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CONGRESS OF LEADING MINISTERS
HEARS DEFINED AND REEMPHASIZED
SPIRITUAL ORGANIZATION OF CHURCH

STANLEY R. RADER RESIGNS EXECU-
TIVE RESPONSIBILITIES--CONTINUES
A.I.C.F., LEGAL AND FINANCIAL
ADVISOR TO HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

Stanley R. Rader has decided to resign from his executive responsibilities as Treasurer and Board Member, effective March 1. He had decided to make this resignation effective early in January, 1979. But the sudden invasion of the Attorney General's Office lawsuit on January 3, 1979, made it necessary for him to stay on and direct our legal defense until the lawsuit was dropped.

On Wednesday, February 25, a congress of leading ministers and office managers from all points around the world heard the Pastor General, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, define and reemphasize the spiritual organization of the Church, and update them on the plunge forward now under way as we enter the homestretch of the Work of the Living God.

The following was the crux of Mr. Armstrong's address to the congress of ministers.

Message to Congress of Leading Ministers from all parts of the world, at Pasadena, February 25, 1981.

TO THE CONGRESS OF LEADING MINISTERS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, ASSEMBLED AT PASADENA.

GREETINGS:

I have called this Congress of Leading Ministers of God's Church world wide because:

1) Conditions in the world fulfilling Biblical prophecies are now fast accelerating, indicating we are, indeed, in the very last days of this present evil world, and

2) This has necessitated a dynamic stepping up in the intensity of God's Work by His Church proclaiming Christ's Gospel of the soon-coming KINGDOM OF GOD, and to acquaint you with the plans for this intensified

homestretch finishing of the Great Commission the living Jesus Christ has called us to do, and

3) to UPDATE you, so that you may update the brethren under you in the true PURPOSE, the organization and government of the Church of GOD for this time and this paramount Commission.

Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill, speaking before a joint session of the United States Congress at the time of World War II said, "There is a PURPOSE being worked out here below." A Higher Power above is working out His PURPOSE! That purpose is the creation of perfect, holy and righteous CHARACTER in separately-created beings for continuing God's creative Work throughout the endless UNIVERSE perpetually, time without end.

First, while God can create separate living entities, this righteous spiritual CHARACTER cannot be created automatically by fiat. The individual created being must make his own decision and take his own action in the CHARACTER-creation.

God first created angels. He placed angels on this earth at it's creation. God set a throne of earthwide rulership on the earth. He placed on that throne a super archangel, the great cherub Lucifer, to administer the GOVERNMENT OF GOD over the earth and those inhabiting it.

Lucifer rebelled and led his angels into rebellion. He became Satan the Devil. His angels became demons. They are SPIRIT beings with immortal life. Satan is still on that throne, invisible to human eyes, TODAY!

So God created MAN in GOD'S image, but composed of MATERIAL flesh and blood from the GROUND. The first man, Adam, made the decision for his HUMAN FAMILY--the WORLD--to reject the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, based on the LAW of God. His sin cut THE WORLD as a whole--all but the minute FEW God would specially call--off from God and His immortal-life-impregnating HOLY SPIRIT, UNTIL the restoration of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD over the earth. They are reserved for their JUDGMENT DAY after restoration of GOD'S GOVERNMENT over the earth--in a resurrection to judgment in an afterlife, as explained in Revelation 20, Ezekiel 37 and other Scriptures.

Jesus Christ, the second Adam, came more than 1950 years ago. He QUALIFIED to restore the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, and to establish on earth the KINGDOM OF GOD. He said, "I will build my Church and the gates of the grave shall not prevail against it."

The Church of God which He founded in A.D. 31, is a SPIRITUAL ORGANISM --not a secular human organization. But it is ORGANIZED on God's spiritual pattern as explained in I Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4 and other New Testament Scriptures. Of course GOD the Father is HEAD over ALL. Jesus Christ is living Head of the Church. Under Him apostles were given oversight of the Church and its organized Work. Though a spiritual organism, it is organized, not on a carnal human pattern, but on God's spiritual pattern.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the MESSAGE HE PROCLAIMED! That Message was the Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD--the restoration of the GOVERNMENT of God by the coming KINGDOM of God.

The Apostolic Church from 31 A.D. proclaimed that Message, but with special emphasis on the resurrection of Jesus Christ, of which they were eyewitnesses. The population of the whole world then was probably no larger than one of the states of the U.S.A. There were no mechanical and technological facilities such as we have today, in areas of COMMUNICATION and TRANSPORTATION.

The two SPIRITUAL AREAS of the PURPOSE of the Church are, 1) proclaiming the Good News of the KINGDOM OF GOD for a witness to the nations of the world (Matthew 24:14), and 2) to "feed the flock"--on the spiritual food of the Word of God. That's ALL they had in that day. But today we carry on God's Work in a world multiplied larger in population--a mechanized, mechanical world with instrumentalities to work with, never dreamed of in the first century.

The basic organizational pattern is the SAME--but today we must utilize SUPPORTING SERVICES in scientific, technological and mechanical areas that were nonexistent in the first century. Moreover we have to deal with the world's governments in a manner quite different.

Therefore I show you an overview CHART of the Church's Organization and Government to carry on the Work of God by His Church in this 20th Century (Matt. 24:14; Mal. 3:1-5 & 4; Hag. 2).

Now we are already into a stepped-up homestretch spurt of this END-TIME Work God has given us to do. I am already deep into a new series of television and radio programs. I have twelve of the new programs already recorded in advance, beside those already aired.

Of course the major city newspaper full-page messages have been under way, and especially in the Wall Street Journal. In that paper we reach just about everybody who OWNS or wants to own the properties, and especially corporate properties of the U.S., and everybody who runs, or wants to run, the governments of the United States. We plan to greatly expand this means of sending out Christ's Message. Just day before yesterday the number one TV station of Chicago, WGN, opened to us. That is the most powerful outlet for reaching that populous midwest area since the radio program on WLS many years ago which built the Church membership in that region.

We have plans for stepping up the newsstand circulation of The PLAIN TRUTH. We plan to resume purchasing large space for Christ's Message in such publications as Reader's Digest and TV Guide, which have MASSIVE circulations reaching many MILLIONS. For all of this I am having to ask our members and co-workers to make extra sacrifices and increase their freewill offerings. We DO NOT, and WILL NOT solicit the public for contributions. But God does expect His people to make sacrifices for Him, especially at critical times.

I shall need the support of our Ministry in this, so that the additional expansions may be financed. All this additional pressure we are putting on in taking Christ's Message more powerfully now to a multiplied listening, viewing and reading public will, in a few months, begin to bring in additional NEW VOLUNTARY co-workers. The additional money we must put into this expanded program now is like pump-priming--where we used to put an amount of water into the pump to prime it, and then it produced a flow of water multiple times larger than the original priming.

Now I come to another matter.

Just over two years ago, on January 3, 1979, armed deputies under the California Attorney General's office suddenly, without notice, invaded the Pasadena headquarters of God's Church and College. It was a massive lawsuit attack that threatened to DESTROY God's Church and His Work.

It was primarily through the extraordinary work of Mr. Stanley R. Rader that the Church, its activities, facilities for those activities, properties and assets were protected, preserved, kept in continuous operation, and their destruction prevented. These properties and facilities, which I would conservatively value at more than \$100,000,000, were saved for the Church.

