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AND NOW--CHRIST SETS CHURCH ON GOD'S ORGANIZATIONAL TRACK

by Herbert W. Armstrong

For a full year now, the HEAD of God's Church, Jesus Christ, has been moving swiftly to set God's Church, College and Work back on God's track.

WHY did the living Christ 20 months ago bring me back from DEATH? For of a truth, I was as dead as any has ever been--for from 30 seconds up to 1½ minutes. Had not desperate measures been taken I would never have taken another breath of air.

WHY did Christ, the living HEAD of God's Church, bring me back? I know, now, by what He has done these 20 months. God has a GREAT PURPOSE He is working out here on earth--in and through mortal humans. He works through those He has called and chosen for various responsibilities in His overall PURPOSE!

Until about a year ago now--April of last year--I had not yet fully recovered in physical strength to be back on the job full force.

As I now look back, I see what Christ has done through His servant whose life and full mental vitality He restored.

This Church was not ready for Christ's soon return as KING of Kings to rule.

We need to stop and REALIZE THIS!

Read again these significant words: "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it...that he might present it to himself a GLORIOUS CHURCH, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be HOLY and WITHOUT BLEMISH" (Eph. 5:25-27).

Fellow ministers of Jesus Christ, this church a year ago WAS NOT HOLY AND WITHOUT BLEMISH (spiritually speaking, of course).

Then we find, in the not too far distant time from now, "Alleluia! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth! Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him; for the MARRIAGE of the Lamb is come, and HIS WIFE HATH MADE HERSELF READY"! (Rev. 19:6-7.)

Fellow ministers, God's Church a year ago WAS FAR from ready for that divine wedding! But as I look back on the past year, the living Jesus Christ has used me as His instrument in swiftly setting His Church back on HIS TRACK. There is much more in prophecy about this, of which I will write later.

But too many seem to forget JESUS CHRIST is the LIVING, ACTING HEAD of this Church. We must all quit leaving Christ out of it. But Christ LIVES--and this is NOT just a "work" of men--above all, it's not just a "work" I as a human thought up and developed. The living Christ BROUGHT ME BACK TO LIFE! And WHY? What has He been doing through me? Swiftly He has been TURNING THIS CHURCH AROUND--setting it back on GOD'S track, as GOD'S Church--NOT MAN'S!

And we needed to be brought closer--every one of us to GOD in prayer and fasting and in dedication, sacrificing everything from now on, for GOD'S WORK. God has allowed this massive PERSECUTION by the State of California to drive us to our knees--closer to GOD, and bound together CLOSER AMONG OURSELVES. Now God allowed the most listened to TV program, "60 Minutes," to attack and malign and FALSELY represent us to MANY more people than the State of California persecution reached.

GOD IS DRAWING US CLOSER TO HIM, AND CLOSER TOGETHER!

And now--Christ is moving me to set His Church on GOD'S organizational structure. For though the Church is NOT a legal corporation, it IS a SPIRITUAL ORGANISM, and that spiritual organism is intended by the mighty GOD to be ORGANIZED--and organized HIS WAY!

I have realized for 52 years that God's form of government is rule from the TOP down.

In God's rule over the UNIVERSE, we have God at the TOP, and under Him, and over all else, is CHRIST! But they are DIVINE beings! They are not human, or subject to human mistakes. I have had to learn that on the far lower HUMAN plane all is different.

I made the MISTAKE of thinking God intended the same form in the HUMAN government over His Church.

I was WRONG!

You see, Garner Ted Armstrong, my son, was not perfect like Christ nor I like God. I said to Ted more than once in the past ten years, "Ted, how wonderful it would be if--as there is a Father-and-Son over the whole UNIVERSE--there could be also a human father-and-son over God's Church ON EARTH!" In their PERFECT divine relationship, the Son does not shut those under Him OFF from the Father--nor does He say it would be taking it over His Christ's head if we go directly to the Father (in prayer).

I mentioned how Jesus said, "I have done nothing of myself. The Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works." Jesus taught ONLY what God the Father told Him to teach. He said, "I have not spoken of myself, The Father which sent me, He gave me a commandment what I should speak." Jesus said, "My Father is GREATER than I." He said, "I have kept my Father's commandments." Jesus was always in PERFECT HARMONY, and always UNDER His Father. But every time I mentioned this Father-and-son harmony, Ted very quickly changed the subject. I did not know it then--but he has made it perfectly clear since he was excommunicated from God's Church that he NEVER agreed with his father--and that means in regard to many, many beliefs and doctrines.

You see, God's Church in our time was founded, and built, on the teachings and doctrines that the living Christ had taught me. He raised up this Church through ME, when Ted was yet three years old--although one of the ridiculous and outrageous statements he has made is that HE, Garner Ted, built the Worldwide Church of God! All of which (the hostile disagreement) is very regretful to me. In spite of the fact that he continually DISHONORS his father now, (cf. Ex. 20:12--and the COMMANDMENT does not say "Fathers must deserve their sons' honor") I grieve more than you can know at his present attitude and ungodly performance.

But I tried to make a "father-and-son" relationship work at the head of God's Church AND IT DIDN'T WORK!

I think you all will remember the diagram I used to draw and publish showing what I mistakenly conceived as GOD'S chain of authority and form of Church Government. I had God the Father at the top--top in authority, then Christ next under God. Then, on the human plane myself under Christ, and Garner Ted under me--with departments such as "Mail Processing," "Financial Affairs," "Ambassador College," "CAD" as we used to call it, etc. etc. under Ted.

