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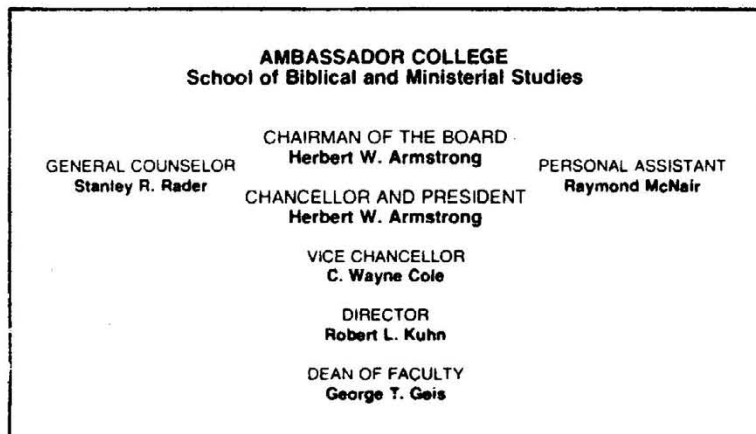
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Greetings fellow ministers,

Although I am still very busy with all the details involved in implementing directives of Mr. Herbert Armstrong (I am currently in Vancouver arranging last-minute details of our move to Pasadena), I want to update you concerning the Ambassador College School of Biblical and Ministerial Studies, and various personnel changes of the past few days and weeks.

As you know, Mr. HWA is once again able to be very active in the conduct of the Work. With growing stamina and his usual resolve to finish his God-given Commission, he is plunging into the day-to-day business of administrating the Work of God.

The Ambassador College School of Biblical and Ministerial Studies is to become the reorganized educational arm of God's Church. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong will, of course, be the chancellor and president. I have been made vice-chancellor of the school and Dr. Kuhn will be the administrative director under the vice-chancellor. Dr. George Geis has been appointed dean of faculty, and Raymond McNair has been named personal assistant to Herbert Armstrong for church and academic affairs. (See the organizational chart below.)



The new biblical and ministerial center will probably not exceed 250 students. In addition to the on-going Certificate of the Ministry program (consisting of 30 units), there will also be a diploma in biblical studies for those young people with a high school diploma, and a 60-unit master of arts program open to graduates of four-year colleges leading to a functional role in the church.

Ray Wright will continue to direct the finances and business of the Work worldwide, and I have been asked to direct the ministry worldwide. Both of us are to direct these functions under Mr. Herbert Armstrong's personal supervision. In making one person director of

all the ministry worldwide, the position of director of the International Division has obviously been eliminated. Leslie L. McCullough therefore has been reassigned to the Vancouver, B.C. office to head the Canadian Work where he will supervise activities under headquarters' direction. Bob Morton, director of the New Zealand area, who had been named in March to direct the Canadian Work, will now remain in New Zealand in his original responsibility.

Mr. Armstrong has also named Brian Knowles to be Editorial Co-ordinator for Church publications worldwide. No such post officially existed before the announcement. Mr. Armstrong further announced that Dexter Faulkner, formerly Assistant Managing Editor of the PT, has been named Managing Editor of the Worldwide News, replacing John Robinson who will now be pastor of the Fort Worth Church.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong wants to personally return to radio broadcasting within one month. He also plans to begin television broadcasting using our own facilities and equipment, especially the videopod.

The recent changes point up the fact once again that this has always been a work of change. We have come a long way since the early days when the Work was being done by just Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong alone. As times and circumstances changed, the Work of God changed. Most importantly the Work adapted, and it grew. We live in a fast-paced world which is in a state of change and flux. We would be unrealistic not to expect God's church to also face change from time to time. To the Church of God, proper change should convey exciting, positive things. And so we can all look to the positive aspects of any changes that occur in God's Church and Work, mindful of our calling and the goal set before the flock of God which we always encourage and nurture.

