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NEWS FROM THE PASTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE

News Release From Manila

The following news release was phoned in from Manila and sent to the various news media by Mr. Ellis LaRavia, Press Secretary for God's Work:

Wednesday, February 3, 1982
Manila, Philippines

Herbert W. Armstrong, Pastor General of the Worldwide Church of God, is on an extended trip to the Orient. Following closely on the heels of his recent successful trip to Egypt where he met with President Hosni Mubarak, Armstrong is making stops at Hong Kong, Thailand, the Philippines and Japan. He has spoken to distinguished groups and leaders of these countries in his quest toward world peace through understanding.

The Pastor General arrived in the Philippines Sunday, January 31st, from Thailand where he met once again with King Bhumibol at the Northern Palace at Chiang Mai. A \$50,000 check was presented to the King to continue the King's project in educating the tribe people living in the Thai highlands. The project to eradicate poppy growing in Thailand is a combined effort between Ambassador Foundation and the Thai government. The Thai hill people are being taught to grow more traditional food crops instead of opium poppies.

The King stated that although the poppy growing is virtually eliminated in Thailand, smuggling from neighboring countries is a major problem. Opium and heroin traffic goes through Thailand to the port of Bangkok where it is shipped to the rest of the world.

Prior to his stop in Manila, Armstrong held meetings for Plain Truth readers in both Hong Kong and Bangkok. The Philippines schedule includes a meeting with President Marcos, as well as speeches before the Rotary Club, Mabuhay and Filipino Movement, the Constitution Association, and the faculty and administration of Adamson University. He will also speak to large audiences in public campaigns on both Saturday and Sunday nights, February 6th and 7th.

Time was taken during the busy schedule to pay respect to Dona Josefa Marcos, mother of the President. The Pastor General, now in his ninetieth year, and Mrs. Marcos, in her eighty-ninth year had a warm and pleasant conversation.

Leaving Manila, the Church leader will again speak to Plain Truth readers in Tokyo and speak at a banquet attended by Prince and

Princess Mikasa, fifteen Ambassadors, and numerous Japanese Diet members. The Armstrong party will be returning to Church offices in Pasadena on February 11th.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

February 4, 1982

The January income for the U.S. showed a 13.5 percent increase over 1981. I am advised that differences in year-end processing of mail may account for the low figure, and that it is difficult to draw conclusions from a month's data because there were less than 20 working days. The running year (from February 1, 1981, to January 31, 1982) shows an 18 percent increase over the same period a year earlier. It is felt that this reflects a more accurate picture than the January report.

The financial office has prepared income and expenditure figures for the last two years worldwide, which are presented on the next page for your inspection. This is the first time such combined figures have ever been prepared and published. The figures were compiled from United States and international office reports, and reflect the format Mr. Armstrong presented last March concerning the organization of the Work.

These figures are unaudited for two reasons. One, the 1981 audit, which is in process, will not be completed for several months. Two, in order for such combined figures to be "audited," it would be necessary for one accounting firm to audit all offices. As it is, there are many different auditing firms around the world who audit our records.

We hope that you are urgently praying that God will bless His Church with greater increases so that we can continue to expand even more rapidly in sending His Message to the world.

--Leroy Neff, Treasurer's Office

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

Members Moving to Big Sandy

Recently Dr. Don Ward, pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler congregations, mentioned to us that many needy members have been moving into the Big Sandy area from various parts of the country. Some of these individuals have arrived totally destitute with little or no job skills and no reason for going there except to be near the College.

This represents a real problem for several reasons: One, the job market in the Big Sandy area is not good for widows and others with limited job skills. Two, low-cost housing is difficult to obtain. Three, this tends to concentrate individuals needing assistance and overtaxes the ability of members in the area to help. Four, this often separates needy people from relatives and friends who could help and from familiar surroundings where they know how to get around.

Therefore, we feel it is important for the field ministry to strongly discourage needy members from moving to Big Sandy. If you feel there is a

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WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD
COMPARATIVE WORLDWIDE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES*
 FOR 1980 AND 1981
 (Unaudited)

