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Mail Summary and Letter Excerpts

FEBRUARY — APRIL MAIL SUMMARY

The white mail for February came to a total of 84,837 letters. In March we received 85,024. For the time period February 1-April 23 we have received 212,471 white letters as compared to 182,459 last year for the same period (an increase of 16.4%).

Total mail for February and March was 192,678, and 195,833 respectively. Since February 1, 530,976 letters have been received, compared to 728,533 letters last year. This accounts for the -27.1% decrease in total mail for this period.

Income for February was 11.2% over last year, and March saw a 6.9% increase. April, for the most part, has been running in the red and has brought the increase for the period since February 1 down to 1.2%.

The mail picture for April specifically has been rather poor compared to April, 1970. We are falling way short in money and letters. Last year at this time, we were receiving returns from a large renewal group which inflated the letter count. In addition, we received a good response to the special member letter that went out asking for special donations. As the month draws to an end, it appears the very best we can do is break even with last April when we include the Holy Day offering count. However, this does not

take into consideration the special offerings that were received last year.

The two areas that have improved over last year are white mail and the Building Fund. We show more than a 50% increase in white mail. This is in contrast to a 50% decrease in overall letters. The semi-annual letter is ready to be mailed out which should help the letter count considerably for the month of May and will, we hope, improve the money count as well.

LETTER EXCERPTS

I try to catch Garner Ted Armstrong's telecast on KOIN and talks on radio KILQ as often as possible. Like the mouthwash ad says, "I hate it, but I use it," in hopes that the end result will be to the good. Somebody better steer us in the right direction or our free and open society is headed for disaster.

— A. V., Portland, Oregon

Hard Core Read PT

It's interesting to note that in this prison even the so-called hardest "hard core" convict waits in line with others to read your PLAIN TRUTH magazine. It's passed on and is in demand just as much as *Time* or *Life* magazine. In a 'jungle' environment such as this, it is usually the rule that unless a magazine has some type of sexual attraction it is soon destroyed or simply thrown away. Not so with your magazine, which only goes to prove what a fantastically interesting book it is to survive this "Iron Jungle."

— Mr. A. C.,

Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

Quality Publications

My very sincere thanks for the regular receipt

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Brent and Jeanne Curtis (Miami): Greetings! At 10:00 p.m., Saturday, April 3rd., *David John* was born. He weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz. Mother, baby, and father are all well and elated!

Fred and Beverly Davis (Pasadena-Bakersfield): We would like to announce the birth of our second child, a baby boy, born on April 1, 1971. His name is *Preston Wayne*, and he weighed in at 6 lbs., 11 oz. Length was 20 inches.

Roy and Pauline Demarest (Cape Girardeau-Evansville): Greetings! We are elated to inform you of the birth of our second son, *Chad David*. He was born March 6th and came so fast that his dad had to deliver him. Pauline started having slight labor pains at about 6 p.m. and we thought we had a lot of time. At about 7:15 she had her first real bearing down pain; by 7:30 the baby was born. There wasn't even time to call the doctor until after he was born. I guess the doctor will charge us the full price regardless. Everyone in the Demarest family is faring remarkably well — even dad!

• *In your excitement, dad, you forgot to give us the vital statistics! — Editor.*

Ozzie and Tina Engelbart (Dallas): We now have a perfectly balanced family — a girl and a boy. However, the latest arrival was born under very unusual circumstances — and in an unusual place. My wife's labor started on March 2nd at 3 a.m. By 2 p.m. the following afternoon, after hours of hard, hard pushing, the baby still was not born. The doctor said Tina's birth canal was very narrow. He also said the baby was in a posterior position (face up), and the possibilities for it turning into the proper position for birth were slim and none. He wanted us to go to the hospital to take an X-ray and see which it would be — a Caesarian section or a very dangerous type of forceps delivery. He told us he felt the baby

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ANointed CLOTHS

We have noted here at H.Q. that several church members write in every day requesting anointed cloths. Please announce that members should avail themselves of the local minister for this service, rather than writing to H.Q. — that's one reason he's there!

CHURCH LIBRARIES — CLARIFICATION

A number have asked if recent announcements in the Bulletin regarding the deletion of our literature included Dr. Hoeh's Compendium I and II and the ENVOY. These definitely are *exceptions* to the rule. The two volumes of the Compendium are bound books which look like other ordinary purchased volumes you might have on your library shelves, and the ENVOY is often used by Mr. Armstrong to acquaint people in the world with Ambassador College and its worldwide Extension Program. However, it would be advisable to have only the *latest* edition of the ENVOY on hand in your library.

SONG BOOKS

For quite some time Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has wanted to publish a new, beautiful, thick Church Hymnal which would include literally dozens of lovely psalms newly set to music by his brother, Dwight. As you'll recall, he mentioned during the Ministerial Conference that many of the hymns in our current hymnal have been borrowed from the churches of this world. Beautiful as we may think some

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WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

WORLD HEADQUARTERS
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Dear Fellow Ministers:

GREETINGS from Headquarters, in Christ's service. It's been a long time between bulletins, I know, so I'll try to cover as much as possible, to bring everyone up-to-date.

As you know, the income has fallen off seriously, with some 3 million dollars drop in only the first three months of 1971. Mr. Portune's letter prior to the Holy Days explained this, and the offerings were very fine, as a result, but unfortunately they only succeeded in bringing the income to the level which would have been expected during the same period.

All this strongly indicates that the brethren of the Church are doing about ALL THEY CAN, and perhaps some are even doing more than they are able. I hope all of you can encourage the members; letting them know we here at headquarters DO KNOW of their sacrifices. I would not doubt for a moment that some of them went really into debt, and very WILLINGLY so, last year when the call for the special offerings went out. We do know of this, and we DO sincerely and deeply appreciate it. I believe most members are giving well above fifteen per cent of their total annual income, and many are giving more than that. I don't include in this the 2nd tithe, and the tithe every third year.

But the economic picture is really serious. It means, most likely, an immediate call for cutbacks in every possible area; including salary cuts and very likely a cutback again in media expenditure.

I believe the pilot program of lectures before audiences of TOMORROW'S WORLD subscribers is really a VERY necessary thing; that it will be successful, and that many of YOU will be doing the same thing in the near future. I hope each one of you can take a good look at your PREACHING, and ask whether you have fallen into any of the dozens of habits which come from the "captive audience" type of approach you usually use. I am the only minister in the Church, now, who continually speaks before the GENERAL PUBLIC, and have spoken before them MUCH MORE than before our own people, when you consider multiple thousands of radio programs, and hundreds of telecasts, plus other things. I know it is a real CHALLENGE to speak warmly, clearly, dynamically, humorously; yet logically, interestingly, and informatively. The type speaking needed in these lectures is totally DIFFERENT from your normal Sabbath sermons and Bible studies.

And there will be challenges, no doubt, from skeptics, unbelievers, and enemies. I would strongly suggest each of you, if you do not own your own little Sony tape recorder or some other type, BORROW or RENT one just for a few speaking occasions, and show a close friend how to use it -- and then RECORD yourselves. Then go home and LISTEN CLOSELY to your various vocal mannerisms. I think you'll be surprised. And helped.

There is a really BIG HARVEST being readied through TOMORROW'S WORLD, though, and it must be reaped. Only if God increases His flock can that flock increase its capacity to GIVE to the world. Right now, we're OVERGIVING -- in the sense we're OVEREXTENDED in our OUTGO for media, salaries of ministers and employees, etc., etc., in proportion to our ABILITY (I believe this may be even more important a consideration than our WILLINGNESS at the present time) to give. So PRAY for these programs, and have the brethren praying about them. Mr. Meredith and Mr. Hill will join together for alternating nights in the Long Beach Civic beginning within only a few days, now, and we'll soon have opportunity for sound appraisals of how well such a program will go.

I just returned from Geneva, spending one night in Prestwick, Scotland, due to poor weather in Keflavik. We came all the way from Prestwick on Friday, arriving in Burbank at about 2:30 P.M. I then slept for about 11½ hours! (We had been up for over 24!)

We had a very fine meeting in Zermatt, with Dr. Hoeh, Dr. Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McNair, Mr. Dart, Mr. and Mrs. Hunting, Mr. and Mrs. Schnee, Mr. and Mrs. Karlson, Mr. and Mrs. Catherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. Apartian, Dr. and Mrs. McCarthy, and a group of the students from Bricket Wood.

I had previously had a meeting with Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader in their hotel in Geneva, concerning his latest Co-Worker letter, and the condition of the work in general.

Probably, you read, in my father's latest Member letter that I had proposed "letting The PLAIN TRUTH die." I used the term in connection with a proposal to combine the PT and TW, if such a really traumatic financial condition should prevail so as to make it impossible to publish more than one magazine. I realize, of course, that our PRESENT PROGRAM of BOTH The PLAIN TRUTH magazine, and TOMORROW'S WORLD is an EXCELLENT one, and there has been no one in the work more vociferously and continually SUPPORTING such a program over the past two years, and attempting to educate ministry and lay members alike as to the fruits of such a format.

