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FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

Preparing Quality Sermons

Most reports from the various Feast sites have now come in. We've had dozens of comments on the many outstanding sermons and sermonettes at the Feast this year! I want to congratulate you men on the fine job you've done in helping to make this such a superb holy day season. Our dedication to God--allowing Him to use us as tools in His hands--is really the key to making the Feast the best ever each year. As we grow in the knowledge of God, understanding His purpose and plan more each year, having a better grasp of His truth, and drawing closer to Him, the Feast is always bound to be the "best ever."

One thing to keep in mind as we get back to our regular responsibilities after the Feast is that we all need to continually work at keeping our sermons at a top-notch level. We all know how difficult and seemingly impossible it can be to thoroughly prepare scintillating, moving, exciting, powerful and helpful sermons week after week. But that is the goal we should always be striving for.

Perhaps we can allow the Feast to be the motivation needed to really dig in and put added life, enthusiasm, interest and meaning into all our sermons. I constantly receive comments from brethren about the valuable and helpful messages they are hearing in their local congregations. We certainly want to keep that up, knowing how easy it can be to let all the pressures of other ministerial responsibilities crowd out the time we need to prepare truly meaningful and worthwhile sermons.

Following are a few pointers that will help you to keep preaching high quality sermons throughout the year.

1. Remember that sermon preparation is of major importance to your effectiveness as a pastor (this includes sermons and sermonettes by associate pastors and assistants) and therefore must be given the necessary priority in your schedule.
2. Always be on the lookout for sermon resource material. Take time to regularly read a newspaper and/or newsmagazine. Occasionally view an educational TV program. Be aware of new books on social topics, international relations, etc. (You don't necessarily have to thoroughly read such books to be aware of what is being discussed in them.) These habits will help you have current and factual examples to use in your sermons, thus adding to the impact of your messages.
3. Don't stray from the Bible. The Bible should always be the foundation and center of our messages. God has called us to teach His Word, not our own ideas or thoughts. Don't allow some book, article or other outside source to be the central theme of a message. Let such material serve only as an example or illustration of the basic Biblical message you are giving.

4. Don't stray from established Church doctrine into your own speculation, pet ideas, thoughts or theories. This mistake is a form of vanity--the kind of vanity that led Lucifer to believe that his ideas apart from God had some special merit or value. There are plenty of topics you can and should cover that God has made absolutely clear to His Church. Getting into your own pet theories in sermons will only serve to undermine the congregation's respect for you. God has set you there to be a faithful reflection of His apostle, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, as God's ministers in Paul's day reflected his teaching (II Tim. 2:2).
5. Consider your audience. Carefully consider through prayer how best to help your congregation to understand and benefit spiritually from the subject you will be speaking on. Ask God to lead you to have the right kind of loving, concerned approach most effective for them.
6. As I mentioned in the Refresher, plan the year's sermon and Bible study subjects in advance. This will help you to make sure that you are not omitting any area of major importance, and will also help you to keep a record of what you've covered from year to year. Be flexible enough to juggle or revise your plan when necessary.
7. Don't forget the mechanics of speaking. The principles in the Spokesman Club manual apply to sermons, too: a good introduction to arouse attention and interest; a clear SPS; main points of the body clearly defined, logically developed and properly emphasized, with easy-to-follow transitions; and a logical conclusion with an appeal to action. Keep these basics in mind while preparing your messages. It would be a good idea to review the Spokesman Club manual with your sermons in mind.
8. Keep striving for excellence in grammar and pronunciation. Don't let yourself grow lax in overcoming habitual grammatical errors, mispronunciations and diction problems.
9. Your personal example is of utmost importance. What you are speaks louder than what you say. The impact of your messages largely depends upon the example that you and your family set as Christians. Part of your ministry is the example you set in your marriage, your childrearing, your conversation, your personal manner, your forms of entertainment, etc.
10. Most important, let God do it! Seek God's help. Trust and rely on Him. Ask God for His Spirit, His mind, His thoughts, His views. Realize you are not equipped nor qualified to teach God's people--but He is! And He will give you what you need, if you acknowledge your need to Him and submit to Him. Never begin the preparation or delivery of a sermon or Bible study without first seeking God for His help and inspiration. Don't ever forget that God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. I think we're all aware that when a man begins to think he can preach to God's people without actively and diligently seeking God's help, he is in deep spiritual trouble!