1) Mr. Rader had the expertise (prior to this) to guide the installation of what I feel undoubtedly is the most sophisticated accounting system of any church in the United States prior, of course, to this massive government, unconstitutional invasion. During our legal defense, which he masterminded, he had the wisdom to hire the largest C.P.A. firm in the United States, Arthur Andersen & Company, to audit all our records, and to relate to this very prestigious accounting firm so as to clear the Church and its officers of any allegations of financial wrongdoing. This was a mastermind strategical move. The Attorney General's case was doomed from the time of the Arthur Andersen & Company audit.

2) Mr. Rader masterminded the bringing together in our defense highly qualified attorneys from at least seven top legal firms to defend the Church in the many hearings and court appearances. Mr. Rader had the ability to command the respect of these prestigious legal firms, and to assume overall legal leadership as a Master General of a Master Legal Army to defend us against the overwhelming legal army of the State.

3) Mr. Rader spent much time in Sacramento working behind the scenes with other organizations that were working to put the Petris Bill through the Legislature. This Bill nullified the law on which the Attorney General's office based their case against the Church.

4) For the two years Mr. Rader was working effectively with the media nationally--Television, radio, and the press--using expertise in the media field over and beyond ordinary lawyer services. He appeared on talk shows over the nation, on many interviews, press conferences, turning public opinion in the Church's favor.

5) He utilized authorship in writing articles, and his book Against The Gates of Hell, communicating the Church side of the lawsuit before the world.

6) He had the extraordinary ability to coordinate all of this and put it together in an effective and winning spearhead.

These activities extended in extraordinary manner completely beyond the abilities and services and efforts of even the best and most famous of attorneys. Yet normal attorney's fees, totally incomparable to these extraordinary and effective activities, would run into many hundreds of thousands of dollars. Corporations have to pay very highly for ordinary legal services in corporate lawsuits. Ordinary legal services, even from

top lawyers of national reputation, in my judgment, could not have won this battle and kept God's Church alive and active. I feel that Mr. Rader's salary is grossly inadequate for these extraordinary services.

Mr. Rader had expressed a desire to retire from official Church executive position prior to the January 3, 1979 state invasion. He and I had agreed to his retirement from this executive position very shortly before January 3, 1979, to take effect very soon after the beginning of the year of 1979. When the State attack was launched January 3, it became necessary for him to stay on.

For many years now Mr. Rader has rendered extremely valuable services to this Church in the fields of Law, Accounting and Finance, besides invaluable services as my assistant in carrying Christ's Gospel Message to and through Kings, Emperors, Presidents, Prime Ministers, and other leaders of nations over all the continents of the world. He has the expertise in the field of government to complement me in talking to as many as SEVENTY heads of governments, or near heads. I feel sure no man has talked in private conversation with as many such government heads, in their own capitals over the world, as have Mr. Rader and I.

I feel this Church would be derelict in its appreciation if it does not make suitable acknowledgment for such service, rendered two years after Mr. Rader had planned to retire from active executive duty.

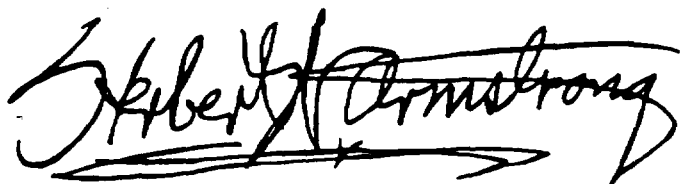
For the past five months or so he has said publicly in the public press, and before our own congregations, that it is his desire to return to private law practice, and has made public statements of intent to resign as Treasurer and Board member of the Church by July 1. Now he has asked that this date be moved up to March 1.

To show our appreciation, it is my judgment as Pastor General of this Church, that we should express our gratitude and heartfelt appreciation by a special bonus of \$250,000, net to him.

I would at this time like a voice approval from you who are leaders in the Ministry of this Church.

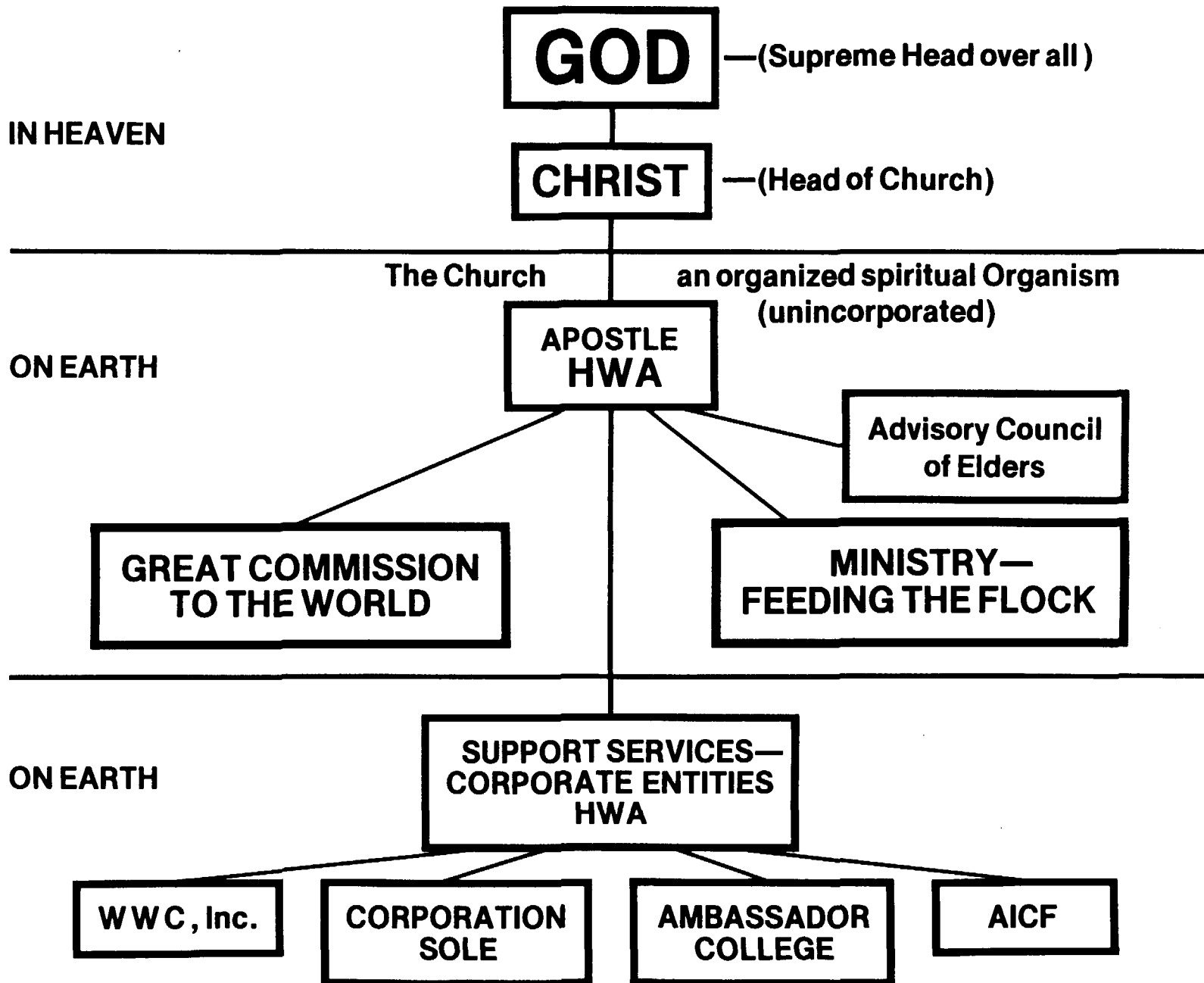
Mr. Rader will continue on as Executive Vice President of the A.I.C.F., the performing artist series in the Ambassador Auditorium, and in time and spacebuying for T.V., radio, and publication space, and as my chief advisor in legal and financial areas and in such Gospel trips abroad as I shall take, but resigning his executive responsibilities in the office of Treasurer.

