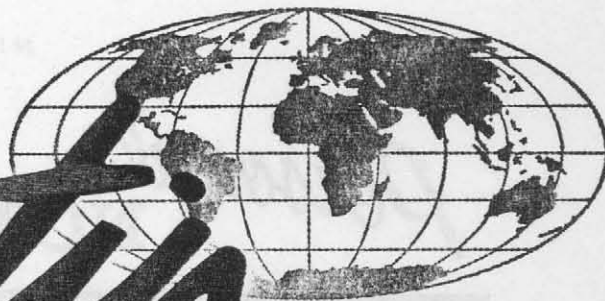


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MAIL SUMMARIES

HEADQUARTERS

The total income for the year through Friday, March 17, showed an 11.8% increase over the same period last year. The mail income for the month through Friday showed only an 8.5% increase over last March. The mail count for the year through Friday was a minus 8% compared to last year. This was the lowest week of the year so far for mail.

To date we have received almost 3000 comments in regard to the change in broadcasting. The overwhelming majority of these comments have been favorable.

VANCOUVER, CANADA

MARCH 10, 1972

The letter count for this month is below last year's figure for the same time period. Income, however, stands at an encouraging 28.2% (year-to-date) increase.

We have received a number of letters expressing delight in hearing the voice of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong once again. But many are also disappointed that the broadcast has been cancelled on a daily basis and can only be heard once a week.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

MARCH 9, 1972

During the first week of March, there has

been a decline in the volume of mail received. This has brought our yearly mail increase down to 70% over the same period last year. Income has also declined. It is now only 10.4% over the first 10 weeks of 1971.

Many letters have expressed keen anticipation for the coming TOMORROW'S WORLD article "Wake Up Your Marriage."

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

MARCH 10, 1972

The income for January and February has averaged a 30% increase over the same period of 1971. We hope this growth will be sustained.

Our recent addition to broadcasting, Radio Whakatane, has pulled in over 50 replies for less than two weeks of programmes. This response is relatively good as Whakatane is a rural area.

MANILA, PHILIPPINES

MARCH 9, 1972

Our weekly mail stands as the highest recorded weekly letter count since February 1968. It has overshadowed all record-breaking weeks from February 1968 onwards. We received a total of 6,194 letters. A substantial part of these comprises the regular mail numbering 4,156 letters or 67%. Should present trends in letters continue, this month may end up surpassing our all-time record month in letters which we had in February 1968.

During the week, a good number of letters asking who we are and what denomination we represent were encountered at the Personal Correspondence Department.

Income is up and percentages are headed towards the right direction.

The letter and money count are as follows:

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Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Oliver K. and Elinda Batte (Huntsville, Alabama): Greetings! We just wanted to announce our new daughter, *Jaqueline O'Shella!* She was born Feb. 10, 1972, at home in Huntsville, Alabama, at 3:15 (in the morning, of course!). She weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. There were no problems, and mother, daughter and papa are doing fine.

David and Carol Bedford (Belfast, Northern Ireland): On January 1, my wife started to labor on the Sabbath! At 3:45 p.m., after a five-hour labor, we were delivered of another baby girl. This gives us three girls! We are now thinking of legislating for the reintroduction of the law requiring a wife to be purchased! She weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz., and will be known by the names *Danella Ruth*. In case anyone wonders, the first name is entirely our own creation!

Charles and Teresa Dickerson (Laurel, Maryland): Greetings from Baltimore, Maryland. We are very happy to announce the birth of our first child — a girl, *JoLynn Eileen*. She was born Wednesday, March 8, at 4:09 p.m., weighing 5 lbs., 8 oz., and was 20 inches long. After sporadic contractions and the changing of the baby's position from the posterior to the regular position, with God's help hard labor began. After only two hours of actual hard labor the baby was born — not bad for a first delivery. Teresa and the baby are doing fine and still getting acquainted. Dad is still counting fingers and toes.

