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JUST WHAT I S MY PLACE IN THE WORK ?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

In the Pastor's Report of April 17, some statements regarding myself were made, with the best of intentions, designed to refute the false rumor started by, regretfully, my son, that I am senile, my mental and other faculties failing, and that I no longer head the Work -- and indeed he falsely claims I don't even know what goes on at HEADQUARTERS.

Fellow ministers, most of you sat before me during the Ministers' Conference -- you have, or SHOULD have unless dilatory, observed and heard ample evidence that my powers of leadership in this Work HAVE NOT DETERIORATED. In fact, I have continued to GROW in grace and the KNOWLEDGE of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In order that the brethren, as well as the ministry, might KNOW that my son's false accusation is a lie, I spoke, by prerecorded video tape, at EVERY Feast site, both on the opening night, and the first Holy Day morning.

I have been producing MORE WRITING than ever before in my life -- until some ministers have said I write almost faster than they can keep up with me by reading what I write -- in The PLAIN TRUTH, the GOOD NEWS, the WORLDWIDE NEWS, the PASTOR'S REPORT, regular and even more frequently than usual, Co-Worker letters, beside working on FIVE FULL HARD-BOUND BOOKS to go into bookstores around the world.

Yet I sometimes wonder if some of you ministers have been "turned off," by such false accusations or your own ego and prejudice, from READING what the human head, UNDER JESUS Christ over the whole Work, has written for YOU to read. IF there are any such the Living Head of this Work will reveal it to me in His due time, and appropriate action will be taken.

Let me here quote a portion of the Pastor's Report of April 17:

Quote: "Some ... (even a few ministers) have claimed that Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong is cut off, isolated from the ministry, having little or no contact with them."

Comment: I don't believe that either members or ministers claimed that. But my son Garner Ted did spread the rumor, and some, supposing all people begin to deteriorate mentally past age 60, have "swallowed" the false rumor. Just this morning I saw a newspaper report that Henry Ford II is now retiring at age 62. I have NOT retired -- I do not personally believe in the American custom of retiring, and I am no more "senile" in mind than I was at age 49 -- Garner Ted's age. In fact, his current writings show that it is he, not I, who is becoming senile of mind.

But to continue the quote from the April 17 Pastor's Report: "Mr. Meredith usually contacts Mr. Armstrong at least two or three times a week. Mr. Ellis LaRavia, Mr. Rader, Dennis Luker, Sherwin McMichael, myself and others also have regular contact with him."

That is sufficient to show what I mean -- one could gain the impression that the Church and all the Work is being run from Pasadena, and that those in charge -- those at the HEAD of the Work, are in touch with Mr. Armstrong, and keep him informed on what THEY decide!

The writer did not mean to convey that impression, yet I am convinced several got that impression. Let us GET THIS STRAIGHT! JESUS CHRIST is the HEAD OF THIS CHURCH. His Headquarters now are at the throne of God the Father in heaven. Earthly human headquarters are WHEREVER CHRIST'S APOSTLE IS -- whether at Tucson, Tokyo as it was last week, or Pasadena. Actually "Headquarters" is not a PLACE, a BUILDING, or a CITY. It is the one IN CHARGE! Since a year ago, I have again taken over complete charge of the entire Work -- Church, College, Foundation.

Do I thus exalt myself, as some accuse? NEVER! Far from it. My son Ted has said that HE, Ted, built the Church and the Work. I apologize for him. JESUS CHRIST, the HEAD of this Church, built it. He used me, starting when Ted was a little child three years old. My son Ted tried to water down God's TRUTH. He caused Christ to withdraw His blessing, and has tried and is trying to DESTROY the Church of GOD! But CHRIST is ALIVE -- the HEAD of this Church who BUILT IT, and He has chosen me as His earthly apostle and leader IN CHARGE! I do not exalt myself -- I exalt Jesus Christ, but HE has put me in charge, here on earth, UNDER HIM!

Just what IS my place in the Work?

Let me tell you what is my place in the Church -- and the entire Work of God on earth.

More than 52 years ago, God put me through a traumatic experience such as few on earth have ever gone through.