Mr. Leroy Neff, Evangelist in God's Church, has been appointed as Acting Treasurer.

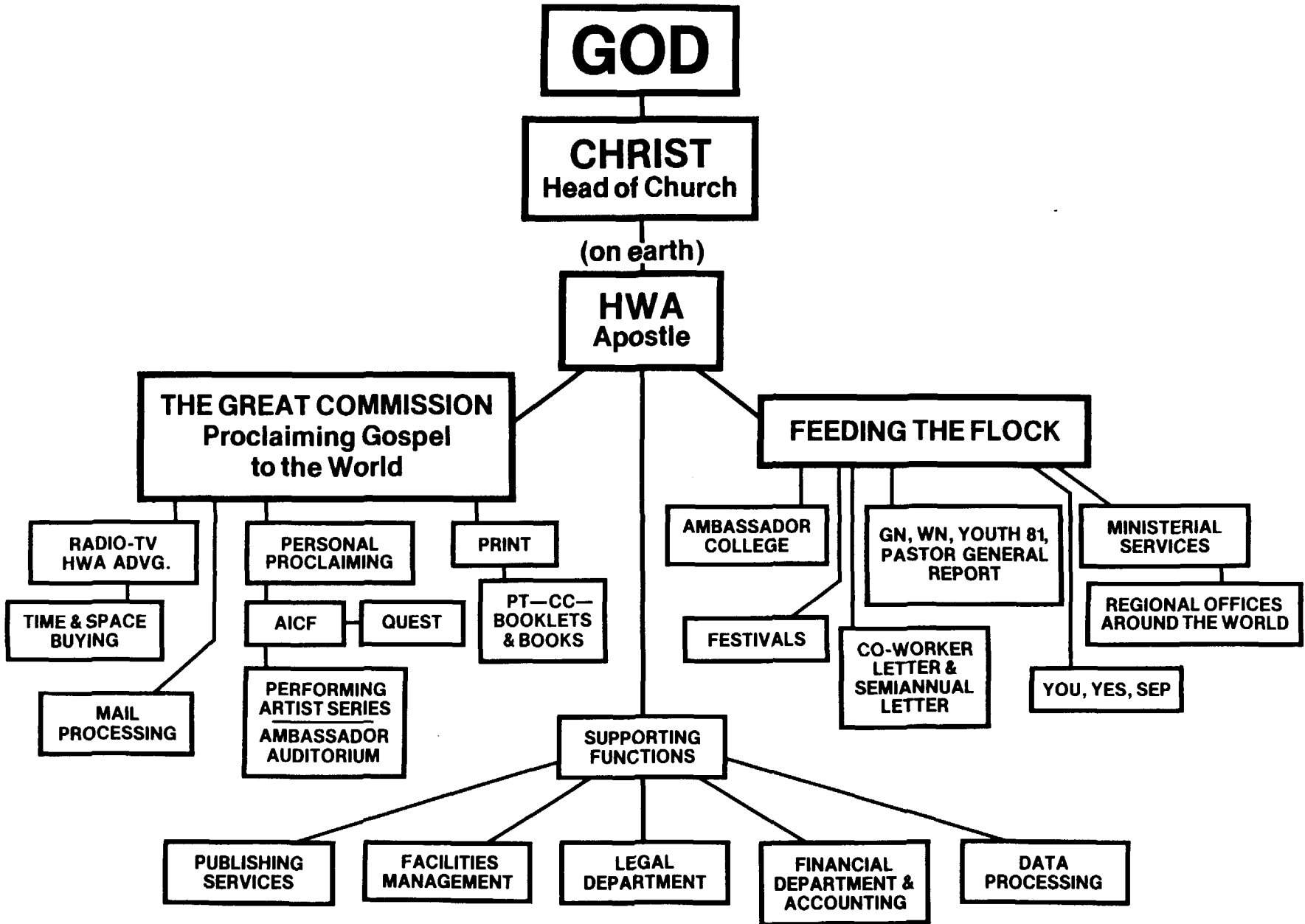
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herbert Armstrong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

(A special issue of The WORLDWIDE NEWS is now being prepared which will contain a transcript of Mr. Armstrong's 2 1/2 hour talk before the Congress of Ministers. It should be printed by Friday, March 6th, and will be mailed first class to all the brethren.)

ORGANIZATIONAL DIAGRAM OF THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD



WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD ORGANIZATION CHART



FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICESMr. Herbert Armstrong Speaks in Seattle

(The following report on Mr. Armstrong's recent trip to Seattle comes from Mr. Dennis Luker, Pastor of the Seattle Church.)

On the Sabbath of February 14, Mr. Herbert Armstrong spoke in Seattle, Washington to an overflow crowd of 2,713 brethren. This included members from all churches in the state of Washington plus a number from Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Mr. Armstrong was accompanied by his wife, Ramona, and by Mr. and Mrs. Dean Blackwell and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Neff. Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Neff are evangelists in God's Church.

The brethren were very excited because Mr. Armstrong had not visited this area and spoken to the churches for about twenty years. A large number were seeing and hearing him in person for the first time. They were not disappointed. Mr. Armstrong spoke for over two hours and was very strong both in delivery and in what he said.

His sermon subject was "What and Why Is the Church?" Mr. Armstrong made it very clear that this is the Church of God, not the church of a man. But he did explain how God called him, trained him and has used him to build this Work. He reminded us of where we learned the truth and strongly exhorted and encouraged us to remain loyal and faithful through the trials that lie ahead.

Mr. Armstrong's presence and manner of speaking was very encouraging and strengthening to all of us. He spoke with power and authority--beyond the human strength of a man nearly 90 years old. He told us all that he loved us and thanked everyone for being patient while he spoke for over two hours. It was a great blessing and honor to have God's Apostle visit us. We pray he will be able to visit other areas and deliver a similar message.

International News

Developments in Australia January 1981 was a most encouraging and profitable month for activities in God's Work in Australia. The new year got under way with an enthusiastic start!

The media and advertising efforts continue to be concentrated on actively promoting a Newsstand Programme, The WORLD TOMORROW on radio and television, and placing Mr. Armstrong's Wall Street Journal ads in major Australian newspapers. Thanks to Jesus Christ who opens the doors for His Work, some major breakthroughs have already been achieved!

The Newsstand Programme is already under way with an initial 15,000 copies of the newsstand edition of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine being distributed in January, rising to 25,000 in February. Newsstands already approved are: three at Sydney Railway Stations; two excellent outlets at the Sydney International and TAA Domestic Air Terminals; three downtown stands in Melbourne; one stand on the main railway station in Adelaide; three outlets in downtown Hobart; and three in the city of Perth, one of

A Voice Cries Out: The Executive with Rose-Colored Glasses

He was a bit ahead of his time.
Still, things *will* be far more
rosy than he sees them now!