I did, however, wish to point out the real gravity of the financial situation, and so proposed the idea of perhaps increasing the TW to one more signature, but including two or three more world news oriented articles, PLUS some of the stronger Biblical type articles, and calling the new combined publication "The PLAIN TRUTH about TOMORROW'S WORLD."

I frankly hope such a drastic measure will NEVER be necessary, and I realized in advance Mr. Armstrong would not want to approve it (and neither would I), but wanted to suggest it, anyway, merely to underline the urgent conditions in the work.

Prior to making any such dramatic changes, I'm sure we would first go back on a bi-monthly schedule with BOTH magazines still being published, and then cut back again in media, the field ministry, major departments, salaries, etc., and try to weather yet another lean, crisis year.

Mr. Armstrong is returning to Pasadena on the 29th of April, and perhaps some few of the more necessary budget readjustments will be made shortly after that time.

By now you have all heard that the accrediting committee of the Western Association of Colleges rejected our initial bid for accreditation. Frankly, I was so proud when I read the document which had been jointly put together by Dr. Hoeh and Dr. Germano with perhaps one or two others, that I immediately told several others about it and have spoken of it since, including before those in the European Office Conference. There were many frank and straightforward statements concerning the educational philosophies of Ambassador College and their "inviolable" character, that I realized, in going over it, the educators in the Western Association would bristle upon reading, and would reject our application.

At the present time, this means we are on a three-year "holding" program, during which we are continuing to up-grade both the quality of the physical plant and the faculty. It does not mean that we can never be accredited, but only that we weren't accepted as a "candidate" on our initial bid because of various lacks which they found -- we all understand, privately, that they were completely dissatisfied with the government and those "unknown" things they found on the Ambassador College campus which were over their heads and beyond their explanation.

I know you all are fairly well up-to-date on our plans for the Graduate School of Theology lectures, and the pilot program beginning this coming Sunday night in the Long Beach Civic Auditorium, conducted jointly by Mr. Meredith and Mr. Hill. However, let me mention the absolute urgency of these programs, and ask all of you to encourage your congregations to think about them and to pray about them. After all, if they are successful, it means many of YOU will be conducting similar programs in the near future, as I have already mentioned -- including the necessity for you all to begin to really work on and up-grade your preaching and speaking ability.

This beginning pilot program will perhaps include only five to eight hundred people -- and I'm not sure but what that may be exaggeration. Time will tell, however, and we're right down at the wire now so please remind your people to pray about these meetings and for their success.

As many of you know I have broken with precedent recently and have been the guest on a number of call-in "talk" shows, exclusively on stations where we are the principle time buyer, however. Obviously, this means I receive a little more gentle treatment in the initial appearances on such programs, and that the station management itself is prone to be a little more kindly and generous, rather than hyper-critical.

I'm doing this for my own experience, frankly. It is too easy to get into a rut behind our own microphone in our own tight-knit little organization, or in front of our own TV cameras with close friends and associates all around you -- and not to be exposed to criticism or allow yourself to be subjected to an environment where hostility or challenges may arise.

Since I am very certain that many of us will be called upon to really give an answer for the truth which we represent in the future -- and since I'm equally certain that these requests will be anything but gentle and kind -- I wanted to "sharpen up" and to allow myself to be asked questions from the general public, so I might be better prepared when the same questions are asked by those higher in society.

As many of you may know, I appeared on one radio station in Long Island, WGLI, for about an hour's call-in program during which time I was asked numerous questions about the Work, and about the Bible, by people all over Long Island. I was a guest for the better part of one hour on a late night feature program on WMAC New York city. Later, I did a two-hour call-in talk show on WLAC Nashville, and took the half hour for our own program to do the same thing, reaching an audience over many states. Also, I was a guest on a radio program up in Evanston, Illinois, during the recent visit of the National Association of Broadcasting Convention in Chicago. Very soon now, I am to be on WOAI San Antonio. I'll try to remember to ask someone here to send a letter to any of you who might be within hearing radius of WOAI should you care to listen in to that program. (NOTE: It's this Thursday, 9:45 P.M. Central Time.)

I was amazed at the unusual number of questions along the same lines in all of these cases. While the radio station commentators, themselves, seemed far more interested in the socio-political problems of the day: i.e. Calley, Vietnam, demonstrations, drugs, youth, government, crime, etc. etc.; the callers-in were almost exclusively interested in the following types of questions:

Does this broadcast represent any Church?

Who sponsors you?

Where does the money come from?

You say we are not going to heaven -- well then what about II Cor. 5?

There were questions about the "Jesus People" article, and my programs on that subject. It was especially true, naturally, in the Nashville area, that 100% of the questions revolved around Biblical subjects, and prophecy. In New York, it tended to be a mixture between the socio-economic -- political questions and the biblical ones. Whereas in the two commentary shows the questioners, being professional radio people, were almost exclusively interested in non-biblical subjects.

So, it is obvious that it depends upon the part of the country in which you speak as to the type questions people will want to ask. I feel it has been good experience, and that many more such interviews may be in the offing. I believe you all may know somewhat about the visit to Calgary, the Chamber of Commerce luncheon there, and the press conference in the Paliser Hotel from two of the daily newspapers, three television and one or two radio stations. They fired questions at me as two cameras were grinding away and many microphones in front of my face almost continuously -- and most of them questions about myself, about the Work, about the broadcast, telecast and magazines.

This, in turn, inspired us to do two programs which were needed for "fill" and give the television crew sufficient time for editing of more elaborately done programs, these being on the same plane as the television interview in Calgary. I asked Mr. Tom Hall, Mr. Dart, and Dr. Kuhn to act as a panel to fire questions at me -- I only had a general idea of what the questions might have been, knew only very little about the general trend of the questions, and asked each of them to be as critical and unpleasant as he felt it necessary to be. I know they're not going to be very shockingly important telecasts -- but it did, I believe, accomplish a good change of pace for us, and we'll have to wait and see what the response is by appraising the letters that come in.

By now all of you have heard various rumors about the "happening" at a Thursday assembly a few weeks ago at Headquarters. I want to mention that there was an indiscretion on the part of one minister and faculty member which resulted in a rather pre-programmed and unspontaneous outburst of emotion, led by a few who had experienced another outburst of emotion and "public confessional" during a Junior Class meeting.

For some time the Junior class had been more or less "beaten down" by being informed it had no leaders, needed a great deal more masculinity, and was just about a total flop. Who was feeding the Junior class all of this misinformation I do not know -- except that I know it has the same debilitating and harmful affect that a parent can work upon a child by saying, "You're so dumb you can't ever do anything right!" and similar statements, instead of encouraging, and then correcting and disciplining with firmness, yet in love.

At any rate Mr. Plache had a very long Junior class meeting during which he was very frank with them, and at the end challenged them all

to stand up and speak and get the load off their chests and informed them they were a pack of "yellow-bellied cowards" if they didn't! At this challenge, one fellow rose to his feet and began screaming in a loud voice about his deep desire to do better, to overcome, to repent of past attitudes and resentments toward other students, and develop more "love" toward his faculty leaders, etc. etc: This in turn led to several others leaping to their feet -- all of them men -- and many tears were shed.

I do not question, for one instant, the sincerity or the right motives of many of these people involved! I do question, and did, the methods utilized -- those being far more reminiscent of what goes on in the world, in revivals, and in stand-up "testimonials," rather than the practice of one brother going privately to another brother and confessing sins and faults and asking forgiveness.

Mr. Armstrong was gone, I was gone, Dr. Hoeh was gone, Mr. Dart was gone, Mr. Meredith was gone, and, even though Mr. Hill, Mr. Antion, Mr. Smith, and any number of other ministers were here, they were not invited in to be a part of what took place in the Thursday assembly. A breathlessly excited, tear-filled group burst into Mr. Portune's office, including Mr. Plache and the entire Student Council, to inform Mr. Portune of some deeply "wonderful" thing that had happened. Again, I do not question the sincerity, the right motivation, the good intent, or the trueness of thought, emotion, or involvement, of any of these. Immediately, they all went to the assembly and Mr. Plache took the assembly, asking Mr. Portune to come up for some comments, and then Mr. Plache completed the assembly by an appeal to the crowd to get rid of various problems which had plagued the student body, i.e. cliques, resentments, petty jealousies, etc. etc.

Then the same man who had stood up to speak in the Junior class meeting was asked to "start it off" and, "start it off" he did!

Soon, the assembly had degenerated into a loud, noisy, "confessional" with practically the SAME ones leaping to their feet and giving a sort of a "testimonial" as had done so in the earlier Junior class meeting, plus additional ones -- and many hands in the air including some of those who do not need to be mentioned here who were virtually leaping up and down and jumping out of their chairs with their hands raised in the air like first graders, trying to get Mr. Plache's attention to be allowed their "day in court" to get their own emotional outburst off their chest.

