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FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

Special Film to Be Viewed Nationwide

On March 7th, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong spoke to all of the Southern California churches by microwave transmission from Tucson. This powerful sermon has been transferred to 16mm film. It is Mr. Armstrong's desire that this film be shown to all U.S. churches as soon as possible. Many churches will be viewing it on the 4th of April, with the majority of U.S. churches seeing it by April 11th.

On the Sabbath that this special film is shown, the following format for services should be used:

- hymns
- opening prayer
- announcements by pastor (there will be no sermonette)
- special music
- Mr. Armstrong's 16mm film
- hymns
- closing prayer

Also, a number have inquired about the use of projectors. The following information should answer most questions.

If the audience is composed of less than 1,000 people, the normal 16mm projector with an incandescent lamp (500 to 1200 watts of power) will do the job nicely. However, if the audience exceeds 1,000 people in size, a larger, special bulb is required.

Several types of projectors have been modified for use with these special bulbs--the General Electric Marc 350 and the General Electric Marc 300. These are small, enclosed mercury arc lamps capable of producing about four times (Marc 300) or six times (Marc 350) the illumination of the 1000-watt lamps. They cost more to rent, but are necessary to get ample brightness.

The most popular projectors using these special lamps are:

- BELL & HOWELL MODEL 567 (MARC 350) AUTO-THREADING (RECOMMENDED)
- BELL & HOWELL MODEL 566 (MARC 300) AUTO-THREADING
- KODAK PAGEANT (MARC 300) MANUAL-THREADING
- GRAFLEX MODEL 940 (MARC 300) MANUAL-THREADING
- KALART/VICTOR MODEL 70-15 MC 3 (MARC 300) MANUAL THREADING

Finally, we would like to thank you for your prompt and diligent effort and cooperation in helping us to organize this project. It certainly does take teamwork.

Next week's Pastor General's Report will include a shipping itinerary for each film, information on shipping procedures, and other pertinent information.

International News

Spanish Area Progress During several months last year a concerted effort was made to design ads for the back cover of the Spanish PV (PT) especially attuned to the Spanish-speaking world. These ads brought overwhelming response--two, three, even four times more than usual. For example, the June back cover ad offering the Correspondence Course brought over 3,700 responses, or 5.3 percent of the PV subscribers that issue. Likewise, an ad in the August La PURA VERDAD for the reprint article, "How to Talk to Your Children about Sex," drew a 5.5 percent response.

Goals for boosting PV circulation in large Spanish-speaking countries where the past years there have been very few subscribers are surpassing expectations. Spain, with only 800 subscribers last October, now has 5,200 PV's arriving every issue; the eventual goal for 1981 is 9,000. Argentina had about 1,000 subscribers last August--circulation has risen to over 6,100. The dedicated work of local brethren in maintaining the cardholder program, newspaper advertising and other methods have combined to achieve these goals.

One last note: the July 1980 PV contained Mr. Armstrong's "Personal" column in which he admonished readers to encourage others to ask for a free subscription. A card was inserted into that same issue offering a free subscription to readers (but non-subscribers). From this one issue over 5,000 subscribers were added--a response of 12 percent! When Mr. Armstrong speaks, people listen!

To date, 87,373 people subscribe to La PURA VERDAD around the world--over 13,400 have been added in two months.

Canadian Report After a slower than usual start to the new year, February's report indicates an upturn in reader and member/co-worker involvement.

Response to Mr. Armstrong's powerful co-worker letter detailing the needs in God's Work has been most encouraging. The income surged late in the month to give a 29.6% increase over last year's February income. The year-to-date income figure stands at an increase of 20.4%.

Requests and comments as a result of running a selection of Mr. Armstrong's full-page ads from the Wall Street Journal was the dominant feature of incoming mail. There is no doubt that a greater awareness of God's Work and Apostle exists in Canada now that the series of ads has been completed.

An extensive media review is underway here in Vancouver to make sure that wise use is made of the funds God makes available. Better television and radio opportunities are being sought as renewal of contract time nears.

Appreciation for Ministerial Refreshing Program

Dear Mr. Armstrong and refreshing program staff:

The highlight of the eighth session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program (and there were many) was hearing Mr. Armstrong deliver his "Congress of Ministers" address on February 25th. Mr. Armstrong radiated confidence, warmth, and a sense of urgency which electrified all who heard him speak. I certainly count it a blessing to have heard him that day and was inspired by his message.

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A Voice Cries Out: Could You Live on \$85 a Year?

85 million people in Bangladesh
average that annual income!
But how does that affect YOU?

Appeared in The Wall Street Journal, March 15, 1981

WE in America little realize how we are blest! COMPARE! We enjoy an average income of \$10,739 per capita per year—as of a couple years ago—more now!

