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GREAT SIGNIFICANCE OF SUMMIT CONFERENCE

by Herbert W. Armstrong

"Heads of Europe no longer see eye to eye with Washington," said Dan Rather Monday night on a special CBS News roundup.

He said the European heads of state no longer trust American leadership, and President Carter's image has materially decreased in Europe. European leaders have gained confidence in themselves. They regard Americans as blundering amateurs in world diplomacy.

Mr. Carter's Olympic boycott, his debacle in attempting to rescue the hostages in Iran without first conferring with U.S. allies, and his Middle East agreement with Begin and Sadat, especially, have brought discredit on Carter in their eyes.

All these things are extremely significant. Europe is rapidly moving toward a European political union, and a hostile attitude toward the United States. The time is RIPE for Pope John Paul II to move in as the STRONG MAN to weld Europe together in a resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire of 554-1814 A.D. as prophesied.

Mrs. Thatcher, Britain's Prime Minister, stands alone with the United States. Britain will not be in the "Holy Roman Empire." But Britain will be DESTROYED by it, along with the United States!

When this European empire is perfected, the great Work God is doing through this Church will be quickly completed--finished.

Jesus spoke of observing signs in the sky predicting tomorrow's weather, then asked whether we could discern the "signs of the times." What are "signs?" A sign identifies. A sign on a store identifies the kind of store as well as its owner. It is a signal identifying in advance a soon-coming or imminent event. Jesus' disciples asked Him what would be the sign of His coming, and the end of this age. That is, the signal identifying its imminency. The sign He gave was that which He is doing through us--proclaiming for the first time in 1900 years to the world the Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD (Matthew 24:14).

But next, after our work, is to come the GREAT TRIBULATION (verses 21-22. That shall be ended, verse 29, by supernatural, frightful signs in the sun, moon, and stars; signaling the "day of the Lord"--see also Joel 2:31). Then quickly; the coming of Christ. See also Daniel 12:1.

Events now occurring SWIFTLY in the world are SIGNS of the imminency of the Great Tribulation. No one will be allowed to proclaim Christ's

Gospel then. The "Philadelphia era" or succession of God's Church will be taken on the "two wings of a great eagle"--whatever that symbolizes--to a place of protection where we are to be "fed"--provided for. We need now to begin to be ALERT, for this "flight" may happen suddenly. DO NOT BE DECEIVED BY THE NEGATIVE SNEERING OF EXCOMMUNICATED MINISTERS! Both Revelation 12:13 and 3:10 warn us.

We, ourselves, are a sign (Matt. 24:14) of the very imminency of these things!

I say again and again, it is later than we think.

Fellow Ministers, God has made it our job to PREPARE His Church--that we may be "without spot or wrinkle...holy and without blemish" WHEN Christ comes!

This means renewed dedication, more constant and intensive earnest prayer, "soul-searching," and determined preparation. This is a serious responsibility for all of us!

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WHEN I PASTORED A LOCAL CHURCH

by

Herbert W. Armstrong

Several who have held high positions at Pasadena Headquarters--mostly no longer with us--never had the experience of pastoring a local church "in the field." Among these were my son Garner Ted Armstrong, Albert Portune, Ron Dart, Robert Kuhn. This also includes Rod Meredith.

Whether or not this lack of "field" experience was a handicap, it does remain a fact that being a pastor of a local church provides a minister with an invaluable experience. Also among our ex-evangelist rank men who have held high positions at Headquarters are Wayne Cole and David Antion. Both of these had considerable local church pastoring experience.

But Jesus Christ, living HEAD of the Church, did not raise up the entire Worldwide Church of God through His chosen Apostle, without giving me that very important experience. Some of you ministers may have forgotten it, but I myself had to go through this important experience before Christ could use me in the chief executive position now, and the experience of building and developing the growth of the Church as a whole. I was pastor of the parent church at Eugene, Oregon for a number of years.

While there I also started, and kept growing, the radio broadcast, The PLAIN TRUTH, The Good News. Also I found time to hold frequent and continuous six-nights-a-week meetings in other towns and locations in Oregon. These brought in and baptized new members.

In fact, it was this very experience--bringing in new members in several other locations--that led to the necessity of founding Ambassador College. At a number of these points five or more new converts were

baptized. I tried to appoint one of them who seemed to be somewhat of a leader, to continue leading the new little group in either a Sabbath School or a tiny local church. But they were not trained or ordained ministers, and in no case did these newly raised up little groups continue longer than six weeks or so.

I saw that I was wasting time carrying on evangelistic work, resulting in new conversions, unless there was a trained and competent local shepherd to feed and protect the newly-begotten sheep. That led to the founding of Ambassador College.

But I did have a number of years of experience pastoring the very parent church of the present Worldwide Church of God. And I thought, this morning, the longest day of the year, that some of my experiences there might be helpful to some of you.

I learned, before we became a church of many local churches, that one encounters problems with people, and with human nature in a local church, just as we now do in the Church at large spreading around the world.

I found we had, on occasion, troublemakers. We had some I had believed to have been converted and to have received the Holy Spirit of God, who were in a carnal and bad attitude. And I learned this--even as you may have--or you will: one in a rotten attitude CANNOT BE REASONED WITH OR DEALT WITH. You might as well drop them.

Now first understand this: among the carnal and unconverted, some have a pleasant, cooperative attitude--some go to the opposite extreme of a rotten, hostile, and totally uncooperative attitude. Even one who has received the Holy Spirit of God has not been filled with the loving, kind, helpful, cooperative attitude of God. One receives the Spirit of God by degrees. Jesus Christ was filled with the Spirit of God totally and completely--fully. He was begotten of God and not of a human father. He had God's Spirit in its fullness from birth--none of us has.

A newly-begotten Christian has received a certain degree of God's Spirit--actually, some more, others less. But all "babes in Christ" still have the same old "HUMAN NATURE." Satan starts injecting that human nature--the nature of contention, self and selfishness, coveting, lust and greed, jealousy, envy, competition and strife, rebellion against authority--in every human as early in a child's life as the mind begins to develop--while a very young child.

This spirit of Satan (human nature) is absorbed in different people in varying degrees. Some become criminal-minded even in their teens. Some are more or less compatible and cooperative. Even human nature varies.

At real conversion one receives the Holy Spirit from GOD--but in a certain measure or degree. That is the DIVINE NATURE taking root within (II Pet. 1:4). But the human nature is likely to dominate, until one so yields to God, to His Word, and is diligent in prayer and GROWS in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ (II Pet. 3:18), that finally the DIVINE NATURE dominates--one comes to be led more by God's nature and His Word than by the carnal nature of Satan.

And all this happens in varying degrees in various individuals.

But one who is more or less constantly contentious, in a rotten spirit and attitude, unwilling continually to be cooperative and reasonable, you might as well write off and get rid of.

Even one who has God's Holy Spirit and is trying to grow in grace and in God's Spirit, may have lapses of temporary carnality--a flaring up of a wrong attitude--and then, soon afterward, come to his senses and repent of the momentary carnal lapse.

The local pastor must bear in mind that different people have varying degrees of the carnal attitude and nature of Satan, and varying degrees of the fullness of the Holy Spirit. And the pastor must learn to handle them accordingly--to wisely discern the REAL nature and attitude of a member who becomes a problem.

