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This week's mail was noticeably lower than the previous two weeks due to the national holiday on Monday. The donation mail by Wednesday was completely processed. However, Thursday saw us behind in donation mail because of the member packages.

As the telecasts become stronger we are receiving more inquiries as to the religious affiliation of Mr. Ted Armstrong. There are nearly 150 requests for a TV series covering the Ten Commandments. On several recent broadcasts mention has been made that ministers of the Worldwide Church of God can be found in most parts of the country. This has brought in a number of requests for visits such as the following:

I heard you say on one of your recent broadcasts that a graduate of Ambassador College, a minister, was available most everywhere, and if anyone wanted to contact one he should write to you. I would like to contact one of your ministers.

Barbara S.,
Nashville, Tennessee

ST. PETE CAMPAIGN NEWS FLASH

Ron Wallen tells us this Monday morning that overflow crowds broke all previous auditorium attendance records. Attendances were 2200, 2732 and 2542 respectively. Response immediately after each of Mr. Armstrong's dynamic and

powerful messages kept our counselors busy answering many questions. As of this morning Ron had already received 19 calls from those desiring to attend Sabbath services, Bible studies, visits, etc. More news to come in the next Bulletin.

AFTER CALGARY

With a new campaign under way in St. Petersburg as we go to press, we thought you might like to hear a late report on the follow-up of the Calgary campaign. Following is a report from Dean Wilson giving an overall point of view, and another from Richard Wilding giving the church pastor's impression:

As of October 23rd the Vancouver office had received 911 letters from the brochures handed out to those attending the Calgary campaign requesting the literature offered. Of those 911 letters, surprisingly 717 or 78.7% had never requested literature before. There were no quack, accusing or belligerent letters received. Most just requested literature. About 10 to 15 requested information on a church or minister. They had been unable to contact counselors at the meetings for various reasons. Altogether, Mr. Wilding was brought into contact with about 50 new heads of families with varying degrees of understanding of what we teach. These contacts were brought about through the counselors at the meetings and through the letters received in the Vancouver office. Over two months later Calgary is still receiving more than triple the number of new visit requests that would be normally expected for the area.

Just before the Feast of Tabernacles, the two one-hour special telecasts that were made of the Calgary personal appearance were shown on CFAC-TV Calgary. At the end of each telecast Mr. Wilding's telephone number was given on the screen twice. As the result of the telecast, the Vancouver office received 43 letters requesting lit-

erature and 5 letters requesting a visit since they missed Mr. Wilding's phone number on the telecast.

When I last talked to Mr. Wilding he reported no difficulties at all with phone calls, only one person was slightly argumentative. The visits were as good or better than those received through our normal procedures and he was having absolutely no problems with the new people attending church or Bible study, even though in many cases they had never been visited or counseled by a minister.

In my personal opinion, Calgary was a booming success in every way. First, as a witness to the city and surrounding area and secondly, it is becoming increasingly obvious that God has many people in that area that He intends to call into His Church through those personal appearances. The months ahead will begin to tell the story of how many.

— Dean Wilson

Hello from Calgary! Here is an overall report on the effect of the recent campaign in Calgary, from my point of view as the local minister.

Of course, the primary purpose of the meetings was to be a witness to Calgary, but they have been a big boost to the local church in more ways than one. They certainly have generated a lot of enthusiasm among the members. Many had an active part in preparing for them — by helping in the telephone surveys, distributing flyers, and ushering. They really appreciated these opportunities. Plus, of course, the meetings themselves were tremendously inspiring.

We have received about 40 new visits as a result of the meetings. This total is not final — we are still receiving new letters. A lot of people we have contacted are pretty new — they do not know too much, but have a zealous attitude — and quite a few of these should come along. We now have 12 approaching baptism and 25-35 attending services from the campaign. Only 6 of the latter are children. (Church attendance in Calgary was about 320 before the campaign.)

Two weeks after the meetings we had television specials showing the last two nights of the campaign on local TV in the Calgary and Medicine Hat areas. At the end of each telecast, my phone number was announced! As a result, we've received 40 calls, with a trickle still coming in. Of these 40, 5 requested visits, 33 requested information regarding the meetings and services, and 2 wanted literature.

