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## NEWS FROM THE PASTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE

### Television and Radio Station Update

There have been a number of changes, renewals, new buys and some cancellations since the last media update. As you all know, we have been in a holding pattern as far as the budget is concerned for several weeks now, and the constraint has helped us to be doubly sure that those funds committed to radio and TV time-buying are being used most efficiently. Where there was duplication of coverage and the size of the city did not warrant it (some larger cities like Los Angeles, New York, etc. do justify more than one radio or TV outlet for "The World Tomorrow"), we have canceled the least effective stations and have alerted the audience to where the program can be heard or seen. The following list details the more recent placements.

### TELEVISION

#### California

KTXL (IND--Ch. 40), Sacramento--  
7:00 a.m., Sun.

\*KSBW (NBC--Ch. 8), Salinas--9:30  
a.m., Sun.

\*\*KBAK (ABC--Ch. 29), Bakersfield--  
11:15 p.m., Sun.

#### Colorado

\*KKTU (CBS--Ch. 11), Colorado  
Springs--6:30 a.m., Sun.

#### Illinois

\*WEEK (NBC--Ch. 25), Peoria--6:30  
a.m., Sun.

#### Louisiana

\*KATC (ABC--Ch. 3), Lafayette--  
8:30 a.m., Sun.

#### Massachusetts

WGGB (ABC--Ch. 40), Springfield--  
9:00 a.m., Sun.

#### Missouri

KMTC (ABC--Ch. 27), Springfield--  
7:30 a.m., Sun.

\*\*KDNL (IND--Ch. 30), St. Louis--  
6:30 p.m., Sun.

#### New York

WENY (ABC--Ch. 34), Elmira--9:30  
a.m., Sun.

#### Ohio

\*WKEF (NBC--Ch. 22), Dayton--6:00  
a.m., Sun.

#### Oregon

KOIN (CBS--Ch. 6), Portland--6:30  
a.m., Sun.

#### Pennsylvania

WSBA (CBS--Ch. 43), York--11:30  
a.m., Sun.

#### South Carolina

\*WCBD (ABC--Ch. 2), Charleston--  
10:00 a.m., Sun.

#### South Dakota

\*\*KXON (ABC--Ch. 5), Sioux Falls--  
9:00 a.m., Sun.

\*New stations  
\*\*Time change

Texas

KTVV (NBC--Ch. 36), Austin--9:30 a.m., Sun.

Virginia

\*\*WVIR (NBC--Ch. 29), Charlotteville--7:00 a.m., Sun.; effective 8/8/82, 8:00 a.m., Sun.

Wisconsin

\*WKOW (ABC--Ch. 27), Madison--6:30 a.m., Sun.

\*WAOW (ABC--Ch. 9), Wausau--6:30 a.m., Sun.

\*WXOW (ABC--Ch. 19), La Crosse--6:30 a.m., Sun.

RADIO

California

\*KATY, San Luis Obispo (1,000 W days; 250 W nights/1340)--7:00 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 11:00 p.m., Sun.

Florida

\*WCGL, Jacksonville (5,000 W/1360)--8:00 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 6:30 a.m., Sun.

\*\*WGBS, Miami (50,000 W/710)--11:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 7:00 a.m., Sun.

New York

WBEN, Buffalo (5,000 W/930)--11:30 p.m., Sun.-Thu.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

\*New stations  
\*\*Time change

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

Ministerial Transfers

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has approved the transfer of 24 ministers during this summer. Their names appear below in alphabetical order.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Mel Dahlgren	London-Somerset-Middlesboro, KY	Olympia-Tacoma, WA
Tom Damour	Bluefield-Beckley-Summersville, WV (Associate)	New Orleans, LA (Associate)
Dennis Diehl	Findlay-Mansfield, OH	London-Somerset-Middlesboro, KY
Art Docken	Omaha-Lincoln, NE	Santa Rosa-Fairfield, CA
(Terry Swagerty becomes pastor of Omaha-Lincoln, NE.)		
Richard Duncan	Vancouver, WA	Everett-Sedro Woolley, WA
Lambert Greer	Tacoma-Olympia, WA	Kalamazoo-Coldwater, MI
Jim Haeffele	Portland (East)-Hood River, OR	Findlay-Mansfield, OH
Bryan Hoyt	Kansas City (North), MO	Portland (East)-Hood River, OR