I remember a "pentecostal" woman who started attending at Eugene. I had not baptized her--she was not one of my converts, but started attending--professing to be a real "born again" Christian. She was a "holier-than-thou." But her attitude was hostile to God's truth which I was preaching. She, like all such troublemakers, had an uncanny knack of discerning who of our congregation were the weakest spiritually. She would sit next to such a person. Continually, as I preached, she would whisper in the ear of the weak one, disputing and disagreeing with what I was preaching. About the second Sabbath this went on, I stopped the sermon, and spoke directly to this self-righteous, contentious woman.

"If you would stop whispering in the ear of the one sitting next to you, contradicting what I am saying, and pay attention yourself to what I am saying, you might learn some TRUTH," I said. "But if you continue this whispering another time, I shall call the deacons to escort you out of the church!"

After the service I dealt with her privately, and she discontinued coming.

I had many experiences during those years when I was pastoring a local church. Anyway, it occurred to me this morning that some of these thoughts might be helpful to you ministers. Do not think I do not realize and sympathize with your local problems. I have experienced such problems myself.

And all the more, because I have, I do from the bottom of my heart APPRECIATE the good work you men and your wives are doing all over the world in our local churches. Your local flocks are YOUR CHILDREN IN THE LORD, and you are trying to coach and help them to grow spiritually so they may have a place with us in THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

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SPECIAL TO MINISTERS AND WIVES

by

Herbert W. Armstrong

The other day members of the Mail Processing Center in Pasadena wrote me personal letters. One, for example, had been writing letters FOR me to those who had written to me, taking off of me for the past twenty years the time-consuming job of giving personal answer to the voluminous mail addressed to me--yet had never in all those twenty years written a letter TO me! It was a letter of gratitude and THANKS for all the truth and spiritual help I had given this writer.

Others were in a similar vein. They brought tears to my eyes. They made me realize, as never before, how much I owe to HUNDREDS of you--ministers, wives, and other full-time assistants working WITH me in getting God's job done.

It made me realize how much I owe to all you fine and dedicated ministers and your wives for your dedication, loyalty, unflinching and unselfish service, ministering with me and for me to all the precious flock our wonderful God has given us to shepherd and lead into His glorious KINGDOM!

You are used, too, in bringing into the flock many new ones God is calling and giving us to go with us into eternal life in His Kingdom. Some of you also do evangelistic work in your area, sharing in proclaiming the Gospel to your part of the world.

It is the highest mission there is. Some day soon we shall come to really KNOW this!

Johnny Carson may GET his millions per year entertaining people, cracking jokes. Mike Wallace may GET his almost a million a year "exposing" imaginary and imputed wrongdoing of his selected victims, "exposing" them before national television's greatest audience. Oil multi-millionaires may rake in their immense and fabulous fortunes. They are all among the SUCCESSFUL in this world's GETTING competition.

But you and I are the unsung, the falsely accused and the persecuted of this world who are patiently and persistently GIVING the precious and wonderful things of GOD to those who shall live with us forever, long after the "successful" of this world have rotted with their accusations--unless, hopefully, they may yet be saved in the Judgment of the Great White Throne. Or, maybe, some of them may be brought in with us along with that great innumerable multitude of all nations revealed in advance in the seventh chapter of Revelation. Just MAYBE we may yet be privileged to serve and minister to some of them when they become poor in this world's goods and rich as we are in GOD'S ETERNAL AND MATCHLESS BLESSINGS!

I THANK GOD for all of you, and pray earnestly for you every day. I don't get to tell YOU how I love you and how I feel about you and appreciate and thank GOD for you too often, but I do tell God about it EVERY DAY OR EVERY NIGHT! I pray continually for you and those you

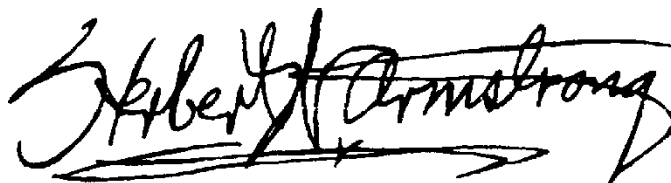
minister to--that God will give you special wisdom in counseling with them, preaching before them, fellowshiping with them.

We may not see one another real often, but we can and I know we all DO sense and feel that closeness to one another, and appreciation for one another. Your many flocks are equally in my mind and prayers daily.

Some in this world are getting their reward right now, and it will perish with them. But WE, fellow servants of Christ, are receiving rich rewards now, and the real and BIG and lasting eternal reward is yet to come with the now SOON coming of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Just thought I should pass along to you this word of THANKS and APPRECIATION! And thanks for your prayers, for I know that I, too, am in your PRAYERS DAILY.

Carry on!



JUST WHAT DO YOU MEAN

--A CULT?

The Worldwide Church of God is not a "cult"!
It is the present generation continuing the
Church of God founded A.D. 31 by Jesus Christ.
Here are the facts.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

HAVE YOU HEARD of Greeks being called, insultingly, "waps," Italians being called "dagos," Germans called "bosch," Jews called "kikes" or "sheenies"? Mexicans who wish to insult Americans call us "gringos."

Some Southerners after the civil war called Northerners "Yankees." They intended it to be an insulting epithet.

A prominent Baptist minister recently said, "If the Worldwide Church of God is a 'cult,' then we Baptists were a 'cult' during the early years of our growth."

Actually, the word "cult" is not an insulting epithet, but today it is often used insultingly. The word comes from the word "culture" which ordinarily is used as a very complimentary term. Webster defines "cult" as, 1) formal religious veneration, worship. 2) a system of religious belief and ritual, adherents to. 3) a religion rejected as unorthodox or spurious.

It is this third usage that was widely used in the sensational Jones-town mass suicide incident.

Since that event occupied front page banner headlines for several days, some who do not know the facts have been labeling any or all small churches, small in membership, as "cults." SMALL CHURCHES ARE NOT "CULTS."

The One True Church

Jesus Christ founded the one true Church of God on the day of Pentecost, in June, 31 A.D. It began that day with 120 members. It was not a "cult." Jesus, during His lifetime called those original members "the little flock" (Luke 12:32).

In the prophecies of the Book of Revelation, two churches are foretold. One, in chapter 17, a great false church, called in verse 5: "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth." She was pictured as ruling over nations speaking different languages--large, strong, powerful. The other, the true Church of God, is described in chapter 12 as a small, persecuted church having to flee for her safety.

By the year 53 A.D. the churches in Galatia, Asia Minor, now occupied by Turkey, had already removed themselves from the grace of Christ into another gospel. The true Gospel of Jesus Christ was being suppressed from the world by the larger false church.

The true Church of God, holding to the true Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of Christ and the Apostles, had to go underground, meeting for services in secret. Millions were tortured and put to death for their faith.

But the TRUTH of Jesus Christ and the Apostles was preserved by the persecuted "little flock," and in its fullness in the Holy Bible.

The Worldwide Church of God today holds to the SAME FAITH, same doctrines, same customs and practices, as the original Church of 31 A.D., under the original apostles.

Meanwhile, your Bible says, Revelation 12:9, the WHOLE WORLD has been DECEIVED by the invisible Satan the Devil. Yet God's TRUTH has been preserved in the Bible.

If you would like to see some of that truth revealed and made plain, why not write for our free booklet, Just What Do You Mean--Born Again? It will open your eyes, when you see this truth IN YOUR OWN BIBLE!

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A M I I N I T F O R T H E
M O N E Y ?