We received no crank phone calls at all and only one argumentative call as a result of showing my phone number. Most of the people were really impressed with the telecast and wanted additional information.

The same overall fine reaction has been true of inviting people to the Bible studies and Sabbath services. We were not deluged with religious hobbyists, argumentative people, and "new Elijahs." Practically everybody at least had a sincere interest in what we taught. So coming out publicly has not had any unfavorable repercussions here at all.

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Ministerial

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Church Announcements

CORRECT TITHE INFORMATION

The Mail Processing Center needs your help!

Immediately after the Feast of Tabernacles, many of you begin your third tithe year or you send in the tithe of the (second) tithe. When your tithes are received at Headquarters, many times we are in doubt as to which fund you intended because your marking is unclear or the fund is labeled incorrectly.

For example, we receive tithes marked "second" when it should be "third," and "second" when it should be "tithe of the tithe." It is important that your tithes be credited to the proper fund each time. To enable us to do so, please indicate third tithe as *third tithe*, second tithe as *excess second tithe*, and the tithe of second tithe as *tithe of the tithe*. You may indicate these and other breakdowns on the *front* of your check or on a separate piece of paper, as you desire. By doing this, you will help us to keep your records correct and also save yourself the trouble of writing in to make corrections on your quarterly receipts.

Please use your computer labeled envelopes. If you don't have a supply, please request them.

Church Administration

DAVID L. ANTION

The St. Petersburg campaign will begin this Friday evening, October 27. Arrangements have been made for the campaign and Mr. Ted Armstrong will be leaving Thursday, October 26, for St. Petersburg to make final preparations for the meetings.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong plans to attend the final meeting on Sunday evening with several others from Pasadena who will be accompanying him.

The new auditorium is coming along rapidly — ten weeks ahead of schedule! It should be finished by January, 1974 and Mr. Armstrong hopes to have a dedication service for it when the ministers are here for the '74 Conference.

But there has been a problem with regard to the building. Should it just be the college auditorium and not a church building? Or vice versa? Either way, when it's used for both purposes, I understand we have to pay taxes on it.

Mr. Armstrong has given it much thought and God has inspired him to come up with the right answer. A plaque will be designed for the auditorium which will say essentially this: "Ambassador College Auditorium" (in big letters and underneath in smaller letters) "Made possible by gifts from the Worldwide Church of God to the HONOR AND GLORY OF THE GREAT GOD at the Headquarters of His College, His Work, and His Church."

These words answer many questions. They answer why a college of five hundred fifty students (maximum) would have a college auditorium so spectacular and so large for such a small student body. They explain where the funds came from to build such a fine auditorium. And they explain why the auditorium is so fine — to the honor of God. We will also use this very phrase to explain more about the auditorium to reporters and others who visit the college.

Last Friday night and Sabbath Mr. Armstrong spent quite a bit of time with the Headquarters Church on the principle of modesty. He said he would not set a specific skirt length, but that the principle of modesty should be applied and that "God's women should not show their thighs."

Mr. Armstrong said he would write these instructions to the ministers in a special letter. I hope he can get to that yet this week so that all of

you will have firsthand instructions from Mr. Armstrong himself.

General Instructions

I'd like to discuss now the extremes in member-PM visits.

We can easily go to one extreme by turning all our resources, manpower, time, mileage and expense, to visiting the PMs very quickly. We may be visiting PMs so much that once a member becomes a member he hardly gets visited anymore. We know them only as prospective members up until they're baptized, and after that we seem to expect them to take care of themselves. This obviously is an extreme!

This kind of visiting will build the church up in numbers, but will in time weaken its structure and the quality of the spiritual strength of its members. *We simply cannot afford to neglect our members!*

Don't forget the second commission is to "feed the flock." We are to care for the children whom God has begotten. This is a major function of the field ministry. It cannot be neglected or slighted.

Are the members in your church strong? Do you know them well? Are you neglecting them now that they are members? Are there problems festering that you don't know about because members are not willing to come to you for the simple reason they don't know you that well?