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Greg Johnson	Roseburg-Coos Bay, OR (Associate Pastor)	Wisconsin Dells, WI- Rockford, IL (Pastor)
Mitch Knapp	Rockford, IL-Wisconsin Dells, WI	Kansas City (No.-So.), MO (Associate Pastor)
(Bruce Gore becomes pastor of Kansas City (No.-So.), MO.)		
Paul Kurts	Montgomery, AL	Hattiesburg-Meridian, MS
Bob League	Greensboro, NC	Cincinnati (North), OH
Marc Masterson	Athens-Gainesville, GA	Bluefield-Beckley- Summersville, WV (Associate)
Ed Mauzey	Santa Rosa-Fairfield, CA	Beaumont, TX-Lake Charles, LA
Ralph Orr	New Orleans, LA (Associate)	Montgomery, AL (Pastor)
Dan Rogers	Concord, NH-Montpelier, VT	Greensboro, NC
Leonard Schreiber	Minneapolis (No.-So.)- Lake Crystal, MN	Eugene-Roseburg-Bend- Coos Bay, OR
(Vic Kubik becomes pastor of Minneapolis (South)-Lake Crystal, MN.)		
Frank Simkins	Coeur d'Alene, ID	MPC at Pasadena, CA
Harry Sleder	Everett, WA	Vancouver, WA
Randy Stiver	Salem-Albany, OR (Associate)	Michigan City-Elkhart, IN (Associate)
Larry Walker	Eugene-Bend-Roseburg Coos Bay, OR	Minneapolis (No.), MN
Ron Wallen	Hattiesburg-Meridian, MS	Athens-Gainesville, GA
Valden White	Sedro Woolley, WA	Spokane, WA-Coeur d'Alene, ID (Associate Pastor)
Ken Williams	Kalamazoo-Coldwater, MI	Concord, NH-Montpelier, VT

### Change in System for Reporting Weekly Attendance

(U.S. Ministry Only)

We plan to make a change in the attendance reporting method starting with the month of August. Attendance figures for the month of July will be the last ones to be reported on the Weekly Church Attendance slips. Beginning with the August report, we will be taking the attendance figure from the Monthly Church Report.

This change requires that the attendance on the monthly report now be a calculated average rather than a mere estimate that was permissible in the past. In calculating the average, you should eliminate an abnormally high or low attendance. As an example: If Mr. Armstrong visits your Church area, the attendance figure for that Sabbath should not be included in the calculation since it would be considerably inflated. To include it would give a distorted picture of your typical attendance for the month. On the other hand, if a Y.O.U. family weekend took 40% of your attendance to a nearby Church, this unusually low attendance should likewise be omitted for the same reason.

So remember, after July you no longer send Weekly Church Attendance slips to Pasadena. Instead, calculate an average attendance and report it in the space provided on the Monthly Church Report. This change emphasizes, even more, the need for completing the monthly report and sending it in on time--within the first week of the following month.

### Questions and Answers

Question: Would you clarify the policy regarding members dancing with spouses other than their own at Church dances? Is this permitted?

Answer: God's Church does not have a set policy in this matter. Obviously, there are certain types of dances where mixing partners would certainly be appropriate--even necessary--for the dance's sake. Round dancing, folk dancing, square dancing, etc. are dances in this category.

God's Church does not encourage married couples freely mixing throughout a Church dance. However, members should not stand in judgment, impute motives, etc. if two couples exchange partners for a dance, or if a married man should ask a widow (especially if she is elderly and considered a mother to many in the congregation) or some woman other than his wife to dance. Of course, this should be done with the approval of all concerned. However, if an individual or couples are found abusing this principle, then they should be talked to privately.