What was WRONG with that diagram and form of church organization? It allowed Ted to simply SHUT OFF myself, Christ and God--all above him, since the diagram showed all else under Ted. Now I had MEANT IT to represent that all departments were under ME and under CHRIST and under GOD. But Ted didn't see it the way I did, or administer it the way I authorized. He took ALL power to himself. The men in the top positions, such as Mr. Meredith, Mr. McNair, Dr. Hoeh, Dibar Apartian, Norman Smith, Dennis Luker, were either demoted and ridiculed, or shanghaied away to some other part of the earth. Ted surrounded himself with a small group with whom he felt comfortable.

But, even though a Father-and-Son relationship does work PERFECTLY on the divine level, it did not--and I think now that God knew it NEVER WOULD--work out harmoniously on the human level.

I have not made a whole lot of mistakes--but I stand on record that when mistakes are brought to my mind, I do CORRECT THEM! And I fervently hope each of you do the same.

But when I look into the Bible to see how God organized His Church on the HUMAN level, I find something altogether DIFFERENT than the divine level.

In Acts 7:38 ancient Israel under Moses was called "the church in the wilderness." A change was made in the Church from physical to spiritual--from carnality to Spirit-mindedness. But GOD does not change, nor does His form of human governmental organization.

So, start with the beginning of the Church. God put MOSES as human leader. Who was "second in command"? Ah! We may look in vain--but NOBODY was second in command, and over all Israel, except Moses!

Did the people say, when Moses was 87 years old, "We must vote for someone to take his place, for Moses is certain to die in the next day or two." No, Moses did not die at 87 and even did marry again. The point I wish to make, and hope ALL OF YOU GET THE POINT, is, Moses did not die

until the mission to which God called him was completed! And as far as I know, God has not let ANY servant of His, whom He had called for some special service, die before his mission was completed! God hasn't changed. But even if God had changed, and I should die--as I'm sure my son and some others have eagerly hoped--WHO would head the Church? I'll tell you who! J E S U S C H R I S T! He isn't going to die right away. Do you have some one in mind you'd like to see take that job? FORGET IT! Get your mind off of human mundane thoughts! Put JESUS CHRIST back into your thinking! Remember HE is ALIVE, and HEADING THIS CHURCH! Whether I, or some one else, is to be the human leader of this Church one, two, five or even ten years from now--THAT IS FOR JESUS CHRIST to decide--N O T Y O U!

But let's carry on. Maybe God changed a little later? GOD appointed Joshua to lead Israel across Jordan into the promised land. THERE WAS NO NUMBER 2 MAN!

Later God raised up judges, or heroes, to deliver Israel from being a vassal state--yet NO NUMBER 2 in charge!

Then we come to the Prophets Eli and Samuel. NO NUMBER 2! The people wanted a HUMAN king instead of God. They had Saul--but no second in command. David attended to Saul, played the harp for him--but he was not second IN COMMAND! Next GOD put David on the throne--but NONE SECOND IN AUTHORITY. Two of David's sons tried to "take over" just as I had a son who did--but they lost their lives.

There was no second in command under Solomon, nor under Rehoboam. Thereafter both Israel and Judah became captive nations.

There was no second in command under Jesus when He was on earth. A disputed point by some is that after Jesus' resurrection and ascension, all twelve apostles were equal. I have PROVED Peter was in charge--and there was no second in command. Paul was in charge over Gentiles.

NOTICE! On the day of Pentecost, Peter spoke with AUTHORITY (Acts 2:14-39). But even before that Peter was leader (Acts 1:15). Peter was leader (Acts 3:4 and on). In Acts 4:8 Peter was the leader. Peter was in authority. In Acts 5:3 Peter was IN CHARGE! In Acts 5:15 it was PETER'S SHADOW that healed the sick. In Acts 5:29 PETER was the spokesman of the apostles saying we should OBEY GOD, rather than human government. Much of chapter 6 and all of the very long chapter 7 is filled with the story of Stephen. In Acts 8:20 Peter rebuked the first pope. In Acts 9:32 Peter was the leader in a healing. In Acts 9:38 Peter raised Dorcus from the dead. In Acts 10 it was PETER whom Christ chose of all the apostles to first carry salvation to the Gentiles. In Acts 11 it was PETER who explained to the other apostles how God had opened salvation to Gentiles.

In Acts 12, when the Roman ruler and king, Herod, saw it would please the Jews to put an apostle in prison, he knew PETER was the leader, and so put him in prison. Beginning Acts 13 the history turns primarily to the Gentiles and the Apostle Paul is shown to be the leader. But in Acts 15, As I have explained in detail before, at the meeting of apostles and evangelists in Jerusalem, it was PETER who settled the question, which James merely affirmed and made official, because he was pastor of the local, but headquarters church at Jerusalem.

In Galatians 1:18 Paul went up to Jerusalem to see PETER, because Peter had leadership over the people of Israel as Paul over the Gentiles. In Galatians 2:8 Paul shows that Peter had primacy in the apostleship to the "circumcision" as Paul had to the Gentiles.

GOD, in ruling among humans, HAS ALWAYS WORKED THROUGH ONE MAN AT A TIME--NEVER TWO MEN--NEVER ONE HAVING COMPLETE AUTHORITY UNDER THE TOP HUMAN IN AUTHORITY--NEVER BY COMMITTEES OR GROUPS! Always that one man is CHOSEN BY CHRIST--never by PEOPLE!

God's Form of Government

And so, God's form of GOVERNMENT in His Church is, first, at the top in supreme authority, GOD the Father. Under Him, Christ, to whom the Father has delegated ALSO TOTAL AUTHORITY (as He never does to any HUMAN). Then, on the earthly human level Christ's chosen APOSTLE, and under him on a straight and equal line (no one over another), these department heads: Mail Processing, Buildings and Grounds, Ambassador College, Financial Affairs, PLAIN TRUTH Editorial Production, PLAIN TRUTH mechanical Production, Pastoral Administration, Festival Office, Television and Radio Production, Bible Correspondence Course, Good News and Worldwide News Production, etc.