Herbert and Marilyn Magoon (Denver-Pueblo, Colorado): After being told we could possibly expect our new little deduction around the end of 1971, and after many weeks of false labor, our baby girl *finally* arrived February 28, 1972 at 1:40 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz., and was 20 inches long. She has been named *Kathleen Ann* (meaning pure-grace). She certainly is an unmerited blessing for our family. We are most grateful — even if we do have to wait until 1973 to declare her!

Rainer and Claudia Salomaa (Toronto, Ontario Canada): Greetings from Toronto! We would

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like to announce the birth of our firstborn baby girl, *Tammy Joy*. She was born on March 8 at the reasonable time of 2:30 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 9 oz. It was a textbook delivery with no complications. The labor lasted for 11 hours and most of it was light. All are doing fine!

FROM THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

In the past we made a request that members who have quality types of livestock, garden seed, or field crop seed to sell, notify the Agriculture Department at Big Sandy. However, it has been several years now since that initial request, and we have found, upon writing to those on our list, that very few of them now have seed to sell. Since we receive so many requests for this type of information from members and Co-Workers, we would again appreciate any information which members could provide, whether it is their own home-grown seed, or some reliable person from whom they purchase seed. Please announce this at Sabbath services. Thanks for your help.

— Dale Schurter

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letters month to date 9,030 — compared to last year, this is a 216% increase. Year to date, 32, 475 letters — a 139.2% increase. The income month to date is 6.96% over the same month last year. For the year to date we have a 9.97% increase in money.

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WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

WORLD HEADQUARTERS
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
PRESIDENT and PASTOR

OFFICE OF
RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from smogville! Everything is going great here at Headquarters except for the bad air pollution, and I am almost tempted to ask your prayers for deliverance from this horrible condition -- the worst we have had for a long, long time!

Mr. Herbert Armstrong should be in Bangkok, Thailand, about now -- and soon on the way to India. We have heard no recent developments on his current trip, however, except that he changed his schedule to go to South Korea before going on to Tokyo -- so he will probably have some interesting developments along that line to report when he returns. Mr. Portune flew over for a quick two-day business trip to the Texas campus and should be arriving back here this evening (Friday).

Mr. Portune has been having a number of fine meetings with many of the Evangelists recently, and things are moving forward in the areas of organization, management and communication more than ever before. From my brief comment to all of you -- and some special material I recently sent to the District Superintendents -- I hope all of you are catching the spirit of this and are beginning to study the principles of management and communication among yourselves with increasing enthusiasm.

One bit of sad news which I assumed others would cover -- and I guess they assumed I would cover in the last Bulletin -- is that Mrs. John Portune died a few weeks ago. She endured a long struggle with cancer -- and there are lessons we may yet learn out of this which can help many others in the future. More about that in future months. So our thoughts and prayers should be with Mr. John Portune and his children especially. He has now been appointed to serve on Mr. Hill's booklet and research team and also has the fine opportunity to teach Second Year Bible here at Pasadena. Also, in case you had not heard, Mr. Richard Plache is being transferred to England to help beef up the faculty over there and partially replace Mr. Portune and also Dr. Martin who has been transferred back to Headquarters! In fact, Dr. Martin called me the other day as he is already here after fourteen years absence from his native land. He is enthusiastic about the opportunity to be back, and will be teaching Third Year Bible and Classical Literature as well as working on the booklet and research team where his fine scholarly contributions can be used most effectively.

You will soon be receiving a special letter from me regarding the appointment of Mr. Leroy Neff as the Divorce Problem Coordinator. We have decided to give this critical area of God's Work more direct and personal attention from now on. My letter to all Pastors of Churches will spell out Mr. Neff's duties and responsibilities and his relationship to you. But, briefly, he will be responsible to see that all D & R decisions throughout the United States are checked more closely, are uniform and just -- and are properly handled in every way. Mr. Neff is a very well-organized man and can handle this responsibility in addition to his duties as Director of Flight Operations. Give him your full cooperation and support in this new responsibility!

