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Mail Summary and Letter Excerpts

MAIL SUMMARY

Response to the Semi-Annual Letter has brought us an excellent letter count for June. Through the 25th, we have over 290,000 letters. The white mail count has been quite good, showing well over a 100% increase over June 1970. The biggest item of comment in the mail has been the Vietnam War. A lot of questions and comments are being received relative to contributions after people received the Semi-Annual Letter. Many were happy to hear that we do accept contributions and many are saying they would like to send a contribution but just are not able. Others are asking about church attendance and there is an increased interest in prophecy. Many people are watching the development of the United States of Europe. Also, there have been a lot of questions from young people and about young people.

The financial picture is fairly encouraging for this month. Through the 24th, we show a 12% year-to-date increase in money and a 14.8% increase for the month of June. Both these figures should improve during the final days of the month.

LETTER EXCERPTS

Semi-Annual Letter Response

Thank you for your letter informing me of the edition of *The Missing Dimension in Sex*. I wish I could afford to send a contribution. At this time in my life, it is impossible. Yes, I do need the book. I am not married but hope to be in a few years. For the past fifteen years of my life I have been a nun in a religious order of teachers. I am now finishing up my year of teaching at a Catholic High School. I am now 31 years of age and have made the decision to change my life. My needs for a happy existence are not the same as fifteen years ago. I need to be wanted and loved by a family of my own.

— K. K.,
Bellair, Texas

Yes, I would like a copy of *The Missing Dimension in Sex* as I have many young girls that come to me that are in trouble, either being pregnant or having some venereal disease and absolutely no knowledge of their body or much else, for that matter. Some of these girls are not so young and still they get into some predicament and do not seem to understand how it all happened. It is as if they have a mental block in some directions. I wonder many times if there is really any real education in this country at all.

— Don G.,
Idaho Falls, Idaho

I'm a volunteer worker at a Planned Parenthood Clinic and I would like to have your new

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Personal NOTES

Garvin and Sandra Greene (Fort Worth): Howdy, from Ft. Worth! Our firstborn child we called "Junior" for nine months finally arrived at 3:47 a.m. June 15. We named *HER Michelle Lynn*. She is off to a good start, weighing 8 lbs., 2 ozs. Sandee had only about 5 hours of hard labor (maybe because I was there to help her!?) and we were able to go home by 10 a.m. Everyone still doing fine!!

Jim and Lois Haeffele (Salt Lake City-Pocahontas): Greetings from Salt Lake City! I wanted to announce the birth of our first child, a girl. We named her *Sharon Anne*. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Everything went very smoothly; and as the doctor said, it was a perfect "textbook delivery." Mother and child are doing very well. Also, I don't want to forget to give the time and date of birth: 7:50 a.m. Wednesday, June 2nd.

Bill and Elaine Jacobs (Fort Smith-Little Rock): *Julie Rachelle* arrived healthy and fit without much to-do at 4:00 a.m., May 31st — Pentecost. She weighed in at 7¾ lbs. Everyone's fine except dad. He's feeling outnumbered 3 to 1 now! Oh well, the minority rules.

Russell and Faye Johnson (Durban): When Mr. Fahey announced on Pentecost that we would be transferred to Rhodesia as soon as the baby arrived, my wife (formerly Faye Bronkar) stirred to action (I just went into shock)! Labor began that night! It took about 24 hours, but at 12:53 a.m. Wednesday June 2nd, our first child arrived. Her name is *Karina Lynn*. She weighed in at 6 lbs., 12 ozs., and like her parents she's fit and well and anxious to get on to our new assignment.

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brochure titled *The Missing Dimension in Sex*. We have many unmarried late teens taking the contraceptive pills without parental consent. I'm finding it hard to accept, and feel we are hurting more than helping the world we live in.

— Mrs. Jewel C.,
Baldwin Park, California

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Only last week I was told that our local high school has one of the highest pregnancy rates of any school in this area. Having two teenage sons and being involved in many activities with their friends, I can say truthfully I have never seen so much pressure being put on children today in one area. My husband and myself are not afraid of speaking out on the subject (and the end result of heartache that premarital sex will bring to their lives) but we are both at a loss as to the correct way of doing so.