Should there be a fourth Ministerial Refreshing Program, we hope to go into more detail on planning, preparation and delivery of sermons and Bible studies.

Please continue to pray for Mr. Armstrong and his party on the current trip. I'm sure he will have much good news to report when he returns. As he has stated so often, he really appreciates your continued prayers for him and your diligent service to God's Church.

So again, keep up the good work!

International News

From the German Office The month of October was filled with much Feast activity. To start with, brethren in the German-speaking area gathered together at Bonn, Stuttgart, Darmstadt, Hamburg and Hannover, West Germany, Salzburg, Austria and Zurich, Switzerland for the Day of Atonement. A few days later, brethren from the German-speaking area traveled either to Brno, Czechoslovakia or Bonndorf, West Germany for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Feastgoers who attended in Bonndorf (in the Black Forest) were welcomed by sunshine and temperatures in the 60s. Interestingly, it rained the entire four weeks prior to the Feast, but throughout the Feast there was sunshine. Many shopkeepers and hotel owners asked us to stay longer so that the good weather would stay. Two days after the Feast, the rain returned.

Approximately 1,050 people--the highest attendance ever--attended in Bonndorf, 360 of whom were overseas guests. This was an increase of 200 people over last year, mostly due to the large number of overseas guests. Regional Director Frank Schnee commented that these overseas guests add a very welcome dimension to the Feast.

One of the highlights during the Feast was the film "The Hearts of the Children." Another highlight was a concert evening with the Bodensee Symphony Orchestra, featuring guest pianist Mrs. Ruth Walter, Professor of Music from the Big Sandy, Texas campus of Ambassador College. This was without doubt the cultural highlight of the Feast, and for Bonndorf residents who attended, the biggest cultural event of the year!

Approximately 360 miles northeast of Bonndorf were 285 feastgoers attending in Brno, Czechoslovakia. This was also Brno's highest attendance figure. Brno was host to 200 overseas guests, 100 of whom had the opportunity to participate in the deluxe sightseeing bus tour just before and after the Feast. The bus tour took feastgoers from Frankfurt through Munich, Salzburg, Vienna and on to Brno. After the Feast, the tour went through Prague, Schonsee, Nuremberg, and then returned to Frankfurt.

There were many different activities in Brno, one of the highlights being a special dinner in the Hunting Lodge of the Communist party. For the 14 brethren from East Germany, the Feast was a fantastic opportunity to fellowship with other Church members. Regional Director Frank Schnee, who with his wife Esther spent three days in Brno (the rest of the time was spent in Bonndorf) said, "Brno is a fantastic family Feast. Not only is the spiritual side of the Feast of high quality, but the physical Feast is as well."

From Australia Members of God's Church and their families gathered this year at six festival sites throughout Australia and profited from a most educational and uplifting Feast of Tabernacles. The final registration figure for the six Australian sites--Caloundra, Gold Coast, Gosford, Hobart, Warrnambool and Perth--totalled 5,702--a 5.2% increase over last year.

The four fall holy day offerings showed very fine increases over last year --the Feast of Trumpets was up 18.6%; Atonement was up 20.9%; the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles was up 21.0%; and the Last Great Day was up 19.5%.

Mr. Armstrong's sermon on the first day of the Feast was received via satellite and then transferred to video tapes, which were rushed by air to each of the festival sites. Mr. Armstrong's message was then projected onto large screens in each auditorium.

We appreciated the visit to our country by evangelist Ron Kelly and his family. Mr. Kelly traveled to five festival sites to deliver powerful and encouraging messages. After the feast, Mr. Kelly and his family visited our regional office at Burleigh Heads.

Mr. Guy Ames, Regional Director in the Philippines, was guest speaker at three sites and many of the brethren were delighted to renew their acquaintance with Mr. Ames and his family after an absence of some years.

We were also privileged to receive a visit from Dr. and Mrs. Lynn Torrance. Dr. Torrance is the Registrar and Director of Admissions at Ambassador College, Big Sandy. Dr. Torrance, who was a World War II prisoner, spoke at three sites and showed God's obvious intervention in saving Australia from Japanese invasion at a critical point of the war in the Pacific. In the coming "time of Jacob's trouble," unless our people repent, God will not protect this part of modern-day Israel, and foreign invasion will become reality.