But 85 million people in Bangladesh average only \$85 per person per year! The president of that country cried out to me in his office, "What can we do, Mr. Armstrong, to help our impoverished people?" Not only near starvation by economic standards, but 75 percent illiteracy—compared to our less than 1 percent!

Half or more of all people on earth are illiterate, poverty stricken, living in filth and squalor—many actually starving to death! That is the world you and I live in. And it does affect us—and our future—far more than we realize!

Look at a few other countries. Few stop to think about this tragic world condition!

Afghanistan, with 17 million people overrun by the Soviet military, lives—exists—on a per capita income of only \$125 per year. And only 8 percent are literate!

Burma, with 32 million people, has an unbelievable, starvation, \$90-per-capita yearly income. Ethiopia's 30 million people, only 7 percent literate, have to try to exist on a \$91-per-capita annual income! On and on it goes!

But look at some great-population, developing countries. A fourth of the people on earth live in China. A billion people there



HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

live on the meager per capita annual income of \$232. India, second most populous nation, two thirds of a billion people, per capita income \$132 per year. Many don't make it at all, and starve to death.

Russia and the U.S. rank third and fourth in population. But fifth largest Indonesia, larger than Japan or any nation in Europe, has a per capita annual income of only \$289.

This is the world you live in. How does that economic condition affect you? Nations are interdependent. We are not a nation unto ourselves—or sufficient unto ourselves. We are affected not only by the economic condition of the world's nations, we are affected also by the social, moral and spiritual conditions throughout the world.

I have been saying on this page week after week there is a CAUSE for our American problems, troubles and evils, as well as those of the world. That cause is the "GET" incentive as a philosophy or way of life.

That "GET" motive is in direct

conflict with a moral and spiritual LAW as relentless as the law of gravity—the Law of outflowing LOVE, which I simplify by the term "GIVE." It is the attitude of love toward God and toward neighbor even as toward self.

The whole world has utterly violated that LAW. The world has lived by the motive of self-love—vanity, covetousness, envy and jealousy, hostile competition, violence and war and rebellion against our Maker.

That self-centered motivation in human life has brought all humanity to the point of WORLD CRISIS. We are now fast hurtling toward the fatal CLIMAX of that WORLD CRISIS! For the first time in human history, mankind has produced the weapons of mass destruction that can blast all humanity out of existence. Our No. 1 problem now is the question of human survival!

If humanity would repent of its "GET" way of life, that impending crisis of extinction would be averted. But it will not repent.

And so that invisible "Strong Hand from Someplace" is soon going to intervene supernaturally in world affairs and save humanity from itself. Agreeing or disagreeing with this won't matter. It will be done to this world in the generation now living. A people will learn to live the way of "GIVE" instead of "GET."

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
Pastor General
Worldwide Church of God

My wife and I extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every staff member who contributed in making the program educational and uplifting. I would like to especially thank Mr. Blackwell, Mr. LaRavia, and Dr. Hoeh.

It was so good to see Ambassador College students once again reflecting the high Christian standards that God's College has stood for down through the years.

Steve and Melania Nutzman

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

My wife and I have just returned from the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena. We just wanted to thank you for your wisdom in establishing the program. It sure makes a lot more sense to have us all come in for three weeks rather than uproot families two times in one year in order to have a "sabbatical."

The unity in Pasadena is obvious. The College students again look like students used to look. There is a different atmosphere in the College now from what there was just a few short years ago. Everyone there is dedicated to God's way, His truth and are loyal to you.

It is very easy for us in the field ministry to get what has been called "tunnel vision," where we look too much to the local church and to our functions and ideas as a pastor. This program is very helpful in getting our minds on this end-time work and your duties as God's Apostle.

Mr. Tkach, Mr. Blackwell and all the staff in Pasadena were very helpful. It is very encouraging that now men in Ministerial Services and men who are assisting you, such as Mr. Blackwell, have worked for years in the field ministry. It makes me personally much more attentive and responsive to hear and be taught by men who have experienced the difficulties and rewards of the field ministry.

You have our wholehearted support. The brethren here are all very supportive of you and those you have selected to work under you. We all are praying that God will continue to keep you strong and doing the work He has called you to do. Our prayers are with you.

Bill and Cheryl Jahns

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

My wife Ruth and I have just returned from the Ministerial Refreshing Program to our home in northern Germany where I pastor the Churches of God in Hannover, Hamburg and West Berlin. We would both like to take this opportunity to say a deeply felt THANK YOU for instituting the program.

Ruth and I felt refreshed and inspired after the session. Being together with faculty and attending ministers for a number of weeks rather than just days, as in past conferences, really made for good fellowship. We had the opportunity to personally get to know such seasoned servants of God as Mr. Tkach, Mr. Blackwell and Dr. Hoeh. This way we could profit directly from the teaching they had received over the years from you. We came away feeling more part of a great worldwide team than ever before.