A FRANK, OPEN STATEMENT OF
THE PLAIN TRUTH

Many are accused of preaching the "Gospel" for the money they GET out of it. Here is a frank, open statement of the PLAIN TRUTH. Here I lay my life bare as an open book before you!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

HERE IS a story such as you have never read before.

The State of California, through the Attorney General's Office, has launched a massive attack against the Worldwide Church of God, myself, and Mr. Stanley Rader. Eight-column banner newspaper headlines screamed to the world the allegation that I, with Mr. Rader, had been siphoning off millions of dollars every year from church funds for our own accounts and use. After a year and a half, NO EVIDENCE of any wrongdoing has been found.

But WHAT ARE THE TRUE FACTS? Have I been in the Work of the living GOD for what I could GET out of it? Why and for what purpose did I start, fifty-three years ago? Just HOW MUCH have I "GOTTEN" out of it? Just how much do I have now? How much does Mr. Stanley R. Rader have now?

I had been quite successful as a young man in the advertising profession. In my own office in the "loop" in downtown Chicago, I was making, on the 1980 dollar-value, more than \$175,000 per year before thirty years of age.

Then, in 1927, at age 34, the living GOD opened my eyes to HIS TRUTH, unpreached in this world. I came to see that the orthodox Christian teaching of my childhood and youth was the very antithesis of the truth God reveals in His Word, the Bible. In His Word God revealed to me that there are just two ways of life. One is "GET"--the way of SELF-centeredness--the way of "I'm in it for what I can GET--I love ME, and I don't care about you." The other--GOD'S WAY--is the way of "GIVE"--outflowing love and concern for the good and welfare of others--the way of LOVE to God and LOVE to neighbor.

Last Sunday I saw a preacher on television say, "We can't know the CAUSE of all the troubles, evils and suffering in the world--but we know that God is suffering along with us." I don't believe that. God has revealed to me the root CAUSE of all the world's evils and sufferings. Every evil in the world has come from living by the "GET"--the "ME FIRST" philosophy.

I wanted to GIVE this amazing truth to the world. In my conversion I did not just "GET"--"RECEIVE" Christ as personal Savior. Rather I

G A V E this sinful self of mine to HIM. I received Him and His truth, NOT to "GET" for myself, or to "GET" salvation and eternal life for myself--but rather, that I might G I V E this precious truth and understanding to the world--that I might SHARE it with thousands and millions of others.

I GAVE UP the business life and its rewards. Seven years later, in poverty, I began GIVING the precious truth over radio.

I started in poverty--from nothing of this world's goods. It was a work of FAITH from the start. I had one pair of shoes. They were righteous--they had "holey soles." I had a suit of clothes for every day in the week--and the one I was wearing was IT! I had no car.

And what did I preach? I preached Jesus Christ and HIS TRUTH--the most DIFFICULT teaching and doctrine in all this world's "Christianity" to proclaim--the HARDEST for my hearers to accept.

Would anyone start out with the most hard-to-accept teaching to make money? Does that make sense? It was a teaching and doctrinal TRUTH that has brought continual opposition, accusation, persecution. It's no way to make money, let me tell you!

I devoted my life to GIVING. My family and I went HUNGRY--and I do mean HUNGRY! That was part of the price paid for GIVING out of love for others, in a world adjusted to "GETTING."

Yet the living Jesus Christ blessed this Work in marvelous ways. Faith was rewarded. Prayers were answered--continually. The Work of the living GOD prospered.

In 1947 I founded my first College--GOD'S college, that is! And on sheer FAITH, with no income whatsoever that was not already appropriated and obligated for radio time and operating expenses. By FAITH it survived.

I incorporated the Church and College on improper legal advice--or we should not be suffering this State versus Church lawsuit now. But I thought the legal advice was good. It was that of a lawyer who had been an attorney in the Internal Revenue Service of the government in Washington for some twelve years. But I took pains to incorporate so that I, personally, could never GET anything out of it, except for modest salary earned. For this, I appointed this ex-government lawyer and two people not related to me as a committee of three to set my salary. I did not even set it myself.

This Work of God grew and expanded at a rate averaging 30% each year over the year preceding for 35 years--probably a record of growth unmatched. God allowed me to be responsible for handling many millions of dollars of HIS money. It was handled honestly!

Along the line, now some 24 years ago, I came to know Mr. Stanley Rader, a very brilliant young Certified Public Accountant. I employed him to establish at our headquarters an accounting system that is puncture proof. It would be IMPOSSIBLE for me, or any officer or employee, to get away with anything more than his honestly earned salary or compensation for services.

Mr. Rader then graduated from the University of Southern California Law School with the highest grades on record. Yale Law School awarded him a Sterling Fellowship and all doors in the legal profession were open to him. But he was working more and more with us, and preferred to stay with the Work of GOD.

Finally, now some years ago, we told Mr. Rader we would like to have him devote his full time with us. This meant giving up a well-paying C.P.A. business and an established law practice--he was a member of the bar in California.

Neither Mr. Rader nor his family were then members of the Church. It is understandable that Mr. Rader did not want to lower his family's living standard. We agreed to pay him a salary equal to his income at the time. It was the highest salary on our payroll--well above my own. I am reminded of a large milling company in Minneapolis which used to have a slogan for its flour--"Costs more--worth it!" A Rolls Royce car costs more than others--but will last 30 or 40 years--cheaper in the long run. God says "the servant is worthy of his hire" (Luke 10:7). God would not have had me pay him less than he was worth.

Mr. Rader's kind of specialized talent and ability, like a Rolls Royce, may cost a little more--but is WORTH IT, and he should not be underpaid. However, let me add here that both Mr. Rader and one of his daughters now are baptized members of the Worldwide Church of God. And the whole family is firmly loyal to the Church at heart.

Now, today, after all these many years, WHAT DO I HAVE--and WHAT DOES MR. RADER HAVE?

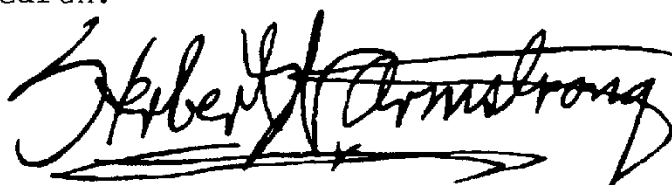
The government IRS has gone thoroughly and with a fine-tooth comb over both our personal accounts, and absolved us completely of any of these false allegations.

All I have in the world is my home in Tucson, Arizona, bought 3 1/2 years ago with a small down payment and a long-term loan with many years yet to run before it is clear; the use of a three-year old car belonging to the Church; and a checking account in the bank. My wife owns a car, clothes and some jewelry bought for her with personal funds after taxes, tithes and offerings. That's all!

Mr. Rader has a bank account about double mine, and his home in Pasadena, and is buying an interest in a small horse ranch in Tucson. His wife has some money in her own name, but it all came from her own mother--not from the Church.

Jesus Christ suffered persecution--was finally put to death on testimony of false witnesses. He said if they persecuted Him, they would persecute those who followed HIS TEACHING AND WAYS.

For fifty-three years I have lived a life devoted to the principle of G I V I N G ! But those who GET do love to accuse falsely and persecute those who GIVE! When we ALL turn to living the GIVING way, there will be PEACE on this war-weary earth!

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Herbert Armstrong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent underline.

MR. RADER INTERVIEWED IN CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITAL

An increasing number of invitations are coming to Mr. Rader from radio and television stations to discuss the State's invasion of God's Church. These opportunities present the Work with a means to introduce the Church to many new people, as well as explain the present danger to religious liberty in California posed by the State's ongoing lawsuit against the Church. Marc Segall, church pastor in Chico, California sent in the following two reports on a recent flurry of interviews in Sacramento and San Francisco.