Appeared in the Wall Street Journal Feb. 23, 1981

IT'S A PLEASING deception, perhaps, to see the most terrible and widespread evils of human history as if they were nonexistent, and all is well with the world.

The rose-colored glasses were worn by a highly placed executive of a multinational corporation, on a business trip in Cairo. He had read these page messages in a leading U.S. newspaper, and was one of the guests attending a large banquet in the ballroom of the Nile Hilton Hotel. I was the principal speaker, and I was speaking on the current troubled world condition—its causes, and what lies ahead.

To one beside him he commented that he respected what I am doing, but disagreed that world conditions are really bad. He has it made, economically. He lives well, enjoys the very best in material goods. The fact that half or more of the world is suffering, illiterate, living in abject poverty, filth and squalor—many dying of literal starvation—isn't affecting his well-being. The moral downdrift of our youths, the breakdown of the family structure, the escalating crime wave, the continual overthrow of the governments of nations, the wars and threats of wars—the myriad knotty, complicated problems and troubles seemingly beyond human solution apparently had not touched or harmed him personally. The anguish of the multiplied millions had not, apparently, as yet reached through to him. But it will!



HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

How many are in the same boat, happily oblivious to others who are sinking? Soon we shall all sink, unless the present world trend is reversed.

When world evils are what they are, and fast accelerating, with the number of nations in the nuclear club increasing, a madman at the helm of any one of those nations could ignite the nuclear explosion that can exterminate us all! Do we have FAITH in such a madman that he will hesitate to exercise such awesome power?

We are confronted with an almost unbelievable paradox: In the United States and developed nations, progress in civilization has been phenomenal in the 20th century. But this advancement has been altogether in the materialistic and physical realm.

Conversely the world has retrogressed and is cursed with more unsolved and humanly insolvable problems and evils than any time since mankind has inhabited the earth. And our No. 1 problem today is that of HUMAN SURVIVAL!

What successes we enjoy are in the materialistic realm. But materialism, no matter how abundant, does not produce happiness, peace, joy, the truly meaning-

ful life. And it leaves us questioning about, in ignorance of, worried about or trying to ignore the question of life after life. Material abundance alone can never satisfy.

Meanwhile the developing countries and the "have-not" countries are lagging or utterly lacking in even material needs, let alone abundance.

Our real problems and evils are spiritual in nature. They are caused by the way of life I call "GET" for simplicity. The way of self-centeredness, vanity, covetousness, envy, jealousy, selfish competition, strife and violence.

This way of life transgresses the overriding spiritual LAW I term "GIVE"—outflowing LOVE toward others, concern for their welfare, serving, cooperating, sharing. That invisible spiritual law is as inexorable as relentless in automatic motion as the law of gravity!

We can never have a happy, meaningful, satisfying life and world UNTIL WE REPENT—TURN FROM—THE SELFISH WAY OF "GET!" But if humanity won't—and it will not!—the unseen "Strong Hand from Someplace" will soon intervene in world affairs, save humanity from destroying itself and rule all peoples of the earth with the Law of "GIVE" instead of "GET." This will usher in the happy, peaceful, abundant WORLD TOMORROW.

No one will need rose-colored glasses then!

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
Pastor General
Worldwide Church of God

Those who care for it may have, gratis, with no follow-up, Mr. Armstrong's booklet *The Seven Laws of Success*. The nation's top executives have followed the first six. Also, on request, no subscription price, the full-color mass-circulation magazine of UNDERSTANDING, *The Plain Truth*, bringing you the meaning behind world news. Address: Herbert W. Armstrong, Pasadena, Calif., 91123, or call toll free (800) 423-4444. In California call collect (214) 577-5225.

these being strategically placed in the main Perth bus depot. Other newsstand outlets are under consideration.

Soon The WORLD TOMORROW radio broadcast will be once again heard on the air waves in Australia. Already three stations in Western Australia-- 6KG Kalgoorlie; 6GE Geraldton; and 6BY Bridgetown/Katanning--have accepted the programme and broadcasting is scheduled to begin March 1st.

Progress has also been made to begin airing the "World Tomorrow" television programme. At present options with two stations in Adelaide, two in Perth, and one in Brisbane are under consideration and negotiation. Within the next couple of weeks it is hoped to secure television coverage in Sydney and Melbourne.

A really exciting breakthrough is the successful placing of Mr. Armstrong's Wall Street Journal Ads in four leading Australian newspapers. As these comments are being prepared, the first of Mr. Armstrong's ads appeared February 2nd in the Sydney Morning Herald (circulation 258,000), the Melbourne Age (circulation 244,000), the Brisbane Courier Mail (circulation 270,000), and the Adelaide Advertiser (circulation 228,000)-- total circulation of 1,000,000 copies!

"A Voice Cries Out," in bold black headlines one and a half inches high, dominates the full-page advertisements. The ads will appear twice a month in the Sydney Morning Herald and the Melbourne Age, and once per month in the Brisbane Courier Mail and the Adelaide Advertiser.

Canadian Summary The first month of 1981 is now history! The office staff hardly had an opportunity to catch their breath after a record-setting December, and year 1980. Now they find themselves well into a new year, and nothing seems to be "letting up."

The mail continues to come in very heavy, due to a massive renewal of those many thousands of names added to the file last spring as a result of the newspaper insert programme all across Canada.

Even though income has trailed off somewhat (11% over last January), the prospect for 1981 remains very good indeed. The expanded newspaper coverage with Mr. Armstrong's full-page ads is creating a public awareness in circles where the Church has gone virtually unnoticed to date.

News From New Zealand For the third year in a row, God has blessed us with an excellent January income increase, with this January topping the figure for the same month last year by 32%.

During the month of January, Mr. David Hulme of the Vancouver office, who has been in Australia working on media plans for God's Work there, visited Auckland for a few days to help with our media arrangements for the coming year. Our main goals are to place Mr. Armstrong's series of full-page ads into leading newspapers here, to put The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast back on radio, to establish a newsstand programme and to keep PLAIN TRUTH circulation up.

Mr. Hulme arranged for an appointment with Whitaker Advertising--part of New Zealand's number one advertising group--which is affiliated with the advertising agencies used by God's Work in Canada and Australia. The Agency staff were very excited about the material we were able to show

them, including a telecast of Mr. Armstrong, part of the "Young Ambassadors" film, the Envoy, AGAINST THE GATES OF HELL, and some copies of The PLAIN TRUTH and QUEST/81. Finally, we were able to show them Mr. Armstrong's advertisements. They couldn't believe their eyes, commenting that they had never seen such clean and well laid out copy.

Already we are lining up a series of ten of Mr. Armstrong's full-page ads to run in the New Zealand Herald and the Dominion, the morning newspapers in the nation's two largest cities. These ads are to begin appearing in March. Full-colour newspaper inserts advertising The PLAIN TRUTH will also be run in some of the nation's leading newspapers in May and October. We estimate that these promotional activities should add at least 20,000 new PLAIN TRUTH subscribers during the coming year.

Appreciation for Ministerial Refreshing Program

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

My wife and I would like to express our most sincere thanks and deep appreciation for having the opportunity of attending the Ministerial Refreshing Program.