In Asia, the brethren met at festival locations in four countries--Sri Lanka, Burma, West Malaysia and the Solomon Islands. Guest speaker at the Sri Lankan site was preaching elder Abner Washington, visiting from the United States, while the visiting speaker at the West Malaysian site was Mr. Richard Wilding, a pastor-rank minister from Canada.

Reports and comments about the Feast have been extremely positive. Unity, harmony, and cooperation were very evident throughout the Feast. Everyone agreed that Mr. Armstrong's timely messages, the sermons from the ministers, the festival films and the other activities were indeed a real foretaste of "the wonderful World Tomorrow."

The film "Behind the Work, 1984" was a superb presentation and drew many favorable comments from the brethren. The "Young Ambassadors" entertainment film was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and the beautiful music set many a foot tapping.

At the end of October we mailed out Mr. Armstrong's letter offering The GOOD NEWS magazine to 27,175 Australian PLAIN TRUTH subscribers who have been on file two years or more. By the end of the month we had received 4,066 replies--a 15% response--with requests continuing to come in. Our GOOD NEWS circulation in Australia is now approaching the 15,000 mark.

Mail from our readers continued to come in strong over the past two months. In September we received 24,800 letters--112.6% over the same month in 1983. In October the letter count rose to 26,102--41.6% over October last year. Our year-to-date increase in mail stands at 43.8%.

By the end of October, over 772,000 envelopes containing literature and letters had been mailed out to interested readers. This represents a 21.2% increase over the same period last year. Income for October increased by 14.6%, bringing our year-to-date increase to 16.0%.

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

EDITORIAL SERVICES UPDATE

PLAIN TRUTH Launches News Column

Editor in Chief Herbert W. Armstrong often refers to The PLAIN TRUTH as a newsmagazine. To further expand the magazine's news appeal, Mr. Armstrong approved reinstating a news column in The PLAIN TRUTH beginning with the January, 1985 issue.

The new column, titled "News Overview," will cover trends or significant events in business, finance, science, technology and education, and update readers on environmental and social concerns.

Our society is in a hurry. Articles in The PLAIN TRUTH compete for an individual's time. These short, piquant articles will often direct readers to full-length articles on the same subject within the magazine or in a future issue.

Research and ideas will be contributed by the regional offices around the world as well as the Editorial Services staff in Pasadena. The field ministry, especially those of you in the international areas, can assist by keeping Editorial Services abreast of significant events and trends in your areas. Keep in mind that "significant" means the event or trend is of broad regional or international importance--something that can be used as a positive or negative example to inform our readers about today's world conditions.

"News Overview" will make The PLAIN TRUTH even more quotable and should help strengthen the international appeal of the magazine.

Please send your ideas or contributions to:

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--Dexter H. Faulkner, Editorial Services

UPDATE FROM MAIL PROCESSING

Excellent Response to Recent Co-worker Letters

The response from co-workers to both Mr. Armstrong's September and October letters has been outstanding. These letters are currently running third and fourth in number of responses compared to all letters sent out in the past six years which did not offer literature. This very fine response

was no doubt motivated in part by Mr. Armstrong's pointing out the need to pray for more laborers so Christ's true message can go out in greater power.

To date, nearly 9,000 co-workers have sent in donations. This is about 30% more than average. Many said they would definitely be praying for more laborers. A few even added that they were willing to sacrifice their PLAIN TRUTH subscription if it could be placed in a new person's hands.

U.S. & BRITAIN IN PROPHECY Passes Four Million Mark

Our most frequently requested booklet, THE UNITED STATES & BRITAIN IN PROPHECY, has passed another significant milestone. Over 4.2 million copies have now been distributed worldwide. Of that total, about 3.7 million have gone out in the United States and half a million in other countries. Currently about 50,000 copies are requested each month.

The booklet's continuing popularity is due to several factors. It has been heavily advertised in The PLAIN TRUTH, the Bible correspondence course and on "The WORLD TOMORROW" telecast. Mr. Armstrong has mentioned that people cannot understand prophecy without this key and, of course, there is a natural curiosity about one's "roots."