Each of these under the Apostle. No one of these over any other. But, IF each department head will DAILY, CONSTANTLY keep the living Jesus CHRIST in his mind and heart, I'm sure there will be harmony.

The press has called us the "BELEAGUERED WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD." WHY? We do not have power struggles, envies, competition, jealousies, between one LAY MEMBER and the others! All this "BELEAGUERNESS" has originated on the fourth floor of the Hall of Administration! I MEAN THAT brother Ministers! And Jesus Christ--the very much alive and DYNAMIC CHRIST--through me intends now to PUT AN END TO IT! If there is any more political lobbying for or against another, any more semblance of power struggle for a top spot, the living CHRIST THROUGH ME WILL DEAL SWIFTLY with it!

WHY IS IT, fellow ministers? The troubles, of course have ORIGINATED with Satan--but Satan has been able to work through some of us when we did not realize it!

UNDERSTAND THIS! I have said to many groups around the world--groups of top officials of governments, groups of the grass roots, and privately to heads of state, that there are just TWO ways or philosophies of life, basically--the one is "GET" the other is "GIVE." The "GIVE" way is that of Him who said: "It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive." Actually that is the way of "LOVE"--and love is an out-flowing concern for the good and welfare of others. The other is Satan's way--wanting to "GET" more money, more authority or power, more of whatever one lusts for.

GOD ALMIGHTY brought me back from DEATH! He brought me back, not only to FINISH carrying His Gospel of the Kingdom of God into all the world, but also BECAUSE HIS CHURCH WAS NOT "HOLY, NOT HAVING SPOT OR WRINKLE OR ANY SUCH THING." Just as sure as He set Zerubbabel to build the physical second Temple to which Christ came 1900 years ago, so He has raised me up to build His SPIRITUAL TEMPLE--the Household of God, "which

groweth unto an HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD." And it MUST BE MADE READY for the MARRIAGE when Christ returns. AND WE HAVEN'T MUCH TIME!

WHY is it that the troubles that have been aired to the world by the media have originated on the 4th floor, Hall of Administration? Those there are ON SALARY. They are "GETTING" from the Work. The lay brethren in New York state, Alabama, Wisconsin, Kansas, do not cause trouble! When the largest state in the Union attacks and tries to DESTROY the Church of the living GOD, and I send out a letter telling them of the need, their letters by the multiple THOUSANDS come back, telling me they are back of me 100%--telling me how much they love me!

This Church's harrassment started ten years or more ago. Before that we had PEACE. Before that we were growing 30% a year!

But some ten years ago--especially since 1973--when my son, who DISAGREED WITH WHAT I HAD TAUGHT THE CHURCH TO BELIEVE, took over second in command and adroitly as SATAN moved him, turned it into TOP COMMAND--not only cutting me off above him, but also Christ and God. From that time CHRIST WITHDREW HIS BLESSING, and no longer did we grow at all!

Look how many top-flight men--those GETTING the highest salaries--on the fourth floor--have been put out or gone out! THEY are the ones that went to this world's press, which caused all the evil reports to go to the world. I have never given the press ONE WORD!

To cut this short, GOD BROUGHT ME BACK FROM DEATH TO CLEAN UP HIS CHURCH! CHRIST THRU ME HAS BEEN DOING THAT! I don't fear death any more. I shall not be intimidated! I know it is the will of Christ to CLEAN UP THIS CHURCH. He is bringing MASSIVE PERSECUTION ON US. WHY? To bring us to our knees! To bring us closer together! AND THE BRETHREN HAVE BEEN RESPONDING! And GOD IS BLESSING THEM! He WILL restore His blessing to His Church and Work TWO-FOLD, or even TEN-FOLD!

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WHERE IS HEADQUARTERS?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Before I answer the question "WHERE is Headquarters?" let me once again define the word "apostle." An apostle is "one sent forth."

Jesus Christ was and still is the HEAD of God's Church. But Jesus was NOT a "9 to 5" office executive. He kept moving from town to town. Had today's State of California politicians been in Jerusalem then, they would have accused Him of "siphoning off huge sums of money for His own use." Jesus TRAVELLED to spread the Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD. If He were here today He would travel as I do. They travelled then mostly by foot--or by ship--but Jesus wore FINE QUALITY CLOTHES.

"Headquarters" then was wherever Jesus happened to be. Headquarters today is in my very small office in Tucson, Arizona.

Some get the idea that Headquarters is in Pasadena--that some one or ones there MAKE ALL THE DECISIONS--devise all the future PLANS.

You read in the Pastor's Report of how often various ones are in touch with me. Do you assume that they merely once in a while tell me what HEADQUARTERS has decided?

For a year now, I have taken back FULL CONTROL of the Church, the College, the Foundation. I HAVE MADE ALL THE DECISIONS! I have made all the plans for the future. If others at Pasadena have ideas they wish to implement they must clear it with me, and have my approval.

What I am trying to say is, THIS ENTIRE WORK IS, ON THE EARTHLY HUMAN LEVEL, HEADED BY ME JUST THE SAME AS IF I WERE STILL LIVING IN PASADENA, AND WORKING FROM MY OFFICE THERE EVERY DAY!

I am in CONSTANT contact with the heads of EVERY DEPARTMENT. I have many telephone calls every day. I call individuals, pairs or groups to Tucson when I need to go over things with them personally instead of by phone. I have NOT relinquished my leadership over the Work in any manner.

A part of our Headquarters staff has been moved here--especially in the Mail Processing department. Money is opened here, recorded, and banked, exactly as it was in Pasadena, and by the same trusted and loyal staff.

When Jesus was on earth, "Headquarters" was wherever Jesus was at the minute. Now He operates this great Work through His chosen apostle --and Headquarters is WHEREVER HIS APOSTLE IS!