Under separate cover, we will be sending you summary notes of certain topics covered during the General Ministerial Conference in January. Included in these notes are guidelines for Negro brethren and ministers. Be sure to study this section very carefully and abide by it. As soon as possible, I want to write a special letter regarding the right relationship we should strive for with our Negro brethren. But now, briefly, let me say to all of you that we should strive for uniformity in our approach to Negroes attending Church -- where they sit, etc., and in our socials and other areas. Negro brethren should NOT be made to sit together in a certain area during services unless there is a genuine local problem that everyone clearly understands -- such as in South Africa where they are not even able to meet together. All of us white ministers need to be more concerned for our Negro brethren -- and for the possible deep "hurt" we can cause them in the very delicate racial situation which has developed in this country. Too many of us still say, "You Negroes" this and that -- as though the Blacks in our congregation need special lecturing like little children, or need to have attention specially called to them. We still have a tendency to refer to their sins and problems as "Negro problems," forgetting sometimes that MILLIONS of whites, browns and orientals have the same basic problems of human nature.

Let us focus on these things, fellows, and I would like to ask all of you -- including especially our Negro ministers -- to write me any further examples or suggestions along this line which might be helpful in a special letter on this subject. I know we DO all sincerely love one another in God's Church, but we need to know how to express that love properly at times and how to avoid little "hurts" or misunderstandings in the areas I have outlined.

It has recently come to my attention that a number of our Field men are still rather careless and juvenile in the handling of their personal finances. This can bring reproach on the entire ministry -- let alone the integrity and credit rating of the individual minister. So I strongly encourage all of you with any problem of this type which has already developed to face it -- go to your area minister or District Superintendent -- and get the help, advice and exhortation you need to overcome this type of problem.

Many of our younger men seem to "expect" immediately the standard of living they see exemplified by the top Evangelists or District Superintendents

who may have spent 12-20 years gradually working up to this standard! These younger men immediately set out to rent an expensive home, buy fine furniture -- often including a color T. V. or stereo -- and purchase on credit items FAR BEYOND their actual financial ability to pay. Also, some are simply good-hearted and careless in absorbing out of their own budget certain things which should be on expense as well as helping others too much or living beyond their means and other seemingly "righteous" ways. Yet the result is the same. They still end up in debt and need "bailing out."

The following letter -- with names and places changed or omitted to keep it anonymous -- constitutes both a lesson and warning for all of us:

"Another factor was our move to Blank City. We thought we could save the Work some money by absorbing the cost of moving and again establishing a household. I just was not aware of how much it would cost. We did go into debt on our move to Blank City. Last November I hastily made a loan for \$950 from the bank. I did this without any counsel; this was a big mistake.

"Also, when Mr. Armstrong recently mentioned in a Co-Worker letter the condition of the Work, I made a smaller loan to give to the Work. This was part of the problem mentioned earlier -- giving unwisely beyond my means out of a self-righteous and competing attitude.

"I am requesting a third tithe loan in the amount of \$1500 to be used in the following manner: 1) to repay the two loans at the bank totalling over \$1000 outstanding, 2) to pay the balance on a sofa we bought from a church member owning a furniture store, 3) to pay the balance on 1/4 of a beef we bought from a local member, 4) and to use the remainder to make it possible for us to catch up and properly operate our household on our present income. Our present income from the Work is sufficient for us to enjoy an adequate standard of living on it. I have made some financial blunders over the past three years. The main ones being my attitude of striving to out-give God in a competing attitude, and trying to protect my 'image' (whatever that may be) at H. Q. by not counseling about this sooner. I have repented of both of these, but now I need help and am asking for it. I'm sorry I've been such a financial blotch and need such a substantial amount in the way of a third tithe loan."

About the above, let me repeat that borrowing money from a bank -- and especially from a loan company -- is certainly not a good idea for most of you as a means of increasing your standard of living -- which is what it usually amounts to. The young man in the letter above admits that his present income was "sufficient for us to enjoy an adequate standard of living on it." Therefore, the many hundreds of dollars he got into debt for was simply the result of trying to live beyond his means -- whatever the motive. If we are to counsel others about their lives, jobs and finances, we MUST give increasing concern to keep our own houses in order and consider thoughtfully how to wisely budget our income.

