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LOMA ARMSTRONG – AND REACTIONS IN THE UK TO HER DEATH IN APRIL 1967:

CONFIRMING DETAILS FOR POSSIBLE PART USE IN NEIL EARLE'S PROJECTED BOOK: SUGGEST SELECT ONLY THE BRIEFEST PORTION OF THESE PAGES: (COMPILED AS AT OCT 20, 2006)

BIRTH NAME: LOMA ISABELLE DILLON

BORN: NOV (?) 1891 (IN OR NEAR MOTOR, IOWA, USA)

ENGAGED MAY 15, 1917

MARRIED: TUESDAY JULY 31ST 1917 (HWA'S 25TH BIRTHDAY)

HUSBAND: HERBERT WRIGHT ARMSTRONG (BORN 1892)
(THEY WERE THIRD COUSINS, AND FIRST MET IN JAN 1917)

THEIR CHILDREN:

BEVERLEY LUCILE (GOTT) ARMSTRONG – BORN MAY 9, 1918
DOROTHY JANE (MATTSON) ARMSTRONG -BORN JULY 7, 1920
RICHARD DAVID ARMSTRONG - BORN OCT 13, 1928
GARNER TED ARMSTRONG - BORN FEB 9, 1930

LOMA'S DEATH: SABBATH APRIL 15, 1967 (PASADENA)
(JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT SATURDAY MORNING PASADENA TIME)

(AT AGE 75 YEARS AND SIX MONTHS – JUST 15 WEEKS OR SO BEFORE THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 50TH OR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)

BURIED: MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY, ALTADENA, CALIF:
(NEXT TO THE GRAVES OF RICHARD DAVID ARMSTRONG, AND EVA WRIGHT ARMSTRONG)

(JUST TEN YEARS AFTER LOMA'S DEATH, HWA LATER REMARRIED – RAMONA MARTIN – ON APRIL 17, 1977. HWA DIED JAN 16, 1986)

MRS ARMSTRONG'S DEATH IN 1967 HIT THE CHURCH WITH PERHAPS EVEN MORE IMPACT – ALTHOUGH WITH THE SAME SHOCK - AS DID THE EARLIER DEATHS OF RICHARD DAVID ARMSTRONG (1958) AND BENJAMIN REA (1965).

GOD ALLOWED SUCH TRAGEDIES:

PEOPLE QUESTIONED OR SPECULATED:

“WAS HER DEATH SOLELY A NATURAL INEVITABILITY OF AGEING?”

“WAS THE HAND OF THE ADVERSARY AT WORK IN ANY WAY”?

“WAS THERE SOMETHING WRONG IN THE CHURCH THAT EARNED GOD'S DISPLEASURE?”

“WAS IT THAT EACH MAJOR BEREAVEMENT OF THIS KIND WAS SOLELY INTENDED AS A FAR-REACHING **TRIAL OF FAITH** UPON THE CHURCH BODY TO RESTORE AND STRENGTHEN RELIANCE UPON GOD AND JESUS CHRIST”?

WHICHEVER MIGHT BE TRUE, THERE WAS NO DOUBTING THAT LOMA ARMSTRONG'S DEATH DID FOR SOME WHILE LEAVE AN EMPTY VOID IN THE UK (AS IN THE USA) – AND ALSO A LONGING FOR THE FUTURE RESURRECTION AND GOD'S KINGDOM TO COME.

(FOR THE RECORD: HWA DOCUMENTED THE BACKGROUND AND EVENTS LEADING TO MRS ARMSTRONG'S ILLNESS AND EVENTUAL DEATH IN A SELECTION OF HIS COWORKER LETTERS PRINTED AT THE END OF VOLUME TWO OF HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY) (SEE PAGES 458-466 OF 1987 EDITION)

BY 1967, MRS LOMA ARMSTRONG WAS QUITE WELL KNOWN IN THE CHURCH IN THE UK – ALTHOUGH SHE WAS NOT ON ANY INTIMATE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH MOST BRITISH CHURCH MEMBERS OR AC STUDENTS - WHO REGARDED HER WITH SOME AWE, AS THEY DID ALSO HER HUSBAND, HWA.