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FROM PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from Pasadena! It is good to be back and a wonderful Passover season was experienced in nearly all areas of God's Church around the world. Several of us from Headquarters were privileged to fly out and visit some of the major church areas during this time.

My wife and I flew to Cincinnati where I spoke before 3,000 people assembled in Cincinnati's fine old Music Hall on the first holy day. We had enjoyable dinners and meetings with the area ministers and the brethren. Then we flew on to New York to a most enjoyable church social -- beginning the very night we arrived. Again, I held a couple of meetings with the area ministers and was able to speak twice to about 2,200 brethren on the final holy day. I won't try to describe the trips of all the other men, but most of them report growth and enthusiasm in the areas they visited -- for which we were all most thankful. Attendance and offerings were up at nearly all Passover sites, and God's Work continues to grow in spite of the problems. A number of areas reported a significant increase in the number of baptisms this year just before Passover. Apparently, our current trial has caused quite a number of people to "commit" themselves to God's Work and get off the fence.

One unhappy note was the situation in Hawaii. We had to switch our previously announced plans and send Mr. Dennis Luker to Hawaii because our minister there, John Ouvrier, had been carefully "programming" our brethren against God's Work and against His apostle, Mr. Armstrong. In

spite of Dennis' best efforts, it looks like about 2/3 of the Honolulu church has defected to John Ouvrier and his disloyal, heinous, back-stabbing tactics.

It is my sad duty, therefore, to announce that John Ouvrier is out of God's ministry and has been officially disfellowshipped from God's Church. I am here marking him as one who has caused GREAT division and confusion in the area of Christ's ministry over which he was responsible. I feel it is necessary to mark him here so that all of you ministers can warn any of your brethren going to and from Hawaii about this situation. For the next several weeks, Mr. Wilbur Berg, one of our most senior, loyal and tried and tested ministers is going to fill in until we find a permanent minister for Hawaii. Meanwhile, if any of you know of one of our outstanding elders who could partially support himself and still serve the church over there as Tommy Blackwell did, please let us know immediately and we will certainly consider any offers, counsel or advice from any of you.

Another sad situation that has just come up is that of Mr. Richard Prince -- former pastor of our church in St. Joseph, Missouri. Mr. Prince "vomited" on the St. Joseph Church a week ago Sabbath -- spilling out to Christ's "little ones" all of his frustrations, misunderstandings, and personal animosities about Mr. Armstrong and those assisting him and his upsets over all manner of programs and policies with which he personally disagreed. The area coordinator, Mr. Ray Wooten, reports that Mr. Prince also has "programmed" the church so that we may lose quite a number of brethren from the St. Joseph Church.

Therefore, it is my sad duty also to mark Mr. Richard Prince as one who has been aggressively causing DIVISION and great hurt in God's Church. I have had to ex-communicate him from the body of Christ for his reprehensible conduct and he, too, must be avoided by those who are loyal to Jesus Christ.

This is very, very sad on the one hand, and absolutely reprehensible on the other that one of Christ's so-called "servants" would take unto himself the responsibility to confuse and upset the (spiritual sheep) who nearly always remain loyal when a LOYAL minister is in their midst!

Because of these continuing problems, I feel it important to remind us of God's command in the New Testament: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" (Rom. 16:17-18). Notice that it says to mark or "point out" those who are causing DIVISIONS. We MUST obey this command, fellows! If we don't, even GREATER divisions and offenses will follow in their wake. Also, it is interesting that God's inspired word states "that by good words and fair speeches" these oily deceivers try to upset the simple little ones and turn them aside from the one Work, and the one Apostle, the living Jesus Christ has been using now for over 45 years!

Yes, we do need to have LOVE. But sometimes, the kindest thing you can do to a rebellious child is to forcefully SPANK him and send him into the back room for awhile -- perhaps missing his dinner. In like manner,

we must forcefully DEAL with these spiritual rebels for their own good, ultimately, as well as the more immediate good of other brethren whom they would deceive.

So, fellows, be forceful and enthusiastic in your loyalty to Mr. Armstrong and to the Work God is STILL using to preach this gospel around the face of this entire world!

By way of encouragement in that regard, I was just given a report from our Bonn, Germany office. It relates that the total attendance at the Days of Unleavened Bread in Germany was well over 700. The offering was 9.3% above last year. The mail income for March was 30% above last year! And the year-to-date increase in income now stands at 15%.

Then, just as I was starting to write this, Mr. Dean Wilson called in from Australia where he reports that everything is very sound and solid in God's Work down there with continuing growth and unity. They had good increases in Passover attendance and the offerings were up 6% over last year.

By way of encouragement, let me also say that I know that the VAST MAJORITY of all you ministers are "rock solid" behind Mr. Armstrong and God's Work. Those of us who sincerely believe what God has revealed through Mr. Armstrong, who teach the truth faithfully, and who honor God's government and his Church need have no fears of being "marked," "ex-communicated or harshly dealt with by the living Jesus Christ through His Church. As long as we are sincerely faithful and trying, we can only look forward to BLESSINGS in the end. As the apostle Peter was inspired to state: "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you" (I Pet. 5:10-11). And I am sure we can all say "Amen" to that! So "hang in there" and we will write to you again or hear from you soon.

With Christian love,



Roderick C. Meredith

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

Baptism Cards: Once again, we want to request that you send in baptism cards each week as they take place and not hold them for several weeks or months. (Recently one minister sent in cards for the last six months. Some don't send them in at all until we request them after we get complaints from the people about not receiving member mailings.) You are less likely to forget them altogether if you do it right away. If the cards are not sent in, the newly baptized won't begin receiving all the material intended for members. Keep in mind that holy day envelopes, feast information, members letters, etc., can only be sent after we have processed the baptism cards.