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Percent of Change</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
Contributions	\$ 71,723,000	\$60,913,000	\$10,810,000	17.75%
Festival	5,062,000	3,845,000	1,217,000	31.65%
Church Assistance	8,621,000	6,832,000	1,789,000	26.19%
Holy Day Offering	14,261,000	11,613,000	2,648,000	22.80%
Other Receipts	<u>8,691,000</u>	<u>7,109,000</u>	<u>1,582,000</u>	<u>22.25%</u>
Total Receipts	<u>108,358,000</u>	<u>90,312,000</u>	<u>18,046,000</u>	<u>19.98%</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Great Commission	41,656,000	34,714,000	6,942,000	20.00%
Church	36,721,000	29,889,000	6,832,000	22.86%
Pasadena & Regional Offices	<u>24,868,000</u>	<u>26,039,000</u>	<u>(1,171,000)</u>	<u>(4.50%)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>103,245,000</u>	<u>90,642,000</u>	<u>12,603,000</u>	<u>13.90%</u>
Net Gain or (Loss) to Bank Reserves	<u>\$ 5,113,000</u>	<u>\$ (330,000)</u>	<u>\$ 5,443,000</u>	

* Includes Ambassador College (Pasadena and Big Sandy) income and expenditures and grants to the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation

NOTE: A single set of averaged foreign exchange rates has been used in the translation of local currencies into U.S. dollars for both years for comparison purposes.

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MINISTERIAL SERVICES (Continued from page 2)

sound reason for a widow or other needy individual to move to Big Sandy, please call Dr. Ward and discuss the situation fully.

All that has been said about the Big Sandy area is also true for the Pasadena area, except that you should call Ministerial Services if you feel a widow or other needy individual should move here. Pasadena housing costs are among the highest in the nation, crime is a serious factor and the public schools are poor. (Imperial Schools have all the students they can handle and there is a waiting list.)

Additional Guidelines Regarding Spokesman Clubs

Several questions regarding specific clubs in local areas have been asked. Hopefully these guidelines will answer most questions:

Sermonette-type speeches should not be given in Spokesman Club unless you specifically assign a man to do so at one of the four special meetings described on page 13 of the Director's Manual.

No special or unusual formats for Graduate Clubs should be implemented. Until you have enough graduates for a separate Graduate Club, it is best to mix graduates in with non-graduates in a regular club format. After their icebreakers, the graduates can go on to select any speech in the manual rather than following the numbered format if they wish. (However, they should limit themselves to only one "heart to heart" and one "attack" each year.) The pastor could also plan several special speech assignments for the graduates to enhance the #7 speech. These could include an Oral Reading speech, a Unique Experience speech, a Historic speech, an Outstanding Personality speech, a Visual Techniques speech, or others.

This should give the graduates the opportunity to set a right example for the non-graduates and to add spark and enthusiasm to the meetings. These men can also be used as officers from time to time if they are qualified.

Graduate Clubs should follow the same format as regular Spokesman Clubs as outlined in the manual. However, each meeting should be given a particular theme as listed below. Then, the speeches and topics should be based upon this theme. The director should cover this topic in his overall evaluation. The speaking session may be limited to four speeches so that he will have more time for the lecture period. Special assignments for the #7 speech, as mentioned above, can also be used in connection with the theme for the evening. Pastors may also allow up to ten minutes for speeches, and invite productive comments from the floor about speeches in addition to the assigned evaluations.

Suggestions for themes: Any basic doctrine or booklet; childrearing; teaching your children about God; family relations; building a strong marriage; leadership; controlling the tongue; correction; friendship; etc.

The above guidelines will allow a good deal of leeway for the needs of individual congregations, but will give us a basic unity of approach around the world.

This theme-based format for Graduate Club should replace the Leadership Training Class. Any additional work with leading men should be done on a personal, non-club, non-class basis.

NOTICE TO ALL MINISTERS

David Angermiller has recently left Mr. Burk McNair's area and it is not known where he may be headed. Before making any contact whatsoever with David Angermiller, call Mr. Burk McNair!

Comments From Monthly Church Reports

SACRAMENTO, CA--JOEL LILLEGREEN: Many are suffering from family and personal trials. Satan seems to be working hard to discourage people. Mr. Armstrong's tapes are stirring people to be "doers."

PIKEVILLE, KY--WARREN HEATON III: Mr. Armstrong is really giving us the depth we need in his tapes. I expect continued growth in the area because of the TV broadcast now airing on Sunday. Having a permanent hall in which to meet has continued to help the attitude of the people in spite of escalating problems with unemployment, etc. The church area really seems to be growing closer week by week.

JONESBORO, AR--CLYDE KILOUGH: Have appreciated the follow-up tapes from Mr. Armstrong going into the deeper aspects of God's Spirit and sin. They've helped the brethren better understand the make-up ruling and that it is an issue in which the principles of spiritual sin apply to everyone, not just the women.

