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HEADQUARTERS

August 18, 1972

The income for the year to date through Thursday shows a 11.8% increase over last year. The mail count shows a 17.7% decrease compared to 1971.

In the first three weeks of the daily telecasts we received a total of 2,397 letters. This is a little misleading since only six stations were showing the program for the entire three weeks. Ten other stations were added the second week and three additional stations the third week. For these three weeks the response to KTLA-TV alone totaled 788. The highest responses we have received to date for any one single daily telecast has been 161 letters. This was from the L.A. area during the 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. time spot.

VANCOUVER, CANADA

August 9, 1972

The Canadian income shows a 17.6% increase for the year to date. However, the mail count shows a 36.5% decrease compared to 1971. These year-to-date percentage figures are remaining basically the same week after week. The articles, "An Arab Speaks to His People" and "Ten Reasons Why I Tithe," which appeared in the July PLAIN TRUTH have brought the most response from our subscribers.

One Canadian viewer writes the following letter:

I agree with your prophecy about God coming again to His beloved people and all the spiritual significance of your preaching, but do not understand your lack of nationalism. I presume you live in Canada since you tell your listeners to write to you in Vancouver, B.C., but you talk as if you were from the Mayflower and a native American. You talk about Communism and the United States, who the Americans can turn to for help, and how they (the Americans) can help themselves. I am pleased with your program in spite of this and would like one of your pamphlets. Just don't talk about the U. S. as much, and more of Canada.

— Steven Del B.,
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

August 4, 1972

The Australian income stands at a 3% increase for the year to date. The mail count stands at a 15.3% decrease compared to 1971.

Due mainly to several large donations, the first week of August saw an uplift in the yearly income. However, the number of letters received is still very low.

To date we have received 576 returns to the July *Reader's Digest* advertisement; and 155 coupons for the ad in the August issue. The *Time* magazine advertisement has netted 30 replies so far.

MANILA, PHILIPPINES

July 27, 1972

The Work here has been affected to some extent by the heavy monsoon rains and tropical depressions within the vicinity of the Philippines for the past 14 days or so. Floods in Manila and some nearby Central Luzon provinces hindered letters

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Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Karl and Gaylon Beyersdorfer (Rochester, Minn.-Waterloo, Iowa): We received a wonderful Sabbath blessing August 5th, when our second son and third child was born. We named him *Karl Jonathan Smith* (Gaylon's maiden name is Smith and her father has no sons). He weighed 8 lbs., 7 ozs. and was 20½ in. long.

Reinhold (Shorty) and Patty Sue Fuessel (Detroit, Michigan): July 22 was a big day in our lives. At 10:57 p.m. our firstborn child arrived — a son, *Ryan Albert!* He weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs. and measured 22 in. long. Needless to say, we're very thankful that everything went well and mighty pleased to have been blessed with the healthy, handsome little fella.

Rick and Glenna Gipe (San Jose): Our first "boy" came 12 hours after the E.T.A. We named "her" *Shannon Royale*. Several months ago we put our order in for a boy, but there must have been a mix-up in the factory. Nearly all of the self-professed-baby-prophets were right, we had a girl (7 lbs., 2 ozs., 19 in. long).

Ellis and Gwen La Ravia (Pasadena): My wife is now unburdened from her heavy load. We are very thankful for a fine son, *Jefferson Kyle*. He was born August 5th, was 21 in. tall, weighing 8 lbs., 14 ozs. Mother and father are busy trying to contain enthusiasm of the other four children.

Mark and Sandy (Clark) Salyer (Wichita Falls, Texas): We optimistically taught 2-year-old Scott how to say "baby sister." However, it didn't take any of us long to get re-oriented to "baby brudder" after *John Michael* was born on July 26. He weighed 8 lbs., 12 ozs., but needed only 1½ hours real labor. All are doing very well.

Stephen and Barbara Smith (Macon-Valdosta): Greetings! Barbara and I are happy to announce our most recent blessing: *Byron Andrew*, born on July 12, 1972 at 11:50 a.m. Byron weighed in at 6 lbs. even. Both Barbara and the baby are doing fine. Byron will make an excellent playmate for his brother, Mike, who is now two years old.

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MAIL SUMMARIES

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from reaching us. Our mail and income were down.

The month-to-date percentage of increase in letters and money are on the minus side. The year-to-date percentage in letters and money, although affected with a decrease, held on to the plus side.

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA August 10, 1972

Total income for the year to date shows a 6% increase. The mail count for the year has now reached 52,679 letters.

FRENCH WORK IN EUROPE

August 4, 1972

The figures are good this month. Income is up 49% over the same month last year and the year-to-date percentage is now running 13% over 1971. Our year-to-date mail shows an increase of 43% over last year.