BUT SHE HAD BECOME AN INCREASINGLY FAMILIAR FIGURE AT THE BRICKET WOOD CAMPUS OF AMBASSADOR COLLEGE.

HER VISITS TO BRITAIN WITH HER HUSBAND HWA STRETCHED BACK TO THE LATE 1940'S. SHE HAD ACCOMPANIED HIM ON HIS VARIOUS VISITS AND CAMPAIGNS TO EUROPE – ALTHOUGH SHE MUCH

PREFERRED SEA CROSSINGS TO FLYING. FROM 1960, SHE TOOK UP RESIDENCE WITH HWA AT THE BRITISH COLLEGE FOR A NUMBER OF MONTHS EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

SELECTED STUDENTS ENJOYED THE RARE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING HER "OFF THE BOAT" WHEN THEIR LINER DOCKED AT SOUTHAMPTON, OR BEING OFFERED A SPECIAL RIDE IN THE ARMSTRONGS' ROLLS-ROYCE.

AS SENIOR COUNSELLOR FOR THE WOMEN STUDENTS, MRS ARMSTRONG'S MOTHERLY CONCERN WAS EVIDENT – ESPECIALLY WHEN SENIOR GIRLS WERE PREPARING FOR THEIR MARRIAGES.

AT THE CAMPUS, HER PORTRAIT WAS PAINTED BY BRITISH ARTIST DAVID MORSE-BROWN AROUND DECEMBER 1960. MEMBERS LATER RECEIVED PERSONAL A4 SIZED COPIES OF THE PAINTING.

MRS ARMSTRONG'S ILLNESS – PRIOR TO HER DEATH AT AGE 75 YEARS AND SIX MONTHS - LASTED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, FROM EARLY FEBRUARY 1967 UNTIL JUST BEFORE PASSOVER THAT YEAR. IT WAS CERTAINLY THE BIG PRE-PASSOVER TRIAL FOR THE CHURCH.

SHE HAD A SERIOUS INTESTINAL CONDITION, AN AGGRESSIVE BOWEL CANCER (ALTHOUGH ORIGINALLY THE ABDOMINAL PAINS AND CRAMPS – AND HER FAILURE TO HOLD DOWN FOOD OR DRINK - SEEMED TO INDICATE LOMA WAS SUFFERING APPENDICITIS).

IN THE UK, HER ILLNESS AND DEATH OCCURRED AT A TIME WHEN THE RADIO SHIP STATIONS HAD BROUGHT GREAT GROWTH IN DAILY RESPONSES TO THE "WORLD TOMORROW" RADIO BROADCAST BEING BEAMED INTO "EPHRAIM". THIS HAD THROWN A PUBLIC SPOTLIGHT ONTO AMBASSADOR COLLEGE AND THE CHURCH. THEY WERE FACING A LIKELIHOOD OF GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION TO BAN ALL THE RADIO SHIPS.

AND IN THE RADIO CHURCH AT LARGE, THERE WAS ADDITIONALLY THE EXCITING HOPE OF A NEW DOOR – AND NEW OFFICES - ABOUT TO OPEN TO JERUSALEM AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

SO IT SEEMED AN ENORMOUS, UNEXPECTED AND EVEN UNWELCOME BLOCK UPON THE BURGEONING WORK THAT MRS ARMSTRONG'S ILLNESS – NOT NEW RADIO DOORS – SHOULD SUDDENLY OCCUPY TOP PLACE IN EVERYONE'S THOUGHTS.

DID LOMA AND HWA CHOOSE NOT TO HAVE MEDICAL PROCEDURES – WHICH ARGUABLY MIGHT HAVE PROLONGED HER LIFE?

