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TEAM TO DIRECT MINISTERIAL ACTIVITIES Mr. Ted Armstrong has named a six-man team of headquarters personnel to work with the United States area coordinators in directing ministerial activities. The men are C. Wayne Cole, Ted Herlofson, Robert Kuhn, Art Mokarow, Jim Thornhill and Ray Wright.

Each team member will contribute in a special area. Ted Herlofson will be concerned with matters such as manpower, automobiles, expense accounts; Robert Kuhn will continue to coordinate theological projects such as the Systematic Theology Project and doctrinal administration; Art Mokarow will work with ministerial education and development; Jim Thornhill will coordinate YOU activities; Ray Wright, as vice president for financial affairs, will coordinate budgetary considerations; and Wayne Cole as an assistant to Mr. Armstrong will coordinate the team and follow through for Mr. Armstrong to implement the new growth responsibilities outlined in his March 20 meeting with U.S. and Canadian area coordinators, and other leading headquarters personnel.

Mr. Cole, who will be moving to Pasadena from Vancouver where he was director of the Canadian Work, will be replaced by Bob Morton, presently regional director of the Work in New Zealand.

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES PLEASE ANNOUNCE: Due to the overwhelming number of requests for the Bible Hymnals, we are sorry to announce that the supply of hymnals is now exhausted. Any further requests for hymnals can not be honored and your check will be returned to you. Hymnals will again be offered to the members at a future date.

Concerning Eleanor Ivy: If any of you Pastors have any questions about this young woman please contact Larry Neff, pastor in Tucson, Arizona.

We are getting inquiries as to the availability of Mr. GTA's book, THE REAL JESUS, on tape. The Radio Production Department reports that it is not going to be recorded.

In response to Mr. Ted Armstrong's recent letter stating that members should pay tithes and offerings to the Church, some members have asked if this applies to those on the matching gifts program. Our attorney, Mr. Ralph Helge, has sent a letter to all on the program stating that gift matching is a special exception and that it is permissible to continue as they were (The matter can be accounted and compensated for in budgeting).

--Ted Herlofson, Ministerial Services

NEED ADDITIONAL HELP IN YOUR AREA? A selected group of Ambassador College May graduates have submitted their resumes for publication

in a Resume Book. These students, with backgrounds and job objectives ranging from Accounting to Social Service, are seeking full-time employment upon graduation. Many of these fine graduates are qualified to speak, teach (sabbath school), coordinate Y.O.U. and Teen activities and fulfill other positions of responsibility in your local church area. Frequently Seniors are geographically flexible and are willing to relocate.

If you know of current job openings in businesses in your area, or know of someone who might, and feel an Ambassador graduate could be helpful in your local area, we would be happy to forward a resume book to you. All Area Coordinators have received a copy of the resume book already. Please send your requests for books to Ambassador College, Career Services Office, 300 West Green St., Pasadena, CA 91123, or call 213-577-5020.

--Robert D. Oberlander, Career Services

A.C. TURNS DOWN VISTA DEL ARROYO The latest development in Ambassador College's bid for the Vista del Arroyo property was published in the Pasadena Star News on Sunday, March 26. With permission from the Star News, their front page article is reproduced below.

--Les Stocker, College Relations

Ambassador won't buy Vista hotel

By DICK LLOYD

Staff Writer

The sprawling, once-elegant Vista del Arroyo Hotel, now a vacant monument to a bygone era in Pasadena, won't be going to Ambassador College for restoration.

Ambassador College has decided not to accept the property from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, attorneys for the college announced, although after years of negotiation the college recently was cleared to acquire it.

While the college could take the facility at an 80 percent discount from market value (estimated at \$2.5 million), conditions of the conveyance and federal laws make the transaction unsuitable, said Stanley R. Rader, attorney and personal aide to college founder Herbert W. Armstrong.

"After a thorough review of all the factors, the church (Worldwide Church of God) and college have determined that to accept the property on an educational-discount basis at this time would not be in keeping with the college's fundamental role and its long-range goals and objectives," said college attorney Ralph Helge.

Ambassador College is the educational arm of the Worldwide Church of God, also founded by radio evangelist Herbert W. Armstrong, and both

are headquartered in Pasadena.

The decision hinged on the prohibited use of the property for "religious purposes or purposes of religion," Rader said.

The question of whether the college uses the hotel property for religious purposes would always be subject to court challenge, Rader said, making the investment of millions of dollars in restoration and conversion "too risky."

"Whether or not the church or college will be desirous of purchasing or utilizing the property on some other basis remains to be seen," Helge said.

Perhaps "if it is offered for bid, maybe we will find ourselves bidding on the property," said Rader.

Ambassador's decision leaves the future of the stately manse clouded, since other interests have found it too costly to convert or restore. Some have said that if Ambassador failed, the towering sentinel overlooking the Arroyo Seco and the old Colorado Boulevard Bridge would have to be razed.

The college had "well defined" plans to use the property as a library, dormitory, for museum purposes, "and maybe some classes," Rader said.

"It was to be an adjunct to the

campus (at 300 E. Green St.)," he said, and was to have been dressed in what Helge called "the high landscaping and beautification standards that the Worldwide Church of God requires of the college."

The college did not plan to use the facility for religious purposes, Rader said, but there always is the possibility that a court would interpret some uses of the facility as religious.

Ambassador's efforts have been fought by a number of local citizens including some formerly associated with the church and college.

"Essentially, we did not want to buy a lawsuit," Rader said. "That's what it comes down to."

"We would not be using it for purposes of worship," he said. "But the question goes to the separation of church and state and whether the government can indirectly foster a particular faith."

In backing away from the property, said Rader, "the question was whether we could receive the property without compromising our basic long-term goals or commitments."