He CONQUERED me. He showed me that His TRUTH was the precise OPPOSITE of what I had been taught and believed. He swept my mind CLEAN of every idea, belief, or teaching EXCEPT HIS TRUTH AS MADE CLEAR IN THE BIBLE! He converted me in a thorough manner few if any others have experienced. He brought me through a REAL repentance, a firmly established faith, and then He by His grace gave me His Holy Spirit, and with it the divine FAITH OF JESUS!

Then He caused others with whom I was fellowshiping (but not joining) to open the way for me to preach six nights a week in a small one room country school house near Eugene, Oregon. Following the 6-weeks' meetings, I organized those converted into a local Church of God -- 19 members.

We were a SPIRITUAL ORGANISM -- not a human organization -- but we were organized on God's pattern. After two more such extended meetings I appointed two as elders, beside myself, and two as deacons. We were not incorporated for a few years, but we were an organized Spiritual Organism.

Radio opened to me. I had planned to publish a magazine called The PLAIN TRUTH. After radio opened to me, the way was opened February 1, 1934, to publish this magazine on a mimeograph.

The Church and the Work GREW -- 30% a year for 35 years. GOD BLESSED US GREATLY! By 1946 God showed me the need to establish a college where young and up-coming ministers might be trained. There was no money available for it -- just as there had never been sufficient money for anything -- and all was done on sheer FAITH -- that FAITH which God GAVE me through His Holy Spirit. In due time there was a college established in England, and one in Big Sandy, Texas.

Just what IS my place in the Work?

God STARTED IT through me. He used me in founding Ambassador College. He has used me in starting and MANAGING The PLAIN TRUTH, the GOOD NEWS -- EVERY FACET OF THE WORK. I never JOINED this Church -- God started it through me. Christ, as living HEAD of the Church and Work, has used me as His chosen Apostle. No member is still living who was a member when the Church (Philadelphia era) was founded. The Church STARTED with me, and my wife Loma. Actually, for seven years, we were the only members of this Philadelphia era. We alone kept all the annual Holy Days. We did fellowship (meet with) those of the Sardis era -- but never "joined" them.

Jesus Christ STARTED this present era of God's Church through me. On the human level, I have ALWAYS MANAGED IT, since the present era started.

Christ, as Head, has never raised up another Apostle. He still heads and RUNS the Church and all its Work through me.

I am, by force of circumstance, the chosen Apostle, and only and sole HUMAN leader of this Church and its entire Work.

NO MAN, or POWER of man, put me in charge of this Church and Work and NO MAN OR POWER OF MAN CAN PUT ME OUT! The authorized, though unconstitutional and illegal POWER, of the largest State in the Union TRIED to put me out.

THE RECEIVER FAILED! He resigned! The Courts, hostile to the Work of the Living God, have not appointed any further "Deceivers." I hope this makes clear my place in the Church.

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A TAPE OF A PHONE CONVERSATION MAY MISLEAD

by Herbert W. Armstrong

In the April 23 Pastor's Report is a statement about Mr. C. Wayne Cole having illegally taped a private telephone conversation with me.

As I remember it, I had asked or gotten word to Mr. Cole to go to a private telephone where there would be no danger of the telephone having been "bugged" or someone listening in over our own Pasadena exchange.

The item in the Pastor's Report mentions the taped copy had been spliced, edited, portions deleted, parts put together so that they said -- and IN MY VOICE -- things which might be totally contrary to what I said and meant.

This reminds me of a comedy tape which I taped from a record sold in music stores some ten years or more ago.

In it, four well-known news announcers asked questions of Former President Eisenhower, President and Mrs. Johnson, then-Governor Rockefeller of New York, Robert Kennedy, and Richard Nixon. They took portions clipped from tapes of public speeches made by these famous men, putting their own questions before clipped and edited portions of the public speeches. It was a prize example of how a tape may be edited to say just the opposite of what the speaker actually did say.

As near as I remember, I will here give you a few portions of it.

A newscaster asked: "General, if you were President again today, and World War Three would suddenly break out, what would you do?" Then came unmistakably Gen. "Ike's" voice saying, "Well, uh, I uh, I uh, I certainly would not publicise it!" (Much laughter followed on the recording.) They also asked Gen. Eisenhower how long he had been nettled by former President Truman. Mr. Eisenhower's voice came out, "From the first day I knew him until this very minute!" The reporter then said, "Did you know Mr. Truman is coming to Washington next Monday?" Mr. Eisenhower's voice said, "I'm leaving Washington Sunday!"

