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Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from Pasadena! Even since graduation, things are moving along swiftly here at God's Headquarters. And Mr. Armstrong called from England the other day, and said that things are certainly bustling over there -- with graduation coming this Friday and a number of weddings slated to be held soon after.

Mr. Ted Armstrong and Shirley are now in England and he had gone to the airport to pick up Mr. Ron Kelly on Friday who was returning from the German baptizing tour. Mr. Armstrong said that Mr. Portune and Mr. Blackwell were in Geneva -- I believe it was -- and would be returning soon to the college and be present for the final days of school and for commencement exercises there. Mr. Armstrong stated that everything is simply gorgeous there at Bricket Wood this spring, and the weather has been clear and sunny most of the time recently. After the final events at Bricket Wood, Mr. Armstrong is having Mr. Portune and Mr. Blackwell take a tour through the Middle East where they will see Cairo, Jordan and Petra, Israel and the Holy Land -- plus other highlights in that area. Also, they will see Rome and Athens either on the way over or coming back!

As he stated: "These trips don't come too often." So they are getting to see the really important areas in Europe and the Middle East all in this one trip, and it should certainly be a wonderful experience for them! Let us remember them -- and others who will be traveling -- in our prayers, that they will have God's protection and blessing in having a wonderful and profitable trip in every way.

News comes from Australia that three Local Elders have been ordained there! However, someone forgot to send their names! But we do know -- Mr. McCullough and I feel -- that the number includes Mr. Don Abraham, who now becomes the first elder in God's Church from Australia. So Christ continues to add to the number of ordained servants in His Church and now the number stands at 118!

Also, I believe I forgot to mention in previous letters that during some of the final events at college, Mr. Ted Armstrong announced that Dick Ames had been appointed as Student Body President for the Pasadena campus next year! Also, that John Pruner was appointed as the Student Body President for the new college in Big Sandy next fall! Both of these men are transfer students -- actually graduates of other colleges and are somewhat older and more experienced than our other student leaders. They have both shown a great deal of zeal and ability, and should make fine leaders in God's colleges next year.



Other important and happy news is that we are soon going to be placing ads in "Personality" magazine in South Africa. These will be full-page ads -- being placed once a month -- and should bring a tremendous response, we feel, within six months to a year. The readership of this magazine is estimated at 770,000 and it is the second most highly rated magazine -- for quality, etc. -- in all South Africa next to "Reader's Digest." So this is a real blessing for God's Work and His people there, and should bring increased activity and growth to the area under Mr. Waterhouse's charge. Let us pray that God will truly bless this new "door" He has opened for His Word!

Now for some instructions:

First of all, when writing letters and reports to Headquarters, please be very definite and specific in the information you convey to us. Many of you have sent us information about your assistants taking short trips or baptizing tours, deacons being ordained, or even elders -- as mentioned previously -- and fail to mention who is involved! We do wish to know these things in reviewing the situation in each area, the progress of the men involved, and also in regard to having the proper information for such letters as this and articles in The GOOD NEWS. Also, many of you occasionally send in reports where you will say under the heading "Sermon Topic" -- "Same as in blank city." By the time these reports reach my desk, there may be anywhere from fifty to a hundred and fifty of them to read, and the particular reports from your area are separated by some distance! Therefore, I would have to thumb through thirty or forty reports in the pile to find out what you preached upon on that given Sabbath. Also, you all should realize -- and this is even more important than the former illustration -- that church areas are re-divided from time to time. So the minister coming in would have a very difficult time finding out what you preached upon in "blank city" if he were looking for the various sermon topics in the city in question, but whose reports only refer to the topics preached upon in "blank city."

Therefore, be sure to note in the report of the church involved the sermon topic and any other pertinent information relating to that church.

Mr. Mauck reports that a number of you -- perhaps being unfamiliar with our latest IBM procedures -- have discouraged many members from getting their tithe and offering receipts. This has been done, apparently, in order to "save money" for God's Work on the postage stamps involved in sending out these receipts. However, Mr. Mauck states, with our automatic IBM procedures, it actually requires extra filing, extra handling and extra trouble for the office if these receipts are not sent out as a regular procedure. And, of course, it is really better for most people to have these receipts to help them keep their own records straight and especially for income tax purposes. So, unless there are very important reasons involving extremely belligerent mates, etc. -- please encourage all of your respective congregations to go ahead and have these receipts sent as usual and not to think they are saving the Work money by doing otherwise. Actually, it costs the Work money to set up separate and personal handling of these accounts where the automatic receipt system is not followed.



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Mr. McCullough asked me to inform all of you that the Feast reservations this fall for all of our ministers and elders -- whether they are in the Work full time or not -- will be taken care of automatically from here. The only possible exceptions would be those with extremely large families or special circumstances, and in these cases, you should write to Mr. McCullough and tell him about your needs and he will be glad to assist you in finding proper reservations if you wish. Otherwise, all of you in the ministry will automatically be taken care of in this respect and you need not be concerned about it with personal letters and calls to Mr. McCullough in this regard.

As a result of Mr. Hegvold's article in The GOOD NEWS ("How You Can Help") there have been several inquiries about shipping used clothing from the out-lying areas. In order to properly reply to these queries we need information. As mentioned in the article, some used clothing distribution could be made in your areas provided you have such facilities arranged, or plan to have them arranged in the near future. If you do, it would simplify matters if your deacon in charge could write us giving the address to which people in your district could send used clothing and through which any other special instructions could be given. Such letters and information might best be sent separately from your regular ministerial report forms and marked Used Clothing Department to expedite proper handling.

We cannot instruct people to send used clothing to the various pastors' homes, the only address we now have to give. It would certainly expedite handling and reduce confusion if they could mail them directly to the place where the clothing is to be stored and from which it could be distributed to those in need.

