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## Ministerial Conference Real *SUCCESS!*

*Plans made for world-wide expansion. Another minister ordained. And, at last, local churches to be started in the "Deep South"!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

THEY came by plane, train and automobile. God's ministers from all over America—and some from overseas.

It was a happy occasion. Deep love, joy and spiritual UNITY seemed to pervade the atmosphere as close friends and former roommates and college "buddies"—now the very *ministers of the Living Christ*—joyfully greeted one another as the Ministerial Conference began.

Mr. Raymond McNair and Dr. Benjamin Rea had flown across the Atlantic from England for these conferences. Mr. Gerald Waterhouse and Mr. Tony Hammer had come from Australia.

With these men from overseas gone for years at a time, and with the Feasts even here in America now divided, it was good to see everyone together again. It was *almost* like "old times." But a sober note of urgency reminded us that TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

There *will not be* many more years in which to hold these conferences! World events are *speeding up*. God's work must *move ahead* before it is TOO LATE!

### What Was Discussed?

Vitaly important matters involving the world-wide expansion of God's work were discussed. Future big-space adver-

tising in mass-circulation magazines, foreign broadcasting plans, the over-all organization of God's Church and colleges—these were just some of the major topics covered!

Ideas for improving the Spokesman Clubs, the local Church newspapers, and for improving the *economy and efficiency* of our field ministry were set forth and discussed by God's ministers.

Very inspiring reports were given by the directors of God's work in overseas areas. Mr. Raymond McNair, evangelist in charge of God's work in the British Isles, reported that there are now *over two hundred* people attending the London Church. There are around eighty-five in attendance in Birmingham, seventy in Manchester, and forty in Bristol.

Mr. McNair reminded us—as Mr. Armstrong has announced—that we are going on Radio Luxembourg at 7:00 p.m. twice a week starting April 1. This will be a wonderful *boost* since our time until now has been 11:30 until midnight. Also, a new station on board a ship in the Thames Estuary—called Radio Slough—will soon begin broadcasting *The WORLD TOMORROW* program every night! This should reach the southern third or half of Britain and perhaps later the entire British Isles if the station increases its power as

planned.

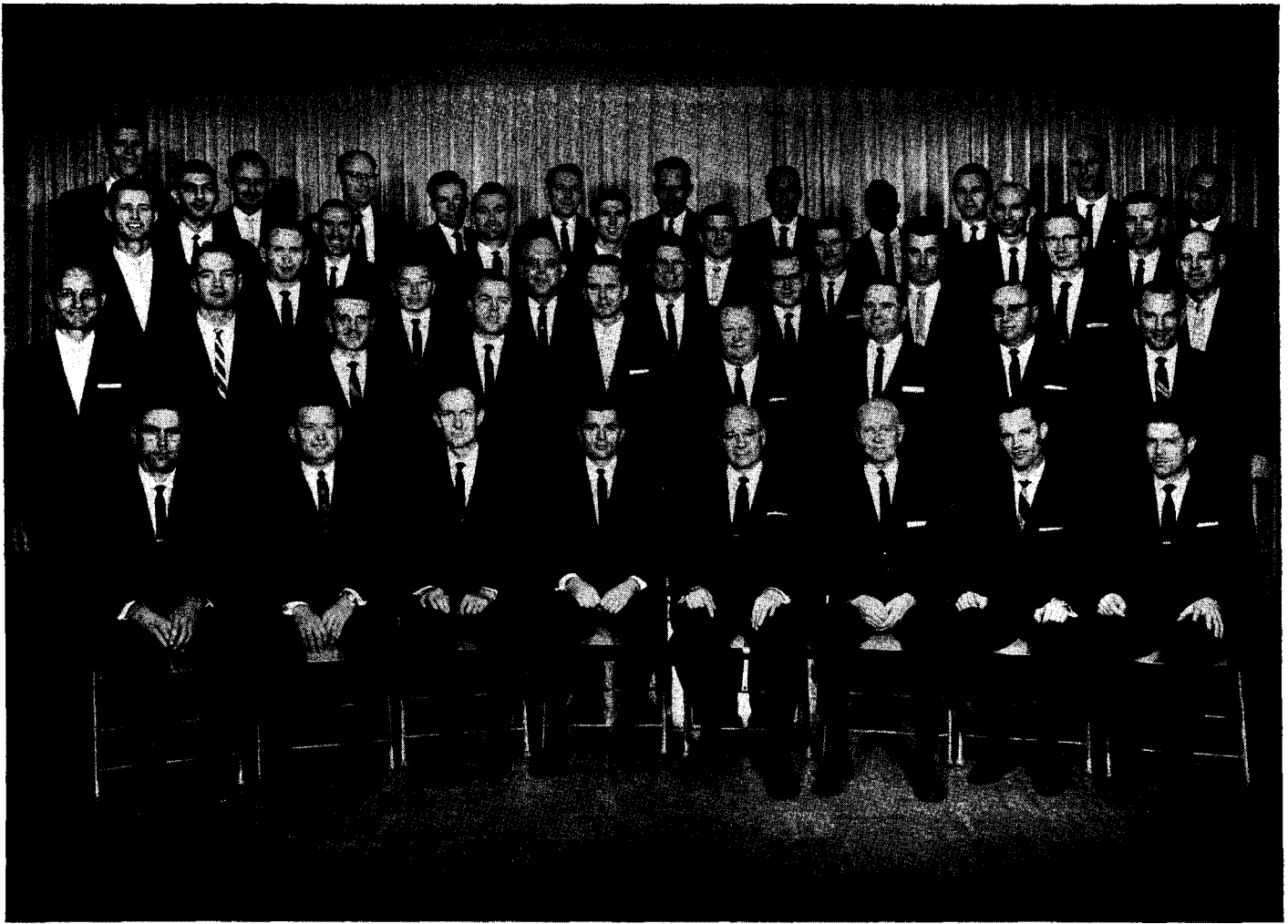
Dr. Benjamin Rea, Principal, or Dean, of the college in Britain, reported that there are now *two* Ambassador Clubs there and that many very good speakers are coming along. He said the college is coming along very well, and that there are about sixty-five enrolled this term.

