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UPDATE ON MR. RADER'S ACTIVITIES ABROAD

Mr. Rader returned to Pasadena this past weekend of the 24th and 25th after his extended trip abroad on behalf of Christ's Apostle, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. After a brief interlude in Pasadena he proceeded directly to Tucson to confer with Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Rader will be leaving shortly again for Cairo, Warsaw, and Manila. In Cairo, he will be speaking to the Institute of Diplomatic Affairs which is an integral part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and will also speak at the University of Cairo and the American University of Cairo. In Warsaw, Mr. Rader will finalize plans for Mr. Armstrong's visit later this year.

As reported earlier, Mr. Rader will be the keynote speaker at an annual convention of the Deans, Professors, and Administrators of the 40 law schools of the Philippines in Cebu on May 22. During his visit to the Philippines, he will also be speaking elsewhere and making arrangements for Mr. Armstrong's campaign, which has now been tentatively set for Manila, immediately following the Feast of Tabernacles this Fall.

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

Seven Ministers Get the Nod

Mr. Herbert Armstrong has given new direction, a new format and new goals for the Summer Educational Program. An important part of the new program will be the use of ministers from the field and employees from the Pasadena campus. Slated to aid at the Orr facility are seven ministers, sixteen employees (including four of the recently announced ministerial trainees) and four Ambassador College faculty members making the staff the most mature ever. Ministers getting the nod this summer will be Dick Ames, Mel Dahlgren, Randy Dick, Russell Duke, Mike Hanisko, Ron Lohr, and Bill Pack. The program this summer will be an educational program in all aspects.

The curtailing of some activities and expanding of other activities at SEP has been based on ministerial and parental input. Parents haven't wanted to send their young people if they weren't sure that the policies and activities reflected the true values and high standards that Mr. Armstrong has been restoring in Ambassador College. With an outstanding staff that will focus on training our youth in all aspects of sportsmanship, fair play, and personal growth--with emphasis on character development and building an attitude of striving for excellence in their personal lives based on the seven laws of success--SEP promises to be of tremendous value to our youth this year.

Also at SEP this summer, Mr. Armstrong has approved many of the evangelists and other faculty members going to Orr for a week at a time to speak to the campers and report the progress of the camp.

This year there will be long-lasting benefits for the students who are selected to attend that should be profitable to each of their local churches. Campers who return to their local churches can hopefully be used as examples and aides in the local area. We would like to ask each of you ministers to encourage any members who possibly can to send their youngsters to SEP. College staff and faculty will be looking for prospective AC students, and the youth of God's church will once again be profiting greatly from SEP.

We would like to thank all of you ministers and would like to have you thank the members in your congregations for giving us the suggestions and help that will make SEP the West Point for God's youth!

PLEASE READ THE ABOVE SEP REPORT TO YOUR RESPECTIVE CONGREGATIONS
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News From the Work In Britain

Ads in U.K. and Eire continue to pull well. To date, over 20 separate newspapers in the U.K. and Eire have carried our new ad. This represents a combined circulation of over 18 million copies.

Though 80% of the exposure has been in the national dailies, included in these figures are several smaller regional newspapers. Although this regional approach is effective, we do find that keeping track of the larger numbers of separate newspapers involved does complicate the entire operation. For this reason, we currently feel that the main thrust of our advertising will remain in the large circulation national papers.

Ad Campaign Begins in Scandinavia: Thursday, April 10 saw the beginning of the new advertising program in Scandinavia. It began with an English ad placed in the Norwegian newspaper, "Aftenposten." During that week the same ad appeared in "Dagens Nyheter," a Swedish paper. And the following week it appeared in Helsingen Sanomat (Finland) and Politiken (Denmark).

Though adapted for the Scandinavian countries, the ad follows the same overall approach and layout that has been tested in several British newspapers. Replies are just beginning to come in.

Other English Language Ad Campaigns: Numbers of people on the continent and in the Middle East speak English with a great degree of fluency. To bring these people in contact with an offer of the English language Plain Truth, we intend to try three avenues:

First, a number of ads are already booked in Cyprus, Gibraltar, Greece and the Middle East. These, we hope to extend. We are also looking at the Atlantic editions of some of the higher market international publications--such as Time, Newsweek, and the Economist.

Second, a new leaflet has just been designed, which will be used in direct mail shots.