So let me encourage all of you Superintendents to be perceptive and alert to this type of problem in your men. Be sure we get the facts if someone does have a genuine need or if someone merits a raise in salary. You do have forms in your possession to help evaluate this matter and we certainly want you to use them. At the same time, help the younger men understand the principles of adult living and budgetary requirements which we must impose upon ourselves as God's servants.

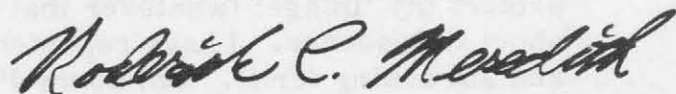
Finally, I would like to encourage all of you again to set aside at least one day for special prayer, study and fasting before the Passover. Our real strength and spiritual maturity comes from a truly deep and prolonged contact with God. All else is secondary.

During the Days of Unleavened Bread this year, we should be able to give some of the most heartfelt and inspiring sermons about resisting the devil, putting out sin, remaining faithful and overcoming that have EVER been given in this age! We certainly need to pray fervently for Mr. Armstrong -- and for one another -- at this time. All of you older ministers know from experience that Satan often strikes harder than ever just before and during the Passover season.

But we here at Headquarters are enthusiastically confident that Christ is now opening doors of many kinds to enlarge the scope and POWER of this Work beyond anything we have approached so far. If we unitedly humble ourselves and keep close to the real source of all strength, power and ability, we can be used more than ever to help SHAKE this world with a final witness -- to happily and enthusiastically reap the harvest which Christ will provide -- and to prepare the elect, including ourselves and our families, for the fantastic future which becomes increasingly real as we see Christ working in world events and in His Church today.

We need each other's prayers, fellows, and let's not lose sight of these BIG reasons for our calling and our day-to-day jobs in Christ's service.

Your brother in Christ,



Roderick C. Meredith

MINISTERIAL DRESS

Several of us here at Headquarters thought the following article would be most helpful for our ministers. It is from *Sales Management* magazine, February 21, 1972. Interestingly, this article verifies even for worldly *salesmen* the very thing Mr. Herbert Armstrong has been telling us about ministerial dress: DON'T leap on the far end of any style pendulum. Do remember that millions of people are literally "turned off" if they see a salesman — and how much MORE a *minister of God*? — in some kind of semi-mod outfit.

As Christ's *representatives*, we are "salesmen" — in a sense — of God's message and the *right way* to live. The article is entitled, "Dressed for Selling":

The peacock look in men's fashions is on the wane, chased by the reappearance of the button-down white shirt, the gray flannel suit, and shorter hair. But it'll be a long while before the New Conservative look filters down to the masses, which means that salesmen who continue to wear wildly flared pants, boots, and hair-to-the-collar run a high risk of turning off their customers (SM, Jan. 15, 1971). A new survey of buyers by the Sales and Marketing division of the Research Institute of America urges salesmen to leave fashion to fops. RIS suggests that probably the best thing for salesmen is to look as much like the product they sell as possible.

Ninety-eight percent of the buyers told RIA that they are very aware of a salesman's grooming and dress clothes during his first call; for most of them, that interest never diminishes. Eighty-two percent said they judge the company by its salesman. The buyers had no sharp preference for a business suit over a sport jacket and they strongly agreed that the "salesman's uniform" of dark suit, white shirt, narrow tie, and black shoes and socks is an anachronism. Nevertheless, 3 out of 4 buyers like to see salesmen "traditionally or conservatively well-dressed."

Most buyers' reactions to hair and appearance generally were "remarkably similar from area to area across the country," RIA says. However, it adds that "the image of the Midwest as the stronghold of conservatism was proven wrong; the New England and Northwest states emerged as the most conservative, while the objections to sport jacket and slacks were among the respondents from the Atlantic Coast." The Southwest and the West Coast were, predictably, the most casual, but at the same time both these areas were the most negative toward the "latest fashions." Surprisingly, the researchers report, the Midwest led all other areas on okaying beards, moustaches, and sideburns.