I came into the situation upon arrival at the Burbank airport after a very tiresome trip to find two bus loads of Ambassador students leaping into the air screaming "hip hip hooray!", and rushing up to the aircraft to surround me, pat me on the back, squeeze me with their arms, and look almost hysterically and dazedly into my eyes with great protestations that "we love you, Mr. Armstrong!"

This was unusual, to say the least.

They begged and implored me to stop by the Student Center -- even didn't want me to go in my own automobile to my home after a jaded and tiresome trip, but wanted me to board one of the busses they had commandeered. I politely refused, and stopped by the house, to be met by an ashen faced wife who told me something very serious had happened and perhaps I had better hear about it before going on over to Bible Study.

Meanwhile, I was on New York city time, had flown from New York city to Evansville, from there to Big Sandy, from there to El Paso, and from there on out to Burbank -- and was now very tired, having arrived at Burbank only one or two minutes before sunset on a Friday evening. Obviously, I was not intending, originally, to even go to the Friday night Bible Study. However, my wife asked me to listen to portions of a tape, which I did. I was very shocked to hear some of the things I did on the tape which included the entirety of the Thursday assembly. Realizing a little bit of what was happening, I went ahead to take the Friday night Bible Study -- gently talking about the Work in general -- getting everyone's minds focused on the big things that are happening in the world on our commitment to other nations and other peoples, and reminding us that true spirituality is not just our own experiences in between and among ourselves, our own joyous assemblies, times in Church, exciting things that happen to US, but the patient doing of a Work which in turn benefits, changes lives, and blesses other people!

During the time when I was looking over some of the general questions, I noticed one question which had come from a young man who's application had been on my desk, waiting a personal talk with me (this at my own personal decision, because of the number of "odd" notes he had sent me in times past, and various odd mannerisms and looks!) the crinkled up note I unfolded and read in Friday night Bible Study was obviously a piece of paper that had been carried about in somebody's pocket for a considerable period of time. It said, "Mr. Armstrong -- why don't you ask what happened in the Thursday assembly?"

This, to me, was like a challenge! It was as if there was some pre-programmed pent-up beast waiting to be unleashed and to spring forth if I stated those words.

Why do I say these things so strongly? Simply because when I had walked into the Friday night Bible Study that evening whole knots of students had leapt to their feet with loud cheering and applause, to be followed, sheep-like, by the entire congregation! Suddenly, I was some sort of a hero -- and what usually had been a calm and serious Friday night Bible Study was a loud, standing, thunderous ovation for some great "hero" of some sort. Obviously, this was embarrassing -- but it was more than that -- it was a display of emotionalism in a manner, and at a time, which I felt to be completely inharmonious with God's Sabbath Day.

I very quickly went over the note and then just said I don't believe I will do that, I've heard something about it, and sort of passed over it. Later, I asked the young man who wrote the note to come up to my office. I asked him to comment what had been his intent in writing the note, and my suspicions were confirmed! He and five or six other dormitory buddies had spotted themselves in various strategic areas around the gymnasium. They had conspired together in advance that, when I asked the question "Okay, then, what DID happen in the Thursday assembly?" looking quizzically at the audience, at first he, the young man that had written the note, and then the others, would leap to their feet and begin to give these loud personal testimonials about what had occurred, how glorious and lovey-dovey, and wonderful it was -- the new "thing" (characterized as a "miracle") that had occurred among the student body -- and that these three or four or five would in turn bring about a "spontaneous" uprising where many others would be brought to their feet, hopefully even members of the congregation!

First, I had to talk to those who were more directly in charge of the whole thing, then the entire student council, then the chorale, then the entire student body. Some of the things I found happening were shocking, to say the least.

- 1) Students were walking all over the campus arm in arm, boy with girl, boy with boy, girl with girl. Their arms were intertwined; their heads were on each other's shoulders; they were hugging and squeezing one another in every nook and cranny on the campus!
- 2) The Sabbath had been at least badly bent, if not broken, by students commandeering two busses when it was not within their jurisdiction to do so.
- 3) When I had arrived at the Burbank airport, I was no longer the Vice President of the Work and the voice of The WORLD TOMORROW, nor was I a tired husband who needed to see his wife after about a week's absence, nor was I a tired and jaded father who had a boy sick with the flu at home who needed to be with his family. Instead, I was a necessary "prop" to an exciting "happening" occurring on campus -- and I was very needed for this display and demonstration of great emotion.
- 4) The chorale was commandeered to sing at the Friday evening student meal -- after sunset, against the wishes of the chorale director, Mr. Prather!
- 5) Students had leapt to their feet to "confess" various attitudes toward each other which is absolutely condemned in the Bible.
- 6) Instead of going to Jesus Christ as their High Priest, confessing sins directly to Him (all sin is against God!) students had decided to confess their sins among, between, and in front of each other!

7) There was nothing "spontaneous" about the Thursday assembly. It was deliberately calculated, preprogrammed, planned in advance, and I heard subsequently that:

8) Each one who leapt to his feet in the Thursday assembly had also done so (there were a few exceptions) in the previous Junior class meeting.

Many concerned young students came to me and I had many lengthy meetings with many of them, deeply concerned about their own conversion. In other words, the minute someone leaps to his feet in a "spiritual display" it forces all others there to begin making comparisons. Many students began to wonder about themselves. If this is true Christianity and spirituality, they mused, then why am I not feeling anything? Many went out perturbed and shaken by it, wondering why they couldn't enter in. Not one girl on the campus leapt to her feet or said anything -- although many of them did go along with it and did think it was a "wonderful thing."

Several of the ministers actually walked out and felt very badly about it even while it was happening, including Mr. Portune who had had a portion of the assembly himself but -- did not have the background to know exactly what was happening or what was planned to happen.

Mr. Carrozzo felt sick to his stomach, and had to walk out. Mr. Geis felt very perturbed and was unable to sleep fully for the next two nights. Others felt the same way. Several of the students told me later they were "afraid" to go near the Student Center because of the continual hub-bub of squeezing and hugging and the dazed look of great joy and effervescence in the eyes of many of the students.

So here I was smack-dab in the middle of a giant "revival" of some sort, knowing that the motives were pure, the intent and the desire was right, that the enthusiasm was genuine, and that maybe 85% to 95% which was being accomplished was good -- yet that the whole thing was out of context, poorly handled, pre-programmed, and was not being done according to the way God's Word specified.

How can you be against love, joy, and peace? These are tormenting questions. I thought of the analogy of a parent trying to take a bright new shiny toy out of the hand of a sweet little baby. The baby may be very chubby, sweet, and precious to the parent. The baby has its sweet fat little hand greedily clenching the new toy, and a dazed look of sheer delight in its pretty little face, as it tries to advance the new toy toward its mouth. Perhaps the parent knows the toy looks good, but that it has a paint job applied in Japan which has deadly lead and poisons in it which may harm the baby! Problem: how to take that bright shiny toy out of the eager little baby's fist and still leave the baby happy?

It was quite a job, I assure you. However, with God's help, I believe it was successful -- I did not blast anybody, in the sense of wild denunciations in the meetings I had with groups of students or in the assembly I took later, nor in the Friday night study or the Sabbath Service on the following day. I believe I was, however, given the necessary help from God to clear up the misunderstandings, and to put people back on the balanced track. That is about the summation of it except to say one final thing: There is a young married part-time female student who had recently had some physical difficulties in a pregnancy and a child delivery. She had been having certain mental problems, suspected by those who had been counselling with her as being possible demon influence. However, during the Thursday assembly, when the word "feeling" and how different one "felt" and the necessity for obtaining various "feelings" was mentioned time and time and time again, this girl "opened up," and tried very desperately to "feel" something. From that time she has been apparently completely possessed of a demon! I suppose it was quite traumatically shocking to the student body when I finally told them, as the last thing I said during the assembly I took, that even though they may have thought this "thing that happened" was a great miracle from God, there was not enough of the Holy Spirit in the gymnasium on that day to protect one of their number from a demon!

That's about it; I know many rumors have flown around, and I know the grapevine is very Satanically INadequate in that many rumors immediately were telephoned to all corners of the earth. Ministers had called back into Headquarters wanting to know what had happened -- parents had heard from students of some new thing, some new breakthrough, which virtually heralded the end of the age, and all sorts of ideas were flying around. So I thought I would go into specific detail for those of you who have only heard various rumors.

Let me assure you that all of those involved have clearly seen the errors which were committed, the mishandling of the situation, and I believe a peaceful and tranquil and balanced attitude has returned once again to Ambassador College.

I'll be leaving Tuesday for Rhodesia, stopping off in San Antonio for the program I described; then on to either Buffalo, Syracuse, or perhaps Montreal (whichever we can reach in about a 3-hour trip) for the night, and then on to the Azores, Canaries, and the African West Coast. I have been definitely guaranteed an interview with Mr. Ian Smith of Rhodesia, and am working on obtaining interviews with Israeli leaders, too, before returning about 2 weeks later.