Let's begin a campaign to strengthen the members we now have. Unless those brethren are strengthened — and remain strong and stable — it is of little use to invite more and more people into the church only to try to increase the size of the church. Mr. Cole and I found this out in the Eugene Church years ago. It was useless to invite new PMs to church until we cleaned up the core of weak and lethargic and problem-filled members. Once the core of the church was strong, God added many new members to it who remained stable and strong.

As far as policy regarding this is concerned, I'm sure Mr. Armstrong would wholeheartedly agree that the local pastor would know best when to visit members and that the decision to visit them would be up to him. We are depending on you to know what is best for your congregation and the growth of the church.

In this campaign to strengthen the members we might want to give a number of sermons on basic doctrines. If you are in doubt about any points of basic doctrines, please write to your district superintendent and he will forward those questions or doubts to Headquarters if he cannot answer them himself.

The other extreme is that we take our time and get so bogged down with our many church activities that we will visit a PM one time and then wait for almost a year before we visit him again. I recently read a number of letters from prospective members which have been forwarded to me from our Personal Correspondence Department. These prospective members said the minister told them he would be back in about a month, and now some say it has been almost a year since he had contacted them.

Others have written in for a visit and are still waiting after a number of weeks have gone by.

There is no hard and fast rule that we can give you right now. Ask God for wisdom. Look to the overall strengthening and stability of the church. Realize that the people who are hearing God's truth and have now asked for a visit or for counsel or about the church really do *need* to be visited and contacted.

One of our projects in CAD is to develop an effective plan for visiting prospective members. We may yet have a more efficient system for visiting them. We'll discuss this with the superintendents before putting it into practice.

Church-owned Homes

Mr. Portune and I and others have discussed the policy on church-owned homes. Here at Headquarters the college is selling a number of college-owned homes in the area. More and more the church and college has found itself in the real estate business by trying to provide homes for so very many of our ministers, faculty members, etc.

This has also affected the field ministry over the last ten years or more. We have a number of church-owned homes scattered throughout the country. It has resulted in some inequities because there are church-owned homes in some areas and not in others. In fact, we have church-owned homes in areas where housing rentals are easily available and at reasonable prices. And we have no church-owned homes in other areas where housing is hard to come by and very costly.

Contributing to the confusion is the fact that when a minister moves into an area where the church has a home, he is constrained to live in that home. Many times the home is not suitable for his family — it may be too small, too large, etc. He may own furniture, and since the church home is furnished, finds himself having to sell it. And used furniture does not bring a very high price.

For these reasons and many others — we are planning to sell the church homes, BEGINNING NEXT MARCH.

But we did want to allow enough time for those of you in church homes to begin looking around and planning on the fact that you will either have to rent, or buy, etc. I'm sure that the church will give you the first opportunity if you wish to buy the church home you are now living in.

Many ministers ask if they can purchase their own homes. This is up to you. I will tell you this though; we here at HQ and in CAD are going to try to eliminate the "mobile minister syndrome." We are going to have more long-range planning and not so many sudden moves. We want to be able to notify you enough in advance so that any move does not work a major hardship on you.

Also, we don't want to notify you too far in advance lest we take the spirit and wind out of your sails in the area where you are now working.

If there are more questions along this line, please write them to your district superintendent and he will boil them down and send them to Headquarters. We'll be glad to consider these questions and try to find answers.

I just wanted to let you know of our planning and our thinking at this point with regard to church homes so that when it does come about you will not be taken by surprise.

The Ministry and You

A vital part of the minister's work is public speaking. He delivers sermons on the Sabbath, holds Bible studies, addresses the Spokesman Clubs, conducts weddings and funerals, etc.

Though his wisdom, tact, friendliness, approachability in personal visiting is, perhaps, more important than his speaking — we cannot dismiss the importance of his public speaking.

Many of our church members have to get up early in the morning, drive hard and long to attend church at considerable expense to their family income. Many don't have to attend every week. The distance would justify a once-a-month church attendance. Others live very close and do attend every week because the Sabbath is "a holy convocation."

As the minister of a local congregation, we can get used to having the people there. They have to attend. They're commanded to be there. We have a ready-made audience — a compelled audience.