Reporting on Australia, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse said that there are now about one hundred fifteen in attendance in the Sydney Church. There are fifty-five in regular attendance at the newer church in Melbourne, Australia. And, about fifty now attend a bi-monthly Bible study just recently started in Brisbane.

Mr. Waterhouse reminded us that we are on thirty radio stations in Australia which provide an *excellent* coverage of that continent. There are now 2100 on our mailing list—and it is constantly growing. *The WORLD TOMORROW* is beginning to have a TERRIFIC impact upon the Australian people!

### Report on U. S. Churches

After these overseas reports, Mr. Armstrong called upon the recently appointed *District Superintendents* of each major area in the United States for a  
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MINISTERS WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCE— Seated left to right: Messrs. Norman A. Smith, Raymond C. Cole, Herman L. Hoeh, Garner Ted Armstrong, Herbert W. Armstrong, C. Paul Meredith, Roderick C. Meredith, Raymond F. McNair; Second row left to right: Gerald Waterhouse, Bryce G. Clark, Charles V. Dorothy, Dean C.

Blackwell, Albert J. Portune, Basil Wolverton, Clint C. Zimmerman, Benjamin L. Rea, Kenneth R. Swisher; Third row left to right: R. Carlton Smith, Bill L. McDowell, John David Hammer, Hal W. Baird, Jimmy L. Friddle, George Meeker, Jr., Leslie L. McCullough, Allen D. Manteufel, L. Leroy Neff; Fourth row left to right: David Lee

Antion, Roger Foster, Dale Hampton, Ronald Kelly, David Jon Hill, Carl McNair, Richard Prince, Jr., H. Burk McNair; Top row left to right: Billy Irl Glover, Al Dennis, Selmer Hegvold, Alton Billingsley, Sidney Hegvold, A. Ray Jantzen, James F. Kunz, Harold Jackson, Wilbur A. Berg, Frank McCrady, Lester McColm.

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report on the churches under their jurisdiction. As some of you may know, the direction of the churches in the field has now been placed in the charge of an entire *staff* of men at God's Headquarters in Pasadena as the multitudinous reports, details and correlation of financial expenditures made this decision imperative. To help guide and advise the local ministers in a personal way, *District Superintendents* have now been designated to be in charge over the churches in each major area of the United States.

First to report was the senior Superintendent and evangelist, Mr. Raymond Cole, from Eugene, Oregon. Mr. Cole is Superintendent over all of the churches in the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia. Mr. Cole reported that the

new Bible study now being conducted in Vancouver, British Columbia, already has an attendance of around 50 persons. He said that the attendance of all the churches in his area was constantly growing with about 270 in Seattle, 154 in Tacoma, 340 in Portland, 125 in Salem, and 250 in Eugene.

Mr. Cole voiced the hope that we would be able to establish a church before too many months in the Medford-Grants Pass area, and turn the Bible study in Vancouver into a full church with regular Sabbath services. These plans are certainly something to consider and *pray about*, brethren.