"We could not throw away all of our traditions to acquire the property," Rader said.

DR. WARD ALREADY ON THE JOB! Just days ago Mr. Ted Armstrong appointed Dr. Donald Ward, former academic dean on the Texas campus, as executive vice president of the college in Pasadena. Dr. Ward is already here in Pasadena getting acquainted with those he will be working with and gathering data from administration, faculty and students that will help him perform his duties. The family move will be complete as soon as his two daughters finish this year's schooling in Texas. Meanwhile he plans to commute to his home in Tyler, Texas on as many weekends as possible.

MPC UPDATE The week of March 24 was slightly below average for the mail, but the brief lull actually helped us to catch up from previous heavy weeks. We received approximately 30,000 letters during the week, and 9,505 phone calls. Response to the Building Fund letter continued to be a significant item in the mail.

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

ON THE WORLD SCENE

DOLLAR WOES The pressure on the U.S. dollar continues unabated. In Tokyo this morning, the yen slipped to another record low, just barely above 225 yen to the dollar. When I was in Tokyo last July the rate was 270!

Stories out of the oil producing nations are hinting more and more that some OPEC powers, so alarmed over the decline of the dollar, are pushing for a cut in the link between oil price and the dollar; that is, no longer to price it in American currency but in another, or perhaps a new rate reflecting several strong currencies, such as the D-mark, Swiss franc and the yen.

If such a move occurred -- and there are some doubts it can be effected now, since the dollar is the world's only major reserve currency -- there could be a massive dumping of the dollar around the world collapsing its value even more. If OPEC does not adopt such a move at this date, it is certainly a possibility later on. They may just settle for a hike in price of oil for now.

Meanwhile, President Carter embarks on a weeklong foreign trip, leaving behind urgent memos from top officials to exercise his presidential power and impose a stiff tax on imported oil. He is not likely to do so unless the OPEC mini-summit on April 3 forces his hand.

--Gene H. Hogberg, News Bureau

ABOUT THAT PT COVER: I got back from New York the other night, tired, jet-lagged and bone weary only to find that I had been receiving phone calls about the cover of the April PT. I had not yet seen a printed edition myself. Apparently advance copies had been widely circulated here in Pasadena.

The cover picture, basically a head and shoulders shot of a couple embracing, was to illustrate Bob Ginskey's article entitled "Who Invented Sex?" which is actually an anti-evolution piece. Some were apparently "very angry" about the cover, apprehensive about the reaction of the more conservative element on our mailing list. A

few said they thought the cover was "beautiful" and "in very good taste." One said it would be excellent for the newsstands. A 14-year-old boy said, "Big deal."

I immediately thought of some earlier examples of reactions to pics and covers. There was the time when we had a flood of mail over girls in tennis skirts on the A.C. campus; once people were very upset over a picture of GTA playing basketball on the cover of the TW; then there was the Rodin statue pic used in QUEST... And now, here we are again -- another controversial cover! My editor's ulcer palpitated noticeably as I contemplated another "hassle." So I thought I would take the initiative and explain.

The cover pix was a last-minute selection made under pressure because the photographer in NYC who had been commissioned to do a cover pic didn't come through. At the last minute he sent us one of his stock photos which we did not ask for. Press deadlines were closing in on us and we had to go with something. Mr. GTA was out of town so I couldn't get his advice on the pic in question. We decided that since the pic was not obscene, was tastefully photographed, and in no way appeals to one's prurient interests, we would take a chance and go ahead and use it. We had little time to play around with. So I approved it in the absence of Mr. Ted Armstrong hoping that it would meet with his approval.

That was a mistake.

When Frank Brown saw the cover pic in England he phoned me and sounded the alarm. I immediately approved a new cover for all the foreign editions including the English International. So the Spanish, German, Dutch and French editions have a different cover -- a picture of the Jodrell Bank radio telescope. It's not exactly a grabber. But it was the best we could do under the time limitations.

In addition we've managed to change the cover on about 380,000 of the U.S. edition which were being printed in Britain. So, when you add it all up, the majority of the PT readership, worldwide, will not receive the controversial cover.

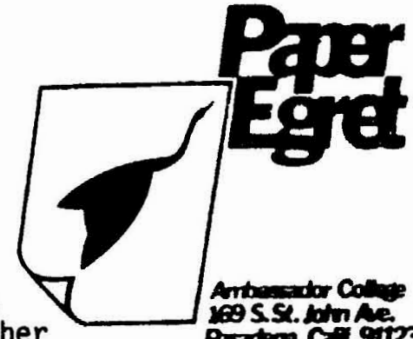
I accept full responsibility for the faux pas and I did what I could to rectify it. It won't happen again. Next time I'll listen to my "vibes" and reject any cover that looks like it might upset any significant element of our mailing list -- including church members -- no matter how inconvenient it may be to do so.

I should point out that almost all cover designs and layouts are approved by Mr. Ted Armstrong before publication. This was an exception because he could not be reached and in dealing with an outside printer we do not have the same flexibility we once had with our own press.

On the positive side I just returned from a very successful trip to NYC. I've been going there occasionally to learn from some of the seasoned veterans of the publishing world whose talents have been recalled for QUEST 78. One man, a former executive editor of Life, was very complimentary of the PT. He had read thoroughly the last six

editions (which is more than I can say for some of our own people!) and he said, "That magazine is pretty good." He was especially impressed with the design and layout of the magazine and the articles contributed by Carole Ritter. He said, "There's some good stuff in there." Thanks! We needed that! Of course many of our own people have been very impressed with the graphics of the March PT. But it is harder to find "honor" among your own people. To those of you out there in the field who have been supportive of the PT, THANK YOU!

--Brian Knowles, Editorial Services



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