This can be detrimental to a public speaker. We can get to thinking that anything we prepare, and any way we deliver it, is acceptable.

And indeed it must be acceptable. What other choice do the members have? They have to come. They can't complain. But this does not stop a lack of enthusiasm from growing in members if we, as

ministers, allow ourselves the luxury of ill prepared sermons, uninteresting topics, and poor delivery.

From time to time we receive comments from prospective members who are bold enough to criticize what they see and hear in church services. Here is one such comment:

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

We went to the Worldwide Church of God for the first time Saturday afternoon. It was something that we had really looked forward to because we thought it might be something like your radio discussions which we really enjoy and find enlightening, much more so than any other talks on the Bible anywhere by anyone. We really believe in the great work you are doing in Jesus name.

The church here in ——— city was a very sad disappointment to us because it was the *most boring church service we ever attended*. All I could think of after about the first hour of the service was that hard fold-up chair I was sitting on. The service lasted over two hours and I sure did rejoice when it was over!

It's hard to concentrate on what a man is saying when you feel uncomfortable. We don't want to go to church there anymore and we deeply regret this.

Before we went to the Worldwide Church of God, we had been attending the Seventh Day Adventist Church, however, *not* as members! The preacher there always had a *very good, interesting sermon*. We positively don't go along with *all* their beliefs and *never* will! The preacher is a very likeable person and he is really nice. He has been to our house to visit and to talk to us a few times, but I think he has given up on the idea of getting us to join the Adventist Church.

We have let him know that we don't believe in all that the Adventist Church teaches, in a tactful way of course. The preacher always preaches right out of the Bible, so there is no harm in his sermons whatsoever, and we had rather attend the Seventh Day Adventist Church than the Worldwide Church of God because we get *much, much more* out of the sermon and we *really enjoy it*.

In contrast, when we left the Worldwide Church of God service we felt that we would have been 100% better off at home studying the Bible. We did enjoy meeting the people at the church service and they seemed to be extra nice. We really received a fine welcome!

Mr. Armstrong, we deeply regret that we feel as we do about the church service. We don't think it would benefit us or anyone else for us to attend anymore. We read *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, which we get a lot of understanding from, then also we get some of the booklets you speak of on the radio broadcast. I tell you, those magazines and booklets have helped us more than anything else to see the *truths* of the Bible.

Respectfully,

I'm sure that part of these peoples' problem is that they may want too much entertainment. However, we must acknowledge that a dull, dry or boring sermon attracts no one.

How long has it been since you've done a real self-analysis on your speaking ability? How long has it been since you've *heard yourself* on tape?

Are your sermons really interesting? Are they well thought out? Are you studying your Bible enough to get good ideas and interesting presentations and enlivening examples from it?

What about your Bible studies? Are they as interesting as they could be? Have you thought of more interesting presentations? Are you really thoroughly *prepared*?

There is no substitute for thorough preparation. You may consider yourself a good speaker. You may get periodic compliments from the congregation. (Remember, our brethren are very respectful and very complimentary.) But this does not mean that you are a good speaker.

Ask for an evaluation from your wife. Have her be frank, honest, and open with you. Tell her you don't want to be discouraged, but you do want *help!* You might ask others who are working in the district with you to evaluate your speaking.

But nothing does it quite like hearing yourself on tape. Compare it to the broadcast.

Remember, most of our members hear *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast daily. Prospective members come into the church after having heard the broadcast, the telecast, and read much of our literature. All of these are presented in an interesting, moving, dynamic manner. They are attention getting and suspense arousing.

Now, after having come along with all of that interesting and dynamic presentation, what a *disappointment* to attend church where the minister has neglected his duties in speaking!

In the military certain leadership traits are demanded of officers. One of them is that the officer must know his business and that he must know it from the ground up. In the words of one Major who was addressing commissioned officers: "Not only must the officer know, but he must be able to put what he knows into grammatical, interesting, forceful English. He must learn to stand on his feet and speak without embarrassment."

Therefore, let us not assume we have reached the apex of our preaching ability. Let's not rest and relax now that we have a captive audience. Because our prospective members *are not captive*.