Mr. Dean Blackwell, Superintendent over the churches in the northern Midwest, reported next. He stated that there were now about 100 in attendance in

the Milwaukee Church, 360 in Chicago now that it is divided, 250 in the La Grange Church (formerly attending at Chicago), 250 in the new church in South Bend, Indiana, 220 in St. Louis, 110 in Bloomington, 275 in Kansas City, 225 in Springfield, 120 in Wichita and 50 in Garden City.

Mr. Blackwell certainly indicated that his area was growing also and mentioned several cities where additional churches are *needed* within a few months, *if possible!*

Next, Mr. Carlton Smith reported on the church area over which he is Superintendent, the Northeastern section of the U.S. He stated that the church in Akron, Ohio, now has about 185 in regular attendance, with 350 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and 375 in New York City!

Mr. Smith stated that he was receiving almost 10 letters *a week* from new people in his area asking about attend-



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L. Leroy Neff, Mrs. Lester McCole; Top row left to right: Mrs. Billy Irl Glover, Mrs. Al Dennis, Mrs. Selmer Hegvold, Mrs. Alton Billingsley, Mrs. Sidney Hegvold, Mrs. James F. Kunz, Mrs. Wilbur A. Berg, Mrs. H. Burk McNair. Several of the minister's wives were not available for this picture.

ing one of God's churches! He also stated his desire to start a new church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and it now appears that a church can be started there within the near future! So this area in the northeast is destined to *expand greatly*.

Mr. Ken Swisher, District Superintendent over the churches in the South-central states and Texas, reported constant growth in his area. He stated that the new churches in Little Rock and Memphis had finally stabilized at about 100 members for Little Rock and 113 in attendance at Memphis, the Houston Church now has 230 in attendance, there are 235 people attending in Dallas, 130 in Tulsa, 220 in Oklahoma City, 90 in Corpus Christi, 110 in San Antonio, 120 in Minden, and about 360 attend the Sabbath services held on our own grounds near Gladewater.

### Report on the Negro Brethren and the Member Visiting Tour

After the District Superintendents finished their reports, Mr. Harold Jackson—only Negro elder in God's Church so far—was asked to give a report on his tour last summer visiting our scattered Negro brethren and a summarization of the problems faced by these scattered brethren and those with whom he works in the Chicago and New York churches.

Mr. Jackson reported that he felt his tour last summer was a great success and tremendous help to the Negro brethren. He stated that the current racial tension in the South has hindered many from furthering their education—and this has been a drawback to many in *acting on* the truth they know. In the United States alone, we had approximately 435

in attendance at the Feast of Tabernacles last year, but *scores* of baptized Negro members did not attend because of the lack of zeal, finances and understanding.

Mr. Jackson reported that our two Negro deacons in the Chicago area, Mr. Crim and Mr. Mars, are both doing a very fine job. He stated that 16 Negro brethren in this area are attending a remedial English class which he is conducting. And there is an Epistles of Paul class which he conducts each Friday night with about 22 adult Negro brethren in attendance.

Mr. Clarence Bass, Jr., formerly from the Houston area, has moved to Chicago to assist Mr. Jackson in the work among the Negroes in God's Church there. Many more elders and deacons are needed to properly *feed* our Negro

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brethren. So we should all PRAY very much about this—and REJOICE in the wonderful progress being made so far!

Next, Mr. Carl McNair was called upon to report on the Member Visiting Tour which he and his wife had taken this past fall. They covered the states of Tennessee and Kentucky and visited a total of 147 people in 12 weeks. They took their time in each case, and often returned for an additional visit where extra help seemed necessary or desirable.

Mr. McNair reported that some of our scattered members are doing *very well* but that a goodly portion are simply WEAK and *desperately need* local churches in order to feed them regularly from God's Word. Many are having financial troubles, health problems, and others are simply weak in faith and zeal.

Overall, it certainly appears that in addition to having more local churches, regular *Member Visiting Tours* are a necessary and growing need in God's work today. Many of you scattered brethren reading this should join with us in earnest PRAYER that God would provide the ministers for such churches and such tours. We NEED more dedicated, consecrated, properly trained servants of Christ to do the work that lies before us!

## Foreign Broadcast Reports

During the course of the conferences, we also heard reports on each of the foreign language broadcasts.

Mr. Dibar Apartian, Director and speaker on the French broadcast, spoke first. Mr. Apartian, as many of you know, came to Ambassador College as the Professor of French in 1955. He grew up in Switzerland, and spent many years in France as well. Mr. Apartian was formerly with the United States Embassy in Bern, Switzerland, during the second world war. After the war, he immigrated to the United States and has since become an American citizen, and, more recently, a member of God's Church and a direct *servant* of Jesus Christ.