If an individual has problems wherein dancing with another's mate may cause him to sin, such an individual should avoid the situation entirely. Nevertheless, there is a place for mixing type dances and perhaps times when it is proper to dance with someone other than one's mate.

### International News

United Kingdom and Ireland An advertising program featuring two ads especially written by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has recently started in the U.K. and Eire. A very wide selection of media is being used--the biggest spread ever in the history of God's Work in the British Isles! In fact, one of Britain's largest newspaper publishers--the Mirror Group--has reopened its doors to us giving us access to both the DAILY and SUNDAY MIRROR tabloid newspapers. This group of newspapers and magazines (the biggest in Britain) had been adamantly closed to us for many years, so this change represents quite a breakthrough!

Here is a list of the papers in which ads are being placed: SUNDAY TELEGRAPH, DAILY TELEGRAPH, SUNDAY EXPRESS, SUNDAY MIRROR, IRISH INDEPENDENT, DAILY STAR, The TIMES, OBSERVER, DAILY MIRROR, DAILY RECORD, BELFAST TELEGRAPH, SUNDAY TIMES magazine, DAILY EXPRESS, TV TIMES, SUNDAY INDEPENDENT, MAIL ON SUNDAY, SUNDAY EXPRESS magazine and the OBSERVER magazine.

This represents a total circulation of around 24 million and means we are giving most of the British and Irish populations access to The PLAIN TRUTH on at least one occasion. A smaller program using these same ads will be run in Scandinavia.

The newsstand program in Britain has been expanded to 50,000 magazines with the opening up of distribution in the Birmingham area. We have concentrated our outlets in the very centre of Birmingham only, rather than spreading into the suburbs, since this is where we get maximum exposure and minimum logistical problems. We are also looking at outlets at Birmingham Airport and the National Exhibition Centre near Birmingham. Other outlets in major cities will be utilised when cost and opportunity allow. The London program is also being developed as we upgrade and expand the number of outlets. Response is around two and one-half percent.

Subscriber circulation in the U.K. and Scandinavia is up 15% and four percent respectively over last year, but has dropped back a little over May awaiting the results from the advertising program. Circulation of the English PLAIN TRUTH on the Continent remains buoyant (approximately 28,000 --up 35% over last year) due to the spinoff results from the German and Dutch offices, and the internationalism of Europe generally. Circulation in Black Africa is also strong and showing an increase of 59% over a year ago.

The amount of literature dispatched from the British office to all areas is up 60% over last year.

Finally, we have tested subscription offer "blow-in" cards and they have done well. Naturally we will have to see if the offer has caused any duplication, but response from this first trial is a very encouraging three and one-half percent--a cost per new subscriber of less than £0.45!

As this report is produced, the income for June is up 12% over last year, with year-to-date income up three percent. Pentecost offerings were up nine percent. The stringent financial situation in the U.K. and Ireland is having a clear effect on Church income.

French-language Areas Mr. Armstrong plans to be in Paris on the 17th of July to speak to the French-speaking brethren. Members from France, Belgium and Switzerland will attend this exciting and memorable occasion. Mr. Dibar Apartian will be on hand to greet Mr. Armstrong.

Since the printing of La PURE VERITE is paid from Paris in French francs, the recent devaluation of the French franc will considerably affect the French Department. The dollars we will purchase to pay our bills will cost us approximately 10% more. A similar loss will also be felt when we make our regular transfers of French francs from Paris to Geneva for the implementation of God's Work in Switzerland.

The Church of Science was recently prosecuted in Paris for fiscal fraud. However, the court recognized that this church was seeking to better the

society and conditions of life! If the case goes in favor of this organization, it will set a precedent which could hold significance for God's Church.

On the Sabbath of May 8th, a prayer request was made on behalf of Michel Saint-Jeannet who was imprisoned in France for refusing to serve in a combatant capacity in the military, and his determination to observe the Sabbath and the Holy Days. Our prayers were answered. Mr. Saint-Jeannet was able to attend Sabbath services on May 24 as well as Pentecost. In addition, he will be given a non-combatant office position in a regiment where he will not only be able to keep the Sabbath and the Holy Days, but also return home every evening!