Suggestions Needed for Member Package: We are considering the possibility of a member literature package to be sent to each new member household. This would serve as a welcome and give them information concerning proper

communication with Headquarters. Currently, we only send a letter concerning monthly receipting of donations. We would appreciate your suggestions about what should be included in such a package. Just include them with your weekly report and they will be forwarded to Mail Processing.

Passover Attendance: By way of reminder, we would like to mention to all U.S. Church Pastors to send in their Passover attendance figures as quickly as possible. As of this writing we have received information from less than 50% of the pastors. Please make a special effort to get this information in right away.

--Ministerial Services

INTERVIEW-FORMAT TV PROGRAM TO BE AIRED SOON

Beginning the last weekend in April, the first of the new interview-format World Tomorrow programs will be televised on first-leg stations. (Please refer to the list for specific station play dates.) This program titled "Church vs State -- Part 1", features an interview of Mr. Armstrong by Art Gilmore, plus film clips of the ongoing court battle.

Please inform your members and/or post the airing schedule so that they may watch this newly-formatted program. We would be interested in comments, both pro and con, from members on the new format.

The sound track of the television program is presently being edited for radio, and we will let everyone know when it is ready to air.

--John Lundberg, Media Division

PUBLISHING SERVICES UPDATE

The American and British People in Prophecy is a new title for The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy. This was one of the many things I discussed with Mr. Herbert Armstrong during an hour plus telephone conversation last Thursday. I found Mr. Armstrong relaxed and very easy to talk with. He joked about some commercial advertising he'd seen and we had a very profitable discussion. I was able to get his direction on about ten questions I had regarding the forthcoming publication of his books. He said that all of his books should be offered free to members and co-workers before commercial publication.

Finally, I'd like to write a note of appreciation for all the Plain Truth newsstand coordinators and distributors who make the program so effective. These unsung heroes who freely and selflessly donate their time week after week, month after month are the true backbone of the newsstand program and deserve thanks from us at headquarters.

--Roger Lippross, Publishing

S.E.P. UPDATE

There are still many openings available for campers to fill both first and second sessions at S.E.P. this summer. To this date we've only received 87 applications and need over 700 to fill camp. The April 20th deadline in the Now You Know newspaper was a misprint. Please encourage any of your Y.O.U. members to apply as soon as possible.

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Television Program
"Church vs State -- Part 1"

AIRING SCHEDULE*

Sunday
Apr. 29

KTTV-Los Angeles CA
KGUN-Tucson AZ

Sunday
May 13

WKJG-Ft. Wayne IN
WBFF-Baltimore MD
WLWT-Cincinnati OH
WPRI-Providence RI
WNCT-Greenville NC
KPTV-Portland OR**
KARK-Little Rock AR
KHGI-Kearney NE
KTVU-Oakland CA**
WTCN-Minneapolis MN
KDNL-St. Louis MO
WAPI-Birmingham AL
WUTV-Buffalo NY
WWL--New Orleans LA
WOR--New York NY
WGAN-Portland ME
WILX-Lansing MI
WCIX-Miami FL
KTVV-Austin TX
KARD-Wichita KS
KGGM-Albuquerque NM
WAKR-Akron OH
WRAU-Peoria IL

Sunday
May 20

WSPD-Toledo OH
WCIU-Chicago IL
WUHQ-Battle Cree MI
WTTG-Washington DC
WLEX-Lexington KY
WHYN-Springfield MA
WRET-Charlotte NC
WDAF-Kansas City MO**
WRCB-Chattanooga TN
WROC-Rochester NY
WAFB-Baton Rouge LA

Sunday
May 27

WJRT-Flint MI
WFLD-Chicago IL**
WSBT-South Bend IN
WSBA-York PA
WHAS-Louisville KY
WTEN-Albany NY
WKPT-Kingsport TN
KXLY-Spokane WA
KMTC-Springfield MO
KKTV-Colorado Sp.CO
KMJ--Fresno CA
KWWL-Waterloo IA
WATR-Waterbury CT
(Hartford)

Sunday
June 3

WXON-Detroit MI
WVTV-Milwaukee WI
WISH-Indianapoli IN
WIIC-Pittsburgh PA

- * Check local listing or PT Log for air times.
- ** Airs previous day (Saturday)

Note: Some city names have been shortened for lack of columnar space.

We are also completing our final selection of instructors and instructor aides. We will conclude the selection process by April 27 and will notify all applicants. We have about 400 applications for 130 paid and non-paid positions so, we regret, there will be quite a few disappointments.

If anyone has any questions concerning camp, please give us a call.

Track & Field: We have had many inquiries as to the status of the Y.O.U. track program. The district and regional track meets are definitely "go" for this summer. We hope to be able to also have the biregional meets and the National meet as well, but cannot commit to that at this time. We will keep you posted as to further developments. The events will be the same as for last year.

--Y.O.U.

OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASES NOW AVAILABLE FOR MINISTERS' USE

A suggestion from the field is being implemented at the request of Mr. Stanley Rader. Eugene Noel, one of our ministers in Ohio, mentioned that he has been approached by several different representatives of the media in his area asking for information about the church crisis. In addition to answering their questions, he has xeroxed statements from the Pastor's Report and handed it to them whenever appropriate. He said it would be so much easier if we would include press releases separate from, but along with, the Pastor's Report. Then these releases could be duplicated by the minister and distributed as necessary. In this way it would be very easy to give members of the media pertinent information on developments concerning the Church's court case and other matters of public interest.

Here is our chance to funnel our side to the press. Now that Pasadena can be counted on to give them something to work with, we should be able to blunt the edge that the more vociferous dissidents seem to have enjoyed in the past. Now that the attention of millions has been caught through bad publicity, we have the opportunity to give them accurate information.