Third, some subscription agencies, who distribute English publications throughout Europe, will insert a leaflet in the publications they handle for a set charge per P.T. subscriber gained. This has proved quite cost effective to the small degree we have used it in the past. And we are now in the process of contacting additional subscription agencies.

Exhibition Series in Full Swing: An encouraging trend has emerged from the exhibitions being held in various areas of the country. One local minister in particular could not get over the number of people coming up to him at the stand, who would say something like, "Oh yes, I remember the Plain Truth. I used to pick it up from the local newsagent. But whatever happened to it?" The fact that the newsstand program over here did bear fruit when it was in full swing is becoming increasingly evident from the comments of people who talk to the stand personnel.

Overall interest shown is also reflected by the quantity of introductory magazines and leaflets being picked up this year. At several sites the demand has already outstripped supply, and the stand has simply run out! Six separate sites have been selected for the month of April, and so far interest appears keen at each one.

Income Still Holding Up Well: Year-to-date figures are still very good, with an overall 35% increase in income.

Following hard on the heels of two record-breaking months, March produced the third highest monthly total ever in the history of the British Work. The only months to beat it were January and February! And according to the Accounts Department, this overall trend seems to be continuing into April as well.

News From the French-Speaking Areas

CAMEROON: So far Mr. Ray Clore, our local elder in Yaounde, has baptized five persons since arriving in Cameroon. There are presently ten prospective members. We are still not recognized officially in this country. The growth of our members can be and is affected by this situation.

FRANCE: Church attendance in Paris is growing. 166 took the Passover and 268 were present for the first Day of Unleavened Bread. Follow-up Bible Studies conducted by Mr. Sam Kneller, after Mr. Apartian's recent public Bible lectures there, have brought 32 and 30 new people respectively. During the month of February, Mr. Carion held three Bible Studies in Lille. Fourteen new persons attended the first night, 23 the second, and 29 on the last night. During the inauguration of the Church in Liege, February 2, 21 new persons attended besides the persons who regularly attend.

HAITI: We have to move from our church location in Haiti. The landlord practically doubled the rent. As of now the brethren do not have a location to meet in. However, temporarily, Bible studies and Sabbath services are being held in the photo studio of Mr. Lionel Estinvil, our ministerial assistant there.

Furthermore, Mr. Estinvil has had to store all church property in his studio. Members will personally distribute the March, April and May "Pure Verite" in Port-au-Prince and the provinces until a more suitable and effective alternative solution is found.

Mr. Estinvil is searching daily to find a house suitable for the Church's needs. It is nearly impossible to locate one because of the urban influx and the affluence of the foreigners. The price for a house in a reasonable state of repair is more than we can afford in Haiti.

Please remember to continually pray for the Work worldwide and for the special needs of our brethren in Haiti, Cameroon and Martinique where the brethren are directly affected by the economic condition of their countries. Pray that God will open up doors for us and continue protecting and blessing our brethren there.

The French-speaking work is facing a shortage of manpower in Europe and in the office in Pasadena. Your prayers for laborers who will be able to do the job will be greatly appreciated!

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

IMPORTANT INFORMATION NEEDED

Our Machine Maintenance Department in conjunction with the Fixed Assets Department has been working on updating the records as to the current location of all College/Church owned business machines. In order to complete our annual inventory in the shortest time possible and to assure accuracy, we are asking that you take a few minutes to jot down two numbers and the type of machine and model (ie. IBM-Selectric, or Smith Corona-Portable). The information is needed whether or not the machine is in good working order, and issued to you personally. (ie. the previous supervisor [Pastor] may have left his with you, which is fine, but we'll need the information from you anyway.) The two numbers needed are the AC tag number (a five-digit number on a metal tag) and the Machine Maintenance number (a three-digit number on a colored plastic [dymo] tape.) You can find the numbers either under the carriage on the left, under the cover, or under the machine.

It is important that we get the information as soon as possible because we are also working on a plan for the maintenance of the field ministry's typewriters. Below is a sample of the form you can use to fill out the needed information. (If you own a typewriter or business machine that is not College or Church owned but would like to have it serviced if the plan is implemented, please inform us of machine make and model.)