They pretended to ask a question of President Johnson, then in office. "Mr. President," asked a reporter, "When you had a very slight cold several days ago, did you consult a doctor?" "I was attended," answered the President "by Dr. John Smith, Dr. Howard Jones, Dr. Samuel Anderson, Dr. Raymond Brown, Dr. Roscoe Nelson, Dr. Isaac Nelson, Dr." -- and after the President had named at least 15 doctors, they appeared to try to cut him off tactfully, but he went on naming more and more doctors, while apparently they tip-toed out. Next, the reporters were interviewing Lady Bird Johnson, while being shown through the White House.

"Oh," said a reporter, "is this the door to the Oval Office?" "Yes," came Mrs. Johnson's voice unmistakably, "tip-toe, and just peek in through the door, but don't open it wide." Next we heard on the record President Johnson's voice still naming doctors who had attended him for a very slight cold.

They asked Governor Rockefeller: "Governor, just what are the principle duties of a Governor of New York?" "I haven't the slightest idea," came back the actual voice of Nelson Rockefeller. I won't bore you with more, but you would get a good laugh if you heard this comedy record. It shows how, with a little editing, tapes may be carefully clipped and put together so as to make a person, in his own voice, say the very opposite of his intention. For this reason a tape recording of a telephone conversation is, and ought to be, illegal.

To say that this tape had been made of an ultra-private telephone conversation in which I trusted the other party, was a real shock to

me, for this, connected with other happenings, caused me to lose total faith in and respect for a man I had esteemed highly and loved. God Himself showed me that this man was part of the conspiracy to destroy or take over God's Church, and several events, of which this is one, have since verified what I knew unmistakably God had put in my mind.

It is sad and regrettable that in this mortal life we do have to frequently learn that those we had loved and to whom we had entrusted major responsibilities were not worthy of that trust. God says "Trust no man."

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FROM PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION

Greetings Fellow Ministers!

Mr. Meredith will be returning from San Antonio, Texas today (Monday) after completion of a three-night campaign there. Word from the team there indicates it was a fine beginning for our campaign series. Attendance ranged from about 288 to 432. New attendance was low from the beginning, however, ranging from 85 to 58, but the program went very well, and the brethren and new people were very appreciative.

Next weekend, May 11-13, I will be conducting a campaign in Denver, Colorado, so would certainly appreciate your prayers for its success. There are seven campaigns planned for the months of May through the first weekend in August. We will enclose the dates, places, and speakers at these campaigns in this Pastor's Report as a reminder so that you can ask the brethren to pray for God's blessing on each of them.

Last week I was in Seattle, Washington and Portland, Oregon for meetings with all of our ministers and wives in those areas. Mr. Norman Smith joined me in Portland and we had a very profitable time discussing the various problems and needs of the ministers and churches in those areas.

Certainly the northwest has to be one of the most stable areas church-wise in the U.S. The ministers up there are doing a very fine job and expressed their loyalty to God's Work and to his apostle, Mr. Herbert Armstrong. Mr. Smith is doing an excellent job as area co-ordinator and I want to thank him publicly for the way he is working with the ministers and churches in his area.

Included in this Pastor's Report will be a list of the summer transfers including men going out from Sabbatical and those coming in. We have tried to take into consideration all the various factors and the personal needs and desires of the ministers and wives affected. But sometimes the need for a certain minister for a certain area overrides personal considerations and we must put God's Work and the needs in His Church first in our lives.

Mr. Meredith and all of us here on the Pastoral Administration team want to thank those of you being moved or transferred for your loyal, cooperative attitudes. I think most of you are happy with your assignments, but there may be a few cases of disappointment. I am sure God

will bless all of you and make up for any inconveniences you may suffer as a result of transfers if you maintain a right attitude and keep God and his Work first in your lives. In the ministry we are all servants and must be willing to go where we are needed, when we are needed.

Pentecost is coming up on Sunday, June 3, as all of you know. We will be sending some men out from Pasadena and will be notifying you when we consider the various requests coming in for speakers.