— Mrs. Roy J.,
Monroe, Ohio

In regard to your book *The Missing Dimension in Sex*, I would very much like a copy of it. I am 18, just out of a high school where girls my own age are getting pregnant. Here I grew up with half of these girls. We didn't have a care in the world. Now I look at them and it is really sad. Most of the couples who did get married live in separate homes because of no money.

— Genie R.,
Greenacres, Washington

Inspired By Houston Talk Show

Hearing Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong on a talk program was definitely a change of the times. I enjoyed it so much. The program itself worked as a spiritual push on the brethren because he was the best I've ever heard — better than usual. We could feel that he was God-inspired by his answers, because I can't believe any man who

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Dear Fellow Ministers:

GREETINGS, in Christ's name! I have just returned from Israel, and will be going on to Pasadena tomorrow. It's Sabbath morning at Orr -- I've been wandering around a quiet camp since 4:30 AM when I woke up, after falling into exhausted sleep about 9:00 PM last night following a trip from Tel Aviv, and only one hour's sleep in between.

Mr. Armstrong will be returning to Headquarters within a few days, following a visit to Dusseldorf, and a meeting with officials of the German edition of Reader's Digest there. He and both my sisters and one brother-in-law, together with Mr. and Mrs. Hunting and Mr. and Mrs. Rader were all in Israel when I arrived, so Mr. Armstrong and I shared services on the first Sabbath prior to the beginning of the dig, just one week ago today, as I write. First time I've given a sermonette in years!

I had some very fine interviews with some of the lower-echelon leaders in Israel for both our radio and TV programs. Gideon Hausner, who is a good friend of ours, and who was very helpful during the difficulties when Rohan threw his bomb gave me a fine interview. He was prosecuting attorney during the Eichmann trial, and wrote a very shocking, moving (and weighty) book called "Judgment in Jerusalem" of which he gave me a personally autographed copy. That interview was done just outside one of the buildings of the "Yad Vashem," the memorial to the more than 6 million Jews annihilated during the "holocaust." He is small, deliberate, high-voiced, but superbly intelligent and very, very intense.

I also interviewed Mr. Ben Aharon, leader of the Histadruth (Labor Party) -- majority party in Israel. He holds the office formerly held by Golda Meir prior to her election as Premier. Moshe Kol, Minister of Tourism, also consented to an interview, as did our friend "Edward" at the Hertz Agency at Lod Airport. Strikingly enough, Edward's interview may prove to be the most interesting to many American people, simply because I was able to say more of the daily, common and personal things, asking questions about salaries, auto prices, taxes, strikes, education, and the like, whereas the other interviews were confined strictly to major world-problems and the present situation in the Mideast.

The top leaders could not grant interviews on such short notice and we have been assured by the head of the governmental press agency that we can interview the Premier, Abba Eban, who is Foreign Minister, and Deputy Premier Allon, during the first week in August. I had a tentative dinner engagement with Moshe Dayan, in his own home, that had to be deferred until August, apparently; and I certainly hope it comes off at that time. Dayan has refused to grant further television interviews -- a personal preference of his, only, and having no political significance; but has consented to

a personal, social-level interview, granting still photos only. I attended a reception in the home of Mr. Hausner together with Mr. Herbert Armstrong and all those in his party; Minister Kol and another man, whose name I have forgotten, who is the head of the Supreme Court of Israel.

I did at least four programs (I forget whether four or five, now) in Israel; which most of you will have heard by now, or will be hearing soon -- and had intended doing more "on the spot" broadcasts during the days I was waiting (from Thursday to a Monday) for the visit with Dayan; but when I found he had cancelled, I simply picked up and hurried as directly as possible back to Orr. Shirl and Mark are going to return with me to Pasadena for about a week, and then back up here.

Meanwhile, I've fallen behind on PT writing a little -- Art Ferdig needs copy from me immediately or sooner -- and need very badly to generate some fresh radio broadcasting and begin stimulating the "white" mail!