On the legal front, Mr. Donat Picard, Pastor of the Montreal, Quebec Church, appeared as the key witness in a trial. The Commission for Human Rights has taken on the defense of four of our people who lost their jobs for observing the Feast of Tabernacles three years ago. The trial was held before the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec in Montreal. While the judge seemed to favor the position of the members, the judgment will not be pronounced for several months. A victory for the members would set a favorable precedent for members throughout all of Canada.

Our statistics for May show 4,181 new subscribers around the world (excluding French Canada), with 479 in Belgium, 2,191 in France, 119 in Switzerland, 42 in Guadeloupe, 46 in Martinique and 48 in Haiti.

#### Appreciation for the Second Ministerial Refreshing Program

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Thank you very much for the privilege of attending session four of the Ministerial Refreshing Program II last April on God's beautiful Headquarters campus. We deeply appreciated the steady help of all those who have made the program both a spiritual and physical success.

We went away with the distinct feeling that the program has brought our goals into much sharper focus--much like a new, more powerful set of eyeglasses for a nearsighted person. Undoubtedly God is giving you more acute spiritual vision in order to better lead God's Church on to our goal of God's Kingdom as the end draws closer. The program has given us a much clearer understanding of our role as ministers. We were particularly impressed with our responsibilities toward our children and Church youth.

In last year's MRP (in March) we missed seeing you at A.C. This year you more than made up for it! In addition to your address to the ministry on the second day of the program, we also had the wonderful blessing of hearing your sermons and a Bible study in the Ambassador Auditorium during the three Sabbaths we were there. Truly God is inspiring you to give God's Church--and especially us in God's ministry--the correction, as well as the encouragement, we need.

We thank our great God for setting His Church and ministry back on the right track through you as His instrument. Our prayers are with you each day.

pete and Paz Melendez

Dear Mr. Tkach:

We're back in New Brunswick, Canada again and want to thank you and your staff for a wonderful time in Pasadena. We profited a great deal from the lectures and tours. I'll be sharing some of the highlights of the material with the brethren this Sabbath, but some of it will come out in future sermons, too.

We greatly enjoyed the tour of the TV Studio. The men and women who work with TV and radio are truly professional and expert at what they do. The fruit of their work can be seen every time we watch Mr. Armstrong's telecasts. We appreciate their dedication and the quality of their work. No doubt God is giving them extra help.

Several of the faculty and others connected with the Work invited us into their homes. That added immensely to the whole impression of the second Refreshing Program.

Thank you and ALL the lecturers and support staff who made this course another refreshing!

Philip and Carole Shields

Dear Mr. Tkach:

My wife and I would like to thank you and your staff for the opportunity to attend this second Refreshing Program. We both consider it a privilege to have been able to come to Pasadena and be instructed by the leading ministers in God's Church. We were so very impressed by the spirit of service and cooperation exhibited by all at Headquarters.

I do believe that God is blessing the ministry and Church through the refreshing programs. Both local congregations here were anxious for us to return and to "fill them in" on the refresher. Thank you again for the obvious time, service, and dedication which made our time in Pasadena so personally rewarding to both of us.

Britton and Donna Taylor

Dear Mr. Tkach:

This is to express my appreciation for the just-completed Ministerial Refreshing Program session number six which I was privileged to attend. It was not only spiritually uplifting but packed with new knowledge that we certainly will be able to use in training the future leaders of God's Church, today's Ambassador students. Mr. Armstrong truly impressed upon us the magnitude of the importance of our calling and the role of education both in the Church today and in the World Tomorrow. Mr. McNair reinforced Mr. Armstrong's powerful message by stressing our role as examples to the students in behavior, dress and love. Every session brought new knowledge that we will be able to use in our own area of instruction.

The opportunity to fellowship with faculty from Big Sandy and Imperial was an extremely valuable aspect of our particular ses-

sion. It gave us an opportunity to work out procedures and coordinate activities to ensure better unity in our approach to administrative matters that impact upon the development of God's young people. Please express our sincere gratitude to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong for his part in making this wonderful experience possible.