That's about it for now; I'm behind on article writing, so must get busy at that. Keep up the good hard work, men -- keep pointing people toward headquarters and the BIG work that needs doing, and don't let up in your own PERSONAL prayer and study life! We all need MUCH more of THAT!

In Jesus' name,

Garner Ted Armstrong
Garner Ted Armstrong

Church Administration

RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from Pasadena! It was good for us to see so many of you during the Days of Unleavened Bread, and a number of us from the two colleges will again be flying out, no doubt, for Pentecost. A very inspiring festival was held everywhere according to the reports I have, and there were no major problems of which I am aware.

Mr. Armstrong spent the festival at Bricket Wood and in Jerusalem. Mr. Ted Armstrong, for the first time in several years, directed the festival here at Headquarters until the final Holy Day when he flew back to Big Sandy and then on to Europe for the European Ministerial Conference in Switzerland. Mr. Ron Kelly spent the first half of the festival in Oakland — his old church area — and finished up by joining Mr. Hampton in Oklahoma City. Mr. Luker spent the entire festival in Hawaii! Mr. Hill divided his time between Washington, D. C. and Seattle. Mr. Raymond Cole split his festival time between Milwaukee and Chicago, and I divided my time between Pittsburgh and Kansas City.

We gave Mr. Dave Albert the opportunity of going back to his old area in Abilene and Odessa, and Mr. Portune spent the first half of the festival here and then went back to Wichita to join his son, Al, in conducting the festival there for the last two days. Mr. Carrozzo divided his time between Minneapolis and Natchez; Mr. Plache between Charlotte and Atlanta; Mr. Dave Antion joined his brother Gary at Toronto and then finished the feast in Detroit.

Record offerings were taken up in most areas — and the brethren certainly were inspired in giving to God's Work at this time! That was a real "shot in the arm" for the Work during mid-April, and please extend our thanks to the brethren for this, fellows! However, the *regular* income continues to be quite low, and Mr. Portune may be telling you about it in a separate letter. So *don't forget this* problem now that the Holy Days are over!

As many of you know, we are planning to hold Bible Lectures for our strongest TOMORROW'S

WORLD readers under the auspices of the Ambassador College Graduate School of Theology. At first, we envisioned these to be more like *Bible Studies*, held once a week for 12 or more weeks to answer the questions of prospective members and strong Co-Workers who were interested in the Work and "bring them along" faster. Mr. Herbert Armstrong directed, however, that these should be more along the line of instructive *sermons* and should be held *every night* — like our old evangelistic campaigns, yet with a more warm, friendly and personal approach.

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong has given a great deal of help and advice in the approach we should use and in helping us organize and plan the original "pilot" programs. The first of these will begin this coming Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. down in Long Beach, continuing Monday through Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. There will be twelve of these meetings.

Many are asking: "What is our *purpose* in holding these lectures and what benefits do we expect to derive from them?"

First, the original and still present *purpose* is to provide a more effective means of reaching, stimulating, teaching and "harvesting" those whom God is ALREADY working with through the broadcasts and telecasts, *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD* magazines and our other literature.

After surveying four cities, including the Long Beach area, we have decided to invite *only* those who are *already* Co-Workers or who have *already* asked about the church or church attendance in some manner. Therefore, it will not be a completely diversified "PLAIN TRUTH-type" general audience we will be reaching, but those who have *already* — by their tithes and/or offerings or their written expression of interest in God's Work — shown that they are *being* dealt with by God through His Spirit.

So we will be more free to talk to them openly about the real purposes of Ambassador College and the Work of God and approach them — to a certain extent — as members of our Co-Worker "family" and appeal to them to be an even closer part of the *team* doing this work. We will have sermons explaining that we are in the time of the end — give *details* that we are not free to give over the air or in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. We will point out that this is *Satan's* society, and, again, in a personal way be able to show them the need to come out of this society. We will be able to explain the overall 6,000 year plan of God and make personal the

basic points about the Kingdom of God and our being born into it, what is a true Christian, etc.

We will show that the *way of escape* involves real repentance, *baptism* and the Holy Spirit coming to live within us. Toward the end, we will cover the truth about Sunday and prove which day is the Sabbath; describe the true Church of God, its name, the Sabbath *sign*, the fact that it alone does the WORK of God and that it is the "body" of Christ through whom He works and that true Christians *must* be involved in doing this work to help, serve and save others.

We plan — and all of this is subject to Mr. Armstrong's final alteration and approval — to give in the final lecture a *summary* of the meaning of the times we are in, the importance of obeying the Creator and preparing for His Kingdom by being involved in His Work of SERVING others!

There will be NO collections, of course, NO altar calls or direct exhortations to be baptized immediately or even to attend church. But we will, with God's help, bring the regular attendees along to where they will hopefully feel a part of this Work, be inspired to act on the spiritual truths they are learning, and ask for personal counsel about baptism and/or church attendance (which we expect at least a third of the regular attendees to do). Or, at the very minimum, they should become more understanding and prayerful Co-Workers if God is simply not calling them *at this time*.

So we feel these lectures will provide a vehicle to get to many prospective members faster and more efficiently, to stimulate other PMs and bring them along faster in this unique manner and so to SERVE with precious spiritual truth a much larger number of people and then perhaps *indirectly* — not at any time as a major purpose for the meetings — provide a broader base of converted church members and tithe payers to back the Work of God in the crucial days ahead!

Another sidelight or indirect benefit will be the *inspiration* and *encouragement* the growth resulting from these meetings will be to our *present* church members! We all know how people are inspired to see others coming into God's Church in goodly numbers and to be able to *help* and *serve* them! So this should be an encouraging thing for everyone — and I earnestly ask all of you for your FERVENT prayers

and support, and those of the brethren in all our churches!

Another bit of GOOD NEWS is that we have now designated Mr. Al Carrozzo as the District Superintendent over the Headquarters' Church district! He has been carrying most of the detail work in this responsibility for a couple of years anyway — making more flying trips to Denver, Phoenix and other outlying areas than Mr. Luker or I have been able to do. So this will now give him the full responsibility and opportunity to serve.

Another bit of news which is both good and bad is something Mr. Luker asked me to mention. Many of you knew about and were praying for his mother-in-law, Mrs. Livengood. We should now tell you that God did allow her to die a few weeks before the Passover. But, even in death, she showed an *extremely* fine attitude and faithfulness to her Creator. The director of the nursing home where she was staying commented to Mr. Luker that he had seen many people die of cancer, but he had never seen anyone die with such warmth and faithfulness to her God as this woman and wished that he could emulate her example if something like that ever happened to him. Virtually her *last act* was to barely utter instructions, with weakened voice, to pay her latest tithe from the Veteran's check she was receiving and to add an extra large offering!

Let's *stir ourselves*, fellows, and really *mean* it, to serve as zealously in LIFE as Mrs. Livengood, Mrs. Herbert Armstrong and others have in the face of *death*!

And while we are considering life and death, I would like to comment on something I had hoped to write before the Passover season — but we simply were not able to get out a Ministerial Bulletin at that time. All of you, by now, realize that Satan the devil is working *overtime* and really USING his "wave length" to destructively influence, confuse, discourage and embitter MANY leading people in God's Church — including some of our own ministers and Elders! It is almost as though once Satan realized that God had revealed this "wave length" through Mr. Herbert Armstrong, that he violently started using it *more than ever* — before some of us got our guards up and began to "jam" the air waves, so to speak!

NEVER was it more urgently necessary for all of us in God's Work to be truly CLOSE to our Creator in sincere, *repentant* (not vanity-filled)

Bible study, prayer, meditation and **FASTING**. As we told the brethren to do at Passover time, let's be sure that we *examine* ourselves and be sure we are humbly *seeking* and *serving* the God of the Bible *in the way* HE commands — not in some weird manner we may otherwise be influenced to do. You will have read Mr. Ted Armstrong's letter regarding the *wrong* kind of emotionalism in this current Bulletin; you have read his description and exhortation of the mind-science and Psycho-Cybernetics route in another recent Bulletin; you have heard us both describe — though without naming individuals — that some have already been influenced along the plain old debasing **SEX** route!

There is simply **NO EXCUSE** for this, fellows! We *do* have love and mercy when someone repents of these things, and it can be covered by the blood of Christ after *deep repentance*. But none of us remotely "have" to fall into these traps of Satan the devil.

Many of you, no doubt, have been influenced at one time or the other by the mental or psychological **VANITY** appeal of certain mind-science books. Many of you have wanted to be "more important" — even in God's Work — rather than just seeing how much you could **SERVE** — leaving the office and reward up to Christ *in faith*.

Along this line don't let your mind wander back to teen-age fantasies of sex, women's bodies, dirty books and magazines, dirty movies, topless bars, etc. Some of you may have thought that you were strong enough to "tamper" with these things without getting burned — but you **AREN'T**. The issue is life or death — and you simply *cannot AFFORD* yourselves the luxury of playing with fire in regard to **ANY** of the above issues!