I can't comment on the TW lecture series right now, and I know Mr. Meredith will be including information on those in his letter, so I won't try. As you know, I have been a little out of touch, and only received a partial report on them after sending a telex from Tel Aviv to Mr. Gillen wondering what was going on.

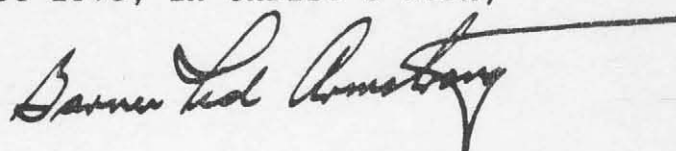
It looks like Mr. Gillen and Mr. McCullough have found a bigger, better Festival location in the Hawaiian Islands! I know none of the details, but what Jim told me over the phone.

Well, that's about it for now. I'll get this to the office first thing Monday, and whenever others' portions of the Bulletin are ready, we'll get it on its way again. It's going to be a busy summer for everyone as you can see; especially if the lecture series can be held in as many cities as are being presently planned.

It looks now like I'll be catching up on radio for a time in Pasadena, and perhaps doing some more TV programs, if anything is ready so far as film is concerned. Right now, huge ranks of young boys and girls are marching to and fro in front of this office window here at Orr, as they go in and out of the Dining Hall for Sabbath brunch. I'll have services today at 3:00 PM; probably telling them a little about my trip and then talking to them about "how to make all your dreams really come true." It's not wrong to dream good dreams -- and it's not wrong to have them really happen to you! Trouble is, too many people continually compromise with their dreams -- and end up having nightmares, instead; at least that's the way I'll approach the subject! Seems like the Bible even talks about people "dreaming dreams," come to think of it.

So long for now; keep busy in Christ's first and second commissions He gave to us, and I'll be seeing a few of you here and there, no doubt; even including some of you in a few of the lecture series if I can work in a visit with local stations, etc. and combine them both.

Warmest love, in Christ's Work,



P.S. I think you all would like to know we're in the middle of executive committee meetings on whether, now, to go ahead with the Auditorium in Pasadena.

You all know how Mr. Herbert Armstrong feels about the project, of course, and are completely familiar with all the member letters we have sent out over the past few years, including even large artist's concepts, and pictures of the model of the building which was in the Hall of Administration for a long time.

Too, full color pictures have appeared in the ENVOY -- so the members have certainly been very conditioned to EXPECT the final building of the auditorium.

Presently, it appears to be about a 10 million dollar project. We're looking at the building fund, the operating budget, current projects and projected ones for the next several years; and the potential for a sudden, unexpected expansion in the media budget.

Mr. Rader will be working on the financing; it may take up to forty-five full days, however, before we have a final, positive answer. Between that time and now, perhaps our financial picture will jell a little more positively, and we'll have passed the mid-year point and be entering the autumn period -- (late August or early September) and can perhaps project our total annual costs a little more clearly.

In any event, as you can all appreciate, the final decision is a truly huge one -- and I know you'll all be praying Mr. Herbert Armstrong will be given the wisdom and the guidance he needs from Christ to make such a decision. We have just finished a meeting of several hours duration in my office, following Mr. Armstrong's return last evening -- I am typing this part of the bulletin from my own desk. I returned from Orr on Sunday morning; have been waking up at about 4:30 AM each day since returning from Israel. Was up here in the office at 5:30 AM this morning, working on an article -- and found out my father was up at 5:00 AM, too. So we're still on a different sleeping schedule.

I'll be up at Orr again before long, since my whole family will be staying there for the entire summer, and Henry Cornwall has some additional station visits set up for later -- probably in the middle of July.

It looks like our long-time relationship with KRLD Dallas is deteriorating somewhat; they have a new "music only" format, and now want to push our program from its 8:05 PM spot down to 12:00 midnight! Hope we don't have to do it -- but we don't dare lose the station -- and at least midnight in Dallas is 11:00 PM in Colorado. But we'll see.

Church Administration

RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

I just arrived back from starting off the meetings in Baltimore a few days ago. Things really *pile up* here at Headquarters when any of us are gone for a few days — and it is a chore to get your desk cleaned off again!