A number of summer visiting tours are being organized in order to satisfy requests which have come in from the South of France and the Alsace area as a result of announcements made in the final issues of the French TOMORROW'S WORLD.

Mr. Colin Wilkins conducted a very successful one-week tour in Belgium at the beginning of the month. Seven adults, including one family with seven children, were invited to services.

Over 500 are expected at Praz-Sur-Arly this year for the Feast of Tabernacles.

CAMPUS CENTER BOOKSTORE

After ten years of operation, our Ambassador College Bookstore has grown not only in size but

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Financial Affairs and Planning

ALBERT J. PORTUNE

The income picture at the present time is holding fairly steady, with an 11.8% increase on the year to date, and about 5% on the month so far. These percentages include the special offering, which, of course, is now totally petered out, but did help to turn us around when we really needed it. I am not overly concerned at the present time with the financial state of affairs, as I think the Holy Day offerings in the Fall will serve to bring up the percentages on the year and allow us to add to our reserves. If, of course, we repeat what happened in the Spring Holy Day season, and produce no increase, then we will find ourselves dipping into our reserves going into 1973.

I do not think it is too early for us to be encouraging God's people to be thinking about the Holy Day offerings, and to be concerned about perhaps giving a little more this year than they did last. In fact, I would go so far as to say, if we want to finish 1972 in good financial health, that we must have an increase this year over last.

As was mentioned in the last Bulletin, the building program is going ahead with a great deal of activity, and the Auditorium is really beginning to take shape. I understand that we are about six weeks ahead of our original schedule and, although we expect to lose a couple of weeks over the next year, we are shooting for a January, 1974, dedication date. Right now, it looks as if we will be making it.

The Running Track/Parking Structure is also beginning to take shape, and I understand from Mr. Elliott that this particular building is the only one of its kind in the United States. It is also the first installation of artificial turf in Southern California. It seems that Ambassador is now setting the fashion in construction!

Another building we are presently considering is that of a new addition to the present Press Building. This will be on the southeast corner of the building, and it is planned to house all the editorial functions of the Work under one roof. This will include Plain Truth Editorial, Good News, Correspondence Course, Booklets (both English and foreign language), and Photo Files. Putting all these operations in close proximity to one another will greatly improve efficiency and communi-

cations, and, at the same time, free up valuable office space in the Hall of Administration. This will allow us to consolidate some of the other administrative functions that are scattered around the campus, with a resultant increase in efficiency and communications.

One other project that I am currently working on with Mr. Elliott and his staff is that of a presentation to the City of Pasadena of our campus master plan and our Industrial Park Development. Apparently, a number of questions had been raised by the City Board of Directors concerning the future of Ambassador College and its development, and they are a little concerned about how far we will be going in property acquisition around our present plant. While we cannot be specific, of course, as to how big the Work will grow, I feel that it will be good public relations in general, and our relationship with the City Board in particular, to expose them to our more immediate plans. Our theme for the presentation will be "What is good for the City is good for Ambassador." I really feel that this presentation will defuse much of the antagonism that surrounds us whenever we seek to move in redeveloping some of the blighted areas. Many of the local people are *convinced* — against all reason — that everything we do is automatically tax exempt! This, of course, is not true, since the college pays full taxes on everything that is not used directly for educational or religious purposes. As a matter of fact, we are paying a lot more taxes now than this area would have produced had it never been developed. I think the presentation will do the college a great deal of good.

Mr. Ted Armstrong is still continuing to make two, and sometimes three, television programs a day, and it seems to me that they are getting stronger and stronger! We should be hearing results of daily TV, and especially comments regarding his material, fairly soon after they hit local television stations.

The Calgary campaign is also gearing up, and he is doing some television interviews which are helping to prepare the way for the personal appearance in the area. I recently had the privilege of being with Mr. Ted Armstrong on one of his trips to Calgary prior to his personal appearance and was really amazed at the way he was in demand on local radio and TV! Coming out from a 30-minute taping of "Just Conversation" for CFCN-TV, we were stopped by the station manager of CFCN radio who asked him to guest on a radio talk program that was being aired then and there. Right

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Church Administration

DAVID L. ANTION

Mr. Cole and I have now attended ten out of the sixteen district conferences. I understand there will be four more to go. We both appreciated the warmth and openness expressed at these conferences and were elated at the enthusiasm that abounded.

Many have expressed their appreciation for the material covered at the conferences and commented on the inspiration they received. *Now to keep that inspiration going!*

Everyone Needs Motivation

It's nice if a person can be entirely self-motivated toward the *right* goals, ideals and values. But most of us need a boost now and then. That's why we must have these district conferences periodically. They provide motivation and inspiration.