It was also a most joyous occasion sharing bonds of common interests with all our Spanish-speaking ministers and their wives. The ten pounds I gained (which I did not need) were well worth the price paid for the spiritual gain!

There is no doubt in my mind as to where the ministry as a whole is headed. Right on course! This right course has been exemplified through the spirit of unity, cooperation, organization, love and concern from the instructors and felt and shared by all of us during the entire seventh session.

This is indeed one more solid affirmation that reviewing God's truths and doctrines presented to us under your direction are never dull, uninteresting, boring or meaningless, but rather refreshing, inspiring, educational and purposeful. As a result, I have been prompted to become a better minister and less of a "preacher."

Our thanks also to Mr. Tkach, Mr. Walker and the rest of the fine instructors for the effort and dedication rendered to us in this outstanding program.

Alberto and Elizabeth Sousa
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Tkach:

Buenos dias! Thank you so very much for the wonderful opportunity of attending the seventh session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program.

It was a tremendous inspiration to drink in of the atmosphere of overwhelming physical and spiritual beauty at God's Campus. We couldn't help but think how much the many rushing waterfalls and fountains on the campus aptly symbolize the presence of God's

Holy Spirit, which is abundantly visible in the friendliness and harmony of God's people there.

The presence of the Spanish-speaking ministers certainly added a unique and exciting flavour, and clearly underlined the fact that the unity of God's truth far transcends any differences of nationality or language in this truly worldwide Work.

A big "thank you" to all the instructors for all the effort that went into the planning and preparation of the classes. Every session was obviously researched in great depth, and presented practical, meaty, knowledge that will really help make our ministry more effective. The way you all willingly gave of your time to be there at the question-and-answer afternoon, in spite of your pressing responsibilities in other areas, set us a tremendous example we need to follow in passing on God's truth to the brethren by laying down our lives (i.e. our time) for them.

As we go home and study over our hundreds of pages of notes, the value of the course will continue to be felt for many months and years into the future.

Rex and Davina Morgan

Dear Mr. Tkach:

It has been nearly three weeks since I finished three of the most jampacked and spiritually-motivating weeks in my whole life. The seventh session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program was a high point in my life as well as it was for my wife, Millie.

We would just like to take a few minutes to thank you and your staff, and to ask you to pass on to Mr. Armstrong our deep appreciation and thanks for having designed and instituted the program. Never have I felt more satisfied as I did on a number of occasions as I listened to one of the instructors explaining and reaffirming a basic doctrine of the Church.

All of the ministers instructing us were motivated and their presentations were motivating and reassuring. It is true, someone had tried to move the lighthouse, but in spite of all of Satan's vile efforts, the Truth was still shining through just as it was when Mr. Armstrong, led by God's Spirit, preached it when he was raising up the Philadelphia Era of His Church.

As I mentioned to you one evening in the Student Center after the course had terminated, it was very encouraging and reassuring to see the consistency manifested by men such as Messrs. Blackwell, McNair, Hoeh, Neff and yourself. The lectures we received were so reminiscent of Ambassador College classes when I attended in the early sixties. Actually, all of the instructors did a tremendous job, and Millie and I are thankful and appreciative of them, but since I have known you and the others mentioned, it was especially encouraging to see how you all had kept the faith --you sounded just as you did years ago!

We continually thank God for the faithfulness and loving care His Apostle continually shows for the Church, and for us ministers, his sons in the Lord. Finally, thanks to you and those who work with you in Ministerial Services for the excellent facilities and arrangements which made our stay in Pasadena so pleasant and so refreshing. Tell Carlton Green that both of us hold him responsible for our gaining twelve pounds between us!

Stan and Millie Bass

Dear Mr. Tkach and all of those in Ministerial Services conducting the Refreshing Program:

We want to thank all of you for your hard work and efforts put forth during the Refreshing Program, and for your dedication to God's Work and loyalty to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. We greatly appreciated the fellowship with our fellow servants, and especially those in the Spanish-speaking area of God's Work.

It was very refreshing to see Ambassador College growing and becoming more perfect, and the attitudes of all of those striving together in harmony to get this Great Work accomplished.

Bill and Judy Swanson

Joe Tkach:

Just wanted to express our thanks to ALL who made the Refreshing Course so successful. We appreciate the time and effort that is put into each of these sessions, and hope the resulting fruit will be its own reward.

George and Karen Meeker

Mr. Tkach:

We're only half way through the eighth session of the Refreshing Program but already have over one hundred pages of notes from the classes! It seems practically everything is valuable, interesting, and worthy of note. It is truly a refreshing experience to be reminded and strengthened in the plain truth of God so we can go forth with power and confidence to teach those God has called in unity of spirit and doctrine. Thanks to you, the staff, and especially Mr. Armstrong for making it possible.

Chuck and Shirley Ranchie

Dear Mr. Tkach:

Carol and I want to thank you for the opportunity to be here for the Refreshing Program. I can't help but think that the unity and oneness God is creating in His Work at this time is very good in His sight. It is very good to be here and be a part of that "creation."

I think that we on the Refreshing Program can relate to that anecdote you told Sabbath...that we're created with two ends, one to think with and other to sit on. Right now it's almost "tails

we lose." Hopefully in a couple of weeks it will once again be "heads we win."

Earl and Carol Roemer

Comments From Monthly Church Reports

JOPLIN, MO--VINCE SZYMKOWIAK: Brethren overall are very loyal to Mr. Armstrong and the Work. However, Satan is continuing to strike at God's people through various ways. The brethren seem to be working harder on their marriage problems and other personal problems.

OMAHA, NB--ARTHUR W. DOCKEN: Mr. Armstrong's latest Co-Worker/Member letter sparked a great deal of interest. Drought conditions have not been worse since the 30's--recent snow helped but only a little. In spite of problems the members generally have a very positive attitude.

HOUSTON NORTH, TX--JOHN OGWYN: Things are going well overall--no major problems. Very good enthusiasm over YOUTH 81 and overall emphasis on youth and family.

SANTA BARBARA, CA--LES MCCOLM: Enthusiasm is still very high for Mr. Armstrong's trip to Japan and the Philippines. Have been keeping the congregation informed by reading most of the Pastor's Report --including some of the letters.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA--LES MCCOLM: We had two record attendances this month. Some of the increase is due to having services in the afternoon, but most of them are new PM's or members of families who have neglected services for some time.

Special Letters of Interest and Appreciation

Truth Rides in Back Seat for Three Months!

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I feel that I must tell you of the amazing way The PLAIN TRUTH entered my life. Approximately 6 months ago I bought a used car. I noticed a copy of your magazine in the back seat. Never having heard of your publication, I assumed it was some sort of automotive manual that came along with the car. Several times I started to throw it away, but something told me not to. So for three months I rode around with your magazine in the back seat. Then one day while cleaning out the car, I decided to go ahead and throw it away. However, for some odd reason I went back to the trash can and got it out. Still not knowing the nature of the magazine, I began to flip the pages and read the titles of different articles. Never before have I had such a feeling of discovery. I read every single article before putting the magazine down. I feel that God led that person, whoever it might have been, to leave your magazine in the car and also led me to retrieve it from the garbage.

Thank you for answering so many questions and for helping me understand the Bible. I have been a Christian since I was eight years old, but never before have I truly understood the meaning behind

the scriptures like I do now. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and understanding with others.