Here is exactly how we will do this: Whenever Mr. Rader feels a particular press release should be given national exposure, it will be included with the very next mailing of the Pastor's Report. It will be entirely up to the discretion of each Church Pastor as to how and when he uses these press releases.

--Pastor's Report Staff

MR. RADER DISCUSSES THE "60 MINUTES" INTERVIEW

An Employee Meeting was called Thursday, April 19, to which Mr. Rader had invited the news media. He read a news release concerning his being investigated by the IRS for "criminal tax evasion," and then opened the remainder of the assembly to questions. The majority of those present indicated they had seen "60 Minutes" the previous Sunday, and Mr. Rader asked the TV Studio to make the video tape of the show available to any who missed it and would like to see it.

Mike Wallace's "Tagline"

Those who saw last Sunday's "60 Minutes" segment relating to the Church will recall Mike Wallace's so-called "tagline," in which he stated that

Mr. Rader was under investigation by the Internal Revenue Service for criminal tax evasion. According to Mr. Rader, "This statement was no doubt intended to somehow bolster the thrust (both expressed and implied) of the segment, namely, that there is some merit to the patently ridiculous charges made against the Church, Mr. Armstrong, myself and others by the State Attorney General, George 'Duke' Deukmejian."

What Mr. Rader felt was most instructive and revealing about the so-called "tagline" is that which was not said, or more aptly, that which was deliberately left out. First, although Mr. Wallace saw fit to tell millions of Americans that the Internal Revenue Service is "Investigating" Mr. Rader for "tax evasion," he failed to disclose that, quoting Mr. Rader, "I have VOLUNTARILY GIVEN the Internal Revenue Service complete access to all of my financial records as well as my permission to look at the Church's financial records relating to ME, and that the Internal Revenue Service has been conducting its examination for approximately 2½ months and has found no evidence of any wrongdoing. Moreover," continued Mr. Rader, "Mr. Wallace also failed to state that the investigation relates in substantial part to several years in which both I and the Church were audited and given clean bills of health. I kept it /the latest IRS investigation/ quiet because the IRS keeps it quiet also. They come in like gentlemen, without fanfare, and do their work, and they leave."

Second, although Mr. Wallace stated that his information regarding the so-called "tagline" was gathered from "(his) source," he failed to disclose, either during the main segment when Mr. Rader asked him or otherwise, WHO that "source" is. Mr. Rader said, "I have no doubt in my mind that the 'source' also was responsible for (a) the surreptitious and unlawful recording of Mr. Armstrong's telephone conversations, (b) the instigation and initiation of the Attorney General's baseless lawsuit, and (c) initiation of the Internal Revenue Service investigation itself."

Mr. Rader reminded us that he has repeatedly said that he has nothing to hide from the Attorney General or the Internal Revenue Service. He has given all there is to give to the IRS regarding his financial activities. But then he asked, "Why have I not done so to the Attorney General? Because contrary to the professional behavior of the IRS, which rightfully has left the Church and Mr. Armstrong out of the matter, 'Duke' Deukmejian has confused himself with 'Duke' Wayne and ridden in, guns blazing at everyone in sight, but, in reality, only firing blanks. On more than one occasion I have offered to provide to the Attorney General the access I have given to the IRS on the condition that he dismiss his action against the Church, Mr. Armstrong, and the other defendants and focus his attention on me if he feels I have done something wrong; my offers have been refused."

Why all the Harrassment?

In the news release, Mr. Rader gives three major reasons why we have suffered harrassment in the past as well as at the present. First, government officials sometimes abuse their powers to oppress those who do not share their beliefs and biases. Second, government officials and agencies sometimes act on doubtful or spurious information out of selfish motives for gain of one kind or another (political primarily). Thirdly, in its own inimitable way the media, whether intentionally or unwittingly, frequently serves as the primary instrument of oppression. And this in the name of "freedom of the press."

The Church and its leaders have been subjected to frequent IRS audits over the years. But why? Because people have been provoking these various agencies to wonder about the allegations told to them. Yellow journalism, crank letters and dissidents have all contributed over the years to this hassle God's Church has had to endure. Of course, we always come through it alright and there has never been a real problem -- until recently when the State labeled us as wrongdoers and then set about attempting to prove it so. Unable to do this, they hoped to rummage around until they could find something somewhere in our records that they can put a slant on or attach a color of wrong to.

Mr. Rader told of the U.S. Customs Service hounding Mr. Armstrong's entourage during their travels for several years. It all started in 1974 when rumors reached them that the Church and its leaders were smuggling drugs, gold and diamonds into the country. After three years and thousands of dollars and manhours were spent by the agency, the charges were proven to be false and we never even got an official apology!

Mr. Rader said that the IRS audits, the occasional lawsuits that Mr. Helge has faithfully and quietly been winning (God's Work has never lost a case yet) "is a price you have to pay in order to do the Work of the living God." Mr. Rader explained, "We just have got to be willing to pay the price." When a person or an institution is prominent or in the public eye it will be subjected to the rumors and attacks of this world, especially when it's the very Work of God!

Nature of the Tapes

Mike Wallace has in his possession a "hot potato" in the form of illegally obtained tapes which may bring him a lawsuit he very well may not win. The man who recorded it (indisputably C. Wayne Cole) was specifically told by Mr. Armstrong that one of the telephone conversations he was a party to was confidential. He surreptitiously taped Mr. Armstrong's conversation anyway on not one, but any number of occasions. At least two tapes were clipped, edited and spliced to make them seem to say something they did not. Thus leaving out portions, perhaps rearranging others, gave a different intent and import to Mr. Armstrong's conversations.