HWA LATER CONFIRMED THAT "UNDER THE BEST PROFESSIONAL ADVICE, EVERYTHING WE COULD OR OUGHT TO DO WAS DONE".

HE ADDED THAT THE "MEDICAL ADVICE" THAT HE FOLLOWED WAS FROM A DOCTOR OR PHYSICIAN WHO WAS NOW A CONVERT – NOW IN GOD'S SERVICE.

THE EMPHASIS IN THOSE YEARS WAS OF TOTALLY TRUSTING GOD IN FAITH.

MR H W ARMSTRONG CAME TO REGARD THE CANCER CAUSING HIS WIFE'S BOWEL BLOCKAGE AS A PHYSICAL TYPE OR WARNING OF SOME SPIRITUAL BLOCKAGE – SOME UNDISCLOSED "SPIRITUAL FILTH" IN OUR LIVES – THAT HE FIRMLY BELIEVED EXISTED IN THE CHURCH – (THEN STILL NAMED THE RADIO CHURCH OF GOD):

CHURCH MEMBERS AND AMBASSADOR COLLEGE STUDENTS WERE URGED MORE THAN ONCE TO UNDERTAKE FASTS OF UP TO TWO DAYS EACH TIME IN ORDER TO BESEECH GOD TO SHOW WHERE THE CANCEROUS BLOCKAGE WAS THAT WAS EATING AWAY AT THE CHURCH -- AS WELL AS INTERCEDING FOR MRS ARMSTRONG'S RECOVERY AND HEALING.

MR ARMSTRONG HIMSELF REPORTED ON ONE OCCASION FASTING TEN CONTINUOUS DAYS DURING THIS ORDEAL.

IN THE DAYS LEADING TO HER DEATH, HWA ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS CALLED TOGETHER THE HEADQUARTERS EVANGELIST MINISTERS TO PRAY TOGETHER – CONFESSING SINS – AND IMPLOING GOD'S MERCY ON MRS LOMA ARMSTRONG, UPON THEMSELVES AND UPON GOD'S WORK.

AMONG LOMA'S LAST REMEMBERED WORDS, JUST A DAY OR TWO BEFORE SHE DIED, HWA SAID SHE ENCOURAGED THE HQ MINISTRY GATHERED BRIEFLY AROUND HER BEDSIDE: - "WELL, YOU MEN , GO RIGHT ALONG TO YOUR WORK – GOD HAS GIVEN YOU IMPORTANT WORK TO DO. I'LL BE ALL RIGHT"

AND THE INFERENCE: "DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME".

PERHAPS TWO THOUSAND PERSONS ATTENDED HER FUNERAL.

IT IS HUMAN TO LOOK FOR SOMEONE OR SOMETHING ELSE TO BLAME AT TIMES OF GREAT EMOTIONAL PAIN AND ADVERSITY.

IN SOME PUBLIC COMMENT DURING STUDIES AND SERMONS AT BRICKET WOOD, THERE WERE INDEED INSTANCES OF HIGH RANKING MINISTERS SEEMING TO BERATE - AND POINT THE FINGER OF BLAME EMOTIVELY FOR MRS ARMSTRONG'S DEATH AT - THE AMBASSADOR COLLEGE STUDENTS, AND UPON CHURCH MEMBERS THEMSELVES.

THESE EASY TARGETS WERE ANGRILY BROWBEATEN FOR THEIR "UNREPENTANT ATTITUDES", FOR NOT PRAYING OR FASTING ENOUGH, FOR NOT SACRIFICING SELF WHEN TRAGEDY STRUCK THE WORK – ONLY CARING FOR SELF. - AND THAT GOD PERMITTED MRS ARMSTRONG'S CONTINUED SUFFERING BECAUSE OF THE UNRESPONSIVE CARNALITY AND LACK OF CHANGE IN MEMBERS AND STUDENTS.