Perhaps a word of appreciation is also due regarding the opportunity our wives had to attend the program. I am sure no one in the Work realizes more poignantly than you how crucial the wife's role in the ministry is. Personally I would feel only "half refreshed" if Ruth had not been in Pasadena to soak up the rich teaching the faculty and staff brought to us.

We are already looking forward to the next session.

Victor and Ruth Root

Estimado Sr. Armstrong:

Mi esposa y yo tuvimos la inmensa bendición de asistir a la séptima sesión de Repaso Ministerial, y es imposible acallar la expresión de nuestro profundo agradecimiento, por habérsenos dado la oportunidad de estar allí presentes durante el mes de enero, aprovechando la experiencia y capacidad del selecto grupo de personas que nos dictó, durante tres semanas, las clases más agradables y provechosas que jamás hayamos recibido.

También estamos muy agradecidos con el Sr. Leon Walker, nuestro director, por su esfuerzo y logro de reunir a todos los ministros de habla hispana. Es la primera vez que esto se realiza, pero estamos seguros que no será la última.

Estamos conscientes de que Dios ha provisto estas sesiones para crear esa unidad absoluta que debe existir en el Templo al cual El ha de venir muy pronto.

Gracias de nuevo, Sr. Armstrong, por su sabia decisión.

Eduardo y María Mercedes Hernández

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

My wife and I enjoyed the tremendous blessing of attending the seventh session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program, and we find it impossible to hold back from expressing our deepest gratitude for having been given the opportunity to be there during the month of January and take advantage of the experience and ability of the distinguished group of people who for three weeks gave us the most interesting and helpful lectures we have ever received.

We are also very grateful to our director, Mr. Leon Walker, for his efforts in arranging for all the Spanish-speaking ministers to get together. It was the first time this had happened, but we are confident it won't be the last.

We realize that God has provided these sessions in order to create that absolute unity which must exist in the Temple to which He will soon return.

Thank you again, Mr. Armstrong, for your wise decision.

Eduardo and Maria Mercedes Hernandez

Dear Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Tkach:

Our very warmest and most personal thanks for the eighth session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program. Although we were only able to attend the first week, it was so apparent that God's Spirit is alive and well in Pasadena. Truly, the GREATEST FEAST we've ever experienced!!!

A special word of THANKS also to some "behind the scenes," such as Chris Anderson, Marie Alworth, Jerry and Jeanette Berg, Carlton Green, Judy Cosgrove, Andre and Georgia Zick whose labors and efforts didn't go unnoticed!

Don and Anne Marie Marson

Dear Mr. Tkach:

Just wanted to thank you for the opportunity to be in Pasadena for the Ministerial Refreshing Program. The classes were very helpful and edifying. Nancy wasn't able to make as many as she would have liked, but appreciated the ones she could get to.

Dave and Nancy Fraser

Dear Mr. Tkach:

My wife, Lorraine, and I have just completed Ministerial Refreshing Program number eight. It was certainly a dream come true! We want to thank you for allowing us to have attended such a spiritually uplifting and edifying program. Thank you also for the dedicated and diligent way you do your job and for your service to God, Mr. Armstrong, and God's people.

Dennis and Lorraine Pelley

P.S. Three exciting, but unexpected events helped make our session unique: 1. The opening of Big Sandy, 2. Mr. Waterhouse's sermon, then 3. Mr. Armstrong's visit.

Dear Mr. Tkach:

Cheryl and I wanted to let you and the rest of the staff know how much we both appreciated the Ministerial Refreshing Program. Please relay to Mr. Armstrong also our thanks for his wisdom in seeing that we all needed this program. It was a very profitable three weeks. Our welcome was so very warm and sincere in Pasadena.

The College and Work both appear to be on the track again. The information we gathered during our three-week stay will give us enough material for many sermons to follow. The spirit of oneness and cooperation was evident with all those working in Pasadena. You have our wholehearted support here. The brethren are looking forward to hearing what I learned at the session.

It is very helpful to have lectures helping us to keep our minds on the goals we should have as God's true ministry. If we are not careful we can let our perspective get warped. Of course the highlight of the program was having the opportunity to see and hear Mr.

Armstrong. I was able to report to the brethren how well Mr. Armstrong looked and sounded, which is very encouraging to them.

Again, our thanks for a very helpful program and a most memorable three weeks in Pasadena.

Bill and Cheryl Jahns

Phoenix Widows Hosted in Pasadena

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Very few of us have ever had the privilege of meeting you personally. So we wish these notes to be a personal greeting and a personal Thank you.

A group of widows recently had the pleasure of visiting Pasadena for the first time. It was quite an excitement for us. We were treated like royalty. Mr. Tkach Sr. took us out to dinner; we enjoyed his company so much, and his wife likewise.

