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Mail Summary and Letter Excerpts

DECEMBER MAIL SUMMARY

The total letter count for the month through the 28th is 333,000. However, this is slightly less than the improvement over letters we had for the same period last December. White Mail has made a poor showing this month with a deficit of 23.3%.

Semi-annual returns have been more encouraging with a 16.3% return to the letter through December 25. This amounted to approximately 176,000 responses. Approximately 90% of these people are asking for both the booklets which were announced.

The special airmail Co-Worker Letter that went out about December 10 has brought in a fairly good response with 24,500 returns. However, this is fewer letters than we received for the comparable letter we sent out last December.

Contributions and property income have run in the red most of the month, but finally pulled into the black on December 24.

The response to the delinquent subscription renewal letter mailed out in November has risen to about 95,000. This is about a 20% return and is very encouraging since this entire list had virtually been written off until we had decided to send the delinquent letter.

LETTER EXCERPTS

Unique Confession

"After listening to your broadcast tonight on Radio "1" at midnight, I feel compelled to write to ask you why you are so different from other 'religious' programmes? Why don't you come on the air at a more sensible hour? You speak with authority, hit hard at one's personal and secret sins. I'm guilty of all the faults mentioned likening one to a talking mirror which told the truth re your faults. e.g., I cheat my neighbour, getting to you I don't know? You speak not only with goods wholesale and tacking on 10% for my trouble; I am too weak to say no to that third drink, plus I drive like I'm devil-possessed when somebody blares their horn in annoyance at my errors... self-justification has been my usual alibi to all others. Why am I writing so frankly to you I don't know. You speak not only with authority, but with a power that defies definition. It's as though Christ himself were using you as His mouthpiece. You claim all your literature is free, including a magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, with no follow-up. Come on now, nobody gives anything away for free. Where is the catch? You'll be like all the rest, I guess. Sounds great at first, but eventually comes your gimmick. I'd love to be wrong and I do like your continued reference that the Bible alone is your sole authority. I've been a member of the S.D.A. Church and their gimmick is tithing, but still they charge for literature. I went through a form of baptism, but since have been more rebellious than before, though now secretly. I feel nothing but contempt now for

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Financial Affairs and Planning

ALBERT J. PORTUNE

Our current income picture, as of Sunday, December 27, is getting brighter. As of that date, we are showing a 5.3 percent increase on mail income and a 5.2 percent increase on total income for the month to date. If these figures continue to climb, we should finish the year with about a 13 percent increase over 1969. Should we not meet this growth, then we will have to scale down our 1971 budget to reflect about a 13 percent increase over a lower figure. Needless to say, this may mean reducing our reserves and cutting back on departmental spending. I am, however, confident that this will not be necessary. Our experience with end-of-the-year mail has always been that of having a sudden rush following the Christmas period. It seems that the Post Office holds up certain classes of mail in order to deliver the dated material.

One area which we have entered into during 1970 has been that of government investments. Rather than letting our excess funds (which have fluctuated throughout the year) sit in the bank, we have been judiciously investing them in Treasury Bills and commercial paper. These investments are considered to be the most stable in the money market, and, during the tight money situation, we were able to take advantage of some very good interest rates. If we didn't make our money work for us, the banks would make it work for them! I am sure you will be happy to hear that by the end of 1970 we should realize enough interest on these investments to more than pay for the interest on the \$1 million loan we made at the crisis period. In effect, this means that the loan cost the Work nothing!

You might be interested to know that the man in charge of our investment portfolio is Mr. Hod Pomeroy. Hod is a young man with considerable experience in the Investment Market, having himself practiced as a broker in Chicago. I am very happy to have him on the team here, giving us the benefit of his sound, balanced and conservative advice. He has paid for his salary many times over.

Another breakthrough in this area, Mr.

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Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Jeff and Geneva Barness: Greetings! It's been really hectic here. Now will sit down and announce the birth of our firstborn, a fine, healthy, 7 lb., 14 oz. girl — 19" long at time of birth. She was born December 2, 1970, at 11:30 p.m. Labor lasted just over 21 hours, with 3 hours plus in the delivery room. What a moment when that little girl breathed and cried her first cry! We can't imagine how we got along without *Becky*. Geneva is doing just fine regaining strength daily. Grandma Barness has been here helping, and more than happy to do so. We've really appreciated that.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

We are happy to announce the recent marriage of Kristina Maria Lukas to Mr. John Karlson. John and Kristina were married Saturday evening, December 26th, in Düsseldorf, Germany. Kristina has been serving as Mr. Frank Schnee's secretary after having graduated from Ambassador College (Pasadena) in June, 1969. Best wishes for a happy and successful marriage, John and Kristina!