RIA's Rule No. 1 for salesmen is look neat and moderate. Even better, it says, is dress in keeping with the product line. A buyer in the fashion industry said that his company's salesmen are encouraged to become "living ads" of the products they sell. Another said, "Salesmen selling an OEM account should be conservatively well-dressed." Another declared, "A self-demonstrating welding salesman would be out of place wearing mod clothes."

How far do salesmen need to go in order to achieve a "selling look"? Pretty far, indeed. The researchers report that 1 in every 4 buyers even notices if a salesman has chewed his nails. And nearly half of them don't like the looks of it.

MAIL SUMMARIES

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JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

MARCH 2, 1972

Mail for February	26.2%	Decrease
Mail for year to date	20.3%	Decrease
Income for February	No	Increase
Income for year to date	27.9%	Increase
Advertisement response for year	25.5%	Increase

PLAIN TRUTH subscriptions show an increase of 30% over last year. TOMORROW'S WORLD has an increase of 43.5%. Students on the Correspondence Course have increased by 85%. Sixty-seven people commented on the broadcast. The average letter count per day for February totaled 371 letters.

LONDON, ENGLAND

MARCH 8, 1972

This week we have received an unusually heavy response from southern Ireland. Magazines that have been placed on the newsstands have been taken quickly, and this has served to stimulate further response. The monthly distribution of 3,400 to the Irish Republic has brought over 1,300 new subscribers since November 1971. Irish readers are now questioning their present religious beliefs. They agree with the moral teachings of our Work, but a strong Catholic background causes a clash.

Response to the January PLAIN TRUTH has increased the mail count by 50% this week. The daily average from Africa is nearly 300 letters. The article on venereal disease has drawn the greatest response.

Comments from many readers this week illustrate the value of Ambassador College publi-

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News from the FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

Office of
RONALD L. DART

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings from Headquarters!

The past few weeks have been jam-packed for all of us in the Foreign Educational Service. You learned in the last Bulletin about the changes in the structure of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, and the impact that is being felt through all the foreign language areas. Everyone here is excited and enthusiastic and very anxious to see the results.

Allie and I have been doing a lot of traveling since the Conference. First was a trip to Barbados. We had sent Mr. Kingsley Mather, a member from Nassau who had been to college for two years, to work with Mr. Bass as a trainee ministerial assistant. He was allowed to stay in the country while his application for a work permit was being reviewed. After a short time, he received notice that he would not receive a work permit, and that he must leave Barbados. He has since returned to Nassau and is still looking for work.

Mr. Bass became quite concerned that his own work permit might be in danger when it comes up for renewal in April. The Black Nationalist movement is gaining strength throughout the Caribbean, and the government's attitude at present is "Barbados for the Barbadians." So we decided that someone should go down from Headquarters and try to talk to the government authorities about the matter. We went to Barbados on January 28 and stayed through February 3 to see what could be done. Mr. Bass and I had meetings with the manager of Sam Lord's Castle (the major hotel in the area where we hold the Feast), the acting manager of the Tourist Board, the regional manager for Chase Manhattan Bank, and the Deputy Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs.

The situation regarding work permits was just as serious as Mr. Bass imagined. Just before I arrived in Barbados, all hoteliers had their work permits canceled simultaneously. Not all of them had to leave the island, but they all had to re-apply. There will be a sharp reduction in

the number of work permits issued to foreign hotel employees. We also learned that the Chase Manhattan Bank had decided to move their Caribbean headquarters away from Barbados because of the increasing difficulty in obtaining work permits for supervisory personnel. The Caribbean regional manager told us that even Barbadian lawyers were saying that they could not in good conscience recommend investment in Barbados at this time. Even though a work permit might be granted, it could just as easily be revoked before the time granted had expired.