We are devoted to our own Mr. Cardona and Mr. Turner and their wives; they seem to be devoted to us also. We are so pleased to have them. Once again fellowship abounds.

Writing is difficult for me because of very dim eyesight; please excuse my lack of ability. I am 82 years old, but healthy.

My prayers are ever with you.

Love and concern,
Clara Bucklew (Pheonix, AZ)

Comments From Monthly Church Reports

MICHIGAN CITY-ELKHART, IN--RAND MILLICH: There have been several healings that have been very rapid--these have been very encouraging to the members involved. Both Michigan City and Elkhart have been especially encouraged by Mr. Armstrong's member letter. Many expressed concern over whatever might be Satan's next big attack against the Church and wondered if Mr. Armstrong had something specific in mind. We have had many favorable comments concerning the new Y.O.U. magazine. The content and quality are outstanding. Thanks to all of those involved!

ERIE, PA--BILL JACOBS: PM activity picking up--things going better than in 10 years. It looks good from here.

COLUMBUS, MS--ROGER W. WEST: Basically I am finding that in counselling for marriage, the parents have not been teaching their teenagers how to prepare for marriage. The information given at the Ministerial Refreshing Program is a must for these young couples. The Church is truly the Mother of us all, because without the Church these young people wouldn't have a very good foundation.

MOBILE, AL--STEVEN D. MOODY: People are grasping more the reality of why they exist and it is helping some to overcome personal problems. When they compare the sin or temptation to why they are alive, the problem becomes so trite they can turn from it easier.

ROANOKE, VA--ROBERT PERSKY: I am totally elated about the growth in the Work. It is encouraging, inspiring, and exciting. When Pasadena is on the right track, it puts all of us in the field and in the churches on the right track. I thank all of those at Pasadena for their examples in doing the Work of God.

The 18 men in my Leadership Training Class have shown much fruit in their attitudes and service. They love the class and are continuously thankful for it. Their humble and repentant attitudes are affecting the entire church. Everyone is extremely excited about the 30% growth of the Work. They are behind Mr. Armstrong more than ever before.

MINNEAPOLIS NORTH, MN--LEONARD SCHREIBER: Y.O.U. activities and attitudes are the best I have ever seen. Parents are beginning to really take an interest. Everyone appreciated the emphasis on family activities and articles in the GOOD NEWS pointing parents to children. Many thanks from us and the whole congregation for the new YOUTH 81 magazine. We note that each article seems to point the young people to their parents. This is really an answer to prayer and a fulfilling of prophecy!

CUMBERLAND-HAGERSTOWN, MD & WINCHESTER, VA--WILLIAM R. PACK: The Sabbath attendance (Feb. 7) of 115 in Cumberland is an all-time high. The February monthly Sabbath attendance of 91 is also an all-time high. I am presently counselling eight PM's for baptism--inspiring for a church this size.

Church attendance at Winchester has decreased 20% the past three months due to the following reasons: 1. 20% of the congregation attends a monthly Sabbath Bible study in Charlottesville, VA; 2. Several people have moved out of the area; 3. Several people have begun attending in Hagerstown, MD. On a positive note, Bible study attendance has been phenomenal at 73% the past five months!

Bible study attendance in Hagerstown has been running at 66% average over the past five months.

SYRACUSE, NY--DAVE PACK: The Syracuse church is absolutely solid as bedrock. There are no major problems at all at this time! A number of young people are eager about attending Ambassador College.

PORTSMOUTH, OH--DAVE TREYBIG: Bible study attendance is up due to Mr. Armstrong's tapes. The announcement of Big Sandy opening as a junior college brought highly enthusiastic comments--especially from parents of college age (18-19) Y.O.U. members.

LONG ISLAND, NY--FRANK R. MC CRADY JR: The Long Island youth prepared an area-wide social and dance. It was a tremendous success. Youth in 21 churches were invited. As Pastor in this area, I am very pleased with our youth. They are a fine group--respectful and good sports all around. They are holding up good against peer pressure, which is very strong to say the least. They speak very highly of the Church and what it stands for and respect Mr. Armstrong very much.

BROOKLYN-QUEENS, NY--LESLIE A. SCHMEDES: We are experiencing a period of tranquility and unity. Mr. Armstrong's direction is

highly respected. I feel that it is responsible for the solid growth in our area.

COLUMBUS (P.M.), OH--ROBERT DICK: Very pleased to hear about the Big Sandy Campus. We feel it will be a tremendous blessing to our young adults. We already have young people interested in attending there and are planning accordingly. Our congratulations to the men who have been chosen to serve on the faculty.

COLUMBUS (A.M.), OH--ROBERT DICK: Abnormal amount of sickness with an unusual number of members experiencing heart problems. They seem to have all come in a group. Would like to extend congratulations to Mr. Harold Jackson in his new responsibility and offer our cooperation in any way we can.