They help us concentrate on the various facets of our jobs. They help us to see our job in the context of the whole Work of God. We then realize that we are not *just* pastoring a church, or *just* visiting, or *just* anointing. But we are contributing toward the whole work of getting the gospel out to the world as a witness. At the same time we are preparing a people for God's name.

Two men were laying bricks side by side. They were asked, "What are you doing?" One said, "I'm laying bricks." The other said, "I'm building a building!"

That's the enthusiasm that comes from seeing your job as a vital part of the *whole Work*. The more you can see your work as relating to the whole purpose — the more meaning and drive it will have for you. Just laying bricks is no fun. But building a building — boy! what a job.

The Importance of Communication

No organization the size and scope of God's Work today can properly function without *proper communication*. It is absolutely vital to the success and function of God's Work.

Here's a lesson from history pointed out by James Young. When men began to build the tower of Babel God said, "... and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do."

God knew they *could* do it. How did He intend to stop them?

He could have waited until they erected the building a few hundred feet in the air, then just kicked it over. Of course, they would have rebuilt it. He then could have knocked it down again. Build, smash, build, smash, over and over — the process could have continued for some time.

But God chose another method. Knowing that any major project of that size and scope can only be completed through cooperative functioning and coordinated effort, and that coordination and cooperation cannot occur in the absence of communication; God chose to confound their languages — MAKING COMMUNICATION IMPOSSIBLE!

Without proper communication there can be no coordinated effort. There can be no close cooperation, unity of purpose and harmony in work. Instead suspicions arise. Work is duplicated or left undone. Motives are imputed. Strife occurs. Problems erupt everywhere.

Soon they abandoned the project themselves! Here's what God said, "Go to, let us go down and there confound their language, *that they may not understand one another's speech*. So the LORD scattered [that is, by that means they were scattered because they gathered with the people they could understand] them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: AND THEY LEFT OFF TO BUILD THE CITY" (Gen. 11:7-8).

What an impressive lesson! We who are the stewards of God's Word and truths must not fail to learn from this great lesson. We must not let the lack or absence of communications breed misunderstandings in God's Work today! We must understand one another's speech, words, letters, memos, etc. We must communicate clearly, concisely, regularly!

And since communication is a two-way street it must go up as well as down. We here at Headquarters must hear from you in the field. You must receive communications from us. Also communication must go laterally. It should go from church to church, district to district.

What to Communicate

Communication can bog down and become ineffective if *nonessentials* are thrown around to everyone. Communications should be essential and important to the successful functioning of the Work. The communications we receive here at Headquarters should be important for considerations of policy, problems, and decisions. Communication that goes laterally from church to church

or district to district should be important to the function of the church. It may be important knowledge that the other minister needs to know about people moving to his area. It may be important knowledge that the other district superintendent may need to know to do some facet of his work.

Whenever you hear of a decision or make a decision you must ask yourself three things: 1) Who *should* know about this? 2) Who needs to know about this? 3) Who *might profit* from knowing about this? Then you make your communications accordingly.

Too often we may hear about something or have knowledge that someone else needs to know in order to do his job and we fail to pass it on. Once we get the concept of being a part of a large team that is merely broken into district sections, it will be a great help toward improving communications.

A district is not a separate walled off area. It is a part of a whole entity and is so structured to facilitate the function of coordination and supervision. But each district does not relate only to itself. It relates as a part of the whole United States field ministry. Each district must work to contribute not only to its own success but also to the success of all other districts. Each church area must work to contribute not only to its own success but also to the success of all other church areas. When we do this we will be a most effective team.

A Potpourri of News

Mr. Herbert Armstrong is due to arrive back tomorrow (Friday August 18) from the campus in Bricket Wood. He has finished his round-the-world trip which you will be reading about in the *Personal From the Editor* and the Co-Worker letter coming soon.

A new hymnal should be out by the Feast of Tabernacles. It will have a hard cover of royal purple with gold lettering. It will be larger and thicker than the old hymnal.

We have asked Les Stocker to write some in-depth reports on various departments and phases of the Headquarters Work for the Bulletin. I know you are very happy to receive information on moves, changes in departments, and functions at Headquarters.

Richard Sedliacik does the fine job of putting this Bulletin together and it has been established on an every two weeks basis. It now goes with just the minimal amount of news and I'm sure all the men in the field and around the world appreciate it.

Mr. Ted Armstrong was interviewed by an Associated Press reporter a little over a week ago and an article should be coming out on the wires of Associated Press soon. In another Bulletin we hope to include some of the answers given by Mr. Ted Armstrong and Mr. Portune in answering questions about this Work and its functions. It will be helpful for all of you to understand this more thoroughly.