I would like to close by briefly explaining how one minister who recently had to be put out of the Church was able to deceive a large part of his congregation into following him. I have given this a lot of thought and would like to relate to you the following points:

He began emphasizing certain Bible doctrines and teachings with the implication that the Worldwide Church of God is not following the Bible. He began saying that Christians should follow no man and that no man has any spiritual authority over us--only Christ is over us, implying that Mr. Herbert Armstrong has no authority over us. He alleges that Mr. Herbert Armstrong is departing from God's way and becoming Laodicean, and imparted his feelings to the brethren.

He used the legal problems we are having in a totally negative way --the charges against us, the lawsuits, the sit-ins, etc. to say that we are hiding something and that is why we are (supposedly) not being subject to the civil authorities according to Romans 13.

He has been in regular contact via phone with Garner Ted Armstrong for many months and also contacted the Church of God Seventh Day in Denver. This minister believes God is using them to do a great work also and convinced many of the brethren of this.

He is saying Mr. Herbert Armstrong learned most of the basic truth that he knows from the Church of God Seventh Day and not directly from God and the Bible as he claimed.

And finally, he convinced most of the brethren under his responsibility that no one can ever put them out of God's Church--that they are only leaving one era of the true church to join with another. He convinced most of the brethren that the Worldwide Church of God is becoming Laodicean and that they would be better off associating with the Church of God Seventh Day and/or Garner Ted Armstrong.

I gave a sermon recently at one of the Pasadena churches on how this happened and explained how this minister was able to accomplish this over a period of many months. He was very subtle but some of the loyal members began to detect his disloyalty and reported it to us here at Pasadena. This minister was actually accepting a paycheck signed by Herbert W. Armstrong but was, in essence, working undercover for Garner Ted Armstrong. I know he would deny this, but it is the truth.

I will be writing up answers to the above points for a later issue of the Pastor's Report. In the meantime give them some thought. These are issues you need to be aware of and be prepared to answer.

That's all for now. Thanks again for your loyalty, faithfulness and dedication.

In Christ's Service,



Dennis G. Luker

MINISTERIAL REASSIGNMENTS 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
1. Dick Ames	(Remaining at HQ)	College Faculty and Bakersfield, CA
2. Gary Antion	Sabbatical	College Faculty
3. *Fred Bailey	Nashville (Associate)	Evansville, IN
4. Gene Bailey	Orlando, FL	Orlando/Melbourne, FL
5. Dan Banham	Sabbatical	Kelowna, Penticton, Canada
6. Jeff Booth	Amarillo/Lubbock, TX	Sabbatical
7. Mike Booze	Rome, GA	Raleigh, NC
8. Barry Bourne	London, England	Sabbatical
9. Keith Brittain	Sabbatical	Las Cruces/Roswell, NM
10. Allen Bullock	Jacksonville, FL	Jacksonville/Gainesville, FL
11. Carn Catherwood	Sabbatical	Riverside/Glendora, CA
12. Colin Cato	Sabbatical	Festival Department
13. Jim Chapman	New Orleans, LA	Las Vegas/Reno, NV
14. Arnold Clauson	Sabbatical	Oklahoma City/Enid, OK
15. *Briscoe Ellett	Greenville, SC	Cincinnati, OH South
16. Kent Fentress	Grand Prairie, Canada	Sabbatical
17. Jim Franks	Athens, GA	Boston, MA/Providence RI
18. Dave Fraser	Sabbatical	Honolulu, HI
19. Bill Freeland	Sabbatical	Salina/Hays, KS
20. Bruce Gore	Raleigh, NC	Kansas City, KS South
21. Lyle Greaves	Kelowna, Canada	Sabbatical
22. Dan Hall	Greensboro (Associate)	Norfolk, VA (Associate)
23. Mike Hechel	Sabbatical	Walterboro, SC
24. Selmer Hegvold	Big Sandy, TX	Sabbatical
25. Ron Jameson	Walterboro, SC	Sabbatical
26. Greg Johnson	Athabasca, Canada	Sabbatical
27. Jon Kurnik	Penticton, Canada	Sabbatical
28. John Larkin	Grafton, Australia	Sabbatical
29. Jim Lee	Sabbatical	Big Sandy, TX (Associate)
30. Harold Lester	Atlanta, GA	Atlanta/Rome, GA
31. Jim Lichtenstein	Trenton/Hammonton, NJ	To be determined
32. Curtis May	Norfolk, VA (Associate)	Sabbatical
33. Marc Masterson	Gainesville, FL	Athens, GA
34. Frank McCrady, Jr.	St. Louis, MO N/S	Manhattan/Long Island, NY
35. Frank McCrady III	Ft. Wayne, IN	Lakeland/Ft. Meyers, FL
36. Jim O'Brien	Melbourne, FL	Nashville, TN (Associate)
37. John Ogwyn	Houston, TX North	Houston North/Lufkin, TX
38. Dan Orban	(Not moving)	(Going half-time)
39. Jack Pakozdi	Salina/Hays, KS	Sabbatical
40. Vince Panella	Las Cruces/Roswell, NM	Trenton/Hammonton, NJ
41. Dennis Pyle	Kansas City, KS	Sabbatical
42. Bill Rabey	Montreal, Canada	Sabbatical