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On Tuesday, July 17, 1980, history was made in the capital city of the most populous state in the nation. Mr. Stanley R. Rader, the Work's Treasurer, General Counsel and an Evangelist, traveled here as a result of two invitations to appear as the special guest on leading news and talk shows.

KGNR-radio, an ABC affiliate, has a daily afternoon interview show hosted by local radio personality Mary Jane Popp. She had been reading about the state of California's shocking attempt to seize control of and dominate the Worldwide Church of God. Then after hearing of the Supreme Court's decision to refrain from listening to the Church's plea for relief, coupled with the "60 minutes" telecast which she viewed, she invited Mr. Rader to be on her show. There, ironically within a few miles of the State Capital buildings and the Attorney General's office, she proceeded to ask Mr. Rader questions live before a large listening audience.

Ms. Popp's initial questions about the allegations against Mr. Rader set the tone for most of the interview, which was something less than friendly. Nevertheless, she seemed visibly impressed as she listened to Mr. Rader openly and honestly discuss the real truth concerning his remuneration by, and relationship with, the Worldwide Church of God. Her other questions concerning the overseas trips that Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader have made were evidently designed to embarrass Mr. Rader, especially as she referred to various expenses and bills. However, Mr. Rader brilliantly turned her questions around and used them as powerful springboards to launch into a complete explanation of the Church's "Great Commission."

Although this is a radio program where the listening audience is encouraged to telephone in questions, Ms. Popp was so impressed by Mr. Rader's answers to her own "hard" questions that during the entire 90 minutes Mr. Rader was on the air she allowed only a half dozen questions to be asked by her listeners! This worked out for the best because it allowed Mr. Rader to more thoroughly answer the questions without interruption. Since at one point in her interview she seemed to demonstrate a rather shallow understanding, Mr. Rader challenged her and the media to educate themselves on the vital constitutional issues and the fight for the protection of all American's religious liberties (which fight God's Church is in the vanguard).

Mr. Rader was asked to be the special guest that same evening on the very popular 10 p.m. news report on KXTL-TV, Channel 40 Sacramento. KXTL-TV is the most powerful and widely viewed UHF station on the West Coast. It

is carried via satellite on cable TV networks throughout the Pacific Northwest. Anchorman Pete Wilson, during two eight-minute live segments, discussed with Mr. Rader some very interesting questions as to why the nation's most popular and influential television program (CBS' "60 Minutes") and the Attorney General's office of the nation's largest state are involving themselves in the affairs of a seemingly small church like the Worldwide Church of God. Once again, openly, warmly, and candidly Mr. Rader was able to "tell the world" the answer to that question. It also gave him a very fine opportunity to introduce his new book, Against the Gates of Hell, which both Pete Wilson and Mary Jane Popp showed a keen interest in.

Present with Mr. Rader at both these interviews were local Church Pastors Joel Lillengreen, Marc Segall and their wives. In talking with Mr. Rader's Executive Assistant, Mr. John Kineston, they all expressed how glad they were to have a chance to get to know Mr. Rader personally. In spending time with Mr. Rader between interviews, Mr. Lillengreen commented, "Mr. Rader exudes a tireless enthusiasm for God's Work and the important goals that Mr. Armstrong has been leading us towards. He is very appreciative of the support and quality of the Church brethren, and was very open with all of us." In the same day Mr. Rader was interviewed by reporter Wayne Wilson of the Sacramento Bee Newspaper.

The following day church pastor Marc Segall received a phone call from Mary Jane Popp. She mentioned that many of her colleagues from other radio and TV stations in the Sacramento area had heard the interviews and were highly interested in having Mr. Rader on their stations. She also mentioned that in reviewing Mr. Rader's book she found it, "eye-opening and very fascinating." As of the time this article is being written, Mr. Rader has been invited to return to the State capital and to San Francisco on June 23 and 24 for a two-day series of TV interviews and guest appearances on even more popular radio talk shows. We will also cover those for the Pastor General's Report.

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The Plain Truth about God's Church was powerfully broadcasted to Central and Northern California, as well as Oregon and Washington by Mr. Stanley Rader. Following the June 17 appearance on a Sacramento radio talk show and a television news program, Mr. Rader was invited to appear on all three television network stations in California's capital city, as well as two 50,000 watt radio shows.

On Monday morning, June 23, he was televised standing in front of the California State Capitol Building, being interviewed by one of the leading newsmen from KOVR-TV, the ABC affiliate station. This interview concerned itself mainly with the subject matter printed in the Church's booklet on The First Amendment, State vs. Church. Mr. Rader was asked to comment on whether George Deukmejian's ethics had hurt the strength of the Church. He replied, "The strength of the Church of God is the church people, the brethren. We are not anchored to buildings or other assets; the buildings are not the church. So therefore, since the church members were strengthened and unified by this unprecedented attack against the Worldwide Church of God, George Deukmejian helped this Church much more than he hurt us." This interview was aired on the 5:00 P.M. News.

At noon, Mr. Rader was invited to be the guest of NBC affiliate, KCRA-TV, on their live segment of a midday news program. He was asked a number of questions by leading news personality, Sue Pierson. First they discussed with Mr. Rader the special full-page advertisement where Mr. Herbert Armstrong offers \$100,000 to the person or persons who reveal the truth about the false witnesses who accused God's Work. Then, Ms. Pierson asked some very pertinent questions about the true issues involved in the State of California's assault on the Church. Mr. Rader complimented her immediately and told her that she had just asked the best questions on this issue in the 18 months since the Attorney General's office had swooped down upon God's Church without regard for search and seizure laws or constitutional rights.

Ms. Pierson was visibly pleased that Mr. Rader felt that she had "hit the nail on the head." She then asked what the Attorney General will do next. Mr. Rader answered, "George Deukmejian has a tiger by the tail and he doesn't know what to do with it." They ended the interview with a closeup shot of the cover of Mr. Rader's new book, Against the Gates of Hell, and quoted the cover caption which says, "The shattering story of an assault mounted by a big State against a small Church and how its members fought back to protect the vital liberties of all of us."

Later the same day Mr. Rader participated in a three-hour informal discussion and interview with the news director of radio station KFBK, a Mr. Pat Casey. KFBK is an all-news CBS radio outlet. Mr. Casey quickly learned that he was dealing with a uniquely educated and well-trained individual. Mr. Rader proceeded in a most interesting way to explain to Mr. Casey the real issues of our legal battle with the State.

Mr. Casey interrupted Mr. Rader a few times to tell him that the reputation of the good works and Great Commission of the Worldwide Church of God are becoming more and more well known in the radio and television industry as of late. Mr. Rader pointed out to him that this was due primarily to the leadership and priorities of its Apostle, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, and has now been amplified around this nation due to the publicity of our battle with the State. Mr. Rader also pointed out that a man like Mr. Armstrong has the wisdom and vision to see why it is so essential that this Church be in the vanguard of the quest for the preservation of religious freedoms.