Mr. Apartian reported that the French broadcast started October 9, 1960, on one tiny station in St. Jerome, Quebec Province, Canada, about 50 miles from Montreal. Then, on April 3, 1961, it started on Radio Luxembourg once a week at 5:40 in the morning. Yet, in spite of these poor times, about 80 letters a week are now coming in from the French broadcast!

On October 3, 1961, we went on

Radio Europe No. 1, but response was not great at first because of not having a *local address*. The French people have to write England, and, of course, writing a foreign country would slow down any great response.

More recently, we went on Radio Martinique for a few months, reaching the entire island of 250,000 population. Yet, in spite of its highly Catholic leaning, the broadcast there brought 20 letters a week of great interest!

We now have many hundreds of people on our French mailing list, 32 booklets and reprint articles have now been translated and printed *in French*, and 12 lessons of the Correspondence Course have been translated and printed. Volume I of the Bible Story is now in print *in French*, and Volume II is now in the process of being translated.

Remember, brethren, that France is *Reuben* in Bible prophecy and was the *firstborn* of Israel. Therefore, God will certainly want us to effectively REACH this nation with His truth before the Great Tribulation begins. So remember to PRAY earnestly for Mr. Apartian, the other dedicated people in the French broadcast, and that God will *bless* and *guide* in getting this message to His people Reuben!

## The German and Spanish Broadcasts

Next, Mr. Herman Hoeh reported on the German broadcast. We started on Radio Luxembourg in German in January, 1960. We average 80 letters a week for each 15-minute broadcast! Mr. Hoeh reported that there is exceptional interest even *behind* the Iron Curtain, although all religious literature is stamped "Anti-Democratic Literature." It is allowed to go through the mails nevertheless.

There is a great deal of interest throughout Europe for such booklets as "Does God Exist?", "Why Were You Born?", and "Why Must Men Suffer?" You can see that the people of Europe have SUFFERED—*especially* the Germans—and that they are interested to really KNOW and *understand* the basic truths of God's existence and purpose here below.

As you should all know, God identifies Germany in the Bible as the descendant of ancient *Assyria*—the nation that originally attacked ancient Israel and will give a REPEAT PERFORMANCE within a few years! So Almighty God certainly intends that modern As-

syria be WARNED of what lies ahead, and that those individuals within Germany who are called will have opportunity to "come out" of that system and serve the Living Christ instead.

Brethren, your PRAYERS should continually back the German broadcast, Mr. Hoeh as the over-all Director of the German work, Mr. Erhard Klammer, the speaker on the German broadcast, and the entire staff. We need to really *reach* Germany with God's message of what lies ahead—and its meaning—*before it is too late!*

Dr. Benjamin Rea was called on to report on the Spanish broadcast. He stated that although the program had been on the air on small South American stations for three or four years the response has been rather small because of the lack of Bibles, education among the people, and even financial ability to write all the way to America or Britain in response to broadcasts. However, there are now over 1000 on our Spanish mailing list, and it is constantly growing.

As in Germany, some of the popular booklets are "Why Were You Born?", "Does God Exist?", and, in these Catholic countries, "Immortality of the Soul?" is also very popular.

Dr. Rea mentioned that as a result of the broadcast one Catholic priest had already renounced the Catholic Church and completely left it! He said that the impact of the broadcast is primarily in the cities where people have radios and that a huge problem in reaching the South American and Spanish peoples with ANY message is their lack of education, and radio and television facilities.

Brethren, you can all see that this is another facet of God's work to remember in your earnest PRAYERS. God is concerned with these people every bit as much as with you and me. Although God may not purpose to call as many of these Gentile peoples at this time, nevertheless they must receive the message of God's Kingdom as a WITNESS. So let's get behind the Spanish work with our interest and our *earnest prayers*.

## Another Minister Ordained

One of the highlights of the entire conference was the ordination—during one of the regular conference meetings—of Mr. Les McCullough to the office of Preaching Elder in God's Church. This took place in one of the meetings when all of the wives were present—so a goodly number of people were there to witness this impressive service.

We had just finished having a photo-

graph taken of all the ministers, and then one of the ministers' wives. Then, as soon as the photographers were out of the room, Mr. Armstrong came to the podium. He remarked with a warm but half-humorous smile that there was one among us in the conferences and in the photograph who was not really a minister! He said: "We're going to have to do something about that!"

Then he called for Mr. Les McCullough and the evangelists to come forward. Immediately, everyone smiled and realized what was going to happen. Then we laid our hands upon Mr. McCullough and, as Mr. Armstrong led in prayer, ordained him as a full minister of Jesus Christ.