NAME: _____

MACHINE: _____ MODEL: _____

A/C TAG#: _____ MACHINE MAINT.#: _____

"REPORT CARDS" ON CALIFORNIA JUDGES

Editor's Note: The "Your Opinion" column appears from time to time in the Pasadena Star-News. Recently the column contained a letter from David Hunsberger, a Senior Correspondent in the Church's Personal Correspondence Department. Mr. Hunsberger, who has served God's Work very ably for many years, was moved to speak out on a timely topic.

By way of a little background: State Senator H. L. Richardson founded a Law and Order Campaign Committee which has taken upon itself to evaluate

judges on a statewide basis to assist the voting citizenry in reelecting the kind of judges which best serve society. This Sacramento-based organization (not a state commission) just recently completed its evaluations which were begun last summer. Tough judges were generally applauded and judges who made looser, or more lenient interpretations of the law were given poorer ratings. Fifty-four of the 67 judges up for election in Los Angeles County received ratings of satisfactory to excellent, while nine others were listed as weak or poor.

Judge Jerry Pacht, infamous in Church circles for his action in the Worldwide Church of God case, was one of just three who received poor ratings. With permission from the Star-News to reproduce his comments, here now are Mr. Hunsberger's observations.

Your opinion forum

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STAR-NEWS

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1980

Judge Pacht's rating is not surprising

I was interested to read in the April 9 Star-News about Sen. Richardson's Law and Order Campaign Committee issuing report cards on Los Angeles judges.

Judge Jerry Pacht was one of the judges rated "poor" with the comment that he "manufactures law to fill political needs."

Judge Pacht is the one who issued the receivership order against the Worldwide Church of God Jan. 2, 1979, under rather peculiar and questionable circumstances.

The judge granted attorney Hillel Chodos (a fellow member of the Judicial Performance Commission) a hearing on his receivership request before Chodos even filed his case. The official transcript quotes Chodos telling Judge Pacht that the case "has not yet been filed, but we are prepared to file it and pay the necessary fee at any moment. It is just that we did not want a public filing before coming to see you."

It is contrary to rules of the court to hear, and rule on a case before it is filed. To maintain integrity and impartiality, a case is to be filed, then assigned to a judge by draw for a hearing. An attorney is not supposed to be able to pick a certain judge he believes will be more sympathetic,

get his case heard and decided, then file it. That tips the scales of justice rather heavily to one side!

Court rules also require a minimum four hours notice to the other party when an ex parte hearing is requested. Yet, no notice at all was given to the church. The record does not indicate that Judge Pacht even inquired as to whether such notice had been given.

The theory of justice is that both parties present their arguments and the judge is supposed to be neutral and see that each party has a fair opportunity to be heard. When the facts are established an equitable decision can be rendered.

In this case Judge Pacht heard only one side and yet rendered one of the most sweeping orders in judicial history. Judge Pacht remarked on the record, "I am concerned about the ex parte nature of the proceedings, and the rather majestic order which would flow from these proceedings without a hearing."

Yet, he went ahead and heard the one side of the case anyway, made his majestic order, and it has cost the church an immense sum to defend itself.

I should be pointed out that also present was a former judge, Mr. Weisman, who was to be appointed

receiver. Subsequently Weisman ran up charges including his personal salary against the church amounting to a quarter of a million dollars. Chodos also argued at a subsequent court proceeding that the church should pay him about \$100,000 and dropped out of the case when that was denied. Thus the one side represented at that strange hearing Jan. 2, 1979 stood to collect huge financial rewards from the side that was not given any notice, nor any opportunity to object, and was not represented.

That does not strike me as a fair way to run a courtroom, nor to maintain the integrity of justice.

Since elections are coming up, it would be good if the citizens of this county were informed how often particular judges make decisions by hearing only one side of a case, to whom such unusual hearings are granted, which judges conduct themselves in this manner.

It is encouraging to learn of Sen. Richardson's committee beginning work on a project of rating the performance of judges. I hope they are thorough in their reporting.

DAVID HUNSBERGER
Pasadena

BRETHREN TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Recently we mentioned in the Pastor General's Report how Mr. Herbert Armstrong's Everest House books are receiving positive media coverage across the country.

In an effort to increase the availability of Mr. Armstrong's book to the reading public even more, local church pastors are being asked to help supervise the placement of books in public libraries.

This program, if only moderately successful, could mean that 30,000 copies of The Incredible Human Potential and The Wonderful World Tomorrow will be available to the public at large. And this is an area where your local members can be directly involved in the spreading of the message of God's Church.