KNOXVILLE, TN--DAVID L. ORBAN: There may be a few in our congregation still struggling over the make-up policy, but there is no outward visible problem. Members have accepted and are following Mr. Armstrong's correction. Mr. Armstrong's follow-up comments on Bible study and sermon tapes about make-up seemed to greatly help the brethren's understanding and adherence to this change.

GRAND RAPIDS/BRAINERD, MN--STAN McNEIL: Members are growing and responding to the forward thrust in the Work. "Localitis" trend is decreasing. All members seem loyal to Mr. Armstrong and God's Church. Spokesman Club producing fruit. Weekly Bible study attendance has increased to two-thirds of Sabbath attendance. Grand Rapids Bible study attendance is over one-half of regular Sabbath attendance.

MIDLAND/LUBBOCK, TX; HOBBS, NM--KEITH WALDEN: Many moving into the area for work. "Boom-town" is really growing. Church is anxious to help those moving in. Growth is always a help for positive attitudes. Our area is positive! Some serious sickness in this area--a real trial of people's faith. Hobbs had two families move--hurt our attendance, but the brethren hope for growth with the excellent work opportunities available in the area.

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

MAIL PROCESSING CENTER UPDATETV Viewers Are Impressed

Thousands of calls pour in through our WATS lines every weekend responding to The WORLD TOMORROW program. The majority of these callers are making their first contact with God's Work. Besides requesting the literature

offered, many of these people continually express their unsolicited and favorable views of the program.

We thought the ministry might be interested in a selection of capsule comments from the television audience received in 1981.

He is the most truthful and inspiring of any of the TV ministers. He says the truth and makes it clear.

I hate to say this, but I think he's the only preacher I have heard in a long time who really knows what he's talking about.

My preacher doesn't know too much about the Bible, but Mr. Armstrong tells it like it is.

He is the only one who is really open, direct and straightforward. Not showy and not trying to be subtle.

I really appreciate his programs. He is the only one preaching the true Gospel. He never asks for money and I really like that. I used to be a Mormon and now I wish I sent my tithes to you people. I will now send a sizeable check to you.

He doesn't preach like other preachers, he explains everything so well.

Best program in the world--a factory of truth.

I don't think he realizes how good he really is.

He is really good and I believe he's a man from God.

I hate to hear him say that it's time for him to end the program each week. May God keep him with us for many years.

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

ON THE WORLD SCENE

REOPENING THE "GERMAN QUESTION" "There is a new strain of conservative isolationism in the land. Its proponents, the direct descendants of those who advocated Fortress America in the 1930's and lamented our entry into World War II, would like to see us batten down our hatches and let Europe fend for itself."

So goes the lead editorial in the January 20, 1982 issue of THE NEW REPUBLIC, entitled "Our German Problem." It analyzed the growing mood among many people in the United States--from the intellectuals and the man-on-the-street--to turn America's back on Europe.

A few issues back, the influential U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT ran an article "Where Are America's Allies?," a piece detailing the reluctance on the part of the leaders of the nations of Western Europe to follow the U.S. lead in levying sanctions against the Soviet Union and the military government of Poland in the aftermath of the December 13, 1981 crackdown in Poland.

Far more interesting than the article was the reaction of readers to the article. Of the five letters printed two weeks later, four of them were extremely critical of the European countries. Here are excerpts from three of the letters to show the depth of feeling of the letter writers:

-- It seems the only time we have allies in Europe is when they want us to shed our blood to save their necks or feed them to get their socialistic governments out of a hole. Who needs enemies when you have good allies like France, Germany, England and Italy?

-- I am certain that our ally France will always be there when she needs us.

-- After being drawn into two European wars at the expense of American lives, money and natural resources, and rebuilding their economies, we seem to be unappreciated and unwanted. Let us close our bases, return our troops and equipment to this country....

The same issue of U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT contained a pro-con debate over the question, "Pull U.S. Troops Out of Europe?" The "pro" interviewee responded that it was at least time to threaten the Europeans with a troop pullout in order to wake them up to doing more for their own defense.

To the question: "If we withdraw, is there a danger of a nationalistic West Germany rearming, with no NATO control over use of its troops?" the answer: "That is a disturbing possibility, but very unlikely, since, if anything, West German political and social trends are in the opposite direction...."

The "con" argument by former U.S. Undersecretary of State Robert Komer was clear and direct: To pull U.S. troops out of Europe would be the height of folly. He said:

Western Europe is the greatest prize in the East-West struggle. It has the greatest concentration of economic, technological and industrial power on earth. Its gross national product is greater than ours and far greater than Russia's. That economic strength, added to what Russia already has, would transform the Soviet Union into a super superpower.... The idea of throwing the baby out with the bath water just to express our frustration or make some political point is simply criminal.