*New Pastor

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
43. Jim Redus	Kansas City, KS South	Sabbatical
44. Don Reedy	Evansville, IN	Chicago, IL NW (Associate)
45. Tracey Rogers	Reno, NV	Sabbatical
46. *Jim Servidio	(Not Moving)	New Orleans, LA
47. Bob Smith	Banning/Riverside, CA	Sabbatical
48. *Harold Smith	(Not Moving)	Belleville/Mt. Vernon, IL
49. Steve Smith	Sabbatical	Ft. Wayne, IN
50. Leonard Schreiber	Albany, OR	Minneapolis, MN N/S
51. Bob Spence	Sabbatical	St. Louis, MO N/S
52. Vince Szymkowiak	Sabbatical	Joplin/Coffeyville, KS
53. Keith Thomas	Manhattan/Long Island, NY	Sabbatical
54. Keith Walden	Sabbatical	Amarillo/Lubbock, TX
55. Abner Washington	Sabbatical	Los Angeles, CA (Co-Pastor)
56. Stan Watts	Sabbatical	Banning, CA
57. James Wells	Topeka, KS	Topeka/St. Joseph, MO
58. Lyle Welty	Sabbatical	Albany, NY/Springfield, MA
59. *Larry Wooldridge	Buffalo, NY (Associate)	Bridgeport/Hartford, CT

*New Pastor

CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE

<u>City</u>	<u>Confirmed Dates</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
San Antonio	May 4, 5, 6 (Fri., Sat., Sun.)	Rod Meredith
Denver	May 11, 12, 13 (Fri., Sat., Sun.)	Dennis Luker
Pasadena	May 18, 19, 20 (Fri., Sat., Sun.)	Rod Meredith
Seattle	May 26, 27, 28 (Sat., Sun., Mon.)	Sherwin McMichael
Shreveport	June 16, 17, 18 (Sat., Sun., Mon.)	Sherwin McMichael
Phoenix	June 22, 23, 24 (Fri., Sat., Sun.)	Rod Meredith
Dallas	August 3, 4, 5 (Fri., Sat., Sun.)	Dennis Luker

INTERNATIONAL NEWSUnited Kingdom

March 1979 produced the largest monthly mail income for the U.K. and Eire in almost 2 years, with first account mail income up 32% over March 1978. On March 31, there were 2,092 members in the U.K. and attendance now averages 2,430 in 37 churches. This latter figure was increased from 34 churches in January of this year when, as a result of the sale of the College, the Bricket Wood church 'expanded' to form four new congregations. St. Albans now serves as the headquarters church.

A major "first" for the Work in Britain this year is our venture into Ideal Home Exhibitions and Agricultural Shows. A special Plain Truth display, complete with a recorded audio-visual presentation, is being used to make the public more aware of the name and content of the magazine. The focus of the display is a full-colour brochure, giving details of who and what lies behind the magazine and offering a six-month trial subscription. (500,000 of these brochures are being printed in total). Around 25 exhibition sites will be visited before the end of October -- 7 in the month of April alone (Southampton, Edinburgh, Manchester, Nottingham, Bristol, Hull and London).

In most cities the exhibitions are being backed by the distribution of "Plain Truth offer" leaflets to households (10,000 or 20,000, depending on location).