Mr. Herbert Armstrong and Mr. Ted Armstrong both arrived back yesterday (Sunday) and are already busy holding meetings this morning. So things should be picking up even more in the next few days.

As I told you in my last letter, we anticipated a greater "drop-off" in these June meetings than we had in Long Beach BECAUSE we gave *everyone* who had been on the TOMORROW'S WORLD list for nearly a year the opportunity to come in their particular area. In Long Beach, you will remember, we were going more cautiously in our first "pilot" program, and invited *only* the better Co-Workers and those who were *already* in some PM category to the meetings. When considering the above factors, however, the three additional pilot lecture series just completed turned out *very well* indeed!

In summarizing the results, I will give you *only* the attendance for the "new" or non-church people — whom we then began to call PMs. We all know that we could arrange the attendance of church people about the way we want it at any area! So that is not really an important factor one way or the other. In Cincinnati, Mr. Hill and Mr. Sharp had 342 PMs in attendance the first night out of a total of 1221 who had responded to our survey and been invited. The second night, they dropped to 218 PMs, then 213 the third night and dropped to a low of about 160 PMs on the seventh or eighth night. The final night, PM attendance was back up to 189. This, we feel, was *very fine* considering all the factors concerned and we have every reason now to think that at least 85-100 or more of these new people may come into God's Church within the next several weeks!

Incidentally, Mr. Bryce Clark replaced Mr. Hill at the end of the first week and so he and Mr. Sharp now *both* have that experience under

their belts to help join others later in conducting future lectures. There were no outstanding problems in Cincinnati except that the weather was *extremely* hot and muggy at times — which may have held down attendance somewhat as the hall was not air conditioned.

In Portland, Mr. Antion and Mr. Swisher had 355 PMs in attendance the first night. This number dropped to 270 the second night, 230 the third and hit a low of 143 on both the eighth and ninth evenings. Then, as in Cincinnati, the attendance was back up for the final night — 170 PMs there to hear the final sermon and get "clued in," as they might look at it.

Mr. Al Dennis joined Mr. Swisher in conducting the meetings after Mr. Antion left after the first week there. Again, there were no special problems except for some hot and humid weather on one or two evenings which made it uncomfortable in the hall. Mr. Swisher told me by phone this morning that the people really "warmed up" on the final night and it almost seemed like a church service of converted people!

In Baltimore, Mr. Westby and I were greeted by 314 PMs the first night, dropping to 301 the second night, 278 the third night and a low of 142 the eighth night. Then, as in the other meetings, attendance jumped back up to 175 PMs for the final evening.

When I left at the conclusion of the first week, Mr. Panella joined Mr. Westby in preaching on Tuesday and Thursday of the second week. There were no giant problems in Baltimore either, but two smaller ones which should be noted. Again, weather warmed up considerably the second week and the hall became hot and sticky even though the school auditorium we were using was a *very fine* one. It had a ventilation and "cooling system" which normally was quite adequate. This may have affected attendance somewhat — as in the other areas.

An additional problem was that the Seventh Day Adventists undoubtedly got wind of our survey letters which had been mailed out in April. And they came along right there in Baltimore, at the *exact* time they thought our meetings would be held and had a series of evangelistic meetings for the public entitled "Our World Tomorrow" — which they had advertised by various printed cards and fliers (similar to our "America Listen" approach), and sent out free "admission" tickets and other literature with "Our World Tomorrow" featured as the title of their program and illustrated by a globe and other art work similar to what we have specifi-

cally employed in TOMORROW'S WORLD magazine several times!

How many new or "weak" Co-Workers or TOMORROW'S WORLD subscribers were affected or misled by these devious tactics we may never know. But I think this should alert us to 1) *pray all the harder* for God to STAY the hand of Satan the Devil and all his cohorts from interfering with these meetings in *any way* and 2) be as careful as we can, within reason, and without being too cautious or "spooky," not to tell *everyone* in the community or even in the church every *detail* of how and where we are planning and organizing these meetings!

