 on our Member List.

The PLAIN TRUTH has been printed here in Britain now for about six years by a commercial English firm.

We recently rented a large building (over 18,000 square feet) in Watford

which has been converted into a very modern printing plant, where we now print about 90,000 *PLAIN TRUTH* magazines each month—65,000 in English, 13,000 in German and 12,000 in the French language.

We also print many thousands of booklets, reprint articles, letters, Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course lessons and countless other items.

There are now about twenty-four full-time employees in the Printing Department, plus fourteen students working part time.

Mr. John D. Butterfield is in charge of the Printing Department. He is very dedicated and competent—having had a number of years of printing experience before being employed by Ambassador College.

Britain's Fourteen Ministers

Serving God's people in Great Britain today are 14 ministers—including two Evangelists—Mr. Charles F. Hunting and myself.

Since July, 1958, I have been the Director of the British branch of God's Work, and am the Deputy Chancellor of Ambassador College in England, the pastor of the Bricket Wood Church and General Supervisor of the British Churches of God. I also teach three classes.

Mr. Charles F. Hunting is the Business Manager of the College. He had previous experience in the business world which has been of great value to God's Work here in Britain. Mr. Hunting was sent to England in March, 1961. In June, Mrs. Hunting and their three children joined Mr. Hunting in England. Chris, the eldest son, is now in his first year of College here in England. Mr. Hunting also teaches a number of classes and directed the Athletic Department until the arrival of Mr. Bernell Michel from Pasadena in March, 1966.

Two ministers of Pastor rank serve God's people in Britain. They are Mr. Ernest L. Martin and Mr. Ronald L. Dart.

Mr. Ernest Martin is now the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Ambassador College and is the pastor of the Warrington Church of God.

Mr. Martin recently spent about seven months at Headquarters in Pasadena, California—working on his doctorate.

Mr. Ronald L. Dart is the pastor of the Birmingham Church and teaches several classes. He is also Supervisor of Students at Ambassador College, Bricket Wood.

(Dr. Benjamin L. Rea was the Dean of the Faculty of Ambassador College and the pastor of the Birmingham Church—until his untimely death on March 10th, 1965).

Mr. David P. Wainwright, a graduate of Oxford, is the College Registrar and teaches a number of classes. As an ordained minister, he also assists in visiting and regularly preaches in the British Churches.

Mr. Leon Walker is pastor of the Bristol Church of God and teaches in the college and at Imperial School.

Mr. John E. Portune is the Director of the Radio Studio and teaches both at Ambassador and at Imperial. As an ordained minister, he helps in directing the activities of the Visiting Program, and regularly preaches in the churches.

Mr. Robert C. Boraker is the Director of the Letter Answering Department, and is currently doing quite a bit of the visiting in the London area. He also writes articles for *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *GOOD NEWS* magazines.

Mr. Robin Jones recently returned to the British branch headquarters to assist in teaching classes here at the college, and has recently been pastoring the Warrington Church in the temporary absence of Mr. Ernest Martin.

Mr. James Wells, a graduate of Ambassador College, has pastored the Church of God in Belfast, Northern Ireland, since its inception in 1962. He is in charge of ministering to all members and interested listeners in Ireland.

Mr. Gerald R. Crosswell, as an ordained Local Elder, is now rendering God's Work in Britain a valuable service by visiting full time in the Birm-

ingham and Bristol areas where he assists both Mr. Dart and Mr. Walker.

Mr. C. Ted Gould, Local Elder, is Assistant Business Manager and instructor here at the college. He also helps in visiting—mainly in the Bricket Wood Church area.

Mr. Gunar Freibergs, also a Local Elder, recently spent about six months teaching at the college in Britain in Mr. Ernest Martin's absence. In January, 1966, Mr. Freibergs returned to the office in Düsseldorf to assist Mr. Frank Schnee in the rapidly expanding German branch of God's Work.

Mr. Robert E. Fahey is the pastor of the Glasgow Church of God in Scotland, and is also pastor of the newly established church at Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bedford now spend their full time visiting the many people in the Manchester-Liverpool and Leeds-Sheffield areas. Mr. Bedford is the pastor of the Leeds Church.

Besides God's ministers who serve as pastors of churches, lecturers in the college and directors of various departments or activities here at the British college, there are about 250 employees (including the 198 students) being used in the British branch of God's Work.

Over Seven Years of Continued Healthy Growth

In spite of the rather poor radio coverage in Great Britain, and despite many hindrances and considerable opposition and persecution, God has continued to bless and prosper His Work here in every way!

Here is a summary of the growth of God's Work in the seven and one-half years (July, 1958-January, 1966)—since I have been the Director of this branch of God's Work.