T.B.P., Wrightsville, GA

TV Program Now Received in Their Area

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

One week ago The WORLD TOMORROW television program began to be aired in West Central Illinois. We in the Macomb, Illinois congregation count it a great blessing to now have the program. The program shown today, "Seven Events, A Prelude to World Peace," was a beautiful and inspiring presentation of the truth.

Thanks to the great God for allowing this truth to go out in our area. And congratulations for the fine job you are doing in preaching the Gospel.

We in Macomb are 100% behind you in this Work of God. Mr. Jess Ernest, pastor of the Peoria and Macomb Church congregations, gives us a fine example in his support for you.

Bob and Betty Druien

Arizona Widows Hosted in Pasadena

Dear Mr. Tkach:

I am writing to you and all the members of the P.M. Church, including the students, to thank you all for the truly wonderful time our elderly widows [from Tempe, Arizona] enjoyed while we were there.

They have been walking on cloud nine ever since. The love and giving spirit that we found everywhere exhibited by everyone we met overcame us all and touched our hearts. Mr. Tkach, will you please convey thanks to all and let them know how much we love you all?

Thank you, too, for taking us all to dinner. We had a great time. and please say hello to Mrs. Tkach. We are all in the process of writing to Mr. Armstrong to let him know how much we enjoyed ourselves while at the College.

There really is a great change everywhere and it cannot be hid. The Work and Church are truly back in the right way again thanks to God and Mr. Armstrong and all of you who work so hard, and yet still have time to give and show love to all of us.

Jim and Margaret Patterson

Y.O.U. Activities Successful

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

As the Bible says, by the fruits we shall know them and their works. This is just a short note to let you know how well the Y.O.U. Family District Weekend worked out in Blackfoot, Idaho. It was one of the very finest youth activities that I have ever

had the pleasure of organizing and participating in as far as attitude, cooperation, and general participation are concerned.

Also, the new YOUTH 81 magazine was really splendid in every way. I really feel it was fitting to have the very fine portrait of you on the cover of the first issue, since God has used you to do so much for the youth in the Church as a result of establishing the Church through you and keeping it on the right track through you.

Jeff McGowan

Bermuda Y.O.U. Member Appreciates Film

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I am a member of the Y.O.U. in Bermuda. Recently we saw the film called "Even From My Youth." I enjoyed it very much. The other Y.O.U. members and I would like very much if you made more films like that one. It was clear to me and I understood it. I really hope that you make more films like that. I am sure that other Y.O.U. clubs around the world would enjoy it also.

Khandi Weller

Weekly Letter Comments

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse recently completed another tour of churches worldwide. Here, in retrospect, are comments showing the members' enthusiasm as he expounded the message of the Kingdom of God. Also included this week are letters from people who have requested the Work's booklets and found them informative, educational and thought provoking. Many are grateful for the understanding they have received from them. Lastly, youth share their appreciation for Y.O.U. and the true values they have learned.

Mr. Waterhouse Inspires Brethren Worldwide

Last night our church had the opportunity to hear Mr. Waterhouse. WOW!!! What a boost and blessing! It's been such a long time since I've heard him expound God's plan. The words of encouragement and warning are well taken. Also, it is good to have a clearer picture of what lies ahead in the future. I certainly want to continue to be a staunch member of the team!

Mrs. Janet Farnsworth (Gardenia, CA)

I want to thank Mr. Gerald Waterhouse for his sermon when he was in Portland. My 15-year-old son finally saw the part our young people will have in the millennium and on into the new heavens and earth. Mr. Waterhouse made it so plain that even the youth could understand.

Dorothy Stanley (Brush Prairie, WA)

It was so good to hear Mr. Waterhouse here in St. Petersburg, Florida. This was the best sermon I have heard him give in 17

years. He is so inspiring. It makes you want God's Kingdom right now. I just pray that I can be worthy when the time comes. It is getting scary and real serious now. I know we can't put things off any longer.

Carol Pratwick (Dunedin, FL)

I would like to thank you deeply (Mr. Armstrong) for sending Mr. Gerald Waterhouse on a tour of the Canadian cities. In his unique style, he gave an outline of the government of God as administered both in the Church today and in the world tomorrow. The whole crux of his message was that we should be 100% loyal and faithful in backing you up as God's apostle.

Mr. Waterhouse helped us all to clearly see how God has raised you up specifically as His end-time apostle, and how we are part of your team with Jesus Christ as our Head.

Eli Chiprout (Montreal, Canada)

Readers Grateful for Booklets

Thank you very much for sending me all the literature, especially THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. When I first received the booklet, I thought to myself, "The Ten Commandments, so what? I already know all about that!" Actually, I didn't know a fraction of the truth that was in the booklet.

Your publication opened my eyes to see the Ten Commandments as the basis for all law. In addition, it pointed out transgressions I had never thought of before. Of all the booklets that I have read, I believe THE TEN COMMANDMENTS is the most enlightening.

Martin Hrachovy (Houston, TX)

Many years ago, you sent me your booklet, THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH COMMONWEALTH IN PROPHECY. To this day, I'm deeply indebted to Mr. Armstrong for that booklet. With it he opened the way to a true understanding of the Bible.

Dora B. (Dusseldorf, West Germany)

I've read THE PLAIN TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTMAS, and THE BOOK OF REVELATION UNVEILED AT LAST. You sure have done a wonderful job letting people know what's really happening and what we all better do for ourselves and others.

Richard Jendro (Little Falls, MN)

I recently had the opportunity to read your publication FACTS ON VD: THE SILENT EPIDEMIC. I am a health teacher and the coordinator of the health program for our school district. We include the study of sexually-transmitted diseases in our high school classes. The pamphlet that you publish is one of the best that I have seen. I would like to use it as a part of our study.

I noticed that the publication is free, but I would like to have 40 copies to be used by the students. We could reuse them after class. Would you please send 40 copies and along with them you can include

the cost for that number. Thank you for what you provide for the youth of our country, and especially for our school district.

Ron Augustine (Black River Falls, WI)

Your booklet, THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH COMMONWEALTH IN PROPHECY, was especially interesting to me. The explanations by Mr. Armstrong are clear and far reaching.

It's a shame that there are so few people interested in such things. Most people let themselves be distracted by social diversions, television and the worries of life. They should recognize that life is just as dependent on spiritual nutrition. There are so many people who disdain and disregard the "Book of books" as a legend and a myth. If they would take the trouble, they would discover that it is a book with history written in advance--into our time and the rapidly approaching great judgment of our Creator!

Hildegard S. (Fuerstenfeldbruck, West Germany)

Youth Appreciate Y.O.U.

I want you (Mr. Armstrong) to know that the kids here, as well as the Y.O.U. program, are doing terrific! The decision to make ministers the coordinators was undoubtedly God inspired. It is working out very well.

All of us kids here (as of course we should) are attending adult as well as Y.O.U. Bible Studies with a vigorous spirit. There is more interest in Y.O.U. and Church-related activities than ever before. Aside from the daily routine of school, the Church fills our entire lives! We are planning many activities that will be rewarding, full of learning and fun!

Vickie Thomas (Omaha, NB)

I just wanted to send you this donation. In the past I haven't made many donations but I wanted to send this one in appreciation of what Y.O.U. has given me! We have had many activities in the past and I have enjoyed them very much!