We may only have a **FEW** years left, and God has called us to *move* and **SHAKE** this world. We must be *yielded* to Him and be **CLEAN**, or His Spirit cannot *FLOW into us* and *out from us* like **RIVERS** of living water!

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong gave a sermon this Sabbath at the Headquarters' Church about the urgent need for the **RIGHT** kind of "revival" in God's Church. That true revival does **NOT** call for an outward show of emotion or doing things to *impress people*. It **DOES** most urgently require that all of us — *especially* starting with the **VERY ministry of Jesus Christ** — begin to **SEEK GOD far more urgently** than we may have done for many months or years and to ask that His

Spirit, His *guidance*, His *courage* and then His **BLESSINGS** and **POWER** be poured out on this Church and on the Work we have been called to do!

I pray that all of us will respond!

Mr. Ted Armstrong is hoping to fly out and see more of you personally in various church areas as he is able. He has stated that you are free to call him at any time if there are emergencies in your area or even if you need *personal help* and feel you especially want to talk to him. *I hope more of you will do this!*

Mr. Hill, Mr. Luker and I in the "CAD Administrative Team" will be trying to fly out and *help* and *serve* even more in the coming months. Please feel free to write a "*personal* and *private*" note to any one of us or even *call* us long distance — if it is necessary — if you have deep discouragements, temptations or problems you feel must be discussed or that you need help with. Speaking plainly, we love you guys and know the feeling is mutual; we know that we *need* the help and encouragement of one another and that we *need* an occasional talk, a "pat on the back" or even "kick in the pants" as long as it is done in **LOVE** by a brother in God's ministry!

Let's get stirred up, fellows, and *finish the job* in a way that honestly **GLORIFIES** — not ourselves or any man — but our *Father* who made us, called us and blesses us through His Son and our Living Head, Jesus Christ.

In Jesus' name,

Robert C. Meredith

LETTER EXCERPTS (Continued from page 21)

of your two remarkable magazines, *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD*, both of which I, as a newspaperman, find so interesting and thought provoking. The quality of these magazines, both editorially and technically, are superior to any other newsmagazines and it is truly a miracle that these quality magazines should be produced so regularly without the aid of advertising revenue.

— Mr. R. G. A., Durban, Natal

War Hawk Support?

When I first saw your magazine and free subscription offer, I wondered how any publication

could make such a sweeping offer. Who financed such an offer? When I read of such "free" offers, I became suspicious. Very recently I found the answer. I learned that you have invited Franz-Josef Strauss of West Germany to lecture at Ambassador College. He has the reputation of being West Germany's chief war hawk. That tells me that American big business tycoons and war hawks support your establishment, just as they supported Billy Graham. I saw a film in the early days of his lecturing called the "Portland Story." This picture showed a group of tycoons seated around a large board room table planning his program. Such people are not interested in people's salvation, whatever that is, but in pulling the wool over the eyes of unthinking people and making plain folk think they are the wicked people.

— Mrs. Pearl T., Oshawa, Ontario

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BABY NEWS

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was dying because he was having trouble hearing the heartbeat. My wife and I kept stalling for time. However, after one final examination he packed up his gear and left without a word. The deacon's wife who was helping with the birth said she heard him tell his nurse that the baby might already be dead. I anointed my wife and prayed with her. Then I checked with Headquarters to see what repercussions our decision might have. Tina pushed for two and one-half more hours to the point of exhaustion. The only way the doctor would agree to even consider delivering the baby again was for me to take my wife to the hospital for the X-ray. We finally agreed, hoping something would happen. It did. It was a cold day and snowing in Dallas. We got into the car and headed toward the hospital — in rush hour traffic — where the doctor was to meet us. My wife was in extreme pain. All of a sudden the baby's head started crowning. The deacon's wife, who had gone with us in the car, delivered the baby as I hurried to the hospital as fast as I could. There we met a very stunned and almost disappointed doctor who delivered the placenta in the emergency room, and then sent us home with our 10½ lb. baby boy. We named our son *Ted Simin*. He was named after an uncle of mine (Ted) and my wife's maiden name (Simin). Ironically, the name means God's gift in the winter. We know many prayers were with us and are grateful for all of them, and we are

thankful to God for intervening in such a wonderful way.

Jess and Paula Ernest (Richland Center-Wisconsin Dells): Greetings! Paula and I are happy to announce the birth of our firstborn child — a son. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and was born on the Rest Day. It was the first Sabbath we've ever kept in a hospital. We named him *Scott Paul*. Mother and baby doing fine. Father happy and blessed!

Jeff and Judy McGowan (Jackson-Monroe): At 3:30 a.m., February 24, during the Atlanta District Conference, the man that I was staying with told me I had a phone call. When Mr. Griswold told me this I knew that it was probably from my wife, and it was. She told me she had gone into labor and wanted me to come home as soon as possible. So, I caught a plane from Atlanta at 6:20 a.m. and arrived in Jackson, Miss. at 6:20 a.m. This gave me time to help my wife in her labor and see our daughter, *Monica Melanie*, born at 9:45 a.m.

David and Sandra Mills (Jacksonville): Greetings. I regret having to inform you that I've had to tentatively suspend my wife from church services. The reason? For laboring on the Sabbath. She refused to stop laboring till 4:02 a.m., April 3, when she delivered our third child — our second son — *Timothy Jon*, weighing in at 8 lbs., 8 oz. Sandy is recovering very well, and "Little Tim" is fine!

Dennis and Joye Pyle (Indianapolis-Lafayette): Greetings! We'd like to announce (somewhat late) the birth of our third child, *Matthew Edward*. Matt was born January 11, and he weighed 8 lbs., 11 oz. Both wife and son are doing fine.

Les and Pam Stocker (Pasadena): We are elated to announce the arrival of our daughter, *Rachel Lisa*. She came at the usual time of 3:30 a.m. on February 9. At 19½ inches, she weighed 7¼ pounds. We have joined the apparent effort of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stocker to populate the Millennium with Stocker girls!

Mel and Betty Turner (Ponca City-Tulsa): The morning of March 22 was a very eventful one for us. At 7:00 a.m. our expected baby "boy" was born as an 8 lb., 6 oz. girl. We are not disappointed and are very happy with her. Her name is *Cherie Lynn*. She measured in at 20½ inches at time of birth. Both mother and father are doing fine.

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Financial Affairs and Planning

ALBERT J. PORTUNE

The month of April is coming to an end. I'm sure all of you, as well as all the brethren, are deeply concerned about the financial progress this month has brought.

First, I would like to report that the Holy Day Offerings for the Days of Unleavened Bread were *most encouraging* — 33% increase over last year — and helped the work over a very critical period.

I hope you will personally let all the brethren know what a boost their response gave us all here at Headquarters — both physically and spiritually. We *do realize* most of the brethren are truly extending themselves in God's work financially and know a great deal of sacrifice was involved in these offerings.

April, because of the H.D.O., is always a large income month. When we began the month we were very apprehensive that we could even match last year's income because it was a very big month with a 32% increase over 1969. But, with the H.D.O., we ended the month with a 5% increase, which frankly is quite good considering everything.

In addition, since April was a large income month, we were able to recover some of the deficit dollars we lost in the first three months. So, at this point our cash position has improved somewhat and some of the present pressure has been taken off.

This puts our year to date increase at 5.3%. That's still a long way from the 13.5% increase we need for the whole year, and the situation is still quite serious. However, ending April with an increase instead of a deficit gives us at least a note of guarded optimism.

There are several factors which may have considerable impact on the future. The Graduate School Bible lecture series is beginning this Sunday, May 2. While our primary goal is not to build members solely for financial reasons, nevertheless many new members may be added to God's Church in the course of the balance of the year. This will *strengthen* the Church from the financial point of view.

Also, I believe the brethren at large are awakening to a deeper realization of their

responsibilities in God's work. Mr. Armstrong's new member letter certainly emphasizes this point clearly. We all need to inspire the brethren in our messages and announcements, etc., on this *vital point*: God has laid the responsibility of carrying the *load* of His work on the shoulders of the Body of Christ — the Church!

While the financial aspect and personal sacrifice in supporting the work is vital and crucial, the profound PERSONAL DAILY INVOLVEMENT in dedication, concern, prayers and interest is perhaps *more crucial*.

If all God's brethren from the HEART want to see this world warned and ultimately fed God's truth — and if they carry that burden personally — realizing it's *their work* — things will truly begin to happen.

When the disciples saw the multitudes hungry and weak, their *first* reaction was "send the multitudes *away* that they may go into the villages and buy..." (Matt. 14:15). But Christ showed them the *right attitude* and He told them: "You give them to eat."

They didn't have anywhere near enough to get the job done. But, they learned that *IF* they *participated* in the concern to get the job done there *WAS* a source *big enough*. Jesus Christ, of course, magnified the few loaves and fishes.