Let's get out the speech books, dust them off and work on our preaching ability. When we

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Foreign Educational Service

RONALD L. DART

Things are back to normal now that the Feast is over, but I'm not sure what normal is anymore. It seems that the pace of events in the Work just keeps on accelerating.

We have recently had a major breakthrough in the French Work. You may not remember, but when we first established the office in Switzerland, there were sharp restrictions on aliens entering the country to seek work. Switzerland, being a very small country with not that many job opportunities, was carefully preserving every job opportunity possible for their own people. As a result, we had great difficulty in getting permission for any alien to work in Switzerland at all, and it was only because Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Bourdin were ordained persons that they were allowed in. Subsequent to that, we have been unable to hire *any* aliens in Switzerland at all. This has been sharply restricting the available manpower for the Geneva office.

This spring we wanted to send a ministerial assistant — James Muir, a graduate of Bricket Wood — to Geneva for training. The application went in, but it didn't look good. Now, the following report has come in from Mr. Wilkins: "Big news this month is that the Swiss government has finally officially recognized us as 'an international religious organization' — this, nearly nine years after the opening of the Geneva office. As a result of this decision, our ministerial assistant — James Muir — can remain in Switzerland and we are no longer restricted on other foreign staff!"

This recognition has come just when we needed it the most — at the time when we're trying to train men for the future of the French Work.

Meanwhile, as the Canadian Work continues to grow, we are reaching into some of the less populous areas and still maintaining good attendance. We started a new church in Sudbury, Ontario in July with an attendance of 93! This may not sound like many people to some of your Americans, but when you realize that Sudbury is right in the middle of nowhere, it is quite impressive.

From the other side of the world, the new radio station in Ceylon is doing very well. We got started in late July, and after two-and-a-half

months of broadcasting, we had received a total of 365 letters. This is *far* better than we've ever done with any of these remote stations before. We were lucky to get four letters a month from the station in the Maldiv Islands. The last report I had showed that most of these letters are coming from India and a few from Ceylon. This is due, however, more to the characteristics of shortwave radio than to any characteristics of the people.

Mr. Harold Jackson and Mr. Bob Morton are back from their African baptizing tour, and it turned out to be a most inspiring and profitable tour. We had a long meeting with Mr. Jackson yesterday and discussed the future of the work in Africa, and we're becoming very glad for the trained black ministers we already have in the Work. Certain parts of Africa have the potential for explosive growth and we're going to have a problem on our hands in from two to five years. We went so far yesterday as to discuss the *possibility* of opening an office in a black African country. I can assure you, however, it will be no bed of roses for the man who gets that opportunity.

Right now I'm torn between giving you some of Bob Morton's report on the tour and letting you wait and read it in the GOOD NEWS. Actually, it's such an inspiring GOOD NEWS article that I hate to spoil it for you. I think I'll let you wait.

We'll close this Bulletin out with a report from Mr. Ruiz on his recent visiting and baptizing tour of Central America, and then quote an interesting letter written in response to some of our new Danish literature. Now for Mr. Ruiz's report:

Greetings once again from our Mexico City office!

My recent trip to Central America was profitable and rewarding. Here is a brief account of my visits to seven Central American countries.

I visited a total of twenty-eight persons: five in Guatemala, nine in San Salvador, eight in Belize, two in Honduras, two in Nicaragua and two in Costa Rica. Fruit continues to be borne in San Salvador — we had three new members added to the Church for a total of nine members there. Incidentally, when these three brethren were being baptized in a beautiful natural spring that comes out of some very high rocks, one of the guards of the park came and stood by us all throughout the baptism ceremonies and the laying on of hands. Instead of being negative or critical of what he saw, he was quite respectful and was very much impressed; he was even happy to have his picture taken with our group!

Several very interesting things happened during the trip and I shall mention a few:

In San Salvador — capital of El Salvador — we had Sabbath services in a suite of rooms in a nice hotel, with special music sung by a young girl — a

prospective who wants to attend Ambassador College and who is studying voice — and we had thirty-two happy persons in attendance!

Here in San Salvador a fantastic miracle took place for one of our members a few weeks before my arrival, and as soon as I arrived at the airport I heard about it.