RICHMOND, VA--KENNETH GIESE: PM activity is zero. We are in hopes that our new radio station will increase our PM activity. Marriage and family problems continue to be our No. 1 challenge. The recent series of articles in the GN have been especially helpful.

NORFOLK, VA--DANIEL C. HALL: The Norfolk brethren are excited about the Feast returning to Scope Arena and have already been involved in Feast preparation. Mr. Armstrong's emphasis upon the final push forward is both exciting and sobering. Recent issues of the PT and GN have been especially helpful.

GRAND RAPIDS, MI--WILLIAM O. MILLER: Family problems lead the list stemming from problems with alcoholism, rebellious teens, and unconverted mates. Four to five families struggling to solve their serious problems. Encouraging note is that they are trying. Brethren excited about new surge forward in Work.

HARRISBURG, PA--JIM ROSENTHAL: Everyone seems encouraged by Mr. Herbert Armstrong's strength and decisiveness. Although PM activity continues to be very slow, the attendance is inching up. Several young people continue to pursue baptism (members' children).

NEW ORLEANS, LA--JAMES J. SERVIDIO: Many new people contacting us for visits to discuss baptism and learn about the Church. Members anticipating holy days. Plan to emphasize Mr. Armstrong's excitement about having our hearts in the Work and that time may be short. We pay close attention to what he says.

MURFREESBORO, TN--DARRIS MCNEELY: Some definite improvement in marital problems--that's a real encouragement. The Murfreesboro church has developed into a warm, closely-knit environment. They've been very supportive to Debbie and me since her father has been in the hospital with a heart problem. I would like to thank Dean Blackwell for his suggestion of a marriage notebook at the Ministerial Refreshing Program. I have implemented it and am seeing significant improvements in several situations.

PEORIA, IL--JESS ERNEST: Church attendance is increasing. This is the first time in a number of months where every Sabbath we had over 300 people present. I'm very happy to say that our Y.O.U. is in the best condition it has been in since I have been here (the last 2 1/2

years). Their attitudes are outstanding. I think we are succeeding in turning the hearts of our young people back to their parents, and teaching them God's ways.

Weekly Letter Comments

The first group of letters this week shows that the brethren in the Seattle area felt privileged to hear personally from God's apostle and were edified and encouraged by his message. Next, God's people truly appreciate the help, guidance and dedication of their local ministers. In the closing comments, members thank Mr. Armstrong for his Bible study tapes which they say are interesting, educational and inspiring to them.

Seattle Brethren Inspired by Mr. Armstrong's Visit

Thank you so very much for taking the time out of your busy schedule to come speak to us here in Seattle! It was a great blessing we will not forget.

We hope you will be encouraged by the loyal support of God's people behind you--and we pray that we will remain loyal no matter how tough the going may get.

Thank you for all your words of instruction, encouragement and inspiration both spoken and written. It is obvious that God is very much with you.

Mrs. Roger Maddison (Pasco, WA)

Thank you (Mr. Armstrong) for coming to Seattle. It was terrific seeing you again. Thank you for the enthusiasm you show toward the Work. You are an inspiration to us all.

R. Chuprinko (Vancouver, WA)

Thank you for coming to Seattle in spite of feeling you might not be able to make it. It was so encouraging to hear and see you personally.

Mrs. Dorothy Anderson (Seattle, WA)

It was really uplifting and special to see Mr. Armstrong in Seattle!! Thank you again.

Mrs. Thomas Hazel (Tacoma, WA)

We just got back from Seattle yesterday. It was wonderful to see you again (Mr. Armstrong) and hear you speak God's truth and messages to us. Really, you are better than you were ten years ago and I felt more love for you than ever. Thank you, thank you, and God be praised!

Mrs. A.H. Krumsick (Walla Walla, WA)

We visited Seattle to hear you (Mr. Armstrong) speak last Sabbath and were overjoyed to see you in such good physical health. With the added burdens you are facing at the present time, we pray that God will give you the extra strength to finish the great job you have been given, and have been doing so steadfastly for the past 50 years. We are back of you 100% and thank God daily for you.

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Harris (Beaverton, OR)

Members Value Loyalty and Dedication of Their Ministers

I'm from the Belle Vernon church area in Pennsylvania and Mr. Dave Johnson is our local minister. I want to tell you of the fine job he is doing.

I have the utmost respect for him and his wife. He gives all he can to our church area. He is there any time to help or counsel us and never hesitates to make time to even come to our homes. His sermons always seem timely and inspired by God. If it wasn't for the help, correction and guidance I've received from Mr. Johnson, I could never have made it through the hardest trials and temptations of my life this past year.

Thank God for ministers of this kind who care for God's children. I feel God really uses him. He is very dedicated and committed to God, Jesus Christ and to the doctrines you have set down by God's inspiration for the Church.