Although we found the hotel managers and the Tourist Board very sympathetic, they felt there was little they could do to help us.

We began to have visions of a church of 200 in Barbados with no pastor to lead them!

Yet, our interview with the Deputy Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs and head of the Bureau of Internal Security held out hope. He explained more thoroughly than anyone else the government's reasons for restricting work permits. He bluntly admitted that he was a Black Nationalist himself, and wanted to know what we were going to do for Barbados. We had a long and very profitable talk with the man, and he gave us a very clear idea of the way a letter should be written to obtain Mr. Bass a work permit. We have written such a letter, and the application has been submitted. We certainly would appreciate the prayers of all the brethren that it would be granted. If it is not, Mr. Bass will be faced with serious difficulties in ministering to the churches everywhere in the Caribbean.

If it is granted, it will probably mean an office in Barbados. We are also hoping that some Americans can go to Barbados for the Feast this year. If there are some members who can afford it and would like to go, I'm sure they would be very welcome. They should write to the Festival Office right away about it, but no decision can be made until May.

After returning from Barbados, we went to New Orleans and Akron for District Confer-

ences. We then returned to Pasadena to prepare to go to Canada for an all-Canadian Ministerial Conference. It turned out to be one of the most profitable conferences we've ever had in the Canadian Work. As a result of the conferences, several ministerial changes are being made. Dan Banham, local elder in Kelowna, is being transferred to Edmonton to assist Mr. Pinelli. Ron Howe, a Big Sandy graduate who is currently working in Edmonton, is being transferred to Victoria to serve as pastor of the Victoria Church.

Mr. Ken Kneebone, who has been working as a local elder in the Victoria Church, will be transferred to Kelowna. John Adams, ministerial assistant in Vancouver, will be transferred to Victoria to assist Mr. Howe. Tony Wasilkoff, a Canadian who has been working in the New Orleans district, will be transferred to Kitchener-Hamilton to assist George Menassas.

We are only starting one new church in Canada at the moment. This will be in Yorkton, Saskatchewan and will be attached to the Regina-Moosomin area. Maurice Yurkiw, a Canadian graduate of the Pasadena campus, will be transferred to Yorkton as local elder.

There will be more news about the Canadian Work later as we are currently working on manpower assignments out of the June graduating class. Canada has requested nine ministerial assistants, and it looks like four will be going to Australia and two to South Africa! The setting up of the new manpower opportunities is the first assignment for the Foreign Educational Service's newest staff member. As most of you know, Mr. Howard Clark has joined the faculty at the Big Sandy campus, and left us a little short-handed here in Pasadena. Mr. Steve Martin and his wife have now moved down from San Jose and Steve is furiously trying to catch up on all the things he needs to know about the Foreign Work. I'm sure you'll find him eager to help you any way he can. He certainly is a very welcome addition to the staff — especially with even greater demands being made for travel and other administrative duties here at Headquarters.

A lot of people are asking us about Ireland and how the members are getting along. I recently had a letter from Mr. Reg Platt who had gone through Ireland on a visit to his wife's family. The following quote from his letter will give you a little idea of what's going on:

While in Dublin, we had the opportunity of

conducting the first Bible study on a Sabbath since "who knows," Jeremiah's time? There were 56 of us altogether.

While in Ireland we had to make a mad dash north. Because of the killings, the Irish in the south would not wait on British planes. We managed to catch an express train to the north, and as soon as we crossed the border, the British army jumped aboard with guns and searched us thoroughly. The boys thought it was a great joke, but as I stood with my hands up and they frisked me, it did not seem so funny. There were more troops than there were passengers, and the situation is very explosive. Anyway, we finally reached London only a few hours behind schedule.

Otherwise, the brethren in Ireland are fine. To our knowledge, no one has been hurt.

In another part of the world, we have now begun a new church in New Zealand. It's in Hamilton and the attendance was 90 for the first service. This will make a two-church circuit for Mr. Marshall with the Auckland church. Good growth is on the docket for New Zealand.