We will be sending you all a complete package of explanatory material very shortly.

--Publishing Services

MAIL COMMENTS

Enthusiastic letters have been pouring in concerning the expanded Correspondence Course (beginning with Lesson 13) which was announced by Mr. Armstrong. Members consider this expansion of the course as another milestone in building the Work and in producing spiritual growth. Comments about the April PLAIN TRUTH show that subscribers were especially stirred by articles in this issue. We've also received a number of heartwarming comments from members about the uplift they received from the recent spring festival season.

--Mail Processing Center

Students Eager for New CC Lessons

I'm so excited about the new [expanded] Bible Correspondence Course. I have studied the older [58-lesson] Correspondence Course which did not belong to me, but I wrote down as many notes as I could. So when I heard about the new edition I really got excited. So please put my name down on the mailing list for the new Bible Correspondence Course.

--Norman M. (Roderfield, WV)

Once again we have more to be rejoicing about. We thank our Father for giving us the new [expanded] Bible Correspondence Course. Another milestone. Now we will be able to study with guided help.

--Benjamin H. (Brooklyn, NY)

Wonderful, wonderful! So very happy to hear that the Bible Correspondence Course will go on indefinitely. God bless you and everyone in the Worldwide Church of God.

--J.P. (Mansfield, OH)

We wanted to shout for joy at Bible study when we heard we will again have the monthly Bible study course. We really feel that the long Correspondence Course of years ago really built a firm foundation for many. I know it did for us.

--Vernon T. (Woodinville, WA)

I was very pleased to hear in services Saturday that you are going to start a new [expanded] Bible Correspondence Course to come out on a monthly basis. I really feel that it has done a lot in the past to build this Work and that this new one with its many lessons is going to enhance it greatly. I'm very encouraged.

--Joseph F. (Moses Lake, WA)

April PLAIN TRUTH Well Received

My compliments to you for your extra-interesting issue which I last received, particularly the article by Donald D. Schroeder on geology of volcanoes and earthquakes. Will you please thank him for me? We are experiencing somewhat of this natural disturbance just now with our northwestern mountain, St. Helens.

--Danae L. (Manzanita, OR)

I was deeply disturbed by articles which appeared in the April issue of The PLAIN TRUTH. But you are presenting facts which the American people desperately need to know.

I feel very certain that the masses of people in every country want nothing more than to live their short lives in peace. But the war-mad, the profit-mad and the power-mad groups are firmly in control and as you say "The world right now stands on the brink of the final nuclear war." I only wish every American had access to PLAIN TRUTH.

--Charles L. (Bradenton, FL)

Your April issue of PLAIN TRUTH just arrived with excellent articles on nuclear war, Yugoslavia, earthquakes and religion. Though I don't agree with you on all points--as a geologist I find minor differences of opinion on earthquakes--nevertheless, I am open to persuasion. Your thesis on Yugoslavia was very good.

--S.D.F. (Falls Church, VA)

Members Welcome Arrival of Spring Holy Days

Love our spring Holy Days. This Passover has more meaning to me than any other Passover. I am grateful to God for His Son, Jesus Christ, who died for all of us. Imagine, God thinking of us, to give His only Son, to sacrifice His dear Son for all of us to be able to become His sons.

--Ethel M. (Cincinnati, OH)

Praise God, the Holy Days are here again! It seemed like a long time from the Feast of Tabernacles to now. Once again we will re-dedicate every fiber of our being to get this job done along with Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. This is to say we are back of him 100%.

--E.R. (Baltimore, MD)

So far this Passover season has provided beautiful spiritual food. God is so loving and kind and good to us! I certainly hope this wretched period of man's rule will soon be over and the Kingdom of God ushered in! Thank you for being God's loyal and faithful servant.

--Janet F. (Gardena, CA)

ON THE WORLD SCENE

IRAN DEBACLE EXPOSED: More evidence is coming to light on America's disastrous rescue mission in Iran. Officials in the White House and the Defense Department decry the "very bad luck" of the mission. There is no doubt the very worst imaginable happened: three normally reliable helicopters went down, two of them flying, curiously, into unexpected, fierce desert sandstorms.