Mrs. Angie Protos (Perryopolis, PA)

We've been wanting to write you for some time to let you know how much we appreciate the minister in our area. We attend the Champaign, Illinois church and Mr. Randy Holm is our minister.

Mr. Holm is so sensitive and compassionate. He has a great deal of understanding and there is no doubt that God is working through him. He and his wife have had a definite impact on the congregation. Our church is stronger and much more united since he was transferred to this area.

Mr. & Mrs. Joel Bryan (Ashmore, IL)

I would just like to say how much the Omaha area appreciates Mr. Docken. Everyone I've fellowshiped with thinks he's just what the Omaha church needed. His sermons make us realize how far we have to go before we'll make it into His Kingdom. It's a real sobering thought! God places His ministers in their right places and each one fits his congregation.

Our teens are stronger than ever before too.

Mrs. Sandy Muellner (Plattsmouth, NE)

I'd just like to go on record as saying how much I admire and respect our minister, Mr. Hargrove. It is very inspiring to hear him speak, although invariably the sermon hits me right between the eyes and I end up squirming a little in my seat. Mr. Hargrove has been an excellent teacher, helping us to understand God's Word, which enables us to put it into practice in our lives. He has also been behind you, Mr. Armstrong, in every way possible.

Rebecca Hartman (Indianapolis, IN)

We all love our minister, Mr. Heaton. I have never seen a minister more sincere about fulfilling his role. He visits more than anyone I have ever met and you can call anytime of the night and he always has a cheery hello. No one would know that before the call he was probably sound asleep. He has made his house available to anyone

that wants to drop by for a visit. He is loyal and faithful as anyone can be in my opinion.

Norbert Luechtefeld (Vienna, MO)

We are very blessed to have Messrs. Bertuzzi and Bacheller to pastor our church. Mr. Bacheller has such zeal and enthusiasm for God's Work that you can hardly wait to get about distributing magazines and doing God's Work. Mr. Bertuzzi is just as wonderful. And God is really cleaning us up so we can be ready for our great Savior and coming Ruler, Jesus Christ.

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Riehl (Fort Pierce, FL)

We want to take the opportunity to let you know how happy we are to see God's Church continuing to be set firmly back on the track again and how much we appreciate our pastor, Mr. Britton Taylor. He has inspired the Corning church to great spiritual growth and unity by his firm and loving guidance. He is supported by two fine, dedicated elders, Mr. Lawson Price and Mr. John Lambert.

Not only has Mr. Taylor led us in a righteous manner, but he has also set an example of spiritual strength in overcoming personal trials that he has had since coming to this area.

He returned from the Ministerial Refreshing Program with an enthusiastic attitude and has been strengthening us with meaningful and spiritual messages. He is genuinely concerned about the two local churches and each of us individually.

This past weekend Mr. Taylor and Mr. Art Dyer from Johnstown, PA conducted a marriage seminar for the Binghamton and Corning churches, which showed us unlimited ways in which we can continue to strive to grow in marriage and family unity.

We feel we have gained so much since Mr. Taylor's coming; we pray it will be possible for us to continue to be led by his strong leadership.

Thank you, Mr. Armstrong, for your dedicated service in God's Work for more than 50 years.

Duane & Nancy Sylor (Angelica, NY)

H.W.A. Bible Study Tapes Appreciated

Thank you very much for the Bible study tapes of Romans, I Corinthians and II Corinthians which you have been making. They are just what we in God's Church need. Hearing you expound these scriptures is very instructive and helpful. It is good to hear your voice! It sounds stronger and more vibrant than I have ever heard it. Please do continue to make these taped Bible studies and have them sent to the churches. Thank you once again.

Clay Mills (El Paso, TX)

I want to thank you very much for the Bible studies on the books of Galatians and I Corinthians. I was very excited and pleased to hear you explain I Corinthians 7 and why it is better for a man to be married. You also cleared up very nicely the tongues question while

going through I Corinthians 13 and 14. Thanks to you, Mr. Armstrong, and these Bible studies, I am learning things I haven't heard before.

Bruce A. Bremer (Richfield, MN)

We have been enjoying some really interesting tapes from you at Bible study. It is truly meaningful to listen to your explanation of God's Word. We all look forward to it.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Bates (Poyen, AR)

Thank you for the series on I Corinthians. Not only is it enlightening and educational for us, but it is good to hear from you personally. We deeply appreciate your efforts in increasing your workload as the end of this age quickly comes to a close. We are behind you 100 percent. Keep up the good work!

Orla & Rhonda Stauffer (Vallejo, CA)

Thank you Mr. Armstrong for giving us such good and interesting Bible studies. It is great to be taught by God's apostle. It seems like you are in the room in person instead of on tape.

Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Bailey (Lawton, OK)

I want to just briefly say thank you for taping the Bible studies on Galatians and Corinthians. They have been very interesting and educational. It is wonderful to be able to hear from God's apostle in this present age. How blessed we of the Philadelphian era truly are. Keep up the good work. The Church is behind you all the way.