We can't "send the work away to others"! It's the work God gave us to do! And, feeling the needs *personally* will drive our brethren to their knees before God and Christ who can and will magnify this work in **POWER**.

All of us in the Ministry of Jesus Christ need to get the brethren *involved* and *behind* this work. Just as our collective efforts on the Holy Days brought about a *response* financially — the same *sustained* effort will bring about in God's body the deep interest, concern and involvement *personally* that will catapult this work ahead.

Let's also not forget *we* are the shepherds of the flock. The flock goes where the shepherds lead. It takes **OUR deep involvement** too!

BABY NEWS

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Hugh and Linda Wilson (Charlotte-Columbia): My wife (formerly Linda Garrett) and I are very happy to announce the birth of our second son, *Scottie Alan*, born Friday evening, March 26, at 8:21 p.m. Weight: 6 lbs., 4 oz. It was an easy labor with no complications — all went according to "the book."

News from the FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

Office of
RONALD L. DART

FIRST HALIFAX SERVICE

Here is a brief report from Mr. Gary Antion covering the first services in the Maritimes:

Greetings! Sixty-seven Nova Scotians made history as far as God's Work is concerned by attending the first regular weekly Sabbath service in Halifax. All were enthusiastic and will form the backbone of the congregation. That should be a fairly constant number which will increase as the newer prospectives come along. Mr. Steve Botha, the regular pastor there, and I conducted the first meeting and felt that "pioneering spirit."

We had a severe snowstorm Saturday evening as we were scheduled to depart for Saint John, New Brunswick. We had to detour to Moncton, N.B. and drive to Saint John on Sunday morning. There were 48 who had braved the storm to be at the first regular twice-monthly Bible Study. These will be the nucleus for the Saint John group. With the brethren from Maine attending, that number should rise to nearly 70.

All in all it was very profitable. Steve and Harlean are happy with their new assignment and will be a big boost and blessing for the brethren in the Maritimes.

Barbara and I appreciated the opportunity of being a part of the very first services in the Maritimes.

THE PHILIPPINES

This excerpt from one of Mr. Colin Adair's letters should really make us appreciate our blessings!

Each time I receive a report from our leaders in Mindanao, the one problem they mention most is that the members there are having a tough time making ends meet. The price of food is high, and some can barely get enough to feed their families. Let me quote you some lines from the leaders' letters — using their exact words: "Sir, the present condition of non-professional members in God's Church here in Tagum and other areas are really very hard due to high prices of those prime commodities in the homes of everyone. The cereal food of the poor people is corn and the price of the corn grits now is two pesos a ganta and the fresh fish is three

to four pesos per kilo... really these two items only a minimum wage earner can't afford if he has 4 members in the family — how much more for those 9 members. They pity each other here in Manikling and other areas... some people (not our members) are *selling their children* already, some are stealing anything."

Then again another quote from the same man, Mr. Moning: "Their only problem presented to me is... how to survive with high prices more than 50% increase of every item needed by every family and our income dropped very low." And finally a quote from Mr. Illustrisimo: "Some of our neighbours are eating already the dust of Buri Palm, some are planning to steal. Other people are wounded cause of ambush on the street." (Again not our people fortunately).

So you can see just what the living position of the people in Mindanao is like. And every report from the leaders is the same — main problem is how to stay alive! I plan to go down there after returning from Australia. These people certainly need our prayers and whatever help we can give them.

REPORT FROM SOUTH AFRICA

In the following report, Mr. Robert Fahey, in charge of our office in South Africa, tells of some of the problems of the South African government, and the related troubles he and his wife experienced getting back into the country after the Ministerial Conference:

South Africa has its back to the wall. Because of its policy of apartheid — separate development of the races — South Africa is forced to take a defensive posture with foreigners.

Virtually every country on earth is against South Africa's racial policy. Some countries have vowed to bring down the white regimes of Southern Africa. Most of the Black States in Africa are in this group.

Zambia (formerly Northern Rhodesia) permits terrorist groups to enter Rhodesia from her soil to kill and maim. Russian and Chinese weapons that have been captured from Zambian terrorists are on display in Salisbury.

Many churches in Britain and America are also actively engaged in the affairs of "this world." The World Council of Churches

recently granted a \$200,000 donation to terrorist groups operating in Zambia and the Congo. The shillings and quarters that children put in the collection plate on Sunday morning can end up buying rifles and bullets to be used on other children in Southern Africa. And don't think children aren't targets! That's what the TERROR in TERRORIST is all about!

One problem South Africa faces is British and American ministers. These men are allowed into the country ostensibly to "preach the Gospel." Often, once in the country, they teach the blacks to rebel, to fight, to maim, and to overthrow.

Recently a Roman Catholic priest was evicted from South Africa who admitted saying to his black congregation that God approved of them stealing from the white man. God approved of this, he said, because they were oppressed. The South African government asked him to leave.

The government now scrutinizes very closely any ministers permitted into South Africa. Some ministers aware of the close watch have tried to get into the country posing as *businessmen*. Under this guise they hoped to enter South Africa and continue their subversive work.

South Africa with three and a half million whites has more than four non-whites for each white. South Africa is defensive. She has CAUSE to be defensive!

When it was decided to move Mr. Ernest Williams, a South African citizen, to our Big Sandy campus and move me, an American minister, into South Africa we were not aware the cards were so heavily stacked against us. We inadvertently made matters potentially worse by applying for a visa not as a minister, but as regional director of Ambassador College Agency — A BUSINESSMAN! We did mention I was at that time employed in Melbourne by the Worldwide Church as a minister of religion.

Mr. Wayne Cole and I traveled from Sydney to the South African Embassy in Canberra attempting to get a business visa. Meanwhile Mr. Dart, and Bryan Mathie, our business manager, were driving from Johannesburg to Pretoria almost daily. We were trying to speed the visa through as quickly as possible, answering questions regarding AMBASSADOR COLLEGE objectives. After two weeks a multiple re-entry business visa was granted for my family and me. We felt it was a miracle. We did not realize at that time how BIG a miracle it really was!

After that year I applied for permanent residence in South Africa. I kept renewing my permit to reside in the country and waited. Four months later having heard nothing, my wife and I went to the Conference. We left our children in South Africa under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Terblanche.

We were away exactly one month. We flew into Johannesburg on the Alitalia overnight flight from Rome. We were tired! To make matters worse *five* 707's landed at Jan Smuts Airport all at once. Some were earlier than expected; some were later. But they all landed very close together. All five planes were fully booked. You've never seen such a line!

We were naturally eager to see our children. After all, it had been a month. After half an hour of standing in a long line, holding everything you owned that is heavy (to avoid overweight baggage payments) and, after a sleepless night, the last thing you want is trouble. Trouble we got.

We were told by the visa examiner that we would not be allowed in the country. I showed him my permit to reside in the country till the 31st of July, 1971. This didn't seem to convince him. We were shunted from one official to another until we finally got to what I assumed was the top man in the area. He was tactless to say the least. He told me it was my own fault. He said residence permits are cancelled when you leave the country. It is the visa that is the important thing. I could not enter South Africa.

I prayed!

He looked at my wife who was near tears from tiredness and the thought of having to leave the country and therefore our children indefinitely. Now they were no more than thirty yards away. Yet, they were "in" the country and we "out" of it.

I prayed some more! So did Eve.

He saw how distressed she was and I thought I saw a softening in his eye. So I said: "Your wife would be near tears too if she was so near her children yet was not permitted to see them." He said he'd see what he could do.

Then he instructed my wife to go to the children. No immigration formalities, no customs, just out. Eve barely said goodbye and was gone. I remained "out" of the country.

The man said he would telex Pretoria to see if he could admit me into the country. Apparently there were about six other people in a similar situation. He said it would take fifteen minutes. Meanwhile Bryan Mathie came back to where I was standing. He filled me in on the news of South Africa.

The Anglican Dean of Johannesburg had been arrested a day or two before. He was being held for subversive activities. He had in his possession at the time of his arrest literature from banned African groups and instructions for manufacturing Molotov Cocktails. There was a great deal of pressure on South Africa from many directions at that time, and also a new Minister of the Interior.

They were very cautious about ministers now.

The other six people had their responses

within fifteen minutes from Pretoria. I did not. Mine took two hours — but it was favourable. After two and a half tense hours, I was permitted back into South Africa.

As soon as I was able I was in Pretoria to get my visa straightened out. The girl behind the counter said it would take one week.

I still had heard nothing about my permanent residence.

During the next month at least ten ministers were asked to leave South Africa. These were both American and British and I believe one German. No reason was given but all of them appeared to be against apartheid. A statement was made in the newspaper that no foreign ministers would be granted permanent residence in South Africa. To me, it seemed my days in South Africa were numbered.

During this time Arthur Ashe was refused a visa. The American Embassy expressed concern for its churchmen in South Africa and the "Ashe" rejection.