A "word to the wise" in these matters should be sufficient. So let's do try to be alert and not feel called on to give *too many* details about *any* aspect of God's Work which might be used against us!

In my June 16 letter, I told you about the forthcoming lectures to be held during *July*. These are now all approved and ready to go except for the one in St. Louis — which we are postponing till August for a number of administrative reasons. But this does mean that 12 lecture series will be conducted in July — and probably 15 or 20 in August! I will give more details about the times and places of the August meetings in my next letter when things are more sure. And it may be just as well if they are not publicly announced too far in advance *anyway* — as per my warning above.

Again, let me encourage all of you pastors of churches to "get prepared." Begin having your own sermons recorded *regularly* so you can hear yourself speak and critically evaluate your own problems as a "public" speaker. You might have your wives and one or two close friends in the ministry help you as well — in proceeding to really go to work on overcoming mispronunciations, staccato-like outbursts, high or nasal voices, lack of *proper* voice modulation, fluency, diction and real *organization* and *depth* and *feeling* in what you are saying.

Let's all pray for one another about this and ask God to *bless* and *guide* and *use* each of His servants in conducting these meetings in the proper way! We are *very encouraged* by the results so far — and expect **TREMENDOUS** results from these meetings within the next year.

Our number of churches and overall church attendance is *leaping ahead* again this summer. We now have 203 churches in the U. S. — and 258 worldwide. Overall church attendance in the U. S. jumped up over 2,000 in the last few weeks

— partly, I am quite sure, because of enthusiasm over these Bible Lectures being held for TOMORROW'S WORLD readers and partly, of course, because a number of us from Headquarters have been out as special guest speakers in the local congregations — stimulating more to come. At any rate, total church attendance in the U. S. for the Sabbath of June 12 was 61,503!

On June 19 we began new churches in Covington, Ky.; Gaylord, Mich.; Klamath Falls, Ore.; and Montpelier, Vt. This past Sabbath, June 26, we started *second* congregations in Columbus, Ohio, and Dayton, Ohio, with a completely new area congregation beginning in Lancaster, Pa. And next week, new churches are to start in Jonesboro, Ark. and Valdosta, Ga. That is *nine* churches in three weeks — something to be thankful and grateful for!

Mr. Harold Jackson arrived in Pasadena yesterday and is now going to make Headquarters his "home base" for the foreseeable future. We will be writing you more about this later, but Mr. Jackson will continue to go out from time to time to bring special help and encouragement to the Negro Elders and brethren. He will be our Headquarters' representative to help make sure that the needs of our Negro brethren are being taken care of and also that we here on the administrative team are kept abreast of any needs or problems in this area. It is good to have Mr. Jackson here, and I am sure he will be a fine help and example to us all.

That's it for this time, and we will look forward to seeing many of you out in the "field" very soon as a number of us join the local pastors in starting off the July meetings due to begin two weeks from tonight!

Your brother in Christ,

Robert C. Merrill

P.S. Important **NOTICE**: All of you ministers in areas where we are coming in July or August for the Bible Lectures should immediately *hold off* on visiting any PMs whose letters PCD forwards to you. Let these coming Bible Lectures take the place of the first few visits and do that job which they are intended to do *anyway*. This will *save* time and money in the end, and cause the Lectures to be even *more* inspirational as the very first contact for these people.

Financial Affairs and Planning

ALBERT J. PORTUNE

The general financial condition of the Work is remaining fairly good right now, and things do look encouraging for the rest of the year. Our month-to-date increase on contributions and property alone is, at the time of writing, standing at only 5% over last year, with a 14.8% for total income month-to-date. This situation is a little bit anomalous since the income on the same day last year was exceptional. We are hoping that the remaining days in June will boost our total monthly increase to 22% and bring our year-to-date increase up to about 13%. These are only projections at this time, but are fairly accurately based. I do not feel that God's people can "relax" because, while the trends are encouraging, we have still not yet reached our firm budget requirement of 1971. As long as we are falling short of a consistent 13.5% increase for the year, the pressure is still on us to pray and do everything we can in approaching God.