Why We Are Fighting the State's Lawsuit

Mr. Rader said that he and Mr. Helge are fighting very hard to protect the Church of God from the invasion of its privacy guaranteed by the first amendment. Nevertheless, he observed that "We have some people in our own organization who are not able to grasp the problem as they should, especially for the positions which they occupy. But they do damage to the institution when they do not understand that the first amendment and religious freedom is all we have between us and destruction of the institution."

Although the Attorney General keeps telling the uninformed public that all he wants is an audit, the lawsuit plainly says he wants a change in the board of directors leading to a change in governance. In order to preserve the rights of God's Church we must preserve the rights and prerogatives of the leadership of the Church. Allowed to run its course unchecked this could do away with the government of God in the Church. And all this to prove that the state has the right to control and supervise the affairs of all churches in California!

Fighting Fire with Fire!

We didn't go to court, we were taken. We didn't start the lawsuit, but we are using the laws of the land to thwart any individual official or agency that would abuse the legal processes at our expense.

Mr. Rader reminded us that Mr. Herbert Armstrong has always said that if there is a conflict, we ought to "obey God and not man." He has never said to obey an illegal act on the part of the state. "It might be one thing to resist as assiduously as we have been if we were seeking to gain something from the state, but this should be distinguished from a situation like the present one where an unlawful activity is trying to do something to us and take something away from us that is fundamental.

"I say, as Mr. Armstrong has said, we might be forced, somewhere down the line, to submit to greater physical force. He has said he is willing to go to jail if need be, but he is going to use all lawful means to resist an unlawful act. Mr. Armstrong has been very strong on this point. He thinks that what he has done so far is right in God's eyes and he has proven it to himself scripturally," said Mr. Rader.

An extremely interesting point was made by one employee. He observed that the dissidents have used the argument that we should trust in God to protect the Church rather than fighting the State in the legal arena. But he turned that argument around and asked, "Why do the dissidents have to go to the state in the first place? Why haven't they trusted God to protect God's Church instead of urging the state to act in their behalf?" Good question!!

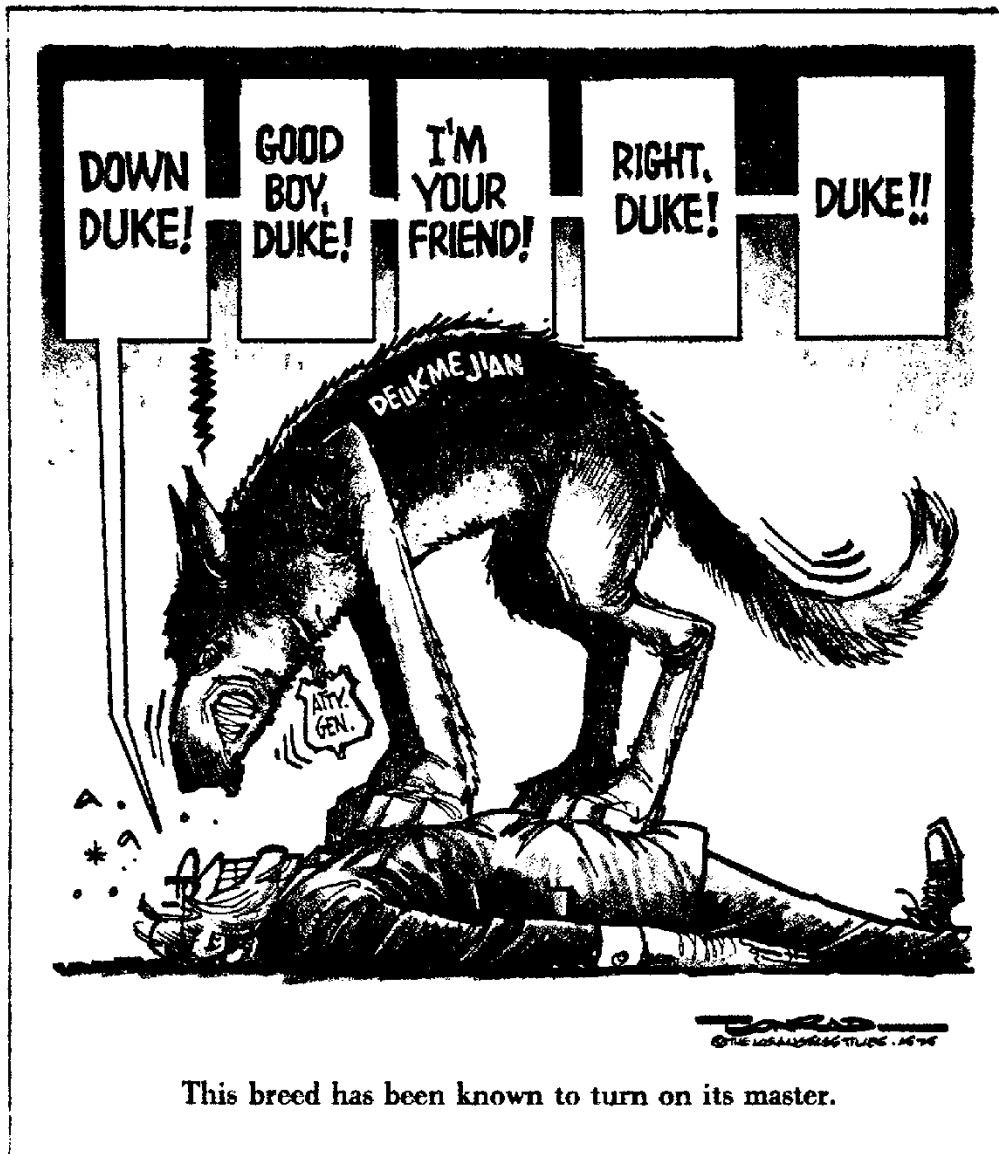
Not by Might Alone

Mr. Rader pointed out that the prestige and the tremendous resources of the State of California make the battle a formidable one. However, he reiterated that through our spiritual and physical resources we can prevail. Through God's help, Mr. Armstrong's inspiring letters to the membership and the collective effort of the members, he said, a victory is not only possible, but that God's Church shall prevail!