Richard E. Walther, Library Director, Pasadena

Comments From Monthly Church Reports

LAFAYETTE, IN--CHUCK CALAHAN: We are having an influx of new people coming to services. Most are friends and relatives of members. Many have commented on how strongly God is using Mr. Armstrong. His telecasts seem to picture a man in his 60's and the message is straight to the point.

COLUMBUS (A.M.), OH--ROBERT DICK: There is a steady flow of new PM's coming in, something we have not had for years. There is also excellent growth in the number of new readers of the PT as a result of the telecast--also something we have not had in years.

MOBILE, AL--STEVEN D. MOODY: We have had an upturn in PM visits. Several people we had contacted many months ago are asking for visits again. They feel they must act on what they know.

AUSTIN, TX--HAROLD J. RHODES: Church attendance continues to run high. PM activity increasing. Excitement is evidently due to the times in which we live. People are interested in Mr. Armstrong's travels.

EVANSVILLE, IN--C. FRED BAILEY: Please convey to the writers and others of Editorial Services that I have received many positive comments in regard to recent articles for the brethren. They state that the timely subjects and the powerful, straightforward style is very helpful to them in their lives.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA--LES McCOLM: Enthusiasm runs very high in this Church area. We have more volunteers for The PLAIN TRUTH newsstand program than we can really use. This is fast becoming the youngest (in age) congregation I have ever had the privilege of working with. Thank you very much for sending Mr. Tom Root and Mr. Dick Burky out here for Pentecost services. They both did a very fine job--inspiring.

PORTSMOUTH, OH--DAVE TREYBIG: Have visited several excellent PM's recently. This is encouraging to the local congregation as Portsmouth has not had much activity in the past few months. My thanks to everyone who helped make the Refresher Program II such an encouraging and educational success! The brethren thank you too for the information in my sermons that has come from the program!

BAKERSFIELD, CA--ALFRED MISCHNICK: The opportunity to attend the fifth session of the Refresher Program was beyond my description. It is setting things on balance now that we are quite well back on the track. The Church here is warming up and the more rapid con-



tacts resulting from the telephone responses are a help. The economic pinch is being felt here too, but it hasn't dampened the general spirit of the Church at this time.

BELLEVILLE/MT. VERNON, IL--HAROLD SMITH: In spite of having eight members living in the city limits of Marion, Illinois [struck a few weeks ago by a tornado] only one woman, a widow, lost her living quarters. She lived in the apartment complex immediately behind the shopping center that was destroyed. Another member had her windows blown out of her house. And one other widow who had left her car to go to services with another member suffered severe damage to her automobile. Since the tornado struck while services were being held in Mt. Vernon, we were blessed not to have members just leaving or getting home at the time it hit. All are in very high spirits.

TERRE HAUTE, IN--STEVE NUTZMAN: This congregation continues to remain solid, stable, involved locally and very supportive of Mr. Armstrong and Headquarters. I suppose I could always ask for more involvement on the part of some, but overall, their hearts are really in God's Work. The Holy Day offering on Pentecost was a record, and that from brethren who aren't very well off as a whole because of high unemployment and low-paying jobs. Their example inspires my wife and me.

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

#### FROM MAIL PROCESSING

#### Third Tithe Year Blessings

Members continually write Mr. Armstrong to share news of their special third tithe year blessings. Sometimes they have experienced difficulties and tests of faith to start with. But then it seems that all of a sudden God opens the windows of heaven and pours out blessings! Here are some recent examples of such blessings:

#### Blessings Include a House and Several Pay Raises

I grew up in the Church, but never realized how much God blesses us during our third tithe year until this year. This is the first year I have had to pay third tithe and support a family. We calculated before the Feast last year that we would be \$15.00 per week short to just cover our bare necessities. We figured we would have to deplete our savings and maybe I would have to find a second job later in the year to cover our needs. But God did supply what we needed.