That takes care of the major news items for now. More "Answers to your Questions" will be coming in the GOOD NEWS with other details. My wife and I leave early tomorrow for Bricket Wood, Düsseldorf, Geneva, and South Africa, where we have become a regular fixture for the Passover.

Please remember us in your prayers. The first leg of my trip is on TWA!

MAIL SUMMARIES

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cations in alerting people to social conditions as well as personal problems.

Additional letters have been bringing news about the visiting tour in India. Two new members have been added in Ceylon. Although Mr. Frankel and Mr. Carpenter have only baptised two people so far, we have a number of encouraging letters from other people.

LETTER EXCERPTS

TW Editorial — The 19-Year Time Cycle

Many people have commented on the "Personal From the Editor" in the February TOMORROW'S WORLD — most of them favorably. They appreciated the candor of the article and remain wholeheartedly behind the Work. A few were upset over the statement about prophets.

I thought your Personal in the February issue of TOMORROW'S WORLD was one of the best articles I have ever read. It is not the world's way to admit error. Rather than admit error, they

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Festival Office

LESLIE L. McCULLOUGH

Greetings from Big Sandy!

For those of us in the Festival Office, the 1972 Feast of Tabernacles is a *reality* — even though we are now only beginning the spring Feast season.

As you already know, assignments are being made and plans are being finalized for the Feast. Mr. Raymond Cole is working feverishly to complete the Wisconsin Dells site on time, and the new site at Alexandria, Louisiana, will be an interesting change for those living in that area.

There is one new change we know will interest you. Although we are the largest convention going in the United States and no doubt the world, we have not operated as a normal convention. For one thing, we are much more efficient and we do things with our large-size groups that no other organization would attempt! In addition, we have been much more "considerate" of the hotel/motel proprietors than they could have dreamed. Out of the \$25.00 deposit given to us by each person requiring accommodations at the Feast, we have "charged" each establishment \$2.00 per booking for the services we render in filling his establishment with paying customers and providing the booking service for him with our computer.

We have been aware for some time that the normal convention service charge is from five to fifteen percent of the delegate's *entire bill*. This is "merely" fourteen times what we have been receiving on the average! Therefore, we are planning to revamp our approach to the convention business, as you might well appreciate! Obviously, it costs us more than \$2.00 per booking for the services we provide. In effect, our members have been forced to pay for the services that the hotels and motels normally should pay. Accordingly, we hope to change that aspect of our Festival Office to accommodate the needs. We plan for this convention service to be initiated in 1972 for Wisconsin Dells and Alexandria. If it works out as we have planned, next year this service will begin to handle the older, established Festival sites.

Some of you have already written to CAD or to us to request transfers to another Feast site. All requests for transfers should be sent to CAD in memo or letter form. They will process the requests and will forward them to us with their

recommendations. The final decision will depend on the speaking schedule, individual responsibilities and second tithe availability. Remember, when you transfer *at your own request*, you must pay all additional expenses yourself from your own funds rather than request extra second tithe funds from the Festival Office.

There are two more areas concerning second tithe with which we need your assistance. It has come to our attention that some of our members send in second tithe money to Pasadena EARMARKED for an individual. Of course, we cannot legally do this, but our members don't realize this. Would you please explain this to our members, and explain that you are responsible for allocating second tithe to those who need it.

Also, I have heard that there are a few local areas where the local second tithe *holding account* was never liquidated — or in some instances, that ministers regularly take up a collection from the members "to provide for our newly baptized or local widows' expenses to the Feast." Fellows — except in RARE and *last-minute* emergencies (which normally should be communicated to the Festival office) — that should not be allowed. Any needs for second tithe should normally be channeled through the Festival Office. Otherwise our planning, budgeting and scheduling goes awry. Your cooperation is vital. If there are any such accounts or funds in your area, please liquidate them. Send all second tithe to the Feast Office in order that it may be properly invested and then administered to the congregations as a whole.