In this interview, as well as a number of others, Mr. Rader was asked what he and Mr. Armstrong tell world leaders on their travels and why he had not been invited by our federal government to deliver the same message to them. He responded, "We tell the Chinese and the representatives of governments around the world that their government and all other governments on this earth shall fail because man has turned his back on his Creator." Mr. Rader went on to say, "The other nations of the world will listen and at least consider this important message. Our nation won't. Mr. Armstrong then tells these world leaders and representatives that the governments of this world will be replaced by the only perfect and fair government of peace. Of course, he directly announces to them the return to this earth of God's Government, and they respect Mr. Armstrong enough to hear what he has to say."

That same evening, Mr. Rader was asked by CBS television station, KXTV, his personal opinion of George Deukmejian. He replied, "We think he ought to come out of the closet and show himself for what he really is."

The Worldwide Church of God offers \$100,000 REWARD!

Appeared in the Los Angeles Times June 23, 1980

OUR GOOD NAME has been publicly smeared. We believe FALSE WITNESSES were involved!

Those deputized under the Roman government used the testimony of FALSE WITNESSES to put Jesus Christ to death. To this day there are nonbelievers who still credit the untruthful testimony of those false witnesses.

Bearing false witness is one of the 10 MAJOR SINS in the sight of GOD. As Jesus Christ suffered at the betrayal of false witnesses, so His Church of this generation has had to suffer this despicable persecution.

We believe false witnesses may have been coached by deputized government representatives in the wording of their false allegations.

The very Word of God—the Holy Bible commands us to buy the truth, and "sell it not." So we have set aside the sum of \$100,000 to buy the TRUTH and publicly clear our good name from this evil persecution.

This entire sum will be paid to one, or possibly two or more, who will now come forward with the TRUTH!

On Jan. 3, 1979, without the legally required advance notice, a massive armed attack was made on Worldwide Church of God headquarters of Pasadena, Calif., by deputized agents of the California attorney general's office.

Sensational false allegations were made that chief officers of this Church had siphoned off millions of dollars to their own accounts and personal use every year. These false allegations screamed in big type across eight-column front-page headlines in newspapers coast-to-coast.

These salacious allegations, made by persons we believe to be false witnesses, did irreparable damage to the present generation of the Church of the living GOD!

All these allegations have been either disproved or refuted by positive evidence. The attorney general has furnished no evi-



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dence to the contrary, leading to the conclusion that he therefore acted either on the basis of no information whatever or on the basis of false information.

The Worldwide Church of God has therefore established a fund totaling \$100,000 for the purpose of compensating persons who come forward with objective evidence establishing that this lawsuit against the Church resulted from the activities of those who knowingly bore false witness and enabling the Church publicly to clear its name. Specifically, the Church will pay out all of the money in this fund to the person or persons who provide to the Church evidence that establishes to a reasonable certainty:

- 1) That false or misleading information concerning the Church, its members, officers, agents or employees was given to representatives of California's attorney general or to the attorney general's informants; and
- 2) the identity of the person or persons furnishing such false information; and
- 3) the substance and details of such false information; and
- 4) the identity of the person or persons to whom such information was given; and
- 5) that the person or persons furnishing such false information knew it to be false or suspect or had no reason to believe it was true; and
- 6) That such person or persons knowingly furnished such false information for an identified ulterior purpose.

OR

That specific, identified individuals were solicited or urged or induced to do the foregoing by a person or persons also specifically named or identified.

The foregoing offer is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. This offer is for a limited time only and will terminate on Sept. 30, 1980.
- 2. All claims submitted in response to this offer are required to be in writing and must be received no later than the above date.
- 3. The Church will determine whether any information submitted qualifies for compensation from the fund, that is to say, it will judge the relevancy, credibility and sufficiency of any evidence submitted.
- 4. Evidence submitted must be clear and convincing and sufficient to establish the required facts to the satisfaction of an objective and reasonable mind. It is not, however, required, that such evidence necessarily be legally admissible nor that it be sufficient to warrant a prosecution or conviction, which is not the purpose or intent of the offer.
- 5. Evidence or information (concerning facts) already known to the Church or otherwise generally established will not qualify.
- 6. Claimants must be prepared, in order to qualify for compensation from the fund, to verify evidence submitted under oath, in affidavit or declaration form or by sworn statement.
- 7. In the event that more than one claimant qualifies for compensation from the fund, then reward money will be allocated, both as to persons and amount, by an impartial panel. The decision of a majority of the panel will be final.
- 8. Any disputes regarding the Church's determination in respect of any claim or any other disagreements of whatever kind will be referred to and resolved by the panel, and a decision of the panel's majority in respect of any such dispute or disagreement will be final.
- 9. All claims submitted in response to this offer must be in writing and addressed to the Church as follows: Worldwide Church of God, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123, Attention Reward Response.

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Pastor General
Worldwide Church of God

We used to think perhaps that he didn't know exactly what was happening since he was just elected Attorney General. We gave him time for his honeymoon in his new job, but when the honeymoon was over it became abundantly clear that he was completely involved and knowledgeable of the grievous wrongs being committed against us."

That evening, Mr. Rader and his assistants, Mr. John Kineston and Mr. Joe Kitora, hosted a banquet for the elders, deacons, and their wives from the Sacramento congregations. After dinner, Mr. Rader openly and warmly described the main events leading up to the latest phase of God's Work with His Apostle, Mr. Armstrong. He then took questions from those present and spent time trying to personally meet and greet as many as possible. Church Pastors, Marc Segall and Joel Lillengreen, and their wives, who accompanied Mr. Rader to the interviews, commented how impressed they were at Mr. Rader's tireless dedication to Mr. Armstrong and the work that God is doing through him. He let us all know that his main role is to support and stand behind Mr. Armstrong.

On Tuesday morning, June 24, Mr. Rader was the special guest of KFBK's one-hour, open-line talk show hosted by radio commentator, Brian Kennedy. KFBK can be heard as far north as Portland, Oregon, and as far south as Fresno, California. He asked Mr. Rader, "Has this incredible action taken against the Church by the State had any positive benefits for your Church?" Mr. Rader smiled and replied, "Most definitely. Besides uniting this Church and its members as never before, it has given us all another very worthy cause with which to involve ourselves and to champion. And, as a result of this lawsuit, we can now get more people to listen to what we have to say via our nationwide full-page ads, our publications, radio and television broadcasts, and through interviews, like we are now doing."

After being asked whether Deukmejian will continue in his efforts against the Church, Mr. Rader wanted to make a point very clear, and he did. He said, "You must understand the genesis of this matter. The Attorney General did not initiate this attack--dissidents from the east coast went to a lawyer with certain charges and allegations. The lawyer went to a deputy attorney general who in turn collaborated with others, including a prominent judge, to begin to launch this assault. The Attorney General, fully aware of the conspiratorial nature of this case and the unproven allegations that provoked it, then decided to get involved." Mr. Kennedy then inquired, "What were their motives?" Answer, "money and power; they were after the financial gains they felt they could soak up from the Church's funds and the power that they would have over our Church and eventually all other Churches. They were clearly pointed towards the money and power." George Deukmejian was quoted by a reporter as saying, "We are out to prove that we have the power to control and supervise churches." Then the reporter asked, "What if your efforts destroy the Worldwide Church of God?" Deukmejian was reported to have answered, "It's not important as long as we prove we have the power to control churches after this is over."

Later in the show, callers asked what the Church is spending its money on and what the commission of the Church was. Mr. Rader was then able to go into a complete explanation of God's Plan for mankind on this earth and explain the great commission that Christ's Church was fulfilling. He said, "We are now preparing the way for Jesus Christ and the Government of God to come to this earth to rule. For more than 50 years Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has been proclaiming the good news, the gospel, to a confused

and deceived world." Mr. Kennedy commented how impressed he was that such a major world power as the Republic of China chose to invite Mr. Armstrong to be the first religious leader from the outside world to visit them and teach them.