As for the future, some of you may have heard of certain plans and projects that Mr. Armstrong has in mind, and I feel I should clarify some of these for you. It has been our feeling that if we can utilize profitably our growing membership and at the same time serve them in areas necessary to day-to-day living, a certain spin off is going to accrue to the Church and its financial health. Consequently, we have been considering of late the purchase of a bank in order that many of our members using bank services could centralize them through one area operated by the Church and benefit themselves in certain financial transactions, and, at the same time, the Church would benefit from the overall operation of the institution. Most of our people use banking services, and it would be no great disadvantage for them to bank at a specified institution which would benefit the Work. The same basic principle applies to the institution and operation of an insurance company. On the surface, much good would seem to be promised.

At the present time, these ideas are simply that — just ideas, and it may be a little premature for you to announce these future plans to your congregations. I do know, however, that rumors can get started, and I feel that you

should be advised of the truth in order to answer any questions that may arise.

Overall, big things seem to be developing for the future of God's Work, especially in putting us on a sound financial footing. It seems that God is opening doors which, a few years ago, would have seemed to have been very unlikely! We here at Headquarters are eager to meet this challenge of future growth, and I am sure that with the backing of you and God's people together, the fulfillment of these goals will be met.

Thank you for all your support, and please maintain the "pressure" in your spiritual life for the needs in the Work!

Foreign Educational Service

Office of
RONALD L. DART

This encouraging memo of June 9th was received from Mr. C. Wayne Cole, Evangelist in charge of our Australian Office:

A few days ago Gene Hughes, George Karlov and I had a meeting during the morning tea period with Mr. Milton Morris (the Minister for Road Transport in the New South Wales State Government and a Member of the Legislative Assembly [the lower house of the government]). Mr. Morris wrote us a letter of endorsement for the Australian version of "Death Rides the High Road." Our meeting with Mr. Morris came about as a result of our contact initially via the Police Public Relations Department and then later by direct correspondence with him regarding his support of the article.

We found Mr. Morris very friendly toward us and he said he was very impressed by what we are doing in Australia. One of the most encouraging things to us was his comment that before he agreed to write his letter for our article, he had us investigated or as he said, "he did his homework on us" and found that we had an A-1 rating. We know that one of the reports to him in his investigations was a first-class report by the N.S.W. Police Dep't. We spoke with him about the purposes of Ambassador College and presented him with a number of copies of "Death Rides the High Road" as well as other pieces of our literature. Mr. Morris said he would pass on copies of our "Road-toll" article to members of the Road Safety Council.

As Minister for Road Transport and a member of the Legislative Assembly, Mr.

Morris occupies an influential position in the Australian community and it is *very pleasing* to me that such men hold Ambassador College in high regard and also that our literature is being accepted by several official departments.

It is my hope to meet the Commissioner of Police in N.S.W. and present him copies of our Australian edition of the "Crime" booklet.

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answers questions "off the bat" could answer with such smoothness and accuracy without help from God.

He was very tactful, yet he was his happy straightforward self. We in Houston were proud (I use this word in its proper place because I realize it was God who spoke through Mr. Armstrong) of Mr. Ted Armstrong and were even more strongly grounded and confident in him as a true servant of God, whom I feel could be presented before anyone and show how a person serving God should look and live.

— Mrs. P. H.,
Houston, Texas

Desperate for Child Rearing Help

Please send me your latest book on child rearing. I have a six-year-old foster son from an alcoholic mother and father. He's seen sex, heard cursing, lies professionally. How do you reach a child like this? He cut two children's hair out in school (boys). I'm to take him to a family council service without them giving me any hope. He tears up his toys and gives them away. I value your information.

— Mrs. Ruth T.,
Chicago, Illinois

Starting the Kids Out Early!