The first week we were back from the Feast I received a \$20.00 a week raise. That was only the start of God's blessings. Next we sold a car that we had been trying to sell for a year and a half but couldn't find a buyer. Then we found a house selling for about 60% of its value, which was less expensive for us to live in than the apartment we were renting. We also got our deposit back from our apartment even though we broke our lease agreement to buy the house. And just before we closed the deal on our house, the interest rate dropped one percent which lowered our monthly

payments by \$20.00. In addition, last month I received another \$1,400 a year raise. Also, it seems that every time we need some small thing, it is either on sale or we find it at a garage sale.

The blessings don't just stop with material things. My wife and I have developed a much better and closer relationship, and through our study, prayer, and seeing how much God really cares for us, we have both grown in our understanding and our love for God, His laws and His Church. It's too bad we don't have third tithe year every year!

H.W. (Wyoming, MI)

#### Promotion, Pay Raise, Land to Build on and More

I wanted to include a note with this month's check to let you know how God is blessing us financially for tithing....Since being baptized in 1976, my income has increased by 400%! The biggest increase was during this third tithe year. The company I work for gave me a promotion, substantial raise and a new \$14,000 sports car for personal use just before the Feast of Tabernacles. Just this month God blessed us with two acres to build a house on. We had prayed about this for two years. This is in addition to many spiritual blessings, such as healings that God has given us as well. It is a tremendous blessing to be a part of God's great Work.

M.M. (Land 'O' Lakes, FL)

#### After a Setback, God Provides Many Blessings

We have been having a fantastic third tithe year, however it sure started out with a test. As soon as I arrived home from the Feast which would begin my third tithe year, my employer told me that my salary, along with all the other employees, would be cut by 10%. This was due to a continuing business slump resulting in drastically reduced cash flow. The cut was to be in effect until January 1, 1982. We didn't know how we were going to make it. But that next week, my wife, who is a substitute teacher, started receiving calls to work every day. In February, my employer announced a four percent across-the-board pay raise for all employees because business had picked up. However, a few supervisory personnel and skilled workers were to receive a 10% raise. I was included in that group!

Last week, the anethetist at our local hospital, who is also a friend of mine, called and asked if my wife and I would like to help him with his billing to insurance companies and patients, on a part-time basis in our own home. He will supply all the materials needed and pay us about \$400 per month.

So we have been having a great year. I thought I would write and let you know there was one more family paying third tithe this year who can testify that you can't outgive God! Those blessings keep on coming!

R.K. (Logan, OH)

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

ON THE WORLD SCENE

LEBANON; THE PIPELINE ROW; THE "IRON LADY" SPEAKS OUT It's been quite a week since this column last appeared. Israel has continued its pressure on Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, the U.S. Secretary of State resigns, and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher gives a bold and insightful speech at the UN about the real cause of war.

Unless pulled up short by the United States and the countries of Western Europe, the bold plan by Israeli Defense Minister Ariel ("the lion of God") Sharon to deal a crippling blow to the P.L.O. should succeed--leading to the prospect of a reconstituted, free Lebanon. Here is an excerpt from an article dealing with the Lebanon crisis by William Safire in the NEW YORK TIMES titled "The Liberation of Lebanon."

The self-flagellationists of the West--who cannot abide the thought of a clear-cut victory by a democratic power in the Falklands or in Lebanon--will let loose a tremendous qeshrei. Oh, the shame of a fait accompli! The provocation was not quite to their taste, the terrorists will be sore losers, you must never fight fire with fire, you went two kilometers further than you said you would, all those moderate Saudis will be miffed at us....The even-handwringing will be fierce.

But one new fact is that there is now a chance for the rebirth of an independent, Western-oriented Lebanon. For those who remember the cultural and financial oasis that once was Beirut, that is no small thing....The object is to bring about a New Lebanon--not a collection of hostile zones and enclaves and terrorist sanctuaries....

Let's dispense with the U.N. hypocrisy of pretending the "territorial integrity" of Lebanon was offended by Israel; that nation was dismembered by Syria and the P.L.O. five years ago. "Liberation" is a word that has been much abused in recent years, usually by Communist aggressors out to subvert existing governments. It is the P.L.O.'s middle name. But liberation, and not invasion, is what is taking place in Lebanon today.