There will be a need to become acquainted with shipping procedures. We suggest that you instruct the deacon in charge to contact "Used Clothing Department" here at Headquarters to ascertain the best way to package and the most economical way to ship used clothing.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated as the letters are stacking up asking about where to send used clothes. We actually have more used clothing here at Headquarters than needed, and it would be far better if much of this clothing could be channeled directly to your local distribution center.

All you ministers be sure, however, that this matter does not take too much time and expense. For it is easy to get sidetracked into little "Salvation Army" types of activities and away from the work of preaching the Gospel. But if some intelligent deacon can be appointed to handle the matter and a local distribution center be established -- perhaps in his home -- then the matter might be handled easily and inexpensively and be of great service to many of the poorer brethren.

Another important matter has recently come to my attention through Dr. Zimmerman which we feel you should be informed of immediately.



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Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong called a meeting of the ministers remaining here at Headquarters during the Days of Unleavened Bread. This involved the need of the Special Services Department to define the Church's position relative to permissible work of a defense nature. The question developed because of a draft registrant working in a military missile program. Mr. Armstrong expressed the decision that no member of the Church should work in any capacity whatsoever on any military installation. ★

It was determined that the same principle applies to an industry which is devoted entirely to military production. Church members are not to work at any job which is integral to the accomplishment of a military purpose. This includes janitorial, gardening and such "fringe" occupations which heretofore may have been winked at. As previously understood, our members may work in plants which produce for both military and civilian purposes providing the products which they make may be used for either purpose and they cannot know to which use their production will go.

The discussion of the military work also brought up the question of whether or not church members should work in hospitals when fulfilling their I-W obligations. Mr. Armstrong said our members should not be engaged in any work which makes them a party to a system which is diametrically opposed to God. It became necessary to revise the SS form letter concerning I-W Program hospital work and we now inform our correspondents that they should NOT work for hospitals in any capacity! This includes janitorial, gardening, etc. Med

In reality, these decisions but confirm our previous stand and extend our view only so as to make us consistent all the way down the line. But some of you ministers -- sincerely following our former understanding, of course -- are continuing to inform these men that they may work for hospitals and are allowing church members to work at military installations in many occasions. This must now be discontinued in order that the practice and policy of God's Church may be consistent in every way. ✓

So, in order to protect the integrity of God's Church before the government, to protect some of the very best years of the lives of our young men, be sure to inform your members of this added understanding and application of God's Word, and advise them to get out of these inconsistent situations as soon as reasonably possible. Pace

One final matter, Mr. Herbert Armstrong asked me to inform all of you not to be looking for the "young single Negro applicants" mentioned in my last letter. He stated that he felt it entirely unwise to go this far, although we may have additional Negro couples come into college as we have already done and, of course, Mr. and Mrs. Atlas are remaining in college next year as planned. He stated that he was going to review the entire matter of intercollegiate competition in basketball or any other sport with Mr. Ted Armstrong very soon, anyway, and so we should be hearing definite information in that regard within a short time.

Let us all pray earnestly, however, that we may have GOD'S wisdom and love in training our young Negro people properly. Perhaps, as we have discussed, it



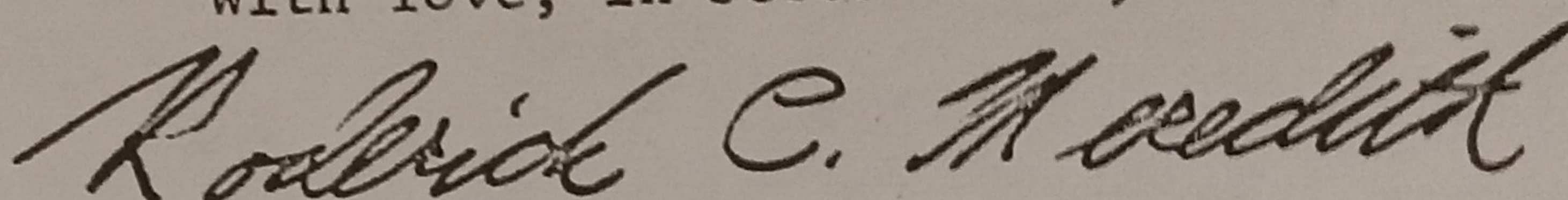
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may be possible to open up a Negro branch college adjacent to the campus at Big Sandy where the already-existing huge acreage could be further employed and the same faculty, at least partly, caused to "double up" by teaching some classes in both institutions. I know that God will lead us in making the right decision in His time in this touchy but important situation.

Everything continues fine here in Pasadena, although the weather has been foggy and gloomy most of the time for the past few weeks. The income for God's Work has held up very well over-all, and the semiannual letter -- which Mr. Armstrong is delaying somewhat in order to complete his sex booklet -- should have a terrific impact next month or in August. We hope all of you continue in good health and that you are "redeeming the time." May God continue to bless and empower each of you in reaping the bountiful spiritual harvest He has granted His servants this summer.

With love, in Jesus' name,



Roderick C. Meredith

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P.S. One final bit of news came to mind which I thought you would like to hear about. Regarding the ministerial assignments for the Americans graduating at Bricket Wood: we plan to send Ron Reedy to Grand Rapids and South Bend to work under Mr. Frank McCrady. Ron McNeil is slated to go to Oklahoma City to work under Mr. David Antion. Don Waterhouse is slated to go to Pittsburgh to work under Mr. Friddle. However, it has been approved for these men to take a tour of the Continent after graduation and then visit their parents for a few days before reporting for these assignments. So they will probably not be coming to their respective areas until around the 20th or 25th of July. But you men involved will be very happy, I know, to know that this help is on the way in the person of Ambassador College graduates who have made the grade!