BUT IN RETROSPECT, THIS MINISTERIAL APPROACH WAS SOMEWHAT LIKE HWA'S OWN DETERMINATION TO WAKE UP THE CHURCH DURING THIS CRISIS – SEEKING "TO BURN THEIR EARS" AT THEIR SELFISH RESPONSES TO HIS LETTERS AND EXHORTATIONS – AND AT A TIME WHEN THE DOOR OF RADIO JERUSALEM, BROADCASTING SEVEN NIGHTS A WEEK, SEEMED ABOUT TO OPEN TO THE WORK). (SEE HIS COWORKER & MEMBER LETTER DATED MARCH 2, 1967)

ON APRIL 15TH, THE SABBATH DAY OF HER DEATH, OVER AT AMBASSADOR COLLEGE AT BRICKET WOOD, THE CHURCH IN UK WAS FASTING. THE SABBATH SERVICE (1.30 PM) WAS BEING HELD AS USUAL IN THE NEW GYMNASIUM. TED GOULD LED THE SONGS, AND JOHN JEWELL GAVE THE SERMONETTE – ABOUT BEING FAITHFUL IN SMALL THINGS.

(**MRS ARMSTRONG HAD ALREADY DIED** JUST A FEW HOURS OR SO EARLIER – ABOUT 9.00 AM LONDON TIME - BUT THE NEWS WAS NOT RECEIVED IN ENGLAND TILL ABOUT MIDDAY, AND THE FACT WAS WITHHELD FROM THE MEMBERS UNTIL AFTER THE SERMONETTE AND SPECIAL MUSIC HAD TAKEN PLACE).

THE ACTUAL MOMENT OF THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WAS AROUND **2.10 PM** (UK TIME) - WHEN CHARLES HUNTING GAVE THE DRAMATIC NEWS.

THE AMBASSADOR COLLEGE CHOIR (OF WHICH I WAS STILL THEN A MEMBER) HAD BEEN CALLED ON TO THE STAGE TO SING ITS PREPARED PIECE OF MUSIC.

THIS WAS TITLED "FOR WE HAVE HERE NO ABIDING CITY" (AND WAS TAKEN FROM BRAHM'S REQUIEM – SEE HEB 13:14). (THE PIECE WAS CONDUCTED BY DR. KENNETH ABBOTT).

THE WORDS WERE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE SINCE THEY HELD OUT THE HOPE OF THE CITY AND KINGDOM TO COME.

(CFH LATER EXPLAINED THAT HE FELT IT RIGHT FOR THE CHOIR MUSIC TO GO AHEAD – RATHER THAN TO CANCEL IT – SINCE IT WAS AS IF INSPIRED FOR THE DAY)

ONLY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THIS ITEM OF SPECIAL MUSIC, AND ONCE THE CHOIR WAS SEATED, DID CHARLES HUNTING FORMALLY ANNOUNCE THAT MRS LOMA ARMSTRONG HAD DIED A FEW HOURS EARLIER THAT DAY.

THAT WAS A MOMENT OF GREAT SHOCK, OF COURSE.

IN LATER WEEKS, HWA COMMENTED ON THE PARALLELS HE HAD DRAWN BETWEEN HIS LOSS, AND THE DEATH OF THE WIFE OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL (EZEK 24:15-18).

THOUGH GRIEVING PRIVATELY AND INTERNALLY, HWA HAD READ THE COMMAND ABOUT "NOT MOURNING" -- AND HELD BACK FROM APPEARING PUBLICLY TO BE IN MOURNING.

RATHER, AS EVENTS SHOWED, WITHIN DAYS OF HER FUNERAL – IF NOT IMMEDIATELY - HE IMMERSSED HIMSELF BACK INTO THE WORK, WROTE MEMBER LETTERS, AND PLANNED VISITS TO OPEN OFFICES IN CYPRUS AND JERUSALEM, EXPECTING TO CONTRACT FOR RADIO JERUSALEM TO BEAM THE WTM PROGRAMME INTO THE MIDDLE EAST – ALL THIS NEARLY TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE SIX DAY WAR (JUNE 1967) BEGAN.