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Dear Fellow Ministers:

GREETINGS, in the service of Jesus Christ, our living Director. Mr. Armstrong just arrived (5:45 a.m., yesterday morning) from Japan, and the conclusion of a very successful trip to Europe and Asia.

He talked with Madam Indira Gandhi for the first time, and met a large number of dignitaries in the Indian Government, at all levels, including numerous Maharajah's. This trip, he was able to speak personally with the Premier of Japan, Eisaku Sato. Premier Sato asked Mr. Armstrong to go to Okinawa, as a favor to the Japanese Government, and survey firsthand the conditions there, and report them to the American people. You're all aware, of course, of the current situation, including Nerve Gas, the bases for Vietnam, the Okinawan riots, and the anti-American sentiments. Mr. Armstrong is planning this trip for February -- and will be, no doubt, accompanied by Japanese officials, so the trip will not entail any anti-American demonstrations or problems arising from the visit of a private American citizen.

I will not go into the trip at great length here, since I have only been able to glean the top of the details myself, and I know Mr. Armstrong will want to mention many of these things at the conference, beginning Sunday afternoon, January 17th.

I received approval from Mr. Armstrong for a shorter conference this year, so the dates will be as follows:

Conference begins: Sunday, 2:00 p.m., January 17th

Meetings: Monday, 2:30 p.m. (Morning free for campus tours, visiting, etc.)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,
10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The only social event planned will be the Ministerial Ball, in our own beautiful Student Center, at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday night. Dress will be semi-formal, so wives will not be required to bring formals (difficult to pack, and have ready) and men will not be required to either bring or rent tuxedos. Dark suits or dinner jackets for men, and cocktail and "after five" dresses for the women will be just fine.

We're hoping to have some special chorale and band numbers, some top soloists, and perhaps a good old-fashioned family-type sing-a-long as well as just "dancing." I have noticed, over the years, that very few of the ministers and their wives enjoy dancing all that much (must be our advancing ages??), and usually spend more time visiting, and standing around the sidelines, watching the students dance. So this time, perhaps we can have about 50% as much dancing, and enough of a pleasant entertainment session and sing-a-long that the evening will be not quite so "stuffy," and more enjoyable for everyone.

The lists of who should come in for the conference will appear elsewhere in the Bulletin.

As I have tried to stress, in years past, the college mid-term vacations and the Ministerial Conference are two separate events, even though usually the conference is always during the time of the break, for obvious reasons. However, there has always been a problem with too many social events, and a feeling of being "required" to attend all of them, making the conference entirely too "social" in nature, and not enough spiritual. As I explained last year, the college inter-collegiate (Big Sandy and Pasadena) basketball, tennis, track and cross-country tournaments are strictly COLLEGE events, as a part of the under graduate sports program. Ministers are welcome, and asked if they would like to attend such basketball games, or watch the tennis tournament, etc., but they are not REQUIRED to attend.

This year, however, the games will not even begin until two days after the conference is over, so there will be no conflict whatever. The basketball games will be Saturday night, January 23rd, and Monday night, January 25th. Perhaps some few ministers from overseas or one or two District Superintendents who have arranged to stay away longer may wish to remain for the games, but the bulk of the ministers will already have returned to their pastorates.

This means only ONE NIGHT during the five days of conference will be taken up with a social event, leaving all other nights free for smaller gatherings, dinners, meetings, or whatever.