Caribbean

In spite of the current crisis in the Church, incoming mail is up 21% over the first quarter of 1978, and our income was up 33% for the same period. We are anxiously watching these percentages because some Islands have increases of more than 100% while others are as low as 3%. What this means is that the income received is not always in the place where it is needed. Because of currency restrictions there is very little interchange of funds. Below is a breakdown of our six mail receiving offices, which will illustrate this point.

Barbados, up 8%; Bahamas, up 4%; Bermuda, up 68%; Jamaica, up 111%; Trinidad, up 46%; Guyana, up 100%; Puerto Rico, up 3%. The areas from which we can move funds more or less freely are Bermuda and Puerto Rico.

Latest statistics reveal the following data: PT circulation, 27,638; added year-to-date, 611. Good News, 1,097; CC active, 1,159; Baptisms (year-to-date) 18 which means overall membership has increased by 2-4% during 1st quarter of 1979.

Newsstand distribution is now accounting for as much as 30% of new subscribers in some areas. In Puerto Rico, we are distributing 3,500 copies of the Spanish Plain Truth every month. This is a healthy increase over the 800 copies per month we were distributing a year ago. The response is very high in Puerto Rico. About 8% of the cards are returned.

The first public Bible lecture (in Spanish) was conducted in Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana, on March 25th. Thirty-three persons attended, and a second study is scheduled for May 12th. Nineteen additional persons in other parts of the country were also contacted

for the first time thorough personal visits made by Stan Bass and Albert Sousa. It seems as though God may have opened a door in the Dominican Republic, and hopefully a church can be started there in the not-too-distant future.

Philippines

The month of March 1979 had 37.5% increase in income over March last year. This excellent increase brought our year to date increase to 21.70% -- up from February's year-to-date increase of 14.50%. A total of 7,144 letters were received in the office for March -- another fine figure.

There are now 16 churches or local congregations in the Philippines as of April 1. Santiago, Isabela, some 330 kilometers northeast of Manila was inaugurated March 31; the inauguration was attended by Messrs. Colin Adair, Pike Mirto and Pedro Ortiguero. Eighty-seven (87) were in attendance including visitors from Manila and neighboring Benguet Province.

While in the area, Mr. Adair spoke on moral values to almost 100 elementary-level school teachers. He also held a PLAIN TRUTH Lecture.

Circulation Statistics dated March 15, 1979 had the following data:

PLAIN TRUTH	33,296	Co-Workers	1,079
CC Active	13,549	Donors	228
Members	1,344		

French

Mr. Apartian has just returned with exciting news from four weeks in Europe in which he conducted 9 public lectures. The one conducted in the Sheraton Hotel in Paris was attended by approximately 400 new people -- a majority being listeners to "Le Monde a Venir" radio program at 5:30 a.m.

The first Bible study conducted after the lecture by Mr. Sam Kneller, pastor of the Paris church, was attended by 51 new people.

Campaigns conducted in both Brussels and Liege in Belgium were attended by approximately 50 new people on each occasion. Mr. Apartian reports the churches are very strong and solidly behind Mr. Herbert Armstrong.

PUBLISHING SERVICES UPDATE

A short update on Quest magazine. Things are going much better than expected and we are much closer to breaking even than we had planned. This is mainly due to very careful control of our production costs, both here in Pasadena and in New York. The April issue was the first of our new style monthly format magazines. As you know, we were publishing every other month but Quest was so well received by the public and the big advertisers that we decided to go monthly and reduce the cost to \$1.75 per issue on the newsstand and \$12.00 per year for a mailed subscription. This may seem a strange way to cut costs but by going

monthly we reduced our overhead for each issue because our staff costs remain the same and because of now being monthly, we dramatically increased our advertising revenue; in fact we almost doubled it. This, coupled with a better reader response to the lower subscription price, is proving to be a winner.

The other evening a few of us represented Quest at an award ceremony in Los Angeles. The magazine was in the top five for best cover of 1978 selected from over 100 national magazines.

Some of you have asked for a complimentary subscription to Quest. The answer is yes. Each minister will now receive a complimentary copy. If you already have a subscription that you paid for, we suggest you pass your complimentary copy onto somebody in the community.

--Roger Lippross, Director of Publishing

THE PLAIN TRUTH WINS AWARDS

The Plain Truth magazine has recently received three design awards for article layouts. The awards were made to designer Greg Smith by The Society of Publication Designers. The specific layouts were "The Bee Knows All the Angels" (May '78); "Television--Pro and Con" (Oct/Nov '78); and "The Affluent Diet" (August '78). The layouts will appear at the Society's design show in New York City and they will be reproduced in the annual. Congratulations, Greg!