NOTICE A TIME LINE OF EVENTS IN THE STORY: (FROM THE BRICKET WOOD PERSPECTIVE):

1967:

FEB 17 (BRICKET WOOD STUDY):
CFHUNTING ANNOUNCED THAT MRS ARMSTRONG HAD APPENDICITIS (ACCORDING TO A PHONE CALL FROM HWA): –

SHE WAS VERY SICK. UNLESS GOD INTERVENES SHE WILL DIE. HWA URGED FERVENT PRAYERS AND FASTINGS FOR HER – SHE IS SUFFERING BADLY NOW, AND THE WORK WILL SUFFER IF SHE IS TAKEN FROM US:

HWA'S OWN WORK WOULD BE GREATLY CURTAILED IF HE LOST HIS WIFE:

FEB 18

(BRICKET WOOD SERVICE):

RFMCNAIR GAVE AN HOUR MESSAGE ON FASTING, AND CALLED FOR A FURTHER FAST - THE THIRD SUCH FAST THAT THE CHURCH IN BRITAIN HAD UNDERTAKEN IN THE PAST FIVE OR SIX MONTHS: ON EARLIER OCCASIONS FASTINGS AND PRAYERS WERE FOR CONCERN ABOUT RADIO STATIONS, BUT NOW WE WERE URGED TO PRAY BESEECHINGLY FOR LOMA ARMSTRONG:

FEB 24

(BRICKET WOOD STUDY):

MR. MCNAIR REPORTED THAT LOMA WAS NOW EATING A LITTLE AND SEEMINGLY IMPROVING. "SHE IS A LIVING SACRIFICE TO THE WORK. DON'T LET DOWN IN PRAYERS FOR HER" (RFMCN)

FEB 25

(BRICKET WOOD SERVICE)

RFMCNAIR BEFORE GIVING A SERMON ON HEALING, ANNOUNCED HE HAD RECEIVED A FURTHER TELEPHONE CALL AT 7.00 AM (GMT) TODAY FROM HWA: LOMA STILL NEEDS PRAYERS.

SHE IS IN GRAVE DANGER - UNLESS GOD INTERVENES SOON.

REMEMBER, SHE WAS CONVERTED BEFORE HWA – HARDLY SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT GOD WOULD ALLOW HER TO DIE RIGHT BEFORE THE GRAND SMASH CLIMAX TO THE WORK. IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE FOR GOD TO RAISE HER UP.

YOU SHOULD ALL UNDERTAKE ANOTHER FAST THIS WEEK - PERHAPS MORE THAN ONE DAY. SHOW GOD YOUR SINCERITY IN THIS MATTER.

HOW FERVENTLY HAVE WE PRAYED FOR MRS. ARMSTRONG? SHE HAS BEEN HEALED ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS IN THE PAST – EVEN NOW SHE IS NOT WAVERING, KNOWING GOD IS HER ONLY HOPE.

"NOT MY WILL BUT GOD'S BE DONE": HWA COULD SERVE SO MUCH BETTER IF HIS WIFE IS PRESERVED. DO NOT LET YOUR MIND DWELL ON ANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE.

MAR 3 (BRICKET WOOD BIBLE STUDY):
MR MCNAIR ANNOUNCED THAT MRS ARMSTRONG WAS APPARENTLY MARKEDLY BETTER - NOW SITTING IN A CHAIR – COLOUR IN HER CHEEKS, BUT NOT OFF DANGER LIST.