Thank you for your help and cooperation! We are all anticipating another wonderful year in God's Work and in observing His Holy Days. If you have any suggestions for us, or we can be of any service, please let us know at any time.

LETTER EXCERPTS

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just figure a way to justify themselves.

— Everett E., Cottage Hills, Illinois

We certainly do thank you for your explanation of the 19-year time cycle and what your commission is. This personal article has again helped us to understand better all things we've been allowed to understand about the Work of God and the Church of God.

— Hubert M. L., Houston, Texas

I found your "Personal From the Editor" in the February issue of TOMORROW'S WORLD about

brace. As long as the Russians and Americans hold the threat of atomic war over the heads of all other humans, I question the thesis that man's brain is vastly superior to that of the animal.

— P. S. B., Toronto, Ont., Canada

In the first paragraph you state as a matter of fact: "Man is unique [so far I agree] — no other physical being is creatively self conscious [I am not prepared to argue that point], nor can any other ponder the transcendental questions of life, death and ultimate purpose." By what authority, or on the basis of what facts do you make the latter statement? I would like to point out that the authority most often quoted by Ambassador writers and lecturers states, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). If Jesus instructed his disciples to preach the good news to all the creatures, there is a rather obvious implication that God put more into the make-up of the other creatures than man realizes.

— Chuck T., Columbus, Ohio

Bible Correspondence Course

In the last five weeks we have added over 7,550 people to the Correspondence Course in the U. S. — many in response to the broadcast. On the average, 2,500 are added every month. Here are some general comments from students enrolled in the new course:

I wish to thank you for the wonderful correspondence course you are sending me free of charge. I have been leading one of our Bible Study groups on the signs of our times and the coming of Jesus the second time, as I have always been very interested in this subject. I have a lot of reference material on this subject and was using these references along with my Bible to prepare the lessons each time. One day it occurred to me to try the Ambassador College Course out on the Bible class. It was one of the best things I ever did as the class was not only pleased, but delighted over each lesson. We have perfect attendance at each lesson and the members eagerly look forward to the next lesson. It is far superior to the lessons that I had prepared, and so easy for me. Some of the members try to give me the credit. The only credit I deserve is my interest in the subject and introduction of your course to these people. Several of them intend to write in for the course. You people are

really doing the work that the Lord wanted to have done in these last days.

— Mrs. Louis L., Rewey, Wisconsin

Thanks so much for the informative Bible Course. It has indeed been an eye opener. I was raised in a faith I was led to believe was the True Church. Now I realize it was a blind faith. I sure appreciate a religion like yours that doesn't pressure one into believing. I can see now the way the devil uses to confound the people.

— Mrs. V. S., Riverton, Utah

I have a fair knowledge of the Bible, but not the deep understanding of what I am reading. My husband and I both have really tried hard to understand, but I feel we have failed so far. A while back we had the good fortune of having a house guest who, we feel, gave us more understanding of the Bible than we had been able to get in the half century of our lives. She had taken your Bible Correspondence Course. Needless to say, that was one of the most wonderful weeks we have had. She showed us things we never even knew could be found in the Bible. My husband and I would appreciate it very much if you would send us your Bible Correspondence Course.

— Mrs. Edward H., Ludlow, Kentucky

I wish to express my profound thanks for the amazing, eye-opening, shocking, but wonderful truth the Ambassador College Correspondence Course has revealed to me. It really makes the Bible clear on truly timely subjects and does not waste one's time. I really enjoy reading and looking it all up in the Bible.

— Mrs. Sylvia W. B.,
Seat Pleasant, Maryland

I want to thank you humbly for the Ambassador College Correspondence Course. I am the owner of 5 diplomas of different Bible courses. Yet I've never seen, nor will I ever come to know, a better Bible Correspondence Course than the one prepared at Ambassador College. It is a blessing and revelation. Even though I've only 6 lessons, I want you to know that I'm working with them and that I highly treasure them above all of my earthly possessions except, of course, my Bible.

— Jack F., Jamaica, New York