After the KFBK interview, Mr. Rader was driven to San Francisco where, on this same day, he was invited to be a guest speaker on KGO Radio. KGO, an ABC owned-and-operated station, is one of the most powerful and wide-ranging radio stations in the western United States. Its signal spans the West Coast, from the Canadian to the Mexican border.

For an hour and one-half Mr. Rader was interviewed on the Jim Eason Show. Mr. Eason, who subscribes to The PLAIN TRUTH and is a donor to the Church, wanted to know what business it is of the Attorney General how the Church spends its money. Mr. Rader replied, "If George Deukmejian will come out of the closet, he will someday have to admit that he has no business trying to interfere in a Church where 93 percent of its Church members and its financial base are outside the jurisdiction of the State of California. Deukmejian thought he was attacking a piece of paper, a weak religious corporation that would collapse under the weight of his pressure," Mr. Rader commented. "What he didn't realize was that he was attacking a spiritual body composed of highly dedicated, committed and converted members who believe deeply in the work this Church is doing. As one person so astutely observed, 'If Deukmejian wants to control a church, why doesn't he start one of his own?'"

As Mr. Rader answered the questions posed to him, the time seemed to fly by. But by the time the two days of interviews were over, he had articulately and openly demonstrated the integrity and wisdom that God gives to his servants. He had clearly stated the goals and commission of this Church and upheld Mr. Armstrong's office as spiritual leader and Apostle of God's Church. In a frank and unabashed style, he showed the world that we "have nothing to hide. We are a Church that can be proud of our objectives and the motivation behind it."

Jim Eason's final comment at the end of the show, while millions listened, was that "I don't know of any religious leaders who would have the courage to sit in this studio today and face the arena of questions and cross-examinations that you have had to endure." Mr. Eason went on to say, "You have done a commendable job of representing the Church and its spiritual leader whom you serve. Thank you for being with us today."

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SOUTHLAND TV INTERVIEW CLARIFIES OUR CASE

Dr. Eugene Scott, featured speaker and director of a church-owned UHF TV station (KHOF) in Glendale, California, invited Mr. Rader to be a guest on his program, "Festival of Faith," last Wednesday night, June 25th. (Mr. Rader and Mr. Helge previously appeared on Dr. Scott's show early last year.) A year or so before the state moved against God's Church, Dr. Scott and his church also came under attack by the Attorney General. And so in January 1979, Dr. Scott came to the Church's aid by speaking out strongly against the Attorney General's abuse of office. He even announced where brethren and others could send tithes and contributions to Mr. Armstrong when the receiver was demanding all monies be sent to him.

The interview was a very animated two and a quarter hours which very effectively crystalized the real issues. Mr. Rader and Dr. Scott named names and spoke out forcefully and fearlessly about the abuses of state power with regard to both churches and others. Mr. Rader elaborated on two major aspects of the state's action against God's Church: 1) the corruption in government and, 2) the violation of constitutional rights as regards to religious freedom.

Prior to his invasion of our church, the Attorney General had tried to move against Faith Center (Dr. Scott's Church). But Dr. Scott courageously stood up for his church's rights, as God's Church has been doing. He has kept himself well informed about the legal issues of our case and the implications this lawsuit has for all churches in the state. Of course, Mr. Rader and Dr. Scott readily acknowledge that their religious beliefs differ and there is no implied endorsement of each other's church. Nevertheless, they understand that churches must unite their energies to resist state encroachment of religious liberty guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

Mr. Rader admitted that in January of 1979 he thought that the Attorney General and his agents were "misinformed." Then, as the lawsuit progressed, it seemed they were just plain "stupid." Now, he said, it is patently clear we are confronted with "evil men" grasping for power. As Mr. Rader has said many times, "They will lie and invent whenever necessary, and they will malign and slander even when it is not necessary."

It was revealed that even now as the Petris bill (SB 1493) is on its way to the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee and then the Assembly itself for a vote, the Attorney General is working vigorously behind the scenes to have the bill killed, or at least amended to allow him to continue with pending cases--including the one concerning the Worldwide Church of God!

Mr. Rader told Dr. Scott we were having a problem airing our State vs Church documentary in California since the Channel 13 showing last February. (You'll recall that the station's management was intimidated by the opposition into running a pitifully inaccurate retraction.) Dr. Scott reminded Mr. Rader that his station had shown it too. He then offered to air it again one day a month, three times during the same day! Mr. Rader, immediately recognizing the potential in this offer (to further educate the Los Angeles area public, as well as citizens in San Francisco and Hartford, Connecticut where Dr. Scott has two other stations carrying his programming), said that we could publish a full-page ad each month pointing potential viewers to that station for the documentary. It is obvious to all that Dr. Scott will not allow the state to intimidate him into cowering passively in a corner when the life of his church and that of other churches is at stake.

Mr. Rader expressed gratitude and admiration for Dr. Scott for his strong stand and presented him with an autographed copy of his new book Against the Gates of Hell. Dr. Scott said "I'll probably not get much sleep tonight as I read it." Even while the program was still in progress, viewers were calling in asking how they could obtain a copy of the book.

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICESReport From Southern Africa

Mail: In the first five months of 1980, 47% more (66,000) letters and cards have been sent to our Johannesburg office. Included is the bulk of the 17,500 requests we received for Mr. Herbert Armstrong's book TOMORROW--WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE. Over one third of our mailing list at the time requested the publication, and 275 expressed their appreciation for the gift by contributing for the first time to God's Work. Some of these have since become co-workers.

Publications: The number of PLAIN TRUTH magazines printed in Cape Town, South Africa is now over 100,000 per month. The mailing list is over 57,000 with an additional 10,000 expected from promotions this month. There are now 40,000 newsstand copies being distributed monthly, with a four percent response requesting an annual subscription.

We are also working with a regular monthly renewal system rather than an annual renewal to avoid any discouraging major drops in the mailing list. The renewal response rate is climbing to a 60% high. Subscribers seem to appreciate the more Biblically-oriented articles.

Church News: Festival attendance and offerings in Southern Africa have been very encouraging so far this year. 1203 members took the Passover, five percent more than last year. An average of 1,700 attended South African holy day services and 307 in Zimbabwe (+11%).

Finances: We are grateful to report that we are in the best financial position the Work in Southern Africa has ever experienced. A two-year period of rebuilding the finances has been successful because of renewed dedication in the members through Mr. Armstrong's leadership and God blessing His Work in many different ways. The year-to-date increase over the period January-May 1979 is 22%.

Manpower moves: In the interest of God's Work and His churches, some manpower changes have been made. Mr. Frank Nelte has been appointed pastor of the Port Elizabeth/East London churches. He took up his responsibilities on 1st June 1980. Mr. Nelte, his wife Kathy and their three children are living in Port Elizabeth.

Mr. John White and his wife Gwen and two daughters have been moved from the Port Elizabeth/East London area to pastor the Cape Town churches.

Mr. Dan Botha and his wife, Helen, and three children arrived in Johannesburg and will serve as assistant pastor in the Johannesburg church, which now averages 500 in attendance. There is a need for him to share church responsibilities in the largest congregation on the African continent.