I hope the conference this year will prove to be the "best ever" in every way -- in spirit, attitude; in harmony and love; physically (no colds!??) and socially. I hope Mr. Armstrong can take sufficient time to explain and expound thoroughly some very important new truths concerning the very nature of man, and that we can all benefit from coming to understand more thoroughly than ever the overall purposes in God's plan; the mission to God's Church during these last moments of man's government; the overall perspective of prophecy and the future before us; lessons on conversion, true spirituality, character, GROWTH in

spiritual maturity, and, hopefully, we can all receive a good solid chunk of personal CORRECTION and leave the conference inspired as never before. We should all be PRAYING for this conference; that God will inspire everything that is said and done -- praying IN ADVANCE, and then come expecting God's answer! The work is really growing BIG, now. Greater than any of us really comprehend. We all know these contacts with WORLD LEADERS of GREAT nations, with populations DOUBLE that of the United States are going to mean significant new steps for God's work in the months ahead. Some such steps are already known -- but I'll wait for Mr. Armstrong to explain them. Others can only be hazarded at this time. Wouldn't it be a fantastic thing if great leaders, at the very time when final disruptions between their countries (Japan, for instance) and the United States, led to a full breakdown in diplomatic relations (trade war is even now heating up) were to tell the United States President PERSONALLY of a man in this country WHO DOES KNOW THE ANSWERS -- WHO OUGHT TO BE HEARD BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE?? Maybe that's just speculation -- but then, living in times such as these, perhaps we're allowed a little speculation now and then.

As the work grows, Satan grows angrier. Persecutions, vilifications, accusations, desertions and defections, perversions and every assorted form of evil in between seem to increase. The never-ending flow of articles and booklets AGAINST this work continue, with the always prevalent "talk" shows on radio and TV which continue to pick away. Don't forget the Rohan's of the world, and remember, there could always be some nut somewhere who, while we may have never heard of him, could perpetrate some diabolical act in an attempt to fulfill some "prophecy" or other, or satisfy some urge for personal spiritual recognition, and once again cause this work to be front page news in the big newspapers in the country. We need to be PRAYING for God's Supernatural protection; ESPECIALLY when we are being granted such grace and favor, and DOORS ARE BEING OPENED in such high places in many, many countries.

King Leopold accompanied Mr. Armstrong as his guest as far as Djakarta, by the way, and I know you all realize what a powerful incentive this is for opening doors to president's and premier's offices! Incidentally, when Princess Liliane was here, she said, "Ted, if there is any official in Europe you wish to meet, or to interview, just let me know -- I can get him for you -- I have the proper connections." Her influence already led to an interview with the Minister for Information, Tourism and Immigration (the second most powerful post in the government) of Rhodesia, and an iron-clad promise for an interview with Ian Smith hopefully next Spring.

Also interestingly, at least, was the recent announcement of

the impending visit (probably now underway as you read this) of Senator Muskie to MUNICH (and who would he possibly be seeing there?), to ISRAEL, and to EGYPT, plus another unspecified country. As did Richard Nixon, Senator Muskie is taking a pre-campaign "fact-finding" tour to increase his stock-in-trade as a knowledgeable person in the foreign areas, hopeful of the Presidency in 1972. You all know I met Senator Muskie personally, and flew him in our own Falcon from Boston to Washington, D.C., during last year's AAAS meetings in Boston. I think you also know the man from Munich was our guest, and I have interviewed him on two occasions.

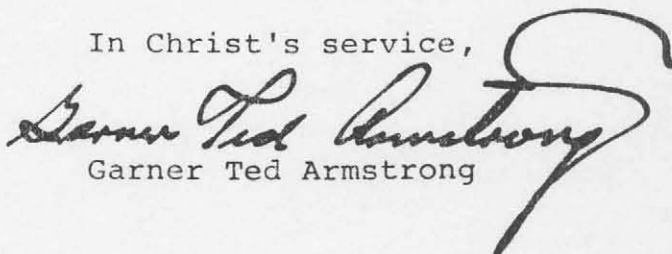
You never know who the next President will be (maybe even Ted Kennedy?), but you DO know God will SOMEHOW SEE TO IT that HIS WARNING MESSAGE goes out in sufficient time so His people Israel can never say they weren't told! Still, I'm only speculating -- wondering.

The PLAIN TRUTH is out, and the January number "put to bed" with the February copy all in but my article (about finished) and the Personal so we're about right on schedule, now.

The December income was down a good bit, but I'll leave that for Mr. Portune's part in the Bulletin, and the overview of the financial picture.

Well, this will be the last Bulletin, no doubt, before the conference so stay right on the firing line, and TALK UP the conference to the brethren -- make them realize the MOST IMPORTANT MEETINGS FOR EARTH'S FUTURE are taking place, that God's own Ministerial Conference is FAR more important than meetings between heads of state, and THAT IT HAS FAR MORE TO DO WITH THE VERY FUTURE OF MANKIND! Get them thinking and PRAYING about the conference, and God's WORK He is doing through His Headquarters! See you soon!