With tears in her eyes, Mrs. Polio began telling me how great and WONDERFUL is our God! She said that only a few weeks ago, her niece — about sixteen — had acute appendicitis. In a very short time her stomach had swollen as if she was several months pregnant. Neighbors and relatives pressed Mrs. Polio to no end to have her taken to the hospital. She called a doctor who told her to take the girl to the hospital immediately and have her operated on! He wrote in the prescription that peritonitis was about to set in! This lady, in her ignorance (she doesn't have any schooling), but with a great deal of faith, said to herself that she was not going to take her niece to the doctors, but instead she was going to take her problems to God! She went to her home and prayed as never before. She remembered that on one of my previous visits I had told her that if anyone ever got sick they had to do their part, and then write to us for an anointed cloth; and that as soon as they finished doing their part and requested God's intervention, God would do His part.

As soon as she mailed the letter, the excruciating pains of this teen-age girl began to diminish and soon, little by little, her distended stomach began going back to normal until finally, in a few days, all traces of peritonitis and appendicitis were GONE! When she received the anointed cloth, she was well. Truly, a great miracle from our God!

In Belmopan, the new capital of British Honduras, one of our members — Mr. Rudy Lopez — was traveling with his American boss, an owner of a small factory, through Guatemala at the time when the conflict with Britain and British Honduras broke out. They were crossing a bridge where there were some Guatemalan soldiers on both sides of the bridge. They drove on as neither Mr. Lopez nor his American companion saw any signs to stop, and none of the soldiers made any move to stop them. While they were crossing the bridge, at a distance of less than two hundred yards, two soldiers suddenly fired their rifles five times toward them!

When the soldiers saw the pickup truck which Mr. Lopez was driving didn't stop, they chased and stopped him and surrounded the pickup. (The American had thrown himself to the floor during the shooting.) They looked for bullet holes, but much to their amazement and dismay could NOT FIND ANY! Was an angel shielding them? It's very possible that's what happened.

While Mr. Lopez continued praying silently, the soldiers took them through the jungle to their headquarters. They finally arrived before the officer who was going to pass sentence. This officer acted completely different from his usual rude way. After asking them to pay for the shots that

had been fired at them, they let them go! This was Sabbath evening. When I saw and spoke to Mr. Lopez, he kept telling me, "Truly Mr. Ruiz, as Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong says, 'God is on His THRONE!'"

In Nicaragua, in Granada, I had the opportunity to counsel with a young lawyer, married, age twenty-three, who is the youngest penal judge in the history of Nicaragua. He was cautious at first, but ended up being very warm and friendly and apparently is so convinced of God's ways that he may leave the penal practice and take a job as a representative lawyer for an insurance company. He is going to redouble his efforts in Bible study, prayer and study of the Correspondence Course.

In Costa Rica I had the opportunity to talk with a lady who has a high administrative and educational position. She is the director of the Department of Orientation of the Ministry of Public Education. She was delighted with our publications and said that her department had copied some of our articles in their entirety and has included them in books that most teachers in San Jose are required to read for their education. Of course, they gave us the proper credit.

She asked me if we could send our publications to all the teachers. I told her I didn't see any problem at all, but that it would be a little better if some of them would write to us asking formal permission. She even asked me if we could conduct some conferences and have our publications distributed on a national level. I told her that it might be possible and suggested to her that if she or the minister of education are interested they can suggest this to the President of Costa Rica, Mr. Figueres, and perhaps he or his assistants can extend an invitation to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong or other high representative of Ambassador College. She liked the idea and said she was going to see what she could do.

So, thanks to God, the trip was rewarding, but a little tiresome, as we visited seven countries in twelve days! But from the standpoint of the fruits being borne and from the standpoint of seeing how God does not forget any of His people in any part of the globe — wherever they are or whoever they are — He sees, hears, answers and blesses them! Truly very rewarding and inspiring!