MAR 4 (BRICKET WOOD SERVICE):
CFHUNTING CONFIRMED MRS ARMSTRONG TO BE LOOKING MUCH BETTER: DON'T FORGET HER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

CFH SOUGHT TO GIVE A SERMON EXPLAINING WHY THE NECESSITY FOR MRS ARMSTRONG'S SICKNESS AND THIS POTENTIAL TRAGEDY UPON THE WORK OF GOD: HWA HAD CALLED HER THE THIRD MOST IMPORTANT INDIVIDUAL IN THE WORK – AFTER HWA AND GTA:

DOCTORS HAD GIVEN HER UP FOR TEN DAYS DURING WHI CH TIME GOD GAVE US THE CHANCE FOR REPENTANCE AND CHANGE. IS THE CRISIS NOW OVER? **SHE HAS NOT BEEN HEALED BECAUSE OF THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCH.**

YOU ^RWHOLE ROUTINE – LIKE HWA'S – SHOULD BE CHANGING BECAUSE OF THIS SITUATION.

MAR 10 (BRICKET WOOD STUDY):
MR HUNTING REPORTED THAT HWA STILL WANTS ANOTHER MIRACLE FOR MRS ARMSTRONG: HWA ACCEPTS THE BLAME FOR HER ILLNESS ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH. HWA CONSIDERS HIMSELF LETHARGIC AND THE CHURCH ALSO IS IN A LETHARGIC CONDITION.

MAR 11 (BRICKET WOOD SERVICE):
RFMCNAIR ANNOUNCED THAT MRS ARMSTRONG COULD TAKE LIQUIDS BUT STILL NOT OFF THE DANGER LIST:

WE SHOULD REMEMBER HER AND MRS HAROLD JACKSON, AND MRS GLEN WHITE - ALL THREE ARE SERIOUSLY SICK: WE SHOULD GET RID OF "ANY FILTH" THAT NEEDS TO BE CLEANED OUT OF OUR LIVES: (INFERENCE – IT MAY BE THIS SIN THAT IS PREVENTING GOD FROM ANSWERING OUR PRAYERS)

MAR 17 (BRICKET WOOD STUDY):
RFMCNAIR ANNOUNCED ANOTHER FAST STARTING TOMORROW FOR THE AC COLLEGE STUDENTS. MRS ARMSTRONG HAS BEEN 40 DAYS WITHOUT SOLID FOOD, AND THE BLOCKAGE IN HER BODY HAS NOT BEEN

REMOVED. ALL THE MINISTRY (WORLDWIDE) TO CALL FOR A FAST IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CHURCHES.

THE GREATEST PURPOSE FOR THIS TRIAL IS TO BRING A BENEFIT TO THE CHURCH. TOO MANY OF US HAVE BEEN PUTTING MATERIAL THINGS FIRST AHEAD OF SPIRITUAL THINGS. WE NEED TO KNOW **WHY** THIS FIERY TRIAL.

MAR 18

(BRICKET WOOD SERVICE):

MR MCNAIR RECONFIRMED A CHURCH FAST FOR EVERYONE – FOR AT LEAST ONE WHOLE DAY.

NO SPORT IN THE GYM TONIGHT SINCE WE ARE IN A TIME OF MOURNING. USE THE WEEK AHEAD FOR SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR OTHERS SICK IN THE CHURCH, AND FOR THE WORK.

IF WE STOP SINNING, OUR PRAYERS WILL BE ANSWERED.

(RFMCNAIR CLOSED THE SERVICE IN PRAYER ON HIS KNEES – NO HYMN BEING SUNG).

MAR 24

(BRICKET WOOD STUDY):

ERNEST MARTIN - SAID NO NEWS HAD BEEN RECEIVED ON MRS ARMSTRONG SINCE LAST MONDAY HER CONDITION STILL SERIOUS, ATHOUGH SOME GENERAL IMPROVEMENT.

MAR 25

(BRICKET WOOD SERVICE):

NO MENTION AT ALL ABOUT MRS A. WAS MADE IN A SERMON BY **RONALD DART**:

MAR 31

(BRICKET WOOD STUDY):

RAYMOND MNCNAIR SAID MRS A'S CONDITION STILL UNCHANGED. CONTINUE PUTTING THE PRESSURE ON YOURSELF AND DO YOUR PART FOR HER.