For your file of statistics we now have 571 ordained men around the world. Of these all but 157 are employed by the Work. There are 16 evangelists, 69 pastors, 160 preaching elders and 325 local elders (168 of them employed by us).

We also have 297 churches around the world (239 of them in the United States). Our worldwide church attendance is 81,192. Church attendance in the United States as of July was 68,113.

Some Instructions

Many are wondering what to put in their reports. We will be sending out from Pasadena (if God wills) in the next Bulletin suggestions of what the pastors should include in their monthly reports. Also we will be sending out to the district superintendents the essential things we want from them on their reports sent to Headquarters.

At the conference in Nashville Mr. McNair brought to mind an important subject — sermons. When we prepare our sermons and when we give them we must **CONSIDER THE AUDIENCE**. Will the sermon be helpful to this audience? Is this what they need? And who might be in this audience that is not a member of the church?

In considering the audience, especially at the Feast of Tabernacles, we must remember that there may be reporters, politicians, outside newcomers, unconverted friends and relatives. We have nothing to hide. We are not ashamed in the least of any of God's truths. But we just don't want to offend or hurt the progress of some who are new in the faith. There is milk and there is strong meat. And the babes in Christ cannot take the strong meat.

We must be careful when dealing with news or national developments. First of all, God's Church does not get involved in politics. And second, you cannot make your own opinion about a politician or policy into an opinion of the Church. Be careful what you say and stick to the facts. Do not speculate. Do not make wild and sweeping statements. Be careful with these words: "never," "always," "everyone," "all," "every time," etc.

You can't go wrong when you stick to basic doctrine — proved from the Bible. You can't go

wrong on subjects like love, faith, Christian living, the Kingdom of God, etc. People may not necessarily agree with our doctrine but they will be more than impressed by the proofs — the *incontrovertible proofs* from God's Word.

The Spokesman's Clubs will begin as usual. Same policies and procedures will apply as in the past.

Also, LTC will begin as usual, with approval from district superintendents in both cases.

Remember, if you don't have enough people to have a Spokesman's Club this year it won't hurt to wait a year until you have enough men to establish a club. The same is true with the LTC. These don't HAVE to be established in your church area if you don't have the manpower to profit from them.

Please don't make men feel like they are not growing Christians if they don't belong to the Spokesman's Clubs. We know that it would be profitable for them to belong but I don't want people forced into them or made to feel guilty or "bad" because they don't belong. The same applies to LTC. Let's not discourage men in our church areas — or cause a feeling of class distinction.

These classes are to build more pillars and to help firm up more of the leading men. However, someday perhaps the LTC can include *all* the men (a few at a time) in order to help bring up and strengthen the whole core of the local congregations.

EVALUATIONS: Please remember to be encouraging in your Spokesman's Club evaluations. Be tender. Remember you have older men who are not accustomed to making speeches. They (for the most part) are not going to be speakers. So help them mostly through encouragement.

Be considerate of their feelings. Show respect, concern, love. Give compliments where due. Go easy on the evaluations — but point out certain things whereby they can improve. Do it in a way that encourages the man to WANT to do better.

Eliminate FEAR through encouragement. You'll be surprised how much better your men will do!

The Ministry and You

To the newcomers of the Green Bay Packers Vince Lombardi would say, "You're going to work harder than you've ever worked in your life."

Is the ministry of God a *soft job*? Is it for the lazy and self-indulgent?

By his own admission the Apostle Paul was a hard worker. Confessing his unworthiness to be a part of God's ministry, he still expressed this truth: "But by the grace of God I am what I am: And His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in

vain; BUT I LABORED MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN THEY ALL" (I Cor. 15:10).

In comparing himself with false ministers who tried to appear as ministers of Christ, Paul said: "Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) *I am more; IN LABORS MORE ABUNDANT...*" (II Cor. 11:23).

The Apostle Paul cites as the first proof that he was a true minister of Christ the fact that he worked harder!

Let's carry on that same dedication. Let's make the gulf between God's true ministry and the false ministers of this world greater and plainer because of our DEDICATION and HARD WORK.

In the delegation of authority (which will be explained in detail in forthcoming Bulletins) we have committed to each minister a charge and responsibility over God's Congregations. We have tried to ease any burdens of unnecessary paper work in order to make time available for the minister to serve God's people more. It is not to be taken that this is more free time for us, and therefore we do not have to work as hard now as we did before.

The idea is for you to give yourself and to *addict* yourself to the ministry of the saints. Remember Paul's words, "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more" (I Cor. 9:19).