I have a child that has had difficulty learning in school. He has been tested by the school and I have also taken him to a neurologist where he was tested. The only outcome of these tests showed a short attention span. Therefore, the doctor and the school's first diagnosis stated he was hyperactive. The doctor recommended the drug, Ritalin, be given to my child. Not knowing anything about this drug, I gave it to my child for several months. It did help him learn and he stopped rebelling at school, but he seemed to have a blow-up about every two months or so over which the teachers said they had no control. The last few weeks I have been doing a little

research on this drug and have found that there has never been a follow-up study on the effects of its use. It is not really known if it causes these children to be drug addicts when they grow older. And there is no specific answer as to whether it will cause them to be dependent on these drugs for learning purposes later in life. It also seems that every third child on my block is recommended to be put on this drug.

— Mrs. C. B.,
Rowland Heights, Calif.

What's Happening to Our Youth?

What is happening? I feel very worried about the young folks. Recently about 25, all from ages 14 and 20, congregated on the street in front of our house and proceeded to get so drunk and lit up with something they couldn't walk straight. About every four steps they would fall down to be picked up by the others. They laid all over our flower garden in front of the house, wrecked my flowers, broke glass beer bottles, and left beer cans. What a mess! And the language was awful filthy. We did not call the police because we did not want our windows broken later on or some other such thing. They didn't fight so we waited it out. After about 2½ hours they left. There were about five girls with all those boys and just as drunk as the boys. The police say they can do nothing unless they are fighting or destroying property. If they want to party in the street they cannot bother them. So what is going to happen? Never in my whole 67 years of life have I ever seen such a performance.

— Mrs. C. K.,
San Jose, California

The Thornton police have already taken 25 youths (ages 14-17) into custody as they were killing animals for blood to drink, then using pot and engaging in sexual orgies. One youth was found with a punctured vein where the others were trying to force drugs into him against his will. He is now in satisfactory condition. This is just one of the many examples of problems we face — as you are already aware.

— Mrs. Dave P.,
Thornton, Colorado

Wouldn't Listen

My parents are baptized members. They tried to tell me what was happening but I didn't want to listen. I got tired of coming to church. Now

I'm back at home with my family. You know, I had to run into a few walls to finally see how this wicked world is. I thought I could stay out of trouble, but it's so easy to get with the wrong group. I feel the only way you can be with the right people is to be with those in the church. Leaving the church and knowing the truth like I did is just like going out to fight a war knowing you are going to lose. So, Mr. Armstrong, please include me in your prayers so I will get more knowledge and understanding to help me bring my three-year-old child up in the right way. I am 18 years old.

— Beverly H.,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Drops His "Double Standard"

I really liked your article, "Drop Your Double Standard" (Feb. 1971). It says something that needed to be said for a long time. People do need to stop and think about what they're doing to their lives. It's not hurting only them but the whole world. This world is full of drugs, free love and pollution. Who's doing this? We are and it needs to stop. I've been there and back. Drugs aren't heaven, neither is life, but life is what you make it and we're making ourselves a world of hell.

— Laurel McM.,
Eureka, Montana

Hippie Was Looking for Jesus

I was a hippie story. I went from "harmless pot" to LSD to heroin, and all the rest. Throughout this time I held a belief, but not an *understanding*, of Jesus. I found many of my beliefs coincided with my brother's, who attended Ambassador. Shortly thereafter a sudden realization came upon me: I was trying to find Jesus, but in the *wrong* way. I abruptly quit all drugs, got a haircut, a job, quit smoking, ate only essentials, and did only essential things. I wrote my brother of my new ways, whereupon he sent me a beautiful Bible, which I have been reading almost every night. My main point is that I was using drugs to gain an understanding of Jesus. The key to understanding is, as I have found, in the Bible, not through drugs. Drugs only succeeded in confusing, disorienting, and generally leading me further and further from what I wanted: peace, love, and righteousness. Can you believe that I really thought I could find peace and love through

drugs? (I used mostly LSD, mescaline, and marijuana.)

— Keith R., Reno, Nevada

Picture With Short Hair?

I have a picture of Christ in long hair hanging up in my barber shop, but would like to replace it with a picture of Christ in short hair. Perhaps sometime you might print such a picture in *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine.

— F. T., Thurmont, Maryland

No Longer Under a Coconut Shell!

I am a student at Methodist Secondary School, Nibong Tebal. Through friends I have had the pleasure of reading *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine which I have found to be very informative and useful. It has helped me to be a better person and now I am no more shy to mix with people because I am no more like a frog under the coconut shell.