Kim Litz (Broomfield, CO)

This is going to be my last year in Y.O.U. I just wanted to write and thank you for this organization. It has helped me to grow in character and personality. But most of all it drew me closer to my family.

My whole attitude toward the Church has changed and I've drawn closer to the Church over the years. The Y.O.U. members are 100% behind you (Mr. Armstrong) and truly believe you are God's apostle. Y.O.U. teaches the right way to live and the right way to have fun. It also teaches us God's laws and commandments.

Michelle Loew (Pittsburgh, PA)

We are in Y.O.U. and really enjoy it. We all appreciate what you (Mr. Armstrong) are doing for us. Thank you very much. We are enclosing a check for first tithe and offering.

Greg and Mike Stremcha (Philipsburg, MT)

Being a Y.O.U. member for six years, I was given the opportunity to travel, meet other teens in God's Church and participate in national track, cheerleading and tri-regional volleyball. Y.O.U. has taught me to practice God's way of "give" rather than Satan's way of "get," as I participated in the various sports.

I can truly say that Y.O.U. has helped me in more ways than I can express. Now, as a freshman in college, I am enjoying my last year in Y.O.U. I am also a newly baptized member of God's Church and really believe Y.O.U. helped prepare me for this awesome decision and responsibility. I would like to thank all those dedicated people who helped to make Y.O.U. what it is today.

Alice Vern Richardson (Bunn Summit, NC)

JOE TKACH, MINISTERIAL SERVICES

CHURCH WINS FIRST VICTORY
IN CALIFORNIA COURT SYSTEM!

by Stanley R. Rader

February 26, 1981

On October 15, 1980, the attorney general dismissed his complaint against the Worldwide Church of God and all other parties named in the lawsuit.

At that time, an appeal was pending in the District Court of Appeals. It was this appeal that resulted in the several million dollars of individual surety obligations being undertaken in the Spring of 1979 by the devoted brethren of the Church in order to stay [put on hold] the receivership until the appeal would be decided.

Immediately upon the Superior Court's entering of the dismissal of the lawsuit as requested by the attorney general, the District Court of Appeals was also petitioned by the Attorney General to dismiss the Church's pending appeal as moot. [The A.G. said the matter would be "moot" or no longer a viable issue.]

The District Court of Appeals, unfortunately, when it issued its order did not clearly state that the matter before it is moot. This gave significant encouragement to the adversaries of God's Church, including the receiver and Mr. Chodos, because the District Court of Appeal's failure to declare the appeal moot suggested that the Superior Court still had some kind of continuing jurisdiction.

In fact, Chodos immediately filed an appeal himself to the same District Court of Appeals contending that the attorney general had improperly dismissed his complaint and arguing that the receivership should be immediately reinstalled.

We took these matters to the California Supreme Court and yesterday, in a very unusual manner, the Supreme Court granted the hearing and at the

same time ruled unanimously in favor of our petition! Thus the High Court bypassed the District Court of Appeals and declared the matter moot.

This decision, so unique in California Appellate Court procedure, should have significant bearing on the remaining matters still pending in the state court system.

We still have pending our appeals of the lower court's awarding of fees to the receiver and we are still attempting to get the California District Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court to rule that the initial imposition of the receiver was unlawful from the outset.

It is interesting that the highest court of the State of California, in its first appellate ruling has granted us the exact relief that was requested.

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FROM Y.O.U.

S.E.P. Update

Plans are well under way for S.E.P. at Orr this summer. As was announced earlier, we will be running three 3-week sessions with tuition staying at \$175 plus a \$25 clothing fee.

Dates for each session are:

Session I	June 10-June 29
Session II	July 3-July 23
Session III	July 17-August 16.

To date we have received 675 applications and they are coming in at a rate of 25 per day. We already have enough applications for the second session to be more than full. (No one has been accepted yet, though, as we want to give first-time campers priority.)

If you have young people in your church who want to attend, we encourage you to have them submit their applications as soon as possible and to apply for first or third sessions whenever possible. We will start making acceptances in mid-March.

Along this same line, we just talked with Mr. Tkach about church scholarships. He wanted us to encourage any local congregation which can do so to sponsor a deserving youth to camp. This can be done through Spokesman Club sponsorship or in other ways. You can sponsor either a youth from your church or from another church area.

Along another line, plans call for us to do a lot of maintenance and remodeling of the Orr property this summer. We plan to upgrade the dorms, faculty units, and bath houses. It has been several years since any appreciable amount of work has been done on the property in general. This summer's work will help bring the property back up to the standards which Mr. Armstrong desires.

Y.E.S. Update

Plans for implementation of the new Y.E.S. program this spring are still on schedule. The first lessons have been approved by Mr. Armstrong and are currently at press. Current scheduled mailing date is the latter part of April. Lessons should be in the hands of each student by early

May. Pastors will receive a packet prior to that time explaining the program in more detail.

Y.O.U. Update

Included in this Pastor General's Report is a map showing the new Y.O.U. district and regional boundaries (regional boundaries apply to track and talent only). Also included is a listing of the men who will be serving as District Coordinators for these new districts.

These new boundaries and coordinator responsibilities will become effective with the end of the basketball season and the beginning of the track and field season this year. We again wish to express our deep appreciation to all those who have given of themselves to serve the youth program of the Church in the past. We also look forward to working with all of you men in the future as God continues to lead and direct His Church through Mr. Herbert Armstrong.

The new Pastor's Y.O.U. Manual is now in the final stages of writing. You will each be receiving your copy just as soon as it is approved and printed. Thank you for your patience. Until then, continue to follow the old manual unless a given policy has been superseded by recent material in the Pastor General's Report. If you have any questions, feel free to call Y.O.U. or Ministerial Services.