In Christ's service,


Garner Ted Armstrong

Church Administration

RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings once again! We are still having beautiful weather here in Pasadena and everyone is well except for Mr. Sid Cloud.

Soon after Mr. Ted Armstrong finished his letter for the Bulletin this morning and began preparing for the broadcast and other activities, news came that Mr. Cloud had just died. So I have been asked to include this news in my letter. We, of course, were very saddened to hear this and will miss Mr. Cloud *very much* in the months or years we may have left to finish this work.

But one thing is for certain. Mr. Cloud died — under the circumstances — in the best way possible. That is, he had been working *very hard* reorganizing the entire press complex here, putting in overtime, getting better acquainted with and encouraging the men, etc., when this happened. So he died in the *service* of Jesus Christ. And God has not chosen to heal him *yet*, but his reward at least is sure and for that we can be most thankful.

The funeral will take place yet this week, but I do not as yet know what the arrangements are. I understand he is to be buried up in Placerville, California, near where he grew up. So it may be that the graveside service will not be attended by all of the college people because of this request. The main thing we can do is to *press on* in God's Work, of course, and to pray for and in any proper manner help Mr. Cloud's daughter and relatives — some of whom are in the Church. I am sure this has been a special shock to them and they certainly need our prayers and encouragement.

As Mr. Ted Armstrong said, the Ministerial Conference this year will be smaller and shorter. Because this was the year for a smaller conference anyway — as we have been alternating big and small conferences year by year — and because the budget is exceedingly tight, we are going to have *very few* field men come in this year.

Here is the list for the U. S. A. field ministry:

All Evangelists and District Superintendents will come. A number will come from the Big

Sandy campus to expedite special departmental and intercollege cooperation: Mr. Les McCullough (of course), Mr. Ron Kelly, Mr. Leroy Neff, Mr. Dick Ames, Mr. Ben Chapman, Dr. Charles Dorothy, Mr. Bill McDowell, Mr. Sid Hegvold and Mr. Dale Schurter.

Other *special cases* we thought it important to bring in from the field this year include Mr. John Cheetham, Mr. Guy Engelbart, Mr. Vernon Hargrove, Mr. Harold Jackson, Mr. George Kemnitz, Mr. Otto Lochner, Mr. Edwin Marrs, Mr. Greg Sargent, Mr. Walter Sharp, Mr. Edward Smith and Mr. Jimmy Young.

A note of special interest is that Mr. Art Mokarow and Mr. Jimmy Young will be coming in to *remain* for a "refresher" course and be our visiting ministers for the second semester this year! This, by the way, will be the *renewal* of our practice of bringing in even District Superintendents from time to time as we have Messrs. Dean Blackwell and Bryce Clark in the past, and we plan to *continue* this practice on a more regular basis in the semesters to come.

Replacing Mr. Art Mokarow as District Superintendent for the Detroit area will be Mr. Edward Smith, currently of Cincinnati! We have known for sometime that Mr. Smith was a "comer" and are happy to announce this fine opportunity and responsibility for him. Replacing Mr. Smith and one or two other changes involved will be announced in the next Bulletin.

That is all the special news I have at this time, so now for some INSTRUCTIONS:

In view of increasing persecution, newspaper articles, legal suits and the general need to upgrade our public "image," we need to be *much more careful* in the future about many things we say before outsiders! We, as ministers, and our Elders, Spokesman Club men and even members often talk *VERY CARELESSLY* before outsiders in restaurants where we can be heard, in Spokesman Club meetings with all kinds of unconverted waiters and outside employees walking to and fro, etc.

We recognized this here at Pasadena some years ago, and have been working on it. But — from reports I receive — many in the Field apparently have not realized this as a potentially *SERIOUS* problem.

Let me explain.

Often, in the past, I would be terribly embarrassed in public restaurants in the presence of some of our ministers or Elders during a luncheon conversation. We would be talking about various aspects of God's Work — often even

having a business lunch to discuss church and college-related problems.