To introduce Mr. McCullough to you brethren who may not know him yet, he came to us as a married man older than the normal college age. He had formerly been in business and, among other things, was assistant manager of a Kress store for some time. Becoming vitally interested in The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast and in God's work, he gave up his business career and came to Ambassador College to prepare for service. He and his wife now have three children—two girls and a boy.

Mr. McCullough graduated from Ambassador College last spring, and since that time has been acting as an administrative assistant to Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong and Mr. Albert Portune. Also, he has acted, until recently, as Pastor of the Temple City Church of God. Then, just a few weeks ago, a switch was made and he has now become Pastor of the Santa Barbara Church of God to which he drives and ministers each weekend. Mr. McCullough is a man of many talents, thoroughly dedicated, and a powerful speaker.

All of you brethren should REJOICE with us that God continues to add such men of this caliber to His ministry in these end times!

### Two Unforgettable Evenings!

Two of the social highlights of the conference were the evenings that the ministers and their wives spent at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong.

Mr. Scott is our American advertising representative, placing all United States broadcasting for The WORLD TOMORROW program. He and his wife and family have lived in the Hollywood and Beverly Hills area for many years and now own a beautiful home in Beverly Hills formerly occupied by James Roosevelt—son of former President

Franklin D. Roosevelt.

To add to the enjoyment of the ministers and their wives during the conferences, Mr. and Mrs. Scott graciously invited all of us over to their home one evening for food and fellowship. It was certainly an enjoyable occasion, and the breathtaking view of the sparkling lights of Hollywood and Los Angeles spread out in the valleys below their home was certainly inspiring. Many of us were taken on tours through the home, and several of the ministers gathered around the piano for a song fest led by none other than Mr. Ted Armstrong! As many of you brethren know, he is one person who would about as soon sing as eat!

On the final night of the conferences, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong had all of the ministers and their wives as guests in their home for a buffet dinner. It was a most enjoyable occasion, and after everyone finished eating, Mr. Armstrong personally selected and played for us a number of outstanding recordings in stereophonic sound. Certainly the warmth and fellowship among God's ministers and their wives was heightened during this final evening as all of us realized that we might not be together again in this same way for at least another year—and it might be several years for many who would be sent overseas.

### Final Discussions

Next day, the final conference was held and a number of doctrinal points were covered which will be explained to you brethren in the future by your local ministers or in articles coming in The GOOD NEWS.

During these final meetings, it was definitely decided for Mr. Gerald Waterhouse and Mr. Carn Catherwood to go to the state of Alabama and raise up two churches—one in Birmingham and one in Montgomery, Alabama! This will put two of God's churches in the very center of the Deep South—the only major area in the United States where we have not as yet had local churches. Be sure to PRAY for the success of these new churches, brethren, and REJOICE that God has made this possible!

Also, it was decided that Mr. Carl McNair and his wife—after a brief period in the churches in Little Rock and Memphis—will continue their Member Visiting Tour wherein they visit the scattered members of God's Church throughout the United States. As we have already mentioned—these scattered members without local churches really NEED HELP! It would

be easy for any of us to grow discouraged without regular fellowship. So remember this tour in your *earnest prayers*, and REJOICE again that God is making possible this added help to His children in this age.

As the conferences closed, all of us realized the ringing CHALLENGE to finish this work of God *faithfully to the end*. We may have only ten more years to go!

And, as Mr. Armstrong has stated, *it may NOT be that long!*

Someday, perhaps another book like the book of Acts may be inspired of God to be added to His written Word. A brief record of these conferences may be put in this book like the conference mentioned in Acts 15. The labors of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong up and down the Willamette Valley in Oregon, later throughout the entire United States and finally to the entire world, may be recorded in this book.

Perhaps the faithful *laborers* and *Co-Workers* such as Aquilla and Priscilla in the book of Acts may be mentioned in this book.

Will YOUR name be there? How would such a book describe YOUR contributions to this end-time work of God preparing the way for the second coming of Christ?

Let us *press on*, brethren, and put our whole BEINGS into getting out this message to a dying world! And let us do it with *joy* and *zeal* knowing the blessings we have in being called at this time to a "better resurrection!"

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## Letters to Editor

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been taking the Bible Study Course, and listening to your daily broadcast over WKYB, I have learned that what I thought to be the truth was truly error."

Woman from Paducah, Kentucky

### It Makes Sense

"My husband and I have become very interested in your program on KGO. It makes more sense to us than anything we have heard for a long time. We have gotten so discouraged with man-made movements and silly little negative sermons that both of us gave up going to church and became just a little bitter. But we have gained a new hope and interest now and thank God for your courage and honesty in the way you set forth Gospel truth."

Couple from Redwood City, California