The Work in Zimbabwe continues to thrive in the face of hardship due to the seven years of hostilities. The PLAIN TRUTH mailing list has grown from 7,400 to 10,600 (up 43%) in 12 months. Additionally, we have a newsstand distribution of 1,000 per issue.

Our members during these years have benefited in that they were forced by circumstances to seek protection in the two major cities, Salisbury and Bulawayo. This engendered a togetherness and promoted a feeling of oneness.

Since cessation of the "bush war," life is more relaxed. Certain members are still rather apprehensive and have chosen to wait and see what the immediate future of the country holds. Others have felt pressure from political party officials who desire that they join one or the other group. Your prayers for our brethren in Zimbabwe are requested. At present the Work there is unhindered and able to expand.

Combined Spanish/English Bible Lectures

On May 5 and 6 Mr. Al Kersha, pastor of the Miami, Florida congregation, conducted two Bible lectures for readers of LA PURA VERDAD and The PLAIN TRUTH located in that metropolitan area. A total of 38 and 34 readers of the PV and PT respectively, attended one or both of these meetings. Mr. Kersha's presentations were entitled "Survival of the Family in the 80's" and "East vs. West--Will it End in World War III?" A simultaneous translation into Spanish was provided for PV readers.

Attendance at these meetings was considered excellent since the Miami area had been in unprecedented turmoil related to the mass exodus of Cubans fleeing to the U.S. Tens of thousands of families had nothing on their minds except the way to get one or more of their loved ones out of communist Cuba.

One woman who had just arrived from Cuba on a small, crowded boat attended one of the lectures! Mr. Kersha felt the people who attended these lectures had a different perspective in receiving the message of the coming Kingdom of God.

Comments From Monthly Church Reports

BOISE, ID--JEFF MCGOWAN: Things are still moving in a very positive direction overall. We have started on some of The PLAIN TRUTH distribution programs in the area, and initial results appear to be very positive. Our thanks to Mr. Armstrong and the rest of the staff who have yielded themselves to Jesus Christ to develop The PLAIN TRUTH into the fine quality magazine it should be.

WICHITA, KS--JUDD KIRK: The Wichita Church seems to be a friendly and warm group of people. We have received an extremely warm welcome from the Church. I believe the general spirit of the Church exhibited on the Day of Pentecost was excellent. It was one of the finest Holy Days I remember in a long time.

LUFKIN, TX--JOHN H. OGWYN: Attitudes are very positive. Overall, things are going well.

HOUSTON NORTH, TX--JOHN H. OGWYN: New PM activity has leveled off some, but we are still following up on baptismal counseling for the influx we have had the last few months. Things looking up overall.

KANSAS CITY NORTH, MO--BRYAN H. HOYT: We have had a very favorable response to the change in making housing arrangements at the Feast. Attendance is up and so is the overall attitude of the congregation.

COEUR D'ALENE, ID--ROGER FOSTER: Many express acute awareness of events, conditions, and times we live in, and the hope that the end of this age may come soon.

LAKE OF THE OZARKS, MO--JAMES E. KISSEE: Our one-year Bible reading program has a very positive effect on the congregation. Though the Lake Church hasn't had any significant growth for some time, the warmth, interest, and determination of those God has called is growing.

HONOLULU, HI--DAVID FRASER: Attendance continuing to stay up. Average weekly church attendance for April highest since church split last year.

PUEBLO, CO--CLINT ZIMMERMAN: All seems well since Days of Unleavened Bread. Church is solid and looking forward with high anticipation to Feast of Tabernacles.

RESEDA, CA--ROBERT CLONINGER: Attitudes overall very good and supportive. PM's picking up.

SAN DIEGO, CA--NORMAN A. SMITH: Increase in attendance for services. Members appreciate Bible study.

EUGENE, OR--LARRY J. WALKER: Attendance is consistent and there is a noticeable upturn in enthusiasm, support and involvement throughout the congregation. Thanks for including wives in the upcoming three-week refresher course! Would appreciate opportunity to come in soon after Feast of Tabernacles.

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

GROWTH SIGNS CONTINUE STRONG

For the past several issues of the Pastor General's Report we have been commenting on the signs we see in Mail Processing of how the strong leadership of Mr. Herbert Armstrong is inspiring confidence in those on the mailing list, especially in the Work's co-workers. Mr. Armstrong's letters, his strong articles and editorials in The PLAIN TRUTH, GOOD NEWS, and Worldwide News are all having a positive and uplifting effect on our subscribers.

A "new awakening," a renewing of zeal and enthusiasm is becoming more and more evident to us as we see the responses come in. It is very inspiring and "we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Here now are several current trends that are very encouraging to us:

Co-worker Growth

Due to the many problems associated with the 1979 receivership crisis, co-worker growth was stifled considerably. In 1979 only 8900 people were added to the co-worker file. However, in only the first five months of this year, the Work has already added 7,704 new co-workers! Co-worker growth is definitely on the increase compared to last year.

Literature Requests Increasing

Requests for booklets, books, reprints, sermon summaries, etc. are showing a tremendous increase over last year. So far in 1980 the Work has mailed out 1.9 million pieces of literature, whereas a year ago the figure was only one million. This year's increase so far amounts to a noteworthy 83%!

More Mail Being Received

MPC has seen a 10% increase in the total amount of pieces of mail received in the first five months of 1980. By the end of May, Mail Processing received a total of 844,582 pieces of mail--compared to 770,955 one year ago.

In addition to mail, MPC received 72,010 phone calls compared to 61,165 through May of last year. This represents an excellent 18% increase!

It is our hope that this information will be as encouraging and uplifting to you as it is to us. God's Work is clearly making progress and being blessed under Mr. Armstrong's guidance and leadership. The fruits certainly prove it.

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

P.T. AND BOOK PROMOTIONALS GENERATING CONSIDERABLE ENTHUSIASM

Interest and excitement have been running high since new Plain Truth promotional program materials were distributed to and implemented by a number of U.S. Pastors in April and May. We have received many calls and memos from pastors explaining how thrilled the local members are about supporting God's Work via the bulletin board cardholder program, or by contacting waiting rooms and libraries offering a free subscription to the PT, as well as offering Mr. Armstrong's books to public and university libraries.

Below are a few of the comments we received here in Pasadena which we thought you would enjoy reading:

The idea of giving the brethren an opportunity of sharing in God's Work from the standpoint of doing something active--rolling up one's sleeves (figuratively) and pitching in--has proven to be a tremendous spiritual lift to the brethren here in Philadelphia. The initial response has been tremendously gratifying. There has been a "surging forth" of God's people to help out in the distribution of the PT and Mr. Armstrong's books. It shows a great desire on the part of the members to help fulfill the prophecy of Matt. 24:14.

Carlos E. Perkins, Pastor
Philadelphia, PA

After meetings this week with our brethren, we will be expanding the waiting room program extensively to Redding, Corning, Chico, Oroville and other smaller towns. Will be sending in new subscriptions after these other areas complete their calling. We are very pleased with these new concepts and programs to allow the members to help promote the Gospel. Incidentally, the library book program is going very well in the Chico church area."

Marc Segall, Pastor
Chico, CA

The 15 card holders sent in the introductory package were barely enough for the small Klamath Falls Church. Interest is very high in the program and we need the additional card holders A.S.A.P. for Medford and the Coast area. Your speedy response will be matched by our distribution!

Fred David, Pastor
Klamath Falls, OR

We here in the Tampa congregation are very enthusiastic about the new waiting room subscription program. Several people in the Tampa congregation had their first contact with God's Work in a waiting room by way of a PLAIN TRUTH placed there by someone.