APR 1

(BRICKET WOOD SERVICE):

RFMCNAIR REPEATED HIS CALL FOR PRAYERS AND FASTINGS FOR MRS ARMSTRONG. HER BLOCKAGE STILL CONTINUES. SHE HAS TAKEN NO SOLID FOOD IN 50 DAYS. CONTINUE TO HOLD UP HER ARMS IN PRAYER – RECALL HOW MOSES SOUGHT IN HIS PRAYERS THE DEFEAT OF AMALEK. BUT WHEN HE FLAGGED, HE HAD TO HAVE HIS ARMS HELD UP.

APR 7

BRICKET WOOD STUDY:

CFHUNTING HAD NOTHING NEW TO ADD ABOUT MRS ARMSTRONG.

HE DID MENTION HOWEVER THAT ON APRIL 14TH NEXT (THE DAY BEFORE MRS A'S EVENTUAL DEATH), THE RADIO SHIPS AROUND THE UK WOULD BE BROADCASTING A VERY STRONG WTM BROADCAST BY GTA ABOUT GERMANY. AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS DOING ITS UTMOST TO PUSH THROUGH A "MARINE OFFENCES" BILL TO SILENCE THE RADIO SHIP STATIONS BY APRIL 18TH.

(WAS CFH INFERRING THAT AN ANGRY SATAN BEHIND THE SCENES – WAS SEEKING TO TAKE MRS.A'S LIFE - AND TO STOP THE WORK FROM GROWING FURTHER?)

(THIS GOVERNMENT BILL WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DELAYED IN LAW UNTIL AUGUST 1967 ...)

APR 8

BRICKET WOOD SERVICE:

RFMCNAIR CONFIRMED VERY LITTLE CHANGE IN MRS ARMSTRONG'S CONDITION. DO NOT GROW WEARY OF PRAYING FOR HER.

APR 14

BRICKET WOOD STUDY:

CFHUNTING ANNOUNCED THAT MRS ARMSTRONG IS DETERIORATING. A FURTHER VOLUNTARY FAST CALLED. SHOW YOUR SINCERITY IN GOING BEFORE GOD. SHE IS CRITICALLY AND VERY ILL. ASK GOD TO INTERVENE.

(MESSRS MCNAIR AND HUNTING DUE TO FLY OFF TOMORROW NIGHT AFTER SABBATH TO NICOSIA CYPRUS, AND THEN JERUSALEM – TO ESTABLISH NEW OFFICES).

APR 15

BRICKET WOOD SERVICE:

CFHUNTING CONFIRMED (AFTER THE SERMONETTE AND AFTER THE SPECIAL MUSIC) – THAT **MRS LOMA ARMSTRONG HAD DIED TODAY.**

HER DEATH WAS AROUND ABOUT 9.00 AM BRITISH TIME. CFH HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE MESSAGE JUST AN HOUR AGO.

HE SAID HWA WAS STUNNED AND DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY SHE DIED. **HWA JUST KNEW SHE WOULD BE HEALED,** AS DID ALL OF US.

CFH HIMSELF WAS PRAYING BEFORE HE EVEN KNEW LA HAD DIED – BUT HIS PRAYER WAS NOT IN VAIN.

DID WE ALL FAIL? WE KNOW WE SHOULD HAVE PRAYED AND FASTED MORE – BUT HWA AND OTHERS FASTED DAYS ON END, AND PRAYED ALL NIGHT....

WE HAVE ALL BEEN INDIVIDUALLY GUILTY. WE ARE THE ONES GUILTY OF SIN. THE CHURCH, JUST LIKE DAVID WITH BATHSHEBA, HAS BEEN DOING THINGS THAT WERE WRONG.....**NOW MRS A IS DEAD**.... (HER WORK WAS NOT IN VAIN FOR THE CHURCH)...

Q: WHAT IS THE BIG LESSON FOR THE CHURCH?