Some of the waitresses already *knew* we were from Ambassador College. But much more than that, some of our ministers — being public speakers with “big” voices — would enthusiastically get to talking about difficult divorce cases they wanted to go over involving “FORNICATION” or “ADULTERY” or someone who was a “HOMOSEXUAL” — all said in a rather LOUD voice as my caps are intended to indicate! The diners in neighboring booths would quiet down noticeably, begin to look our way with curious or disgusted looks, and “take it all in.” It would not take too many repetitions of this sort of thing before they would connect us and our “strange” religious talk with Ambassador College or “Armstrong’s church,” or some related name they might put on our organization.

Obviously, this was the WORST POSSIBLE type of public relations.

I realize that this type of thing would be much more possible and identifiable here in Pasadena where there are so many of us, and we are better known. However, I also know that — as our Work grows — many of you in larger areas do get together to talk over similar matters and I have *personally* (plus hearing about it) observed that this type of thing occasionally occurs even out in the Field ministry.

The answer? With very few exceptions this type of conversation should be reserved for your office or while riding in an automobile with other ministers or carried on in some similar place — NOT in public.

Also, fellows, some of *you* have told *me* — including Mr. Gary Arvidson in a very fine sermonette at Jekyll Island this Fall — that your Spokesman Club men often make the same kind of mistake especially during their combined meetings, ladies’ nights, and similar occasions when they will tend to have outsiders in their meeting rooms to a greater extent than usual. You should instruct them to *guard their tongues* at these occasions!

Mr. Arvidson pointed out that in a meeting where his unconverted father was present — and the men had even been *notified in advance* — they brought up everything from the evils of Catholicism, Protestantism, Christmas, Easter, leavened bread to discussions about the carnal mind and the unforgivable sin — ALL IN ONE EVENING! This, of course, would be amusing if it were not so pathetic.

But it is also potentially DANGEROUS. So I want to ask *everyone* of you to have a special talk with your Spokesman Club members at the earliest opportunity — or perhaps even speak to them as part of an entire *sermon* on the use of the tongue for the *whole* congregation. Give them definite points and guidelines about what subjects *simply need* NOT be brought up in a Spokesman Club meeting — *especially* if it is exposed to outsiders!

In any case, do cover the principle of what I have been saying for *all the brethren* in a general and positive way regarding the proper use of our tongue so as not to mislead, confuse, or offend others. Even here, you will have to watch *your* tongue — as there may be unconverted people sitting in your congregation or outside reporters sitting ready to accuse you if your emphasis is on “*hiding*” any of the truth from the outside world.

Since we are spending some forty million dollars per year in disseminating this truth to the outside world, such an accusation is pretty ridiculous! Yet, of course, we are *commanded* to give the milk to the babes and reserve the stronger meat for those of full age. And we are given many other principles telling us to be *careful* what we say, when and to whom.

So let us all, as a ministry, be *much more careful* to analyze what we and our congregations are discussing in front of others, and to OBEY these instructions from God’s Word!

Now another IMPORTANT point! *Many* complaint letters are coming in from prospective members saying they have written in *many weeks ago*, but have NOT YET been visited! Some PMs — as we call them — are writing in for the *fourth time* asking us if we will PLEASE get a minister out to visit them! Under our present policy of curtailing *all* general visits except when requested, etc., this seems almost *inexcusable*!

So *please*, fellows, — those of you to whom this applies — start *organizing yourselves* and HUSTLING for a while to get these PM visits caught up.

This is VITAL to the Work! For these PMs are not only the source of future members, but of additional *tithe payers* if properly worked with and carefully nurtured. Or, of antagonistic *critics* if we show a callous disregard for their interest and for the contributions most of them are probably *already* sending in!

So without belaboring the point, let me say that these *must be caught up* as the order of

FIRST priority! All of you pastors of churches who are behind in your PM visits should cancel *all* but emergency visits for a while in order to get to these PMs. Either cancel or have your Local Elders take your Spokesman Clubs for a while if need be, and HUSTLE to get these caught up!

Finally, all of us here would like to express our *thanks* to many of you who are making every effort to save money on hall rental and other expenses in right balance! We *appreciate* your interest and concern in holding the line because of the tight budgetary restrictions at this time. By carefully searching out a better deal and changing halls, one minister was able to save over \$2,000 during the coming year on one local hall rental!

So *thanks*, fellows, and *keep it up* and hustle to get out on those prospective-member visits in like manner.