Donna Griffith (Lower Salem, OH)

--JOE TKACH, MINISTERIAL SERVICES

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE UPDATE

I thought you ministers might like to know how things are coming along with the College since, I am sure, you receive many letters from students who write to various ones in your church areas.

But before I do, I would like to ask all of you to remind the young people in your areas who are applying to enter Ambassador for the 1981-1982 year to have their application forms completed and in our hands by mid-April. This means there will be less than a month until the deadline for the applications to be in the hands of the Director of Admissions, Mr. Dick Ames.

Plans are coming along very well concerning the reopening of the Big Sandy campus this autumn. The College administrators have already been named. Mr. Leon Walker (Deputy Chancellor), Dr. Don Ward (Dean of the Faculty), Ronald Kelly (Dean of Students), Jack Bicket (Business Manager), and Lynn Torrance (Registrar). Most of the faculty have been selected, and I am sure their names will be published in the near future.

I am pleased to say there will certainly be a very fine, dedicated and competent administration and faculty at the Big Sandy campus.

Any young people who apply to enter Ambassador College at Big Sandy should be informed that the College there will not be a four-year college. Only a few students accepted at Big Sandy will later be able to transfer to Pasadena after completing two years. More details will be published in the near future.

Even though we will now be able to accept more new students (about 300 at the two campuses) because of reopening Big Sandy, we will be unable to accept all who would like to enter Ambassador College this coming fall.

We have now received over 600 applications for the coming college year, and we anticipate that about two-thirds of them will be "acceptable." (We have accepted 126 applicants thus far.) This means that even with the opening of the Big Sandy campus, we will still not be able to accept about 100 students who are qualified to do college-level work. Even so, it is very encouraging to see the Big Sandy campus opening again, thereby enabling us to accept many more than we would have been able to accept otherwise.

Recently, we announced that four Ambassador students will get to go to Germany to serve in the Work there during the coming summer, while three will serve in the Canadian branch of God's Work. Two young Ambassadors will also go to Australia for one full year's training, plus one young Ambassador to Central Africa for a year's training. Besides this, many other students are getting to serve at S.E.P. at Orr or in Scotland next summer; and over thirty are being sent to work at the "Big Dig" in Jerusalem during the summer. And, if Mr. Armstrong approves, a third group of students (probably the final one), will be sent to Thailand for a six-month's period of service. This is proving to be a fantastic opportunity for the students. These many golden opportunities are truly "opportunities of a lifetime," and are very valuable in further developing and training the students of Ambassador College.

Many of the ministers on the Ministerial Refreshing Program continue to mention to me and to others how friendly the Ambassador students are. Also, many comment on the high standard of dress, grooming and especially the high moral standard which the students are now exemplifying. We who are privileged to assist Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in this important area of training God's young people, are overjoyed at this priceless privilege which we have been given.

By the way, I would like to mention that it is always a joy to meet the ministers who are here on the Ministerial Refreshing Program. This gives all of us a chance to get to know the ministers better, and to help serve them while they are here. My wife and I usually try to have some of the ministers (especially the overseas ministers) over for a visit while they are here. We are happy to see you ministers very supportive of Ambassador College.

Please continue to remember the administration, faculty and students of Ambassador in your prayers. We ask that you pray that we may be enabled to diligently, faithfully and competently assist Mr. Armstrong--that we may keep Ambassador on track, constantly gaining momentum.

Again, I wish to express our thanks for your prayers and your general support of Ambassador College.

--Raymond F. McNair, Deputy Chancellor

A N N O U N C E M E N T

The printing of THE MISSING DIMENSION IN SEX book has been delayed slightly. Copies of the book should be off the press near the end of April. Unless there are further delays, members can expect copies to arrive at their homes sometime in May.

--Mail Processing Center

FROM Y.O.U.

District Talent Contests

District talent contest time is fast approaching. Here is some updated information you will need to pass on to your congregations immediately.

This year we are dropping the DANCE category. In past years there have been a very limited number of entries in this category, and in some cases these have been questionable in regard to the appropriateness of style and/or content. For these reasons we have decided to limit performance material this year to VOCAL and INSTRUMENTAL only. A performance must be limited to only ONE of these categories. A vocalist may be self-accompanied, but must be entered as a vocalist rather than as an instrumentalist.

As in past years, performances must be limited to one selection of not more than five minutes duration. Also, as in the past, back-up instrumentation must only support the primary INDIVIDUAL talent. Bands or combos may NOT enter as the primary talent.

New judication forms reflecting this change will be sent to you shortly.

Other regulations regarding the talent contests are as stated in the present Y.O.U Coordinator's Manual.