The "fire storm" is under control now. Every court order is stayed. No one is in violation of any court order (if we were they would love to cite us for contempt of court) and meanwhile we are in the procedural stages of the lawsuit, taking our case to the appellate court. (If there were not mistakes made in the lower courts there would obviously be no need for the appellate courts to even exist.)

Mr. Rader pointed out that since he is not hiding behind the 5th amendment (though he has a perfect right to do so vis-a-vis the Internal Revenue Service investigation), he certainly is not trying to hide behind the first amendment. It is a purposeless argument to think that Mr. Armstrong or anyone else is hiding behind the first amendment either. God's Church is merely refusing to agree to or comply in a clear abuse of power and flagrant violation of the public trust by the highest law enforcement agency in the State of California!

(Editor's Note: Mr. Rader told the News Summary that the entire transcript of the over two-hour employee meeting will appear in The Worldwide News.)



(Editor's Note: The above cartoon appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Wednesday, April 18. Conrad is one of the most famous political cartoonists in the world.)

ON THE WORLD SCENE

ELECTION IN RHODESIA, VIOLENCE IN TURKEY The culmination of five days of voting in Rhodesia witnessed an impressive 63% turnout at the polls, (the government had hoped for 60%) in that nation's first universal-franchise election, with blacks voting in force for the first time. The winner -- to become the first black Prime Minister of the new Zimbabwe-Rhodesia -- is expected to be Bishop Abel Muzorewa.

The show of popular support for moderate black candidates amounted to a firm rejection of allegiance to the two leaders of the Communist-supported Patriotic Front, Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, who have been waging a guerrilla campaign against the provisional government from their bases in Zambia and Mozambique respectively.

Several dozen official and unofficial supporters invited to observe the election proceedings have almost unanimously declared them to have been conducted fairly and without coercion on the part of the government. In fact, what coercion there was occurred in Rhodesia's rural areas where Patriotic Front intimidation squads were successful in keeping some blacks from the polls. Without the Patriotic Front tactics the turnout would have been significantly higher.

Messers. Nkomo and Mugabe revealed on last night's "60 Minutes" program that they will continue to fight regardless of the election. They labeled Muzorewa and the other candidates as "stooges" of "fascism." Questioned by Dan Rather, Mugabe, definitely the more ideologically radical of the two, admitted in no uncertain terms that he was an avowed Marxist, who would do away with capitalism and "white privilege." In other words, turn Zimbabwe-Rhodesia into another "paradise" such as Mozambique.

The "60 Minutes" program also revealed the cleft between Nkomo and Mugabe, and that their Patriotic Front is a sham, papering over severe differences. Nkomo receives significant support from the Soviets whereas Mugabe, whose forces are the least effective of the two guerrilla armies, gets only minimal support from the Chinese, who have been retreating from active military involvement in Africa.

All observers of the Rhodesia scene realize that if the guerrillas were ever to shoot their way into office, the Patriotic Front would break down immediately with the two forces fighting a civil war -- with everyone else caught in the middle -- to see which chief emerges number one. Moscow has its bets all on Nkomo.

Back to the election. The pressure now is squarely on Britain, the United States and other Western nations to recognize the validity of the election and to lift the crippling international sanctions against Rhodesia. The so-called Kissinger Formula adopted in 1976 set free elections and majority rule as the primary conditions for lifting the embargo.

It remains to be seen whether Britain and the U.S. have the courage to do so. In Washington there is mounting pressure in Congress to take a positive step, but left-wingers in the State Department apparently remain adamant. So does Andrew Young, who has a fascination (revealed in a recent public telecast documentary) with the Patriotic Front leaders, especially Mr. Mugabe.

One overlooked area of prophetic import which has been in the news recently is Turkey. Four months of violence, the loss of 1,000 lives, martial law, and political bombings now threaten to destabilize Turkey and take her out of the Western orbit.

In several ways Turkey may become another Iran. As occurred in that country, the unrest is coming from leftist student demonstrators, rootless rural-peasants who have poured into urban slums, and also from small businessmen and craftsmen who are losing out to "modernization." Also, as in Iran, the Islamic "mullahs" remain a potent though underground, force which a largely secular government has tried to put down.

Also as in the case of Iran, Turkey is strategically important -- perhaps even more so -- for the monitoring of Soviet military developments by U.S. intelligence. And, as in Iran, Turkey seems to be catching some of the fallout from the much-heralded "Islamic revival" now going on throughout the Middle East.

Moreover, Turkey's economic problems are staggering: the country has been unable to pay its foreign debts on schedule, has a 50% inflation rate, and a 20% unemployment rate.

However, Turkey has a number of differences with Iran which may prove to be important prophetically. Beside the fact that Turkey has no oil, Turkey also has a strong, radical fascist element in its politics. The Russians have been the Turks' traditional enemies, and this has prevented the leftist forces from making too many inroads. Thus much of the violence over these past months has not been anti-government violence, but the repeated clashes between right-and left-wing radicals. Finally, Turkey contains a large number of Sunni Moslems who tend to support the right, to partially offset the more leftist Shiite Moslems.

For the moment, the situation remains in precarious balance, upheld by martial law. The current government of Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit has made some overtures to Moscow, but has also stressed its desire to maintain ties to the European Community.

Should Turkey, still bitter over the American arms embargo, eventually sever ties with America, there are three possible powers with which it might align itself: Europe, the Soviet Union, or the more radical Moslem bloc which seems to be forming around Syria-Iraq-Iran. Any of these outcomes would seem to be in accord with the prophecies of Obadiah that Esau would eventually turn against modern day Israel.