The folly of such thinking was also brought out by the editor of THE NEW REPUBLIC article, quoted at the beginning of this column, who added:

The foolishness of such a policy is almost too obvious to state. If we allow Western Europe to fall under Soviet sway or even to be

Finlandized, the balance of power everywhere would irrevocably and fatally shift in favor of the Soviets. It would be economically, politically, and, perhaps most important, morally disastrous for the U.S. To abandon our allies because they are lagging is the ultimate act of shooting oneself in the foot.

Another expert, R.G. Livingston, a former president of the German Marshall Fund, added his "two cents" to this growing controversy in an article he wrote for the WASHINGTON POST. He put his finger on the real danger that would result from "pulling our boys back home"--reopening the as-yet-unresolved "German Question" in the heart of Europe. He wrote:

...It is bizarre to be hearing calls to pull our troops out of Europe...brandishing our ultimate leverage may unhinge a good deal more than we imagine....NATO was conceived to provide security not only against a Russia that is aggressive, but also against a Germany that once was aggressive. Together with the European Economic Community, the alliance is a framework within which German talents and energies turn to constructive and cooperative use.

German sovereignty is uniquely limited: Germany renounced having its own army and placed the Bundeswehr under NATO--U.S.--command. It also forswore production and ownership of atomic weapons.... The West Germans--all our NATO allies, in fact--exact a corresponding price from us, of course. U.S. soldiers on the ground and in sufficient numbers to make it inconceivable that we would ever sacrifice them....

Start to remove U.S. troops and to degrade NATO, and we invite the Germans to consider nationalism, neutralism, and collusion with Russia.

America "Naive"

American officials accuse the Europeans of being too timid to "punish" the Soviets and the military junta in Warsaw over the crackdown in Poland; the Europeans, wary of sanctions, are accused of "putting money before morality."

The Europeans, in turn, claim that the United States is acting naively in the whole affair. They were embarrassed when the U.S. government sponsored a 90-minute-long Hollywood-style showbiz piece entitled "Let Poland Be Poland."

The fact is, American officials do not appear to understand the consequences of trying to alter the status quo in Europe. This was forcefully argued in another NEW REPUBLIC piece, "Poland and the Ghost at Yalta." Author Ronald Steel had this to say:

...Any radical political change in Poland would have incalculable consequences for the political balance in Europe.

Although Solidarity began by seeking relatively limited changes, the revolution--and a revolution it certainly was--developed a

momentum of its own. No one knows where it would have stopped. Quite possibly with the destruction of the [Polish] Communist Party's monopoly of power and even the withdrawal of Poland from the Warsaw Pact....

Freedom, after all, is contagious. The Russians could lose control even of East Germany. The Iron Curtain could collapse.

In one sense that would be a wonderful day. The partition of Europe cannot and must not last forever. But with the Iron Curtain would also collapse virtually every innovative institution in the Western alliance: NATO the Common Market, the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, even the Federal Republic of Germany. All are based on the cold war division of Europe.

That division was not caused by choice, but by necessity: initially by Hitler's aggression and then by the fact that the Soviet Union carried the brunt of the land war against Nazi Germany.... Moscow was determined to contain the power of Germany and never again to allow Eastern Europe to fall into hostile hands.

To alter this status quo is to reopen "the German question"--to the dismay of both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. Author Steel continues:

Like it or not, the division of Europe is, for the foreseeable future, a fact of life, one that reflects the interests of both superpowers. It cannot be resolved by force. Any dramatic change could wreck both alliance systems. If Poland suddenly pulled itself free from Russian control, the regime in East Germany would be isolated. Bonn, which has ignored the dream of reunification because it seemed so unattainable, might then be tempted to look East. What German political leader could afford to turn his back on the "lost territories" if there seemed a hypothetical chance of regaining them?

Bonn's hard-forged links to NATO and the Common Market would be called into question. The ominous specter of a unified Reich would suddenly take form, bringing unknown dangers into European politics. With the German question reopened, all the institutions we have taken for granted would be called into question. NATO would in all likelihood collapse, and with it the major instrument for American control over Western Europe....

If we are to encourage the demise of the Warsaw Pact, we had better be prepared for profound shocks to our own alliance as well....

In pushing for Poland's freedom, and threatening to pull troops out of the Continent, is America creating its own "Frankenstein monster" in the heart of Europe?

--Gene H. Hogberg, News Bureau