Track and Field

We will be holding district, regional and national meets in 1981. District meets must be completed by June 1. You may want to use the Memorial Day weekend for this meet. The regional meets must be completed by June 22. The national meet will probably be held in Big Sandy in mid-July this year.

The 1981 Track and Field Rulebook has made the conversion to metric distances and most state high school finals (70% last year--80% expected this year) are conducted at metric distances. In light of this, you should conduct your district meets using metric distances if at all possible. Read page 63 of the 1981 rulebook for details on how to do this on a 440 yard track.

District and regional meets will again have junior (ages 12-15) and senior (ages 16-19) divisions. First place finisher in each event in each division at the district level will advance to regional.

Listed below are the events to be offered in each division:

<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
100 meter dash	100 meter dash
200 meter dash	200 meter dash
400 meter dash	400 meter dash
110 meter high hurdles	100 meter low hurdles
800 meter run	800 meter run
1600 meter run	1600 meter run
3200 meter run	3200 meter run
400 meter (or 440 yd) relay	400 meter (or 440 yd) relay
1600 meter (or 1 mile) relay	800 meter (or 880 yd) relay
Long Jump	Long Jump
Triple Jump	Shot Put
Shot Put	Discus
Discus	High Jump
High Jump	
Pole Vault	

If you have any questions on either talent contests or track and field meets, please give us a call.

--Y.O.U. Office

ON THE WORLD SCENE

FIGHTING INTENSIFIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA It's back to bazookas instead of the bargaining table in the Southwest African (Namibia) dispute. On March 17, South African warplanes flew more than 150 miles into Angola to strike at SWAPO guerrilla encampments.

The armed escalation takes place in the wake of the collapse, in Geneva in early January, of UN-sponsored talks over conditions of independence for South African administered territory. The conference broke down primarily because the South Africans could not be convinced that the United Nations could arrange and monitor a free and fair election campaign. To test UN impartiality, the South Africans demanded that UN officials use their influence to force the UN General Assembly to rescind its onerous, one-sided 1973 resolution which declared the Communist-backed SWAPO guerrilla organization as "the sole and authentic representative of the Namibian people." UN representatives, of course, could promise no such thing, given the passions prevailing in the UN on the issue.

Two months later, on March 6, the UN position stiffened, with the passage of ten anti-South African resolutions in the General Assembly, including the appeal to the UN Security Council to implement "comprehensive man-

datory sanctions" against Pretoria. The General Assembly not only did not repudiate the 1973 pro-SWAPO resolution, but reaffirmed it by a 114-0 vote (with 22 abstentions). Thus, positions on both sides have considerably hardened.

Troubles have escalated as well between South Africa and Mozambique. The latter country acts as host to bases of the Soviet-backed African National Congress (ANC), the principal guerrilla threat to the Republic. On January 29, three ANC command posts located in the vicinity of Maputo, Mozambique's capital, were attacked and destroyed in a daring raid by elements of the South African Defense Forces (SADF). Intelligence evidence had shown that attacks against South African police stations, the oil-from-coal "SASOL" project and the attack against a bank in Silverton had been launched from Maputo with assistance from the PLO, as well as help from Cuban and East German advisors. In other words, the same Moscow-based international terrorist network that Secretary of State Alexander Haig has been inveighing against.

Shortly after the attack, Soviet warships entered the Mozambiquan ports of Maputo and Beira as a show of support for the pro-Soviet government of President Samora Machel--a veiled warning by Moscow to Pretoria not to carry out further hot pursuit actions.

The raids into Angola and Mozambique ordered by South African's Prime Minister P.W. Botha are not without their political overtones. Mr. Botha is up for reelection in April. There is no doubt he will win. The question is by how much. The Prime Minister is very concerned by growing ultra-conservative criticism from both within his own party and without, over his social reform program. Many feel his hard-line approach toward the terrorists was partly intended to calm fears that he was becoming soft.

Pretoria feels it has a freer hand to deal with its problems now that the Reagan Administration is in office in Washington. While Secretary of State Haig stresses that the Administration has not yet formulated its Southern Africa policy, the belief is that Washington would resort to the veto in the UN Security Council to prevent sanctions from being imposed on South Africa over the SWA dispute.

At least the Reagan Administration, pursuing a more "realistic" policy in world affairs (180 degrees opposite from that of the Carter Administration) is aware of the strategic minerals issue, of which Southern Africa is a key element.

For this reason also, the Reagan people are advocating a much stronger policy toward acquiring strategic mineral stockpiles. This is the main reason, too, why Washington put the kibosh on the "Law of the Sea" conference which was nearing the end of seven years of work. The conference's final recommendations were decidedly anti-Western. Third World nations wanted to create a UN authority to control access to the mineral deposits on the ocean floors. Such an agency would, in effect, have stifled exploration, preserving markets for traditional minerals suppliers.

--Gene Hogberg, News Bureau