Naturally we understand that a minister must take time for recreation and time for his family. He also has to take time for prayer and study. Some have wondered about taking a day off a week. Yes, we are still giving you a day per week off. We will leave the choice of the day up to you depending on your work schedule and problems in your area.

Others wonder how will anyone know whether a man is really working or whether he is just taking the time for himself.

First of all, every minister must be a trustworthy steward of God's truth, His money and His time.

There is no escaping the inexorable law stated here in the Proverbs:

"I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; and, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well; I looked upon it, and received instruction. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: so shall thy poverty come as one that traveleth; and thy want as an armed man" (Prov. 24:30-34).

The lesson is clear. A home or field overgrown with weeds and thorns and a stone wall broken down is a definite sign that the man responsible is not diligently working at it.

By the same token a church with problems, people who lack understanding, a church not growing, unvisited PMs are unmistakable signs of a minister who is not working!

God's true ministers don't work for pay. That is, they don't work just for the purpose of receiving a pay check. They work because their whole lives, minds, hearts are dedicated to the service of God's people. They love their work. They love to *serve*.

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, NOT BY CONSTRAINT, BUT WILLINGLY; NOT FOR FILTHY LUCRE, BUT OF A READY MIND" (I Peter 5:2).

This is a command of God for God's ministers. I believe God's ministers fear Him enough to obey it and are dedicated to the service of His sheep.

We at Headquarters are willing to do away with the visit slips because we feel it will help you serve God's people better.

I just had a call from one of our men who was laid off in this recent cutback. He is a good man and an elder in God's Church. He has received a very fine job with a good future. He wanted to let me know that the training received in God's ministry and in God's Work has contributed to his obtaining this good job. The people were impressed that he had this kind of training and the company that hired him clamored to get him. He starts off with a good salary, a car and a good territory for sales.

The training in God's ministry should equip a man with dedication, the habit of hard work, trustworthiness, respect for authority, and the other attributes which lead to permanent success.

May God bless you and strengthen you in His service. □

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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after that we rushed across town to CFAC-TV to tape an interview program called "Butler's Beat!" An exhausting couple of hours but very rewarding. Most rewarding was the way Mr. Ted Armstrong was able to handle some very tough questions put by tough interviewers! No matter what topic was brought up, he handled it in a way that cast the right reflection on God's Church and God's Work. The value of this "free" publicity is inestimable in breaking down the many misconceptions the public has about us. Although, of course, we cannot be

absolutely certain what will result from these appearances, I do feel that they will have quite an impact wherever he goes.

I was also privileged to be in Orr with Mr. Ted Armstrong for the last day of the Summer Educational Program, where we saw the very fine water show and joined in a sing-along. Seeing the good that SEP is doing for so many young people is also a rewarding experience.

These radio and TV appearances as well as the personal appearances are very exciting avenues opening up to us to preach the gospel! We must work as a *team* if we want to get this job done! We all know this is God's Work, but we also know He does work through human instruments in doing it! We really need to be beseeching Him daily in prayer to give each one of us the strength to do the job we have been called to. We need to be especially remembering Mr. Herbert Armstrong and Mr. Ted Armstrong, and many of the key men here at Headquarters, as we indeed think of all of you who are doing the work of the ministry in a more direct way. Let's get the job done! □

CAMPUS CENTER BOOKSTORE

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in efficiency as well. It now has three full-time employees, four working part-time, and is managed by Bob Green.

The overall goal and objective of the bookstore is threefold: to provide books and study needs for the college; to provide faculty and other departments with research requirements; also to be available to Ambassador Alumni and to college personnel. These services are certainly extended to the entire field ministry.

The full student discount of 20% (only 10% on textbooks) is available to you. Minimal shipping charges would be included but there is no handling fee.

More than 1200 books are kept in stock, many of which are theological. The bookstore's catalogues make it possible to order just about any book in print. If you have any special needs for your church libraries or for personal use, feel free to contact Bob Green at the Campus Center Bookstore.

STUDENT SERVICES

After a long management study, we have recently made changes in the college's student services. In the Food Service Department we can

now serve the large numbers of people dining at the Student Center with far better efficiency.

We have instituted a meal-plan system. That is, each student buys a meal ticket tailored to his or her need. The petite girls (and larger ones) who do not need as much food as the athletic-type men, will no longer pay for the larger portions. If someone is on a salad-type diet, those tickets are also available. Many various needs can now be administered.

This system allows ample portions for all. The result is far less wastage and increased service. With this plan, the Food Service Department should be self-supporting within a short period of time. The same (if not improved) Ambassador quality is provided with far greater efficiency. Good nutrition is provided at a lower cost.