In July, 1958, there were only 45 to 50 in regular attendance at *one* Church of God (in London) in all of Britain. The London Church now numbers about 220. Besides this church, *there are now eight other British churches*—making nine churches, with weekly Sabbath services totalling about 1,120 in attendance!

In the autumn of 1958 there were

only 60 present at the Feast of Tabernacles. Last autumn there were 1,532 in attendance, and we expect about 1,800 next autumn.

In 1958, there were only about 30 people on the British Member list. Today there are over 1,030.

If I recall correctly in 1958 there were only about 12,000 on *The PLAIN TRUTH* list. Today there are approximately 53,000 on the list. This is in spite of the fact that, in 1959, we shipped about 5,000 Australian and New Zealand names we had on file here to the office in Sydney. Also, a number of PLAIN TRUTH subscribers' names were sent from this office to the Düsseldorf office when it was opened up in the summer of 1962.

In 1958 there was no college in Britain. Ambassador College, near London, has been established for nearly six years and is a thriving institution—training many dedicated servants to be used in one of the many far-flung posts in the Work of God.

Dozens of graduates are being used full time in God's Work, and there are 19 ordained ministers who spent part or all of their four years at the College here!

Daily Broadcasting—Our Greatest Need!

What is the greatest need of this branch of God's Work? The thing which we need most, and pray continually for, is that God will really open up to this branch of His Work *effective* daily radio broadcasting.

The WORLD TOMORROW program is now being broadcast daily on four commercial off-shore stations, enabling us to reach several million Britons. These stations are not yet fully established—have not yet built up their full listening audience.

And on Sunday, December 12th, we began broadcasting *twice daily* on Radio 390, seven days a week. But the British Government has recently threatened to close down these off-shore stations.

Satan would like to have the gospel silenced on all the commercial stations reaching Britain—including Radio Luxembourg.

We all need to pray fervently that God will keep these commercial stations open, and that He will open up to this branch of His Work other even more effective means of reaching the people of Great Britain.

God willing, a commercial ship-station will begin broadcasting to Scotland—beginning in January, 1966. We are scheduled to broadcast *The WORLD TOMORROW* program on that station as soon as it begins broadcasting!

And, I was given a news clipping just today which mentioned that plans have been laid to begin broadcasting (via a ship-station) to Northern Ireland—in March!

There are approximately 55 million people packed together in these British Isles! If we can only get a number of really effective daily broadcasts reaching all of Britain, then this branch of God's Work will really leap forward!

In December, 1965, Parliament debated whether or not to open up commercial radio broadcasting in this country. Over one hundred commercial radio stations are reported ready to begin broadcasting as soon as they are given government approval.

If the government licenses commercial radio here, this might not help God's Work as much as some think. Apparently commercial radio would be run like commercial TV—only allowing advertisers to purchase a few seconds (or minutes—at most) of time! That's the way Commercial British TV is now run.

We know that God Almighty is the one who opened the door of radio to Britain—the doors of these commercial ship-stations located in international waters. They beam their broadcasts into the heart of England.

Other commercial ship radio stations are reported to be planning to commence broadcasting in the near future.

But powerful forces are now pressuring the British Government to forever silence these commercial off-shore stations!

The Gospel to Ephraim

A number of prophecies specifically reveal that the peoples of Ephraim (Great Britain and her Common-



Ambassador College Photo
 Ambassador College Press, Walford, Herts., England, bespeaks the quality of power with which God is fulfilling His promise of carrying the Gospel to Ephraim.

wealth) would have the Gospel preached to them before the close of this age.

These prophecies surely include the over-fifty-million Ephraimites living in modern-day Britain—the motherland of the Commonwealth!

Much of the entire book of Hosea is directed to the people of Ephraim. God says: "EPHRAIM *shall be desolate in the day of rebuke* [referring to the time of 'Jacob's trouble'—Jer. 30:7]: *among the tribes of Israel have I MADE KNOWN that which shall surely be*" (Hos. 5:9).

Since Ephraim is the chief birthright

tribe, this verse surely reveals that the people of Britain will be among those tribes of Israel who are going to have the Gospel—the good news of God's Kingdom—made known to them in our day!

I have before me two British newspaper cuttings, both of which show that God's Church has revealed, through the sure prophecies of God's Word, that Britain will be defeated in World War III (unless, of course, she repents)! And many millions are being warned directly through God's Work—through *The WORLD TOMORROW* program and through *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine.