Be sure to read the latest Worldwide News when it arrives. It expands on many of the items I mentioned above. That's all I have time for in this Pastor's Report.

In Christ's Service,



C. Wayne Cole

EDITORIAL SERVICES UPDATE Lesson 12 of the Correspondence Course has run into a few last minute snags, but things are rolling again and it should be out soon. (I'm beginning to feel like the boy who cried "Wolf!" on that one!)

The two new booklets, Tale of Two Prophets and Coming A New Age are doing well -- we've sent out about 40,000 of each in the weeks since they've been printed.

Dexter Faulkner has been in England with his mother and some other relatives for the past couple of weeks. While there he received a

phone call announcing that he would become the new managing editor of the Worldwide News. He will be replacing outgoing managing editor, John Robinson. John was responsible for getting the church newspaper started nearly five years ago. His work and professionalism have been much appreciated. He and his staff have done an excellent job over the years in keeping the church up to date on internal developments and in keeping the lines of communication open. The decision to change managing editors was made by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and announced by Mr. Wayne Cole this past week.

John will be taking up a new assignment to pastor the Fort Worth, Texas church. Dexter is assuming immediate responsibility on the newspaper. Fuller reports appear in the latest issue of the Worldwide News.

We've been having a little difficulty getting copy ready for the August issue of the PT due to all the recent administrative and personnel changes. Nevertheless it looks like a good issue.

That's it for this time.

--Brian Knowles, Editorial Services

ON THE WORLD SCENE

ZAIRE: MOSCOW'S GOAL It is now obvious that the Russians and Cubans had a very dirty game plan in unleashing recent carnage in Zaire's southernmost Shaba Province.

The goal was to drive out as many of the skilled white European mining engineers and other professionals as possible. Why? Because the copper mines provide Zaire with about 70% of its foreign exchange earnings. Zaire is in very shaky economic condition. Without the mines in operation Zaire very likely could topple -- a main Communist objective.

We know now that at least 170 whites met horrible deaths at the hands of the Cuban-trained Lunda tribesmen. Most of the other 2,500 Europeans have been airlifted to safety, nearly all vowing never to subject themselves and their families to such horror again. Said one refugee, upon his arrival in Brussels: "One thing is certain: No white will return to Kolwezi without a permanent European military force there."

The Soviets, of course, denied all involvement in the Shaba chaos. They blamed the bloodshed on France, Belgium and the United States. The Russians remind one of the old-time wrestler on television who always professed his innocence to the referee while the latter was looking. But when the ref walked around the other side, the poor guy on the mat got a thumb in the eye or a blow to the midsection.

SOVIETS EYE MIDEAST OIL What do the recent pro-Soviet coup in Afghanistan, the Red drive from Ethiopia into Eritrea and the Saudi Arabia purchase of advanced jets from the United States all have in common? The Soviet Union is casting lustful eyes on the oil fields of the Middle East.

Senator Abraham Ribicoff, D-Conn., warned during the Senate debate over the controversial sale of planes to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia that the Soviet threat to the Arabian Peninsula and the Persian Gulf was of "serious consequence" to the United States and the Western world because half the world's oil reserves are in this area.

He cited CIA estimates as saying Russian oil production will decrease in 1985 while demand will be higher, and "what the Soviets need and what they want" is control of Middle East oil.

Ribicoff said Soviets "know the value of the region they are surrounding," and asked: "Does anyone think they give a damn about Afghanistan or Yemen or Ethiopia?"

"The point is," he said, "that while everyone is drawing attention to the confrontation states at the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea, we had better watch out for the back door and what the Soviets and Cubans are up to in the Arabian peninsula and the Persian Gulf.

"You can say what you want, whoever controls that oil will control the economic lifeblood of the West. Let the Soviets control that oil... and where will the United States be? "The Saudis are scared, and I think they ought to be scared because they have what the whole world wants. That is oil, and that is a mighty powerful package."

--Gene Hogberg, News Bureau