Who knows but that a pacified Lebanon, free of hostile forces, just might prove to be very beneficial to God's Work in reaching the state of Israel with God's message?

During the same passage of time, Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig, Jr. resigned his position. This was an action which caused grave misgivings throughout Western Europe where he had enjoyed a very high reputation as having an in-depth knowledge of European concerns. Mr. Haig's resignation was attributed partly to differences of opinion in the Reagan Administration over the Lebanon crisis. The ex-Secretary of State was considered to be "soft" on Israel. There is no doubt that he saw in Israel's attempt to secure a "Pax Hebraica" in Lebanon a golden opportunity, at little cost to the U.S., to eliminate the P.L.O. as the key obstacle to Middle East peace.

The immediate and principle reason for Mr. Haig's departure, however, was the overruling of his position within the Reagan cabinet over the Soviet-Western European pipeline deal. Mr. Haig thought that disagreements be-

tween Washington and allied capitals in Europe over the project had been resolved in a compromise at the recent economic summit in Versailles, France.

However, only two weeks after the economic summit, Mr. Reagan (under pressure from Mr. Haig's chief rivals, National Security Adviser William Clark and Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger) reversed course and actually tightened access to U.S. technology needed for the pipeline project. Not only were American firms forbidden to sell materials for the enterprise (a decision made in December, 1981), but now the President extended these sanctions to branches of American firms abroad and even to European holders of American licenses. The "extra-territoriality" of the decision infuriated Europeans. The West Germans have even threatened to take the case to the International Court of Justice.

Europeans see President Reagan's policy on the pipeline as excessive interference in their own affairs. After all, much is at stake. Their sluggish economies with high unemployment would receive a boost from the thousands of jobs the pipeline project would create. In just a few years Europe would begin to get energy from that new source. This would ease the West's heavy reliance on mideast oil at a time of increasing instability in that part of the world. (Significantly, the Soviets are once again encouraging the Arabs to institute another oil boycott against the U.S. for its help to Israel--just as it did months before the 1973 Middle East War.) European leaders are also concerned because European, especially German, banks hold a sizeable portion of the Eastern Bloc's debt to the West. They could hardly afford to have the East default on debts at this time of shaky Western European economies.

With regard to the souring of Atlantic relations over the Soviet-Western Europe pipeline project, West Germany's press had a few pointed remarks to make. FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (June 21) commented:

With this measure, it has become clear how deep the differences of opinion have remained between the United States and its European allies even after the Versailles summit. Reagan naturally has to face the criticism that the United States, by expanding the embargo on one hand, and continuing to deliver grain on the other hand, is pursuing a policy that is little convincing and is determined by its own domestic interests.

The STUTTGARTER NACHRICHTEN (June 21) added this:

The shock is great: In the middle of the decisive phase in which the head of AEG Telefunken is struggling for the survival of his company, the American President, with this measure, has seen to it that thousands of workers of the AEG and other European firms have to worry about their future. It would be no wonder if the bitterness of those affected leads to demonstrations which would be difficult to blame on the left.

Not just the Federal Republic but the Common Market as a whole, took a very negative view of the U.S. turnabout, seriously warning Washington of grave consequences to both the alliance and world trade. (The decision closely followed another U.S. decision affecting European steel exports to America.) Britain's Prime Minister Thatcher was the only trans-Atlantic ally

to cool European anger. Here is a June 30 report received over our ASSOCIATED PRESS wire:

Western European leaders informed the Reagan Administration that its unilateral sanctions against Common Market nations "seriously jeopardize" free world trade....The content of their discussions was not disclosed, but the meeting followed a two-day summit of the 10-nation European Community dominated by recent U.S. restrictions on European steel exports and the supply of U.S. equipment for the Soviet Siberian natural gas pipeline to Western Europe....