This change partially solves the problem of overcrowding in our limited Faculty Dining Room. The food services are available to all alumni, faculty, and ministers. Meal tickets can also be purchased individually at the Student Center. To avoid long lines and peak labor demands, the food services will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. each day. One exception is the Sabbath when our traditional family-style meal will be served. The responsibility of choosing proper diet and schedule is on each individual. Faculty members and their families can dine with the students if they wish.

The new system does not change the social life of the student body. All the students will still be dining on campus. Hopefully, the better services will curb the desire to frequent local restaurants.

The re-organization of student services includes the Campus Barber Shop and Beauty Salon. Due to health problems, Mr. Eddie Koo is going into semi-retirement. Two more barbers will provide services for all college personnel. Added beauticians allow beauty salon services for everyone. Because of increased volume, prices can be lower than shops downtown with added convenience to the customers.

While Bill Mott administers this new approach to food services, Bob Green will continue to manage the barber shop and beauty salon along with the bookstore. All of the student services are under the Deputy Chancellor's direction.

LETTER COMMENTS

UNSOLICITED PUBLICITY

Some time ago Bill Randle (formerly of WERE) referred to some of your publications and gave

your address as 1111, Pasadena, California, and he was immediately swamped with calls from people who corrected him. I didn't think so many people were listening to your broadcast.

— John P.,
Parma, Ohio

I have just finished reading in today's paper (Holyoke, *Daily Transcript*) an article about V.D. reprinted from the January issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. As a student I am doing research on V.D. and would appreciate a copy of this magazine immediately.

— Mrs. Ernest H.,
Holyoke, Massachusetts

We read the story of "Bread, The Broken Staff of Life" in the Lutheran Journal. It was reprinted from *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine and was a very interesting article. We would like to get hold of about 4 copies of this.

— Mrs. Art K.,
New Salem, North Dakota

We enjoy your *PLAIN TRUTH* magazine so much. We have just attended a Sunday School Convention where some more of your materials were recommended in connection with creation. Please forward to us the following...

— W. L.,
Manhattan, Kansas

I was overjoyed to hear that Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong is broadcasting again. I thought you might like to know I heard it on Paul Harvey's afternoon news program. God's Church sure is becoming well known!

— Mrs. Patricia M.,
Altus, Oklahoma

A short time ago there was an article in the *Milwaukee Journal* about children. It mentioned a booklet that was free from Ambassador College. The booklet is entitled, *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing*. I would very much like a copy as I think it may help in our family.

— Carol L.,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Please send me the booklet on Smoking as announced on WMCA's Bill Scott Show.

— A. M.,
Brooklyn, New York

MR. H.W.A.'s VISIT TO OAKLAND CHURCH

Your unexpected visit to the Bay area last Sabbath brought not only an added joy and blessing to us in both hearing and seeing you, but an added urgency to get out of our complacent attitudes and get the show "on the road." I needed the STIRRING UP, and thank you for it, knowing that it is Jesus Christ in you who has done this.

— Ervin R.,
Oakland, California

Thank you for your visit to the Oakland Church last week. It's your first visit in our nine years as members. It was a real shot in the arm to the Oakland Church.

— Mr. & Mrs. Vernon B.,
El Cerrito, California

GENERAL COMMENTS

I watched your very interesting program this morning and really had to laugh all the way through. I have a new Lincoln which is the worst polluter I have ever had. It's been worked on constantly, but still uses an awful lot of oil for such an expensive car. As for the other things that have gone wrong, the air-conditioning belt broke right away tearing everything out from under the hood and putting a large dent in my hood. While driving to the desert one day I heard a loud crash which turned out to be the tire jack. It had fallen off its hanger and fell clear down into the fender well, causing another, larger dent. My dash creaks too, if I hit a dip or turn a corner it actually creaks like an old junk heap. And, oh yes, the stereo radio cuts in and out. The radio speakers would cut in and out while driving and would only give you full stereo when tapping your left foot on the floor, not the right one, it would only work with the left. The dealer has it now for two weeks for I am in the hospital for a minor operation. I could go on and on with other things but won't take up any more of your time.

— Perry L.,
Calimesa, California

I also want to tell you that there was quite a reaction from my husband regarding the ad in *TV Guide*. Thank you very much, because no matter how I tried to explain things it doesn't back the church as much or carry as much weight as when it appears in writing and in a booklet that is read by just everyone. Thank you once again.

— Mrs. Samuel R.,
San Jose, California

The service Ambassador College gives to the world is second only to *Reader's Digest*. In many cases it even out does them.

— Brent W.,
Salt Lake City, Utah

REACTION TO PLAIN TRUTH ARTICLES

Thank you for sending *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I find it a pleasant break from *U.S. News and World Report*, my favorite source of information. I must be changing because I found *The PLAIN TRUTH* more interesting than the latest issue of *Playboy*.