After this month of waiting for the re-entry visa I telephoned Pretoria to inquire about it. I was told it was granted! Since I was going to Durban that weekend I sent an office employee to Pretoria to have my passports stamped. We drove to the Airport together — then he went on to Pretoria and I flew to Durban.

Upon my return Sabbath evening the man sent mentioned that I had also been granted permanent residence in South Africa! Proof if I ever saw it of Prov. 21:1, "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord . . . He turns it whenever He wills."

I found that as a permanent resident I was granted multiple re-entry visas to adjacent territories only. That is seven countries — eight if they count the Malagasy Republic. So that's no problem. But I have already planned a trip to Mauritius that is not adjacent. Pretoria granted me still another re-entry permit for two arrivals from any point on the globe. One will be used to Mauritius. One *spare!* I expect no trouble if I need more! Talk about *favour!*

This demonstrates how God's Laws concerning obedience to governments really *work!* Most groups resist, stall, denigrate or openly fight the governments under whom they live. We have been open, co-operating and *tried* to be patient. Even with her enforced defensiveness, the government feels she can trust us to do good and not evil.

As long as God wills, Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God are welcome in the Republic of South Africa!

MIRACULOUS RECOVERY!

Last February 27, Mr. Dalsen Poopedi, our only African employee working in the Johannesburg office, was attacked for no apparent reason by an assailant

unknown to him.

Mr. Poopedi, who taught school to his fellow black Africans for some time, has worked in the office for nearly seven years now.

He and his two children — a boy, 12 and a girl, 9 — were waiting for a bus at the time he was assaulted. The children watched in terror as they witnessed their father savagely struck down.

None can clearly recall the event, but the three following telex messages from Mr. Fahey tell the dramatic story of what followed, without need for further embellishment:

AMBASCOL JOHANNESBURG MAR 8, 1971

BAD NEWS — DALSEN HAS BEEN ATTACKED SATURDAY OR SATURDAY EVENING. HIS SKULL HAS BEEN BROKEN — HAS CONCUSSION. CANNOT SPEAK OR WRITE BUT CAN WALK. APPARENTLY BRAIN OK. HOSPITAL FULL — SO HE SITS ALL DAY — MATTRESS ON FLOOR AT NITE. DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HELP. CAN'T FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED SINCE HE CAN'T TALK. WILL WRITE DETAILS WHEN I FIND OUT MORE.

AMBASCOL JOHANNESBURG MAR 10, 1971

DALSEN MUCH IMPROVED. SENT HOME FROM HOSPITAL. DOCTOR FEELS HE CAN REGAIN SPEECH FASTER BEING WITH HIS CHILDREN. MOTOR FACILITIES NOW COMING BACK. REALLY REMARKABLE RECOVERY.

AMBASCOL JOHANNESBURG MAR 17, 1971

GUESS WHO IS BACK AT WORK TODAY? DALSEN. SPEAKING, WORKING, WITH ONLY SLIGHT TROUBLE. YOU SHOULD SEE THE WOUND — BIG. THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE PLEASED TO HEAR PRAYERS ANSWERED IN ONE WEEK.

CORRECTION

Except for the PT circulation figure for the French Work in the last Bulletin's "WORK OF GOD STATISTICS" Chart, all other statistics for that area of God's Work were unfortunately incorrect! The correct figures are as follows:

Co-Workers	1,462
CC Circulation	3,394
Feast Attendance	544
Church Attendance	435
Baptized Members	291
Churches	5
Ministers	4

SONG BOOKS

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of the music may *sound*, they nevertheless contain phraseology that is either **TOTALLY CONTRARY** to the Bible or *objectionable* in some way when compared with the truth of God's Word. Therefore, while it still may be several months before a new hymnal is ready, Mr. Armstrong thought it would be good to begin *excluding* these objectionable hymns from our song services *beginning right now*. Following is a list of the songs he has personally deleted:

- 3 — Standing On The Promises
- 7 — Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus
- 10 — I Would Be True
- 15 — Faith Of Our Fathers!
- 18 — Open My Eyes, That I May See
- 23 — No Night There
- 27 — We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer
- 30 — Just When I Need Him Most
- 33 — Jesus Calls Us, O'er The Tumult
Let There Be Light, Lord God Of Hosts
- 36 — With Happy Voices Singing
- 37 — Praise Him! Praise Him!
- 38 — Blessed Assurance
- 42 — Give Of Your Best To The Master
- 44 — It Is Well With My Soul
- 46 — I Need Thee Every Hour
- 48 — All Hail The Power
- 50 — I Am Thine, O Lord
- 52 — I Love To Tell The Story
- 59 — Sweet Hour Of Prayer
- 62 — What A Friend We Have In Jesus
- 65 — Softly Now The Light Of Day
- 68 — For The Beauty Of The Earth
- 70 — Take Time To Be Holy
- 75 — In The Garden
- 78 — Count Your Blessings
- 85 — Jesus, I Come
- 92 — The Prodigal Son
- 93 — Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind
- 96 — Tell Me The Old, Old Story
- 99 — Day Is Dying In The West
- 100 — Blest Be The Tie

Mr. Armstrong also considers the following as *questionable*:

- 2 — Come, Thou Almighty King
- 41 — Onward, Christian Soldiers
- 86 — Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken
- 98 — God Be With You

Note that the second line of stanza 3 of number 40 — Pay All Your Vows To God Most High

— should read your *lips*, not *lies*. And stanza 3 of number 24 — Safely Thro' Another Week — should properly read *your* Sabbaths, not *our* Sabbaths.

Be sure to note these deletions and changes in the hymnals used for song leading.

FANTASTIC FIRST FUNERAL!

The following memo, dated March 12th, was received from Mr. Greg Sargent, preaching Elder serving the Albuquerque, Las Cruces and Farmington areas:

Hello again! This past week has been quite an eventful one. I believe I mentioned in the last memo I sent that I had one funeral coming up. Little did I know then what kind of funeral it would be.

The funeral took place in Taos, N.M., hippie-city, U.S.A. A young woman whose family were prospective members in the Colorado area was killed in an auto accident. Her husband, not in the least bit interested in this way of life, was the first to arrive at the scene of the accident as he is a New Mexico State Highway Patrolman.

I failed to tell you that although I've been in the ministry for 3½ years, this was the very first funeral service I've ever had to perform. What a way to be broken in! Not too much more could happen at a minister's first funeral service.

The funeral was fairly good-sized. New Mexico State Highway Patrol Honor Guard lined the first two or three rows and a Patrolman stood at each end of the coffin. At the stroke of 2:00 p.m. I immediately proceeded with the service — pagan immortality of the soul and all. That's when the trouble began.

The deceased's husband lunged from his comfortable sofa behind the curtain to stop the services before I said too much. At the same time, the patrolman standing by the casket and also next to me fainted, almost knocking a lamp over onto the corpse. I steadied the lamp and the other patrolman steadied the officer and carried him out. With all the commotion, the husband decided to again sit down and listen. The service continued.

It didn't take long before the husband again felt he had enough — I guess he didn't want to repent and accept Christ as his Savior. He snarled at me with biting teeth and pointed finger running across his throat as if to say, "You've had it. I'm going to cut your

vocal chords right out." This followed by another bolt to physically stop me only to be restrained and forced back by someone sitting next to him.

Needless to say, I was a little nervous by this time. The remainder of the service progressed with more gestical threats and attempts to stop me only to once again be restrained. He finally settled down during the closing prayer.

I'm sure that any funeral service in the future will be anti-climactic. Hopefully anyway!

FRUITS OF LSD

The following was received from Mr. Walter Sharp of the Cincinnati area:

I just heard something about one of the young teen-age boys who had been attending with his mother. While sitting at the dinner table last night he began to act in a strange manner. He began to writhe on the floor after a few minutes and finally became absolutely uncontrollable. This boy is only 15 years old, but several male members of the family could not handle him. Somehow they took the boy to the police station and 4 men could not hold him down. He was finally taken to the hospital and given a drug to knock him out. The boy's mother was quite upset by this time and was *shocked* to hear the doctor say that her son had taken LSD. The boy may never be right again! He stares straight ahead like a zombie and lapses into uncontrolled rages at times. He still does not know his mother or the other members of the family. It seems to me that our teen-agers do not understand or remotely grasp that they can ruin their entire lives by seeking a temporary thrill!

LETTER EXCERPTS

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Too Much Truth!

Since I have been reading your publications regularly, I am ashamed of myself — and of humanity. We are destroying ourselves at a frantic pace! I am upset, and I hope you can enlighten me on many questions. You tell too much truth, sir, and I fear that our wicked world might hold it against you as they held it against Christ. What is the purpose of life, and what are the true values? I thirst after the truth. I want

to read everything, understand everything. Life is so short.