Jack Fike, Newsstand Coordinator
Tampa, FL

As we mentioned last week, we are at full steam here in Pasadena trying to keep up with the demand for materials for the various programs.

--Publishing Services

MAIL COMMENTS

The letters this week show an enthusiastic response to The PLAIN TRUTH and our booklets. The article, "The Movement to Destroy the Family," which appeared in the May issue of The PLAIN TRUTH, generated many letters of appreciation. Then, there are several comments from readers who mention how certain booklets have helped them in their Christian growth and development.

--Mail Processing Center

Article Sparks Concern for Families

This last PLAIN TRUTH stressing the family is so timely! I've just read in today's Houston Chronicle an article entitled, "Two-becoming-one marriage idea can be destructive, says pastor." Truly the U.S. is doing everything to tear down God's building block. So, unless we make a complete "turn around," the nation is doomed.

--Cynthia C. (Corrigan, TX)

We read your interesting article in The PLAIN TRUTH magazine, "The Movement to Destroy the Family." Are we too late? This should be put out as a first alarm to all of the people of the United States.

Back in 1927, in the spring, I read an article in a magazine called the Blue Book. It is now out of print. Similar to the Redbook of today. It stated that the government would have to take over the schooling and instruction of our children, out of the hands of the parents as the parents would not be intellectually sufficient to teach their children in a few years to come. Fifty-one years later they think that day has come!

--Peter F. & Vesta B. (Reno, NV)

I had to write and let you know my impression of the new and improved PLAIN TRUTH magazine. It is truly overwhelming. It's like finding lost money!

The articles in your May magazine on the destruction of the family... was my favorite. The incredible movements to reduce the family unit to a nonfamily, individualistic society brought tears to my eyes. It is obvious that Satan wants to pervert God's purpose for sex and child rearing. Being single, this encourages me to accept the challenges God has for me to prove God right and Satan wrong.

--Karen H. (Smyrna, GA)

Jeff Calkins wrote the article, "The Movement to Destroy the Family," which I feel was an emotional wakeup concerning my family. Now that we know this is happening, I would like to suggest more articles in training our families to believe and trust in a God, so we as parents won't turn off our children.

--Mrs. Allen B. (Bolingbrook, IL)

Why the Booklets Appeal to Readers

Thank you for your booklet that you sent me, HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE. After reading it, I decided to read the Bible and I am willing to read it with all my heart. Because for the first time in my life I feel God is (with me); after all the sufferings I have been through. Thank you. I will start reading the Bible now.

--Rodrigo A. (Garfield, NY)

This is just great about THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY back to its older form. We read the old book till it fell apart and ordered a new one in 1976. It wasn't nearly as good as the old one.

--Mr. & Mrs. Doyle H. (Cantonment, FL)

I am certainly glad to see THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY coming out again in full length. As you have said this is such a vital truth...vital to understanding all of prophecy. Now it appears we are where we thought we were in 1972. With all the world troubles mounting it is certainly the time to once again make the astounding truth of who we are available.

--Richard G. (Bluffton, IN)

I just can't put it into words; the booklet you sent me, JUST WHAT DO YOU MEAN...KINGDOM OF GOD? The things you are saying are true, so true, and so real. I myself have been reading and reading [the Bible] for years, but somehow it would not come together until now. Thank you very, very much.

--Arnold H. (New Orleans, LA)

I carried a copy of THE TEN COMMANDMENTS to work with me to share with a friend. Before my friend got it, another picked it up and started to read it. Before he got through, another picked it up and could not put it down. The compliments were overwhelming. I told them the address is in the book. So now everybody is talking about the Bible Correspondence Course.

--Dalphus M. (Red Banks, MS)

I graduated from Houston High School on May 12, 1980, as valedictorian of my class. I used THE SEVEN LAWS OF SUCCESS as the backbone of my speech.

I wrote two speeches. For my first speech I received information from one of Zig Ziglar's books. The whole speech was boring, and most important, without God. I was under a lot of pressure the last days of school. However, my daddy made me realize that I should use Mr. Armstrong's pamphlet. So, one night I stayed up late and wrote an entirely different speech.

If the Supreme God of this universe had not given me the mind, the willpower, or the help, I could never have achieved such an honor. I would like to thank Mr. Armstrong for writing such an inspiring pamphlet. Thank you, Mr. Armstrong.

--Patricia G. (Houston, MS)

ON THE WORLD SCENE

EUROPE LEARNS TO WALK World affairs will not be quite the same after the "Venice I" and "Venice II" summit conferences.

Venice I was the June 12 and 13 meeting of the heads of government of the nine European Common Market countries. At that conference, "the Nine" boldly stepped into the Middle East breach with a united foreign policy of their own. "Venice I," noted TIME magazine in its June 23 issue, "had delivered up an important new player on the Middle East chessboard: Europe."

Then, at Venice II, ten days later, leading members of the Common Market, along with Japan and Canada, met with President Carter at a time in history which marks, according to Los Angeles Times correspondent Don Cook, "the fading away of 35 years of a postwar era in which American leadership predominated." Little was accomplished at the seven-power economic summit, largely because positions taken by Washington and its free world allies now are so divergent.

First Step the Hardest

The long-time diplomatic correspondent for The Christian Science Monitor, Joseph C. Harsch, has this to say of the rather sudden emergence of an independent-minded Europe: "The time has come for others to notice, and take account of, an important new feature on the world scene. The West Europeans have foreign policies of their own...."

"In other words," continues Harsch, "the West European countries are no longer satellites of the United States in world affairs. They are friends. They are associates. They are allies.... But Europe has, in effect, asserted its independence in matters where it thinks its own interests dictate a difference from Washington."

Western Europe, maintains Harsch, is still a long way from forming and pursuing a major body of independent policy in world affairs. But Harsch could be wrong on this point. Such independent policy could coalesce a

lot quicker than he or anyone else thinks. Nevertheless, he is correct in the assertion that "the machinery now exists for making European as distinct from U.S. policy. The nine did it at Venice. This may be only the first step of the toddler learning to walk, but what has been done once can be done more easily the next time. That first step is always the hardest. And the first step has been taken."

Europe's Arab friends in the Middle East apparently are anxious to see a few more positive steps in their direction. Saudi Arabia's King Khalid, for example, has called on the German people to help Arab Palestinians to regain control of Jerusalem. The king, on a state visit to West Germany, made his appeal at a ceremony in his honor at West Berlin's Charlottenburg Castle.

As reported in the Religious News Service, King Khalid's appeal came less than a week after the European Common Market countries issued a declaration backing full self-determination for the Palestinians and urging that the Palestine Liberation Organization be "associated with" current negotiations for a peace settlement in the Middle East.

King Khalid compared the situation in West Berlin--110 miles inside East Germany--to that of Jerusalem. He said he was convinced that Berliners had greater understanding than other peoples "for the feelings of the Islamic community that has suffered the loss of Jerusalem and for the Palestinian people who were driven out of their homeland."

The Arab leader added that he hoped that "our holy city of Jerusalem will once again be integrated into the Arab territory," thanks to the efforts of Palestinians, Arab states "and the support of those nations who befriend us, in the first place the great German nation."

King Khalid's appeal went a bit far. A Bonn official afterwards noted that no European country, least of all West Germany, is prepared "to come out against Israel's claim to Jerusalem" or to favor "an Arab holy war over that city."

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