French President Francois Mitterrand called the American measures "coercive, vexing, unfair and dangerous." Mitterrand, whose country hosted last month's summit of Western leaders in Versailles, suggested it might be useless to hold future summits. But Tuesday's Common Market statement was a watered-down version of a much harsher protest abandoned under pressure from British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. [Mrs. Thatcher added, however, that it is dangerous for the U.S. to force firms outside America using U.S. technology to break contracts already entered into.]

Speaking of Mrs. Thatcher, on June 23 the British Prime Minister presented a remarkably clear-headed picture of the issues of war, peace and disarmament at the recent UN Special Session on Disarmament. She told the UN General Assembly that it is aggressive nations, not weapons, that make war. That weapons, nuclear or not, are the symptoms of aggressive behavior, not the cause of war themselves. As one observer said, Mrs. Thatcher's remarks were a "notable departure" from those of the 114 speakers who preceded her. Here are excerpts from Mrs. Thatcher's address:

Discussion on disarmament inevitably turns to the weapons of war. Our generation faces a special responsibility, because the march of modern technology has made ever more deadly the weapons of war....However alarmed we are by those weapons, we cannot disinvent them. The world cannot cancel the knowledge of how to make them. It is an irreversible fact.

Mr. President [of the UN General Assembly], nuclear weapons must be seen as deterrents. They contribute to what Winston Churchill called "a balance of terror...." These weapons succeed insofar as they prevent war. And for 37 years nuclear weapons have kept the peace between East and West....

Of course we must look for a better system of preventing war than nuclear deterrence. But to suggest that between East and West there is such a system within reach at the present time would be a perilous pretense....The distinctive role of the nonnuclear countries, I suggest, is to recognize that proliferation of nuclear weapons cannot be the way to a safer world.

Nuclear weapons...may mask the facts about what we sometimes call, too comfortably, conventional weapons and conventional war. Since Nagasaki there have been no conflicts in which nuclear weapons have been used. But there have been something like 140 conflicts fought with conventional weapons, in which up to 10 million people have died.

We are all involved; we all have conventional forces....For the fundamental risk to peace is not the existence of weapons of particular types. It is the disposition on the part of some states to impose change on others by resorting to force. This is where we require action....And our key need is not for promises against first use of this or that kind of military weapon; such promises can never be dependable amid the stresses of war....

Let us face the reality. The springs of war lie in the readiness to resort to force against other nations, and not in "arms races," whether real or imaginary. Aggressors do not start wars because an adversary has built up his own strength. They start wars because they believe they can gain more by going to war than by remaining at peace.

The causes which have produced war in the past have not disappeared today, as we know to our cost. The lesson is that disarmament and good intentions on their own do not insure peace....Mere words, speeches and resolutions will not prevent them. The security of our country and its friends can be insured only by deterrence and by adequate strength--adequate when compared with that of a potential aggressor.

Arms control alone cannot remove the possibility of war. Nevertheless, the limitation and reduction of armaments can still do a great deal....Decisive action is needed, not just declarations or freezes. I welcome the radical proposals made by the United States for substantially cutting strategic weapons, and for eliminating a whole class of intermediate-range systems (the zero option)....

Through all these many negotiations there runs a critical factor --verification. How can we be sure that what is said will be done, will be done? Where national security is at stake, we cannot take agreements on trust, especially when some states are so secretive and such closed societies. Agreements which cannot be verified can be worse than useless; they can be a new source of danger, fear and mistrust. Verification is not an optional extra in disarmament and arms control. It is the heart of the matter....

Mr. President, the message I bring is practical and realistic....We believe that wars are caused not by armaments but by the ambitions of aggressors and that what tempts them is the prospect of easy advantage and quick victory....It is not merely a mistaken analysis but an evasion of responsibility to suppose that we can prevent the horrors of war by focusing on its instruments. These are more often symptoms than causes.

No doubt that the Soviets, who know that they were the ones Mrs. Thatcher had in mind when she talked about "promises against first use" (a recent Gromyko pledge) and "good intentions" squirmed a bit. It reminds one of the time Mrs. Thatcher told an audience that "the Russians call me 'the Iron Lady' (pause) that I am!"

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