— Mr. J. P. N., Yaounde, Camerouns

Lot to Be Happy About

I saw your program, "*The WORLD TOMORROW*," for the first time today and I enjoyed it very much. You said if anyone had anything to be happy about to write it. Well, I have a lot to be happy about. At the foot of my bed (I'm sitting on my bed) is a square plastic dish pan, a plastic pail, a large plastic wastebasket, and a wash basin, all in use as the snow is melting and the roof leaking. But I thank God I have a roof over my head. I'm crippled on my right side, my spine is twisted with arthritis, and I can hardly do anything. But I thank God I can move, hear, smell, taste and talk, and understand a little. I only went to grade 5, and my husband didn't go at all. But thank God he has a chance now. He is going to upgrading school and earns \$188.00 every two weeks. That's more than he has ever made before. Yes, here is one person who could complain, but who is thankful.

— Mrs. William B., Truro, Nova Scotia

Old People

I got your magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I read the article about the old fathers and mothers. I am very glad you put that in your magazine. I am one of the old people living alone on a very small Social Security allotment. The check lasts two weeks and the other two weeks I haven't got a penny. So I live in a small cold house, no money for oil. I rent it and live alone and am very lonely and cold. Clothes I buy from rummage sales in the spring. I am sick with heart trouble, and can't afford medicine. So I have to stay that way. I starve myself. I met a minister's mother, 83 years old, living alone. She told me her son never comes to see her. She said she didn't know why, he lives near her. She said it's lonely, and can't go out to buy food. I said I have the same trouble. And another old lady was living alone out in the woods in the country and no one ever came to see her. I asked my brother if she was still living and he said she'd starved to death. We don't get enough Social Security to live. Most of us are unfed and are not well. No one cares. I asked the Salvation Army for some clothes. They said they don't give anyone anything. They are too busy making all the money for themselves. They get furniture, clothes and books all free in the boxes but won't give any to

anyone. I am glad that you care for us in some way. Thank you very much for *The PLAIN TRUTH*. It's so real to us. Please pray for me, I am sick.

— Mary W., Manchester, Connecticut

Now It's My Turn

I quite agree about there being two major philosophies of life — *give* and *get*. However, this entails the opposites, for if one gives, someone or something must get. So, I have been getting, and you have been giving. Now it is my turn. Enclosed is \$100. I feel very happy to know that this country has colleges such as *The PLAIN TRUTH* represents. We most certainly need many such colleges. So in a spirit of thanks, and of love for what the colleges stand for, I wish to give the enclosed. I am retired, and inflation has squeezed me a bit, but I am happy to be privileged to be able to do this.

— Harold S., Mayville, New York

Teen-age Co-Worker

It is such a pleasure and so thrilling to get a glimpse of what is going on in this great Work. Frankly, I cry over each letter because I feel so grateful and privileged to be chosen by Christ to be His Co-Worker. I like to think that it was my money that was used to pay for a booklet that helped a person out of a mental crisis or gave hope to another teen-ager like myself. I have never been so truly happy. I cannot imagine my life without *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcasts (I think Garner Ted Armstrong is great), or your literature. I discover I have just begun to live.

— Linda S., Torrance, California

Made me Want to Rap With My Parents but...

I just finished an article in your March edition, "What Ever Happened to Father?" I just started to subscribe to the magazine and this is my third issue, but it was the best story I have ever read. It made me think as I was reading it. It made me want to run right down stairs (I'm in my room) and start rapping with my parents. But the feelings kind of gone now because of this. I went downstairs to get a pen to write this. I asked my mother, "Ma, do you have a pen so I can write this?" She gave me a kind of dirty look and said, "I don't know. Look in the drawer. There probably isn't one because you kids are always taking them from me as soon as I buy

them." In the background I could hear my father yelling at my two little sisters to stop fighting. So I might try and talk, but will probably stay up in my room and hem a couple of skirts.

— Karen T., Haverhill, Massachusetts

I don't get out very much anymore, as I am 68 years old, and I've been knocked down and mugged six times. I've gotten hurt each time, lost three wallets, and lost about \$15.00 or \$20.00. My husband is in a nursing home now. I only get Social Security. It's kind of tough on me when my money is taken from me. I bet you could explain in your magazine why these things are going on. I sure wish you would write about it. The elderly people can't even walk on the streets anymore. I am a Christian and I'm even afraid to go to Church.

— Mrs. R. F., St. Louis, Missouri

Molested by Father and Brothers

I read your magazine quite a lot. You talk so much about hippies, long hair and so on. I'm not a pill swallower either. I want to ask you if you will print this. I was a girl child, born into this world of chaos. When I was a small girl my father molested me. What do you do when your dad takes privileges due a wife with his daughter? Then after my brothers found out, they thought it was fair play and game for them. How do you get away from them? I can't stomach the thought and sometimes become so despondent I think of running off from everything and everybody. It wouldn't be very funny to have a child by your own father or one of your brothers. Will you print an answer?

— M. M., Beloit, Kansas

Farmers Sowing Wild Oats

I was studying your book on "Modern Dating." On page 65, the first paragraph I read, or at least I got the idea, that you think "farmers" are better off. I must admit that I have never been in a large city for more than three days and can't grasp what it must be like. In this area, getting drunk is the in thing. I am the only boy in my class that has never driven to Kansas to get drunk, nor to ever get drunk at all. Almost every Friday and Saturday night, and holidays and special occasions, all the boys, except me, get drunk. In the class below me, a vast majority get drunk also. The girls have very few morals, but what they have is lost when they drink. I can not name a girl, and I have sure tried, that

will even go out with a boy that does not drink and does not swear. Our cities may be sin cities, but our farmers are sowing wild oats, and raising cain just as efficiently as their environment will allow them. I hate to take anymore of your time, but I just thought I would let you know that farm life is not all that rosey. I would say fortunately (which is putting it mildly) we are not all farmers.

— Bob M., Pond Creek, Oklahoma

Hit Him... Kick Him...!

I want to tell you of an incident that happened today in school. This incident has happened before, but this is the first time I realized the situation. Today at high school, two teenagers got into a fight and hundreds of kids were circling the fight shouting their heads off. They were all encouraging the fight and they were not trying to stop it in the least bit. Their eyes were wide with fascination and they were smiling and laughing as though they were actually enjoying it. I could hear them yelling, "Hit him harder," and "Kick him in the..." and "Don't give up." Kids from clear across the other side of the campus came running just to see two people knock the hell out of each other! This really freaks my mind because I can understand when little kids do this, but when grown adults do it, it's ridiculous.

— Charles H.,
La Puente, California

This Is Education?

First of all I will tell you something about myself. I am a 16-year-old student of the Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. High School, I attend the True Church of God, my name is Judy G., and I am writing on what is happening in Dallas' modern-day schools. Now at the present moment I am sitting in the midst of a group of boys from ages 14-17, on dope. (It's not that I want to be, it's because my teacher won't let me leave the room.) And the teacher knows what is going on and they won't say anything about it. The odor from the dope is so strong that you could literally get high yourself. Only, I put my coat up to my nose to prevent getting high myself. I can't tell anyone (principal, other teachers, students or anybody) for fear of being beaten up, because the principal has been found not to be trustworthy of any sort. (I proved this myself too.) So far, riots and demonstrations haven't been found in the school I attend. One day someone gave a girl some dope on some gum. So

please, would you inform all ages of children not to take anything from friends or so-called friends at school. This could mean their life, mind and future. Also in the school which I attend, lesbianism has appeared to be running wild. For example: girls lay on coats together and go in the same little rest room together, (they are almost too small for one) when there are a lot of others to go into. Girls are slipping off from school and when you hear from them again 7 out of 10 have been raped. One evening when my mother was taking me to work we saw two big boys pull a smaller boy off campus, and beat him up, and they pulled a knife on him and took his money from him.

One afternoon when my aunt and I were going to the store a man followed us to about four stores and home (we were walking). I called the police and they said they couldn't do anything to him (follow him or watch him) unless he did something to us. Then he didn't say anymore and he hung up in my face. That's all I know as of now. Goodbye and thank you.

— Judy G., Dallas, Texas

I have heard much about your cool magazine *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I am a hippie, have taken drugs and all that, and some of my friends have begun to change their minds about a lot of things since they started to read your literature. I want to know what you have got that no other people have got. I don't believe there is a God and I reckon Jesus was probably only an older day hippie who tripped on mushrooms, etc. Could you please also send me the one that "tries" to prove God and the Bible and also the ones on drugs and hippies?

— Ross E., Queensland, Australia

No Follower

I am a 17-year-old teen-age boy. I guess this sounds strange to hear from a so-called "now generation," but you can take all those stupid pill poppers, and grass smokers to the moon. The farther away from earth and America the better. I decided a long time ago that I have a mind of my own, and I am going to use it, and say "to hell with trying to keep up with the Joneses." I am going to live for America and live the best way I know how and not do things to make everybody else think I am a big shot. Well, what I am trying to say is, I believe and am for you 110%.

— Michael B., Oxford, Alabama