Your brother in Christ,

Robert C. Meredith

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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Pomeroy recently informed me, is that we are now big enough to be able to take an interest in the Federal Fund Market. Thousands of banks all over the country are interconnected by bank telegraph wires over which billions are transferred back and forth daily. Some banks have a short-term need of funds for overnight reserve requirements, while other banks have excess reserves. Strictly based on supply and demand, the interest rate for these funds fluctuates continually during the day. With the cooperation of our banks, we are able to take advantage of this market so that every dollar in our current account is working while we are asleep. Next to cash, this is the safest and most liquid investment in existence. It is also a measure of our sophistication that the banks would allow us to participate in such a program, and, under Mr. Pomeroy's supervision, we really are doing everything we can to appreciate God's money.

One final thing I think I should mention to you in closing is that we will be adding a new press during 1971. With the freeway taking our original press building, it has been found necessary to dismantle the old four-color Miehle Web and relocate it. It has been discovered, however, that the Miehle is now in need of a major

overhaul, and for the amount of money we would have to invest in it, together with the moving costs, we could sell it and raise enough money to buy a brand-new four-color Web Press. The decision was made after many weeks of study, consideration and examination of our budget and the projected needs during 1971. We are hoping that this new press will be installed and running by August or September.

With the death of Mr. Cloud, some administrative changes have had to be made in the Press, but please be assured that God has filled the great gap which Mr. Cloud left, and many of his dreams and plans will be implemented in the following year. Mr. Cloud will be sorely missed by all of us and especially by those men of the Press who had come to deeply respect and love him.

I would certainly appreciate your prayers in our responsibilities in this very important area, especially considering the increased activity that will be taking place during 1971 and the normal growth of the Work.

JIFFY BAGS

Two sizes of Jiffy bags for use in sending tithes and offerings to headquarters are now available from Pasadena. The two sizes are: #3 (8½" x 14½") and #5 (10½" x 16"). To request these bags, use the "Miscellaneous Request" section on the Ministerial Supply Request form. Be sure to specify the size of bags you need.

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the farce of being subjected to all that emotional drivel. I wonder if you can answer all my problems and weaknesses? . . . Without investigation, your message stands out like a sore thumb in today's hypocritical world. You want converts to give their hearts to the Lord? Then count me out! I've pattered up the isle in emotional frenzy to fall flat on my face when I came back to earth and had to live — just far too often to be fooled again. There is a future for the obedient, but just how does one get the strength to be obedient and give up being a buddy to the world?"

— L. E. M., Onehunga, Auckland

"Profits and Progress?"

"I just put a side of beef in my freezer a few days ago. Now after reading the article 'The

Meat You Eat' in the October-November issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, I do not know what to do with it. I think too much of my dog to feed it to her. Dare I don a gas mask and go outdoors to chew on the bark on trees in our yard, or should I stay indoors and eat the piano legs? What with DDT, LSD, XYZ, and all that there kind of stuff we are being fed, maybe they are better off in India to just starve to death naturally than to be poisoned to death as we are while paying from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per pound for the stuff, with the price increasing daily. It was fit and safe to eat when we were paying pennies per pound for it. But I guess anything goes as long as a little more life's blood can be squeezed from the consumer. Profits and Progress, yech!"

— Thomas G. F.,
Granada Hills, California

Magazine a "Freak-out"?

"My friends and I really freak-out on your magazine. It's too much. We get off everytime we read it. I recently attended an underground racial meeting and turned everyone there on to your magazine, too. Keep up the good work. Could you please send me your booklet on those weirdos — hippies — and on the marijuana plant. I would put them to good use."

— Brad M.,
Summerland, California

"Will I Live to See 30?"

"I'm 15, white and a male who wants to live healthy instead of wondering if I will live to see 30. I doubt it! Anyway, I figure I should try to do my part in looking out for the unborn generation — like helping them to be born. I try to make plans of my house that I plan on building and giving my chick and kids a happy life, but after finding out how bad this pollution is, I don't think I should even worry about anything any more. Sometimes I feel as if I should quit school and just live my 15 years left up. Maybe this book *Our Polluted Planet* can give me some ideas and some spirit. I wanna help, but the only thing I do in polluting the air is smoke. I know how to stop that. Maybe this book can tell me some way to help other people stop their polluting. If it can't, at least I want to know what killed me."

— G. G., Richmond, Virginia

Let the World Blow Up!