— Norma H.,
Province Wellesley South, Malaysia

Jehovah's Witness Disfellowshipped

I really had a setback. Seventeen years ago I became a Jehovah's Witness. Well, they recently disfellowshipped me with orders that I cannot even say "Hi" to any of them or write to them, because I made contributions to Ambassador College.

— Mrs. L. M., Marina, California

Hung in There

Your fine program, "World Tomorrow," was broadcast on local channel 4, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. Your presentation was very good. Unless you have something to say and a darn good way of saying it, you may find me in the kitchen checking the left-overs. I hung in there last night as if there were a "door-prize."

— John G.,
Greenville, South Carolina

New York Coffee

I want you to know I listen to you as I cook breakfast for a ranch crew. There is *always* a pot of coffee on for you and it won't cost you any \$8 for a pot! I nearly dropped the bacon and eggs when I heard you say what the pot of New York coffee cost! Thank you for everything.

— Ventia T., Wisdom, Montana

Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are!

For many moons I've read your PLAIN TRUTH magazine. I agree with most articles and with many thoughts and ideas put forward by Mr. Armstrong on the radio. However, my problem is: Who are you? Who, what, why? Is this a religious denomination, a public service group? Are you identified? To whom can I address myself? Come out, come out, wherever you are. Let us see you, perhaps join you. Give me the plain truth.

— J. L.,

Port Macquarie, New South Wales, Australia

Work Financed by the Wealthy?

I am fascinated and more than a little puzzled by your organization. How does one become a co-worker? I presume this work is done by the very wealthy? Anyway, thank you and God bless you.

— Mrs. B., Hamilton, New Zealand

Where's the "Catch"?

I received my PLAIN TRUTH magazine besides my other pamphlets and I am now looking for the "catch." What is it? I can't understand getting something for nothing in this day and age.

— J. P., Des Moines, Iowa

Supporting a Protestant Enterprise?

Congratulations on your good works. We listen to your son, Ted, too. Here is \$10 to continue. Never thought that I, as a Catholic, would be supporting a Protestant enterprise — but you are doing what more of our priests and nuns should be doing instead of marching with Caesar Chavez.

— Mrs. Evelyn M., Madera, California

Resourceful Members

Enclosed is our tithe of \$38.50. After your letter to members pointing out the serious financial shape the Work is in, we searched for a way to make a special offering and decided to gather up items around our farm that were not essential to our operation and sell them. Enclosed is \$102.72 from the sale of these items this week.

We should be able to send this much again or more when it is all disposed of.

— Mr. & Mrs. D. W.,
Russell Springs, Kansas

Mr. Armstrong's Letters Appreciated

Mr. Armstrong, I have never written in before to express my feelings about the Work. However, at this time when the Work is in such great need for support from the brethren, I want to say a few things to show you my appreciation for God's Work and for your part in it.

I have been a member of God's Church for about three years, but was greatly influenced by the Co-Worker Letters quite some time before this. There are many Co-Workers and a few members whose major contact with the Work is through the literature and the letters to the brethren and the members.

I have read your last letter to the brethren pointing out the need for a miraculous increase in the General Fund and Building Fund incomes to keep the Work performing the commission to the world and provide the buildings that are desperately needed. I am sending in a special offering for the Building Fund in response to your letter by airmail in a plain envelope instead of delivering it at church to save time. [Your zeal is appreciated, but *all* such donations should be brought to services — Editor.] I know that this is not enough by itself, nor would all my income be enough to bring about the miracle you are waiting for. However, I am asking God to do what is impossible for us individual members to do with our limited financial resources. That is to increase the income through many new members and Co-Workers and convicting the older Co-Workers who are not fully behind the Work to become so.

I want you to know that the Co-Worker Letters you are inspired to write do move us to action and are very vital to the Work. Please be encouraged by this and keep encouraging and correcting us, even when we do not appear to be responding as we should. That is when we need it most.

— Mr. & Mrs. R. P.,
Bruneau, Idaho