And now for the letter from our Danish reader:

Thank you very much for the eye-opening, startling and revealing booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow, What It Will Be Like* in Danish. I received it two days ago, but have already finished reading it. I simply just had to read it. I was unable to suspend it, it was so breathtaking and shocking reading about the plain truths in my Bible. I can hardly believe it, though I now know it is the unveiled truth. It is a very great advantage to be able to read in my own language — Danish (my real native language is Norwegian, but Norwegian and Danish are so similar it doesn't matter at all whether I read Danish or Norwegian). Therefore I plead you to send me the Danish editions of booklets if available, in all

cases, please do that! Note it in your papers! I now want you to send me *The Ten Commandments* in Danish if available.

Recently I also received an offer of getting your Correspondence Course for understanding of the Bible in Danish. As you surely know I now have received 5 lessons in English, but, I ask you, if possible to repeal my subscription on the English edition, and please transfer my subscription to the Danish version of the course, of which I hope you as soon as possible will send me the first five lessons. I plead with you for that for two reasons. 1) The course Danish is much easier comprehensible and easier to appropriate to O.S. and is less time demanding. 2) I will lend it to my friends, recommend it to my non-Christian friends and also Christians and want that they can share my great knowledge and understanding about these critical things.

Your obedient Servant,
E.B., Reitan,
Tingroll, Norway

You'll be interested to know I just received word from Richard Sprotte that as of the present moment 387 have enrolled in the Danish Correspondence Course! □

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

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preach sermons on basic doctrines, let's do our utmost to make them interesting, well researched, cleverly and dynamically presented.

One vital key to improving your public speaking is to improve your whole personality in private conversation and at all other times. It is rare when a clever, witty, and interesting personality cannot develop into a dynamic and interesting speaker. But it is impossible for a dull, uninteresting, lack-luster personality to be a dynamic, forceful, interesting and captivating speaker.

We owe it to God's people to make our sermons as interesting, clear and easy to listen to as possible. Don't forget, there is coming a time when people will have itching ears and they will turn away their ears from hearing the truth and be turned to fables.

Let's not let that happen because we neglected our sermons and our speaking ability. □

AFTER CALGARY (Continued from page 134)

I personally feel that in the long run quite a few will change and come into the Church as a result of the Calgary campaign.

Mr. Ted Armstrong is extremely well known here now, and has planted the seed in many peoples' minds to think and to look into these things, even if right now they are not ready to act. But, all in all, Calgary certainly has had a tremendous witness!

— Richard Wilding

BOOKLET DEPARTMENT

You have probably heard mention of a "booklet team" or "booklet department" in recent months. Perhaps we can acquaint you with this function in a little more detail.

The formal name for our "booklet team" is the Literature and Research Department. It is under the executive directorship of David Jon Hill, who also directs the "Ministerial Bulletin," the GOOD NEWS magazine and the Correspondence Course. Brian Knowles has been appointed managing editor and department manager for our new booklet team. Brian served as managing editor for TOMORROW'S WORLD magazine and was pastor of our Tulsa/Ponca City, Oklahoma congregations prior to that. Working closely with Jon Hill and Brian Knowles in this area is John Portune, John R. Schroeder, Robert Kuhn, Gary Alexander and a staff of 17 other highly qualified people.

The department's primary objective is two-fold. That is, to up-date booklets and reprints as well as to create new ones. Such a task requires massive research and editing efforts. Many of the new booklets will be published on a different basis than some of our older, more standard publications. The new ones are designed to complement the television program. Garner Ted Armstrong will be able to design a program with a specific new booklet in mind. That material can then be offered to the public. However, it will be printed once, and reprintings will occur only if the booklet is offered again at a later time. An example is *The Real Jesus* which has just come off the press. It complements the television series which Garner Ted Armstrong presented on the real Jesus.

Each of the new booklets will be 16 to 32 pages in length (one or two signatures). Twenty-eight of these new booklet assignments have already been made!

Our Literature and Research Department will stay attuned to needs in up-dating older booklets. While basic truths will never alter, the changing times require constant up-dating of data, and discussion of new material. This process demands continued, in-depth research on previously covered topics.

The result of our Literature and Research Department is a steady stream of new and dynamic material. Mr. Armstrong, the Executive Staff, and this department certainly need all of our prayers for guidance and direction in this vital function.

— Les Stocker