"Please cancel my subscription. Some of your articles I found interesting, but I was disgusted by those directed at children and young people. Your ideas on education are closer to indoctrination, your ideas on freedom warped beyond recognition (be free as long as you agree with society), your so-called *New Facts About Marijuana* is little more than personal and bigoted opinion, and very screwed up at that. I could go on and on, but I think you will have gotten my message by now. May a war wipe out the entire planet if it's going to end up the way you want it."

— M. P., Derry, N. Ireland

"I am 14 years of age and scared of what is to become of me. I really enjoyed the TV program which was presented on Saturday on what the hippies think of life. It really got me thinking about what I'll be. I have a boyfriend who is 17 years of age and smokes grass. He's lost his job and looking for a new one. He's been kicked out of school and I'm really worried that if he gets me alone I might find myself in trouble. Is it boys like this that join these groups of so-called hippies? And is it girls like me that get caught or forced into it?"

— C. W., Salt Lake City, Utah

Saved From Drugs

"I am a young teen-ager of eighteen and very interested about what is happening to the young generation. I have never touched drugs, but I must admit, like being — as we young kids say, 'with-it-man,' have wanted to try them. Since I have read this book *New Facts About Marijuana*, my ideas and feelings have completely changed."

— Miss S. S.,
Mangere Central, Auckland

Draft Dodger

"Man you are hip! I am a draft dodger and I know that you are telling one side of the story. Africa is the richest continent on this earth and it is imperialist agents like you who are responsible for the backwardness of Africa and South America. To hear you praising the wealth and not the poverty, starvation, ghettos and insanity that exists makes me sick, man. We are happy with Pot and we don't deprive people

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MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

The 1971 Ministerial Conference will be an exciting time for twenty-five ministers serving in the F.E.S. Coming from all points around the world will be: AUSTRALIA — Cole, Hughes, Page; CANADA — Wilson, White, Pinelli, Antion, Patrickson, Menassas; ENGLAND — McNair, Hunting, Boraker, McCarthy, Jones, Morton; FRANCE — Bourdin; GERMANY — Karlson; JERUSALEM — Frankel; NEW ZEALAND — Marshall; PHILIPPINES — Adair; SOUTH AFRICA — Fahey, Van Belkum; MEXICO — Ruiz; CHILE — Flores; WEST INDIES — Bass.

These men have already been notified personally, but we thought we'd include all the names so that the rest of you might know whom to expect to see from overseas this year.

THE SPANISH WORK

Here's a telex report we just received from Mr. Robert Flores with good news!

Great success in Argentina-Uruguay trip! Eleven present for Paysandou meetings. An entire family of six there, one from Buenos Aires, one from Bahia Blanca and Nelly Anderson (Argentina) and one from Temuco (Chile) to be baptized soon. Have been counseled. Met for three days in Bahia Blanca. One group of about 18 in Bahia Blanca and one of about 15 in San Adolfo Colony (you will have to look that one up on the map) are definitely out of the Israelitish group and are now under our supervision. One man from each group has been left there in charge. Bible studies are to be held each Sabbath studying our literature and nothing else.

BARBADOS

Mr. Rufus Turner writes regarding the Feast of Tabernacles in Barbados:

Greetings from New York!

My family and I would like to express sincere appreciation and gratitude for the opportunity, and the blessing of being chosen to go to Barbados for the Feast. It was truly the greatest "Feast experience" that we have

ever had. We sincerely hope that the brethren there received half as much as we did.

The entire trip to the Feast and back was most enjoyable, and the living quarters were just grand as was the weather.

The services went very well, and the congregation, which averaged better than 300 per meeting, seemed very intelligent, alert, and was truly inspiring. The pianist, Mr. Nieves, and Mr. and Mrs. Challenger flew down with us and did a splendid job transmitting their wholehearted enthusiasm to the rest of the congregation. They were most cooperative, and talented.

We baptized three at the Feast in Barbados, including one lady from Bermuda, and then when we visited Bermuda on the return trip, we were met at the airport by a sizable group, and there was no getting around it. Seven more were baptized, after counseling. This reaction was somewhat expected, since the grapevine is what it is, and in talking to Mr. Bass about the possibility of such a situation, he felt that it would be inevitable. They have waited quite a while, and a number flew to New York previously, and were baptized here.

There were many others in Bermuda who wanted counseling and baptism, but we were too pressed for time, therefore the only ones that we saw were those who presented themselves.