— R. E.,
Wichita Falls, Texas

You offer, as proof that God exists, the creation of the planets and all that are on them, etc. Now tell me where God came from. You say it is irrational to believe all this could "just happen," yet ask me to believe it is rational to believe the creator of it all could "just happen." I don't know how all this creation came about, any more than you know how the "creator" came about, but it is an evasion of reason to ascribe everything one doesn't understand, to "God." The fact is, existence exists. The rest is speculation.

— Mrs. E. L. K.,
Von Ormy, Texas

I was impressed by your article in *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, "Does God Exist?" Instead of merely endeavoring to prove your point by quoting the Bible, which after all was written by men, though inspired men, you gave sound logic, such as the preposterous idea of a lesser intelligence producing the wonderful human mind.

— Phillip G.,
Albuquerque, New Mexico

It's obvious that the *male* author of the article, "So You're a Housewife," (June '72 issue, page 31) has been thoroughly programmed in his outlook toward women and their roles. He refers to women as "Housewives" throughout the entire article! I've *never* heard any woman refer to her husband and partner as an "Office Husband" or "Barn Husband"!!! The article is naive and obsolete. It doesn't speak to and for today's woman.

— Florence M.,
Scandia, Minnesota

In your June issue of your magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, an article by Mr. Gene H. Hogberg, "The

Truth About Ireland," has the old familiar propaganda ring of the typical English propagandist, namely that religion is the main cause of the present trouble in Ireland. Mr. Hogberg either does not know the main cause or he is deliberately concealing it.

I have interviewed many Protestant ministers in Ireland and found they were 100% for the unification of Ireland. They ridicule this religious propaganda nonsense.

— H. P. D.,
San Antonio, Texas

Excellent in-depth article on the Irish question in your June issue. The real solution, as you suggest, is a change of heart on both sides and a spirit of compromise. The real crime of the troubles has always been the poisoning of Irish youth by the radical partisans of both sides and in this lies the tragedy of Ireland. Most of us in the Irish Republican Brotherhood hope that unification can come about without further violence and bloodshed, and the recent truce is an indication that our voices are finally being heard by the Provos. The softening of hearts and the enlightening of Irish young people may prove more difficult, but at least a beginning has been made.

— Michael H.,
Florence, Arizona

COMMENTS ABOUT THE NEW CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

I just want to write and let you know how much I'm enjoying the Correspondence Course. I've wasted 3 good years by not doing it earlier, but now I have a burning desire to get the information. I'm now working an hour a day on it reading and studying.

— Lee M.,
Grand Island, Nebraska

I want to thank you for all the supplementary reading material that you have sent along with the Bible Course. After taking about 8 other Bible Courses, I have found the Ambassador College Correspondence Course is the only one that brings out the truth from the Bible so that I can understand it.

— James S.,
Prisoner, Ohio State Penitentiary,
Columbus, Ohio

I am absolutely amazed over your Correspondence Course. Never had the Bible ever made so

much sense to me. I wish I were getting a lesson every day. Your church is the first Christian church that has ever really made any sense to me.

— Jim H.,
Richland, Washington

Someone very conveniently sent in my name for your magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*. At first I paid little attention to it. Then one day I started reading it and was amazed at what it contained. Very interesting. Now I'm also taking the Ambassador College Correspondence Course and am delighted at what I'm learning while studying the Bible at the same time. It's just great.

— Harold W.,
Portland, Oregon

THE REALITY OF CREDIT BUYING

Just finished reading the article, "Three Steps to Family Financial Success." It was a very good article, especially the parts on credit buying. But I thought you might be interested in an experience we had just lately concerned with credit buying.

We were looking at trailers and one cost \$8,890, the other was \$11,599.00. The man said that he could get the \$8,890 one for us with \$10 down, 10-year mortgage and monthly payments of \$115.00. So okay, this sounds good! Sounds real easy, but we went home and did some figuring. So for the cheaper trailer you would pay \$13,800 or \$4,910 for finance charges. If you saved the money and paid cash you could have bought the \$11,599.00 trailer to start with.

This is one way credit buying isn't good for anyone. But the case of the \$11,599.00 trailer goes it one better — 10% down, \$160 per month for 12 years. So here again you really get hooked, but to a higher amount. Total payment would be \$23,040, of which \$11,441 would be finance charges. Just think if you saved that finance charge you could have bought two trailers for almost the price you're paying for one!

I think I've finally convinced my family to be leery of credit buying that looks and sounds so fine. If everyone would do this before buying anything on credit, I don't really think they'd buy so much that way.

— Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H.,
Momahaus, Texas

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

The other day there was one of the most heinous crimes I ever recall knowing or hearing about. That is, due to the nature and conditions of

the thing that took place, some thieves robbed some old lady 100 years old, bound and left her with a blanket or something over her head, suffocating her. Imagine anyone living a full century just to die at the filthy putrid hands of a scummy hunk of human garbage like that. And the F.B.I. and all the law enforcement men can't seem to find any trace of the culprits.

— Thurman B.,
Rockford, Tennessee

In December 1972, on page 14 of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, you published an article on the "Black Plague Revisited?" Just this week I heard that London is being invaded by armies of mice. I did not hear it on a major news network (when do you?) but on a satirist's radio program. He thought it to be quite funny.

— Frank B.,
Trenton, New Jersey

I would like you to send me the booklet on *New Facts About Marijuana*, please. I'm interested in the problems it can cause and also how to help the young kids know that it can kill. I should know, it killed my brother and he was only 8 years old. Someone gave him some at school, I suppose. At least, that's what the principal said. I wish other kids knew how it can kill.

— Cheryl S.,
Anaheim, California

The pollution of the external environment revealed by the picture of the pile of metal cans on page 4 of your July issue is indeed appalling. Far more appalling is the pollution of the internal man by the contents of those cans. A study of the labels on the cans reveals that not ONE DROP of the contents of even ONE of the cans was actually needed by the individual who consumed it. Every can, without exception, represented the pattern of self-indulgence, self-deception, self-destruction practiced by the average citizen by way of the mistreated alimentary tract.

— Harry S.,
Irving, Texas

Could you please send me the booklet *A Theory for the Birds*. Keep up the good work. Dr. Leakey gives us 40 years to survive. I wonder what it is going to be like. Should we even try to save it? Someday we may all wake up dead. Help!!

— T. D.,
Redondo Beach, California

YOUNGSTERS SPEAK OUT

The first time I heard you, it was in the car while I was running away from home. Your ideas really impressed me. Now, 4 months later, I am all straightened out with a home of my own. I've always loved God. I can't believe wholly in one denomination. I haven't even formed my conclusions of what I really believe. I think maybe you and *The PLAIN TRUTH* could help me understand life more. Please send me *The PLAIN TRUTH* and the booklet, *Why Were You Born*.

— Jo W.,
Benton, Arkansas

I would like to help stop pollution. If I could help you, send me some stuff to stop it. Stop the factory's smoke and clear up the air. Clean up the ground. Do not dirty the water. I would help all I can. Pick up all the paper and the trash and all the junk in the water and pick up all the trash on the land. I am in the fourth grade. I am ten years old. I hope I can help. I would love to stop pollution and all the trash.

— Charleston, South Carolina

Three years ago I learned the facts of life, or whatever you want to call it, from a friend, and from other places like that. I would like to know if you have a booklet that could help me. I ask this because my parents don't know I know about sex, and it would be too hard to talk to them about this. I know you have a book on this subject, but I'd like to have a small booklet if possible. I know you're thinking I am way too young for a booklet on sex, but I am sincere about this, and as time goes by it'll be harder to think of sex the right way.

— Don F.,
South Bend, Indiana

THE HUMOROUS SIDE OF LIFE

I would like to get the free book *A Whale of a Tale*. My Mom said I could get it. Do you have any other free books? I would take good care of them. My name is Mark and I am in the second grade. I can read most all books except *Playboy*. My Dad says I can read it some day when I get old.

— Mark A.,
Watertown, New York

Could you advise me on one point that has been bothering me for eighteen years since it was told to me? Someone told me you could talk to God and if what you asked was true you would blink your

eyes twice or more, and if what you asked was false you would blink only once. Also, you had to make sure you were talking to Him since the devil would sometimes confuse you by answering the same way, but only falsely. I would give my address, but I am afraid you would think me unstable.

— New York

What I had in mind was to make a deed to: Al-

mighty God, The Church of God and The Ambassador College with the Legal Dept. as trustee. If I make this real estate to the College only, it could be sold or the College might be moved and set up under another name or group of people. I've lived a long time and seen a lot of Colleges go out of business, but I have never heard of God going out of business.

— Edna P.,
Pensacola, Florida

In December 1971 we were in the State of Florida and we were in the State of Florida. I had heard that the State of Florida was in a state of confusion and I was in a state of confusion. I was in a state of confusion and I was in a state of confusion. I was in a state of confusion and I was in a state of confusion.

— (Name)
Tampa, Florida

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— (Name)
Tampa, Florida

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— (Name)
Tampa, Florida

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— (Name)
Tampa, Florida