Hosea 7:12 further explains this: "When they [Ephraim] shall go, I will spread my net upon them; *I will bring them down* [in national defeat] *as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them AS THEIR CONGREGATION HATH HEARD.*"

Isaiah 9:8-12 also reveals that God's Word has to be preached to Israel—Ephraim in particular! "*The Lord sent a word* [the true Gospel] *into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. And*

all the people shall know, even EPHRAIM . . ."

This prophecy shows that a vast segment of Britain and her Commonwealth shall hear God's Word preached—shall "know" what is going to come to pass—before it happens!

Matthew 10:23 shows, however, that God's ministers will not necessarily personally evangelize every single city in modern Israel before the second coming of Jesus Christ!

God warned the earth's inhabitants in the days of Noah before He destroyed those wicked people by a great deluge. Christ warned the inhabitants of Jerusalem and Judaea before the Roman legions slaughtered over one million Jews in the days of the Apostles!

And God Almighty is warning the peoples of America and Britain before our doom—giving us a chance to heed His Word, repent and avert the terrible calamity which otherwise is certain to overtake us!

Pray Fervently For This!

Commercial ship broadcasting now appears to be the only really effective way of reaching Britons via radio.

We do not yet know for sure all the details of *how* God will continue to open up effective daily broadcasting to the people of Great Britain; but we feel certain that He will do this for the sake of His Work!

We do know, however, that if all of the members of God's Church will pray unitedly, fervently about this matter, leaving the result in God's hands, that He will greatly increase the effectiveness of daily broadcasting in the British Isles.

In the meantime, we are very thankful to Almighty God for opening up these stations by which we now are able to reach additional millions of Britons.

We, here in Britain, are very grateful to be used in this branch of God's Work, and ask the prayers of all of God's people on behalf of God's ministers and His people living throughout Great Britain.

Also, don't forget Mr. Ted Armstrong's admonition to fervently pray

that God will open up more commercial radio stations; let us also earnestly pray that the British Government will not pass legislation which might forever destroy our chances of using radio to reach all of Britain in a powerful way.

Through your prayers and your fi-

nancial support, you have your vital part in helping reach the peoples of Great Britain!

The people of modern-day Ephraim badly need to be reached with the dynamic good news of the soon-coming government of God!

Whose Opinion Counts?

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true minister to that office, and it is respect to the Holy Spirit through which God will inspire and direct His servants.

Unity in the Church

Many of you brethren have had to "come out" of this Babylonish system and its churches. You have been regarded and perhaps *have regarded yourself*—as an "independent" or radical in matters of belief.

Many of you, having been disillusioned by false ministers, have come to feel that you could place no reliance on anyone or anything except yourself. You have been in the habit of studying the Bible and accepting *your* conclusion as final. It was between you and God alone. "Me and God," said the German Kaiser. That is the way some of you have felt and acted—perhaps without realizing it.

But *should* you be an "independent"?

Didn't Jesus build a Church which will endure *forever*? Haven't we just shown you that God's true ministers—whom He sets in His Church—speak in His name with authority?

If you have really been converted, you have been "baptized" or *put into* God's Church by receiving His Spirit. You are then *no longer* an "independent," but a member of the true Church of God—the body of Christ.

"God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints" (I Cor. 14:33). Even though you may be separated from local church fellowship, you *belong* to God's Church which has *order* and *government* in it—not confusion.

The apostle Paul commands us to be humble, "Endeavoring to keep the

unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3). Some ministers quote this text to persuade their congregation to blindly follow them in a *false* unity, NOT of the Spirit. The *unity of God's Spirit* is that mutual harmony and love which it produces because we will *all* be seeking *God's will*. It is *not* a "unity" based on *man's reasoning* swayed by the devil!

God gave some individuals positions of preaching and teaching, "Till we all come into the unity of the faith" (Eph. 4:11-13). His ministers are *responsible* for teaching and guiding the flock in the *right* way as God's Spirit reveals *until* they come into the "unity of the faith."

We are all still human and have a lot of *growing* to do. We won't all see eye to eye on every point of doctrine at first. God's children are "knit together"—not in doctrine—but "in LOVE" (Col. 2:2).

But God has set His ministers in the Church to preserve order, and to teach and instruct the brethren with *authority* so that each one may finally come to have "the mind of Christ" (Phil. 2:5).

The Final Authority

In Hebrews 13:17, Paul gives an inspired command to, "*Obey* them that have the rule over you, and *submit yourselves*: for they watch for your souls, as *they that must give account*, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Here, and in verse seven, God is commanding *obedience* to His Ministers. It is *they* who "must give account." They are *responsible* for teaching you the *truth*. When there is a doubt as to the meaning of a scripture, or when there is a Church policy to be