But it can also be said unequivocally that the operation was flawed from the very beginning. It undoubtedly would have run into trouble at any one of a number of spots. Simply put, the mission was not bold enough in strategy. Why? Because President Carter is unwilling to use force in the conduct of foreign affairs. He considers himself first and foremost a "humanitarian."

When the operation was first conceived, the plans called for a much larger strike force involving 350 men conveyed by many helicopters and backed up by carrier-based fighter bombers. Mr. Carter, however, wanted the mission to be understood around the world as a "humanitarian rescue operation," not as a military assault. In attempting to exert the minimum of military power, with as little "violence" and potential loss of life as possible, the President scaled the project down to 90 men. The operation also strained the mechanical limits of the few aircraft chosen.

"The President," noted columnist William Safire, "wanted so much to make his surgical strike bloodless that he could not make the incision... By convincing himself of the 'humanitarian' side of the operation, the President...narrowed the danger of casualties but lowered the chance of success. This was surely humanitarian but tragically ineffective; beware the daring of a cautious man."

In addition, for too much emphasis was placed on "abort" or "turn back" points--instead of assuring enough power in the first place to guarantee success. Military strategist Edward Luttwak calls such planning "deciding to get married and concentrating on divorce arrangements." Thus the predetermined decision of "no sixth helicopter, no mission."

The mission could have proceeded even with the five remaining helicopters. But the commander in charge on the ground knew that if real trouble developed at the heart of the operation at the embassy, no further air support would be forthcoming--just as had happened in the equally disastrous Bay of Pigs fiasco along the Cuban coast in 1961.

It seems that American leadership refuses to learn the real lesson of Vietnam (and Korea, and Bay of Pigs and...): if you go to battle, be prepared to commit enough force to get the job done! Perhaps our leaders should have read the sound advice contained in Luke 14:31-32 before planning such half-hearted measures.

And, with regard to religion and the presidency, Hugh Sidey, writing in the April 21 issue of TIME notes: "The Bible is, of course, President Carter's basic manual. Were he more inclined to the thunder of the Old Testament, the U.S. might have a better global position. But Carter runs to the New Testament, wherein the meek inherit the world, turn the other cheek, love enemies, are first by being last, and find strength made

perfect in weakness. In personal terms, there is no better instruction. However,...turning away from evil (the Shah) may invite a greater evil (the Ayatollah Khomeini). Soviet Defense Minister Dmitri F. Ustinov seems to be inheriting more of the world than are the meek.

"The President," in the opinion of Mr. Sidey, "appears to be so tied up with the small things and the individual people he meets at whatever level, from the street to the throne, that he cannot act when the larger realities of the world require him to risk lives and fortunes. [The President] has not taken a single real step across that Rubicon of power, where there is risk, where the solution lies in moving determinedly ahead with no lines of retreat... [Sidey wrote this before the aborted mission].

"Some friends wonder" said Sidey, "if he is spiritually and intellectually capable of performing that tougher role. Carter clings to his conviction that there must be a way through prayer and good will to let the cup pass [He] is obsessed by his claim that not a single American boy has died because of any of his orders. This attitude obscures the fact that his uncertain trumpet has surely encouraged the Cuban mercenaries in Africa, the Soviet dislocations in Ethiopia and the invasion of Afghanistan. All produced death and sufferings for others...."

Apparently the President feels satisfied enough at having responded to the public cry to "do something" that he has decided to leave the White House and hit the campaign trail. Incredibly, the President said the situation in Iran has been "alleviated." He even termed the aborted rescue operation an "incomplete success."

Wrong "Signals"

For years, American leadership in general, not just the man at the helm now, has shown an unwillingness to act forcefully in the national defense. As a result, America keeps making the same mistakes over and over.

Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, when he was Secretary of the Air Force during the Vietnam War, was the architect of the policy of "selective bombing" which supposedly was to send the right "signals" to Hanoi. It was the same slow, step-by-step escalation policy that the current administration has tried, in this case economically and diplomatically, against Iran. In both cases, the enemy merely adjusted to each turning of the screw. The "signal" the enemy got instead was that the U.S. was simply unwilling to go the painful full distance.

American officials are reduced to once again talking tough after the Desert Debacle. But behind the rhetoric is a vacuum of power. National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brezinski, portrayed as a "hard-line hawk," told ABC reporters that the lesson of the failed rescue mission is: "Do not scoff at American power. Do not scoff at American reach."

Why not?

--Gene H. Hogberg, News Bureau