The flight back to New York was just over one hour and fifty minutes or so. It takes me longer than that to get home during the rush hour from New York City.

Once again, thanks for the wonderful opportunity. If any thing comes up in the future, and you feel that I can be used, it will be considered an honor and a privilege. To think that it was in the line of duty and also serving others makes words just a little inadequate.

THE PHILIPPINES

The following letter was received from Mr. Colin Adair in the Philippines:

Well, our long-awaited Sabbath is over! And what a day it was. Mr. Armstrong flew into Manila last Friday evening especially to speak to the church. We were all the more thankful for his visit, because he had been a little ill in India and those around him were trying to have him postpone, or rather

cancel, his visit here. But Mr. Armstrong said he had disappointed the brethren once before and he was not going to disappoint them again!

We had 609 in attendance, more than we had at the Feast of Tabernacles! We would have had this figure at the Feast, but as you already know, many were prevented from coming by the typhoon. For Mr. Armstrong's visit, many brethren had traveled from the Islands and other provinces. Some had been traveling for two solid days. They came by bus, train, plane, and ship.

Needless to say, they gave Mr. Armstrong a rousing reception. As he walked into the hall, they started to applaud and you could feel the excitement in the air.

Mr. Armstrong spoke for almost two hours, giving details of his trips and the purpose for them, and also pointing out the job each of us has in the Work and getting our minds on the goal. After the service was over, we presented him with a gift of a round revolving table top, which sits on a dining table. It was manufactured from four different types of wood native to the Philippines, and polished. I'm sure he will show it to you. I thought it was a very nice present, and Mr. Armstrong seemed very pleased with it.

After the presentation, he was almost swamped by the brethren all trying to shake his hand, and finally we had to make a passageway for him so he could escape! On the way into the hall, he asked me if he had to shake hands with over 500 people — joking! But he almost did just that! He was very impressed with the welcome he received, and was glad he had come. He said to me, "You have a very fine church here!"

Mr. Armstrong and party left at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning. It was quite wet, but it lifted a little when they were about to take off. Mrs. Rader and Mrs. Gott were able to join them here in Manila and continue with them on the trip.

We have been having a good number of letters lately. Since the cutbacks, the mail had been steadily declining until by August it had reached the 1000 mark. It kept dropping until we were receiving regularly 600 to 800 weekly. But just this last week it came up again to over the 1000 mark, so we hope it keeps up.

I think that is all the news for this week. Looking forward to hearing from you re my last letters.

LETTER EXCERPTS

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of a livelihood. Jesus would follow us before you as He knows that we are not hypocrites."

— Pot-Smoker,
Montreal, Quebec

Women's Lib

"I hear a lot about 'Women's Liberation.' I'd like to take this time to give my opinion, if you don't mind. I think the woman's place is in the home and so does my husband. He doesn't want me to work outside the home unless something happens to him and I have to. Women should be satisfied to be loved, and respected by their husbands. They will be too, but not if she gets out and makes a spectacle of herself. Our whole existence is built around the men of the world. If it weren't for men we wouldn't be here today. Since the beginning of time, men have been fighting and dying for their women. There are men in Vietnam right now (including my brother) fighting to protect America and the American people. That includes the women who are getting out on the streets protesting and turning against their men. I'm not defending all men, but if it weren't for some brave men our nation might not be free today. If the women of the 'Liberation Movement' want men's jobs, and men's positions, why not treat them like men? They are trying to take men's places in society. Why not let them take their place in Vietnam? If that's the way it is, why not draft women? I believe as you do that communism has a lot to do with this movement, trying to break up American homes. I'm a Christian and I believe in God and His great power. He made man first. The only reason he made a woman was to keep man company, care for him and bear him children. I also think that was God's way of telling us man should be the Master of the home. It's always been that way, so why change it now?"

— Jane W.,
Andrews, North Carolina

Marriage Saved

"I married young and my marriage was almost on the rocks. Only *La PURA VERDAD* and the booklet *Your Marriage Can Be Happy* saved my home. Today, above all else, I thank God that He put this material in my hands. I want to learn much, much more of the teachings of our Saviour, and you are the only ones who can help me. Please send me your correspondence course, and I will be thankful to both God and to you. I want to drink deeply of all that you have published."

— Carlos A. M. A.,
Managua, Nicaragua