All members should have received the new healing booklet by Mr. Armstrong by this time.

This week we will be talking with Frank Brown, Gordon Graham and others concerning the international PTs. Last week we had helpful discussions with Frank Schnee and Ralph Levy regarding the German and Spanish PTs. Upon Mr. Apartian's return from France we also hope to discuss the French edition with him. Roger Lippross and I have been working closely together in ironing out some of the wrinkles in the international area. We want to be certain that everyone's needs are being met, that all input from the international areas is duly considered, and that the PT is as effective as possible in all parts of the world. We welcome input from anyone concerned.

PT Circulation figures: I've been asked many times just what the present circulation of the PT is. I've also heard many widely divergent figures quoted over the past 6 months. So, just for the sake of accuracy, I'd like to pass on some of the latest statistics concerning the PT compiled by Ron Urwiller. The total, worldwide circulation of the PT in all editions, including the newsstands was 2,303,214 for the March issue. This is slightly down from the total figure for January of this year: 2,383,719. While circulation figures are down in some parts of the world, they are up in others. Australia, Central and South America, the Philippines, Southern Africa, Southeast Asia, and a few other international areas all register significant increases in PT circulation. Circulation has slipped somewhat in the United States, the British Isles, Canada and Germany, however.

Future circulation drives, direct mail efforts, the newsstand programs, and advertising campaigns all promise encouraging results. The newer

overtly "religious" approach in the PT is going to have to be resold to our reading audience since they had gotten used to a somewhat more "secular" approach in the PT in recent years. It may take some months before circulation figures make a significant recovery, but we are confident that that will happen.

--Brian Knowles, Editorial Services

S.E.P. UPDATE

Ministry's Help Needed: As of May 7, 1979 we have received only 192 camper applications for S.E.P. We need over 650 to run a full program.

We realize publicity was late and the existence of many other factors which have affected S.E.P. over the last few months. We now need support of the ministry to give S.E.P. a final plug this next Sabbath.

A note about the S.E.P. Scholarship Fund: Monies are still coming in steadily and we are optimistic about sponsoring all genuinely needy applicants. We are deeply appreciative of the generosity members have been showing.

--Jim Thornhill, Y.O.U.

EMPLOYEES UPDATED ON RECENT EVENTS

Having returned recently from the Orient with Mr. Armstrong, on Thursday morning, May 3rd, Mr. Stanley Rader updated church and college employees about recent developments in the Work. Dozens of questions were also asked and answered. He did not want to preempt Mr. Armstrong who is writing to the brethren about the trip, but he did confirm that the entire trip was a complete success and gave just a few details.

As usual, Mr. Armstrong went in his private jet, he stayed in the best hotels, had a major banquet and gave the Prime Minister of Japan a piece of Steuben crystal. Plans call for another trip next month, this time to Tunisia and Morocco. Then they will follow that up with a trip back into Egypt and Israel accompanied by Mr. Armstrong's "Japanese sons." After that, in the latter part of August Mr. Armstrong is to visit China -- Peking and perhaps several other cities -- then make a return visit to Japan, and finally go to the Philippines for a mini-campaign during a 3-to 4-day visit in Manila. "All this will drive the Attorney General right up the wall," mused Mr. Rader.

Mr. Rader also noted that newspapers did not play up Mr. Armstrong's recent trip to Japan. Had they drawn attention to the aspects of Mr. Armstrong's trips which the Attorney General has objected to, he thought

the stories would have ended up being too complimentary of Mr. Armstrong and the Church because they would have had to report exactly what Mr. Armstrong accomplished and who he met.

Stepping Up Our Projects In Japan

Mr. Rader told the employees that Mr. Armstrong affirmed all of our old programs and will be taking on new projects, stepping up our activities in Japan. When Mr. Armstrong returns to Japan en route to China he plans to have a public Bible study with Plain Truth subscribers. Further, we are going to step up distribution of the Plain Truth in Japan and reinstitute the newsstand program there. Looking down the road, it is hoped that this will bring forth a Japanese language work over the next decade.

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