--Y.O.U. Office

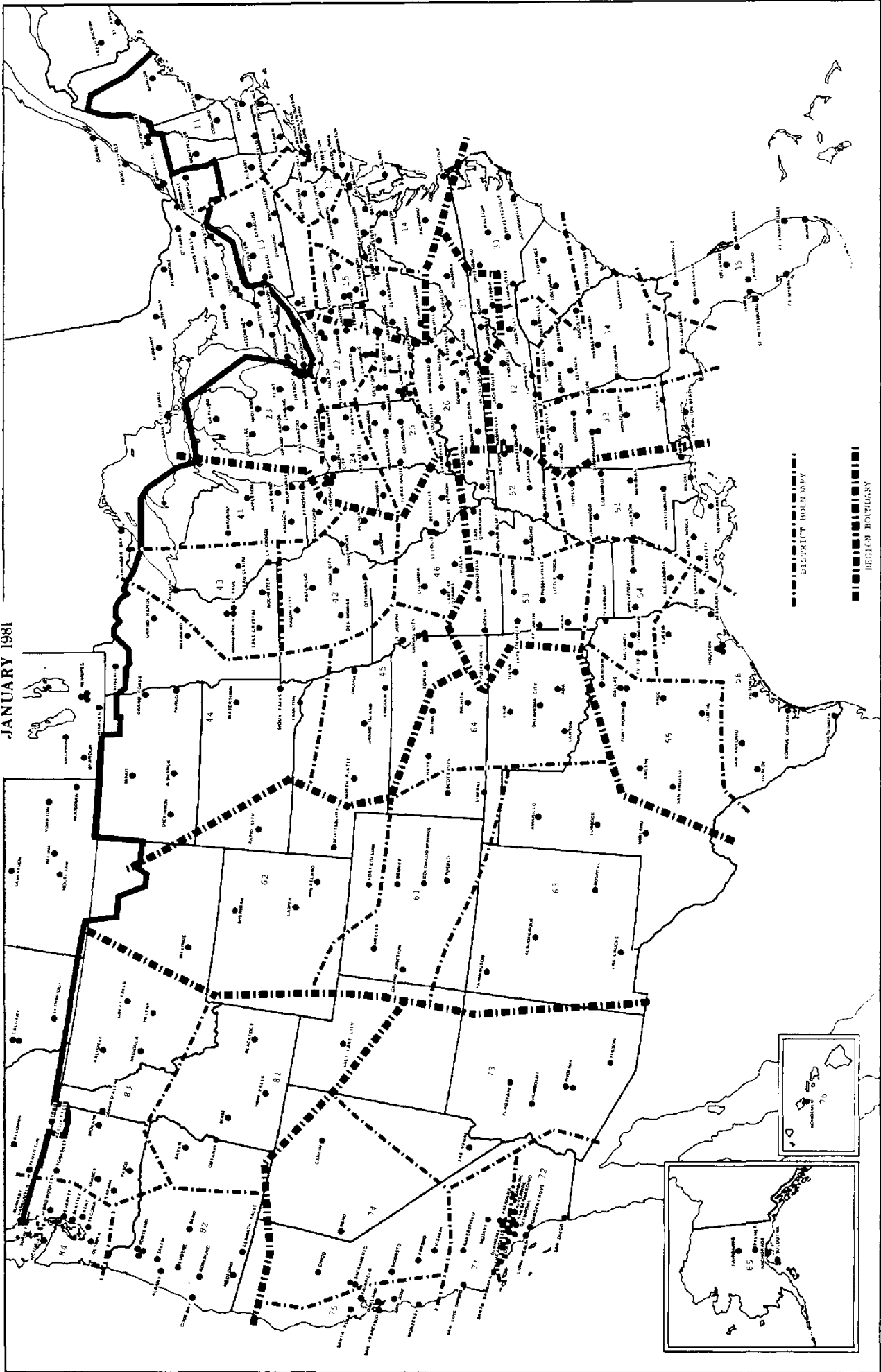
Y.O.U. DISTRICT COORDINATORS

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<u>District</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>City</u>
11	Jim Franks	Boston, MA
12	Lloyd Briggie	Montvale, NJ
13	Bill Jacobs	Erie, PA
14	Ken Giese	Norfolk, VA
15	Ray Lisman	Pittsburgh, PA
21	Charles Crain	Bluefield, WV
22	Jim Foster	Canton, OH
23	Earl Williams	Detroit E, MI
24	Al Barr	Chicago SS, IL
25	Vernon Hargrove	Indianapolis, IN
26	Dave Treybig	Portsmouth, OH
31	Mike Booze	Raleigh, NC
32	Darris McNeeley	Murfreesboro, TN
33	Jim Tuck	Huntsville, AL
34	Mark Masterson	Athens, GA
35	Randy Kobernat	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
41	Mike Hanisko	Kenosha, WI
42	Jim Reyer	Des Moines, IA
43	Bill Jahns	St. Paul, MN
44	Dan Creed	Bismarck, ND
45	Bruce Gore	Kansas City, KS
46	Harold Smith	Belleville, IL
51	Jim Servidio	New Orleans, LA
52	Joe Dobson	Jackson, TN

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Y.O.U. DISTRICT & REGIONAL BOUNDARIES

(Y.O.U. DISTRICT COORDINATORS, Cont'd)

53	Vince Szymkowiak	Joplin, MO
54	Brisco Ellett	Monroe, LA
55	Gerald Witte	Denison, TX
56	Greg Sargent	San Antonio, TX
61	Ron Kelly	Denver, CO
62	Steve Buchanan	Rapid City, SD
63	Jim O'Brien	Amarillo, TX
64	Arnold Clauson	Oklahoma City, OK
71	Curtis May	Imperial, CA
72	Terry Mattson	Garden Grove, CA
73	Mark Cardona	Phoenix, AZ
74	Noel Hornor	Modesto, CA
75	LeRoy Cole	San Jose, CA
81	Randy Schreiber	Blackfoot, ID
82	Jim Haeffele	Portland, OR
83	Roger Foster	Spokane, WA
84	Lambert Greer	Tacoma, WA
85	Earl Roemer	Alaska

CORRECTION

In the last PGR (February 20) a typographical error was made in Mr. Richard Rice's contribution titled, "Excellent Telephone Response To First New World Tomorrow Telecast." In the first reason given for the remarkable impact of the program, "10,000 calls" should have read 1,000 calls. Our apologies to Mr. Rice and our readers for this oversight.

--Managing Editor

ON THE WORLD SCENE

"TRAVELLING POPE" TOURS ASIA Pope John Paul II has just completed his ninth trip outside Italy in his first 28 months in office. This time the focus was Asia, where his 12-day, 20,500-mile odyssey took him to primarily the Philippines, Guam and Japan with mass-celebrating stopovers en route in Karachi, Pakistan and Anchorage, Alaska.

The biggest welcome of all was in the Philippines, where 40 million of 48 million Filipinos claim church membership. Significantly, the Pope arrived just days after God's Apostle had completed a highly successful series of meetings, forcefully proclaiming everywhere the true Gospel. In the Philippines, the Pontiff ventured into the politics of this world, walking his usual tightrope. He lectured President Marcos--who recently lifted martial law--on the need to preserve "the fundamental dignity of the human person" and the "basic rights" protecting such dignity "even in

exceptional circumstances." Yet, on several occasions, before slum dwellers and agricultural workers, he counselled the poor not to resort to "hate, class struggle or violence" to redress their grievances. He did uphold, however, the sugar workers' rights to organize--a hot political issue--to fight for a "just share" of the industry's profits.

The pope, while hardly shunning political issues himself, counselled the Philippines' political activist priests against meddling in politics as he did on an earlier trip to Mexico. "You are priests...you are not social or political leaders or officials of a temporal power."

While on Mindanao, the pope appealed for peace among the island's battling Christians and Muslims, saying they were "passengers on the same ship." (A common-front approach toward all religions was evident on his stopover in Karachi, Pakistan--an obvious goodwill gesture directed to the world's 800 million Muslims.)

John Paul II also used an occasion in the Philippines to send a radio transmission to all Asia. The message was directed primarily to Communist China, however. He said he "ardently desired to express my affection and esteem to all my brothers and sisters of the Church in China."

Chinese authorities have separated Chinese Catholics from the authority of Rome. The pope wants to restore this link, and desires greatly to go to China. ("He wants to go everywhere," noted a Vatican insider.)

The trip to Japan was the first ever for a reigning pope. (There are only 400,000 Catholics in Japan). In Tokyo, the Pope spoke ecumenically to Shinto and Buddhist leaders, saying that Christians "are willing to collaborate with you on behalf of man's dignity (and) his innate rights."

Visiting the "ground zero" areas of atomic-bomb-devastated Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the pope--embellishing his image as tireless worker for world peace--pledged that "we will work untiringly for disarmament and the banishing of all nuclear weapons. Let us replace violence and hate with confidence and caring."

More on the "travelling pope's" trips coming in our other publications.

--Gene H. Hogberg, News Bureau