A: REPENT, AND HAVE A BELIEF IN THE RESURRECTION HOPE, ETC...

SHE'S ASLEEP NOW. YOU WILL ALL BE SEEING MRS ARMSTRONG AGAIN WITHIN EIGHT TO TEN YEARS.

SHE'LL COME OUT OF THAT GRAVE – EVEN THOUGH A ROUGH ROAD LIES AHEAD OF US...

**SABBATH
APRIL 22**

(BRICKET WOOD SERVICE)

DR ERNEST MARTIN: ANNOUNCED THAT HWA HAD LEFT TUESDAY APRIL 18 FOR THE MIDDLE EAST TO OPEN NEW OFFICES IN NICOSIA AND JERUSALEM. HE MET UP WITH RFMCNAIR & CFHUNTING IN BEIRUT. THEY WILL RETURN IN TIME FOR PASSOVER SERVICE TOMORROW NIGHT (APRIL 23)

HWA HAS WRITTEN A WONDERFUL COWORKER LETTER ABOUT MRS ARMSTRONG - (DUE OUT SOON).

A FERVENT FUNERAL SERVICE WAS HELD (AT THE ALTADENA CEMETERY) FOR MRS ARMSTRONG (ON MONDAY APRIL 17). **ALBERT J PORTUNE** PREACHED THE SERVICE, SAYING JUST THE RIGHT THINGS.

BETWEEN 1500 AND 2000 PERSONS WERE PRESENT....

**NIGHT TO BE REMEMBERED SERVICE: BRICKET WOOD
MONDAY APRIL 24, 1967 (7.30 PM)**

MR. HERBERT ARMSTRONG:

NICE TO BE BACK. SORRY TO BE ALONE, BUT AM NOT GRIEVING (SEE I THESS 4:13-18). IF YOU HAVE GOD'S SPIRIT, YOU DO NOT NEED TO GRIEVE. JUST AS DAVID QUIT GRIEVING WHEN HIS SON DIED.

I PRAYED FOR TWO LONG MONTHS FOR MRS ARMSTRONG. I COULD NOT BELIEVE IT WHEN SHE DIED. PERHAPS MUCH MORE TROUBLE AHEAD THAT SHE HAS BEEN SPARED FROM. THE WORK NOW ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE GREATEST LEAP EVER. THE JORDAN GOVERNMENT HAS OPENED UP ITS ARMS TO US AND HAS GIVEN US EXCLUSIVE USE ON THIS SUPER POWER STATION (RADIO JERUSALEM)....

GOD USED MRS ARMSTRONG'S SUFFERINGS TO GIVE THE CHURCH ALL THE WORLD AROUND ITS BIGGEST SHOCK AND REVIVAL. SHE WILL RECEIVE LIFE AND HEALING IN THE RESURRECTION, HAVING HELPED HWA FOR 50 YEARS (LESS THREE AND A HALF MONTHS).

HWA WILL MISS HER. WE KNOW WHAT SHE MEANT TO HIM. HE'LL NEED EXTRA POWER FROM GOD TO GO ON.

SPIRITUAL REJUVENATION HAS BEGUN WITH HIM. HUNDREDS OF LETTERS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD – PERSONS (EVEN ATHEISTS) WHO PRAYED FOR HER. MRS ARMSTRONG DIED HAPPY THAT SHE HAD BEEN USED....

A JOB STILL TO DO, AND IT ISN'T COMPLETED YET. MRS ARMSTRONG SUFFERED TO BRING A LOT OF US CLOSER TO GOD....

MRS ARMSTRONG WAS BURIED A WEEK AGO TODAY (APRIL 17). HWA, RFMCNAIR AND CFH KEPT THE PASSOVER (APRIL 23) LAST NIGHT LATE – IN THE LODGE ON THE AC GROUNDS AT BRICKET WOOD.....)

**EDWARD SMITH
OCTOBER 20, 2006:**