Progress Continues at Big Sandy WATS

Our telephone response department on the Big Sandy campus is now settled into its new facilities. The new location, consisting of two remodeled buildings in the former Imperial Schools complex south of the racquetball courts, has greatly helped productivity and allowed for the addition of new lines. These were readied just in time for the record response received during October. The WATS operation was formerly located in a converted guest house, with phone stations and offices squeezed into several rooms and even some large closets.

About 40% of the calls coming to Big Sandy are taken by operators trained in direct terminal entry. Names, addresses and literature requests are entered into computer terminals linked with the Church's main computer at Pasadena. Information from the remaining calls is written on WATS cards and also processed by terminal operators the same day calls are received.

The tremendous attitude of service and cooperation by college students and local members who answer calls has been heartwarming. With their help and the addition of these fine new facilities, we should be well prepared for the ever-increasing response to "The WORLD TOMORROW" program.

The Feast in Nanjing, China

Keeping the first Feast of Tabernacles in China was a thrilling experience for a little over 500 Church members. A number wrote to thank Mr. Armstrong for this special opportunity and to share some of the exciting things they observed and learned. They unanimously agreed that the trip was highly educational, and the Feast very inspiring. Following are a few of their comments:

Words will never express the experience I had on the visit combined with the Feast of Tabernacles in China. The love and at-

tion we received from these wonderful and warm people was enough, but the learning experiences and the completely new understanding brought to us by our own dedicated and loving ministers were just mind-boggling. I'm afraid it will take some time to get my feet on the ground.

Mr. Halford and Mr. Fish are to be highly commended for their diligence and hard work; also Dr. Hoeh for his ability in giving such a volume of history in such compact form. We found Dr. Liu to be most dedicated to our welfare and such a warm, sincere and compassionate man.

I believe Mr. Armstrong has crossed a very wide bridge in cementing relationships with this wonderful country and people, and I hope very sincerely that we had a small part in what he is doing. I pray that our lights did shine. I will never forget having had the opportunity of this first Feast in China. Thank you very much!

V.N. (Underwood, WA)

A very special thank you to you [Mr. Armstrong], Dr. Richard Liu and the Festival Office for the Feast in China. It was the most spiritually rewarding, educational and impressive Feast I have ever had! It is difficult to explain how much we have all gained from this unique experience. The Chinese people, their culture, history and art skills, as well as their friendliness and hospitality, have left a deep impression not soon forgotten. Thank you again for making it all possible.

J.S. (Oceanside, NY)

Now that I have had a week to recover from jet lag, I want to thank you for authorizing the Feast in Nanjing, China and for allowing us to attend. My wife and I feel that the Feast and tour were perhaps the most educational 18 days of our lives. It was extremely interesting for us to observe firsthand the way the Chinese employ many Godly principles in their day-to-day lives that we in the United States apparently have forgotten.

We knew that we would discover how much the people of China need the Kingdom of God ruling over them and this indeed was the case. However, we became more aware of how much we in the decadent nation of Manasseh need God's government even more than the people of China. Praying for God's world-ruling government will be easier from now on.

Mr. & Mrs. F.H. (Cincinnati, OH)

Thank you so much for approving Nanjing, China as a Feast site! It was a fabulous trip! It was quite an education as well as an experience and adventure! The entire trip was well organized--it was obvious that a lot of planning and preparation went into it. We thoroughly enjoyed it and would go again.

The Chinese are a friendly, hospitable, giving and serving people. They tried to do everything they could to make our trip more enjoyable. We can certainly learn from them!

The message of the film "Behind the Work" was definitely brought home in China. The Chinese love their children very much--it was evident everywhere we went.

We were very impressed with the children of members in our group. They were real "ambassadors" and made many friends among the Chinese. It was very exciting to see the fruits of Malachi 4:6 in action.

Mr. & Mrs. W.H. (Sierra Madre, CA)

Thank you for the privilege of attending the Feast of Tabernacles 1984 in China. It was truly inspiring! Mr. Halford is a very personable and capable minister. Through his direction we continually had our values tuned and focused.

This was my first international Feast. The wonder of a land as vast as China was almost more than I could fathom. A week after returning home I am still digesting the experience!

The sermons were positive, stressing God's Kingdom and our part individually in preparing now to be part of God's Family so we can help others for all eternity. We will not rule according to man's standards or western philosophy. Rather, we will help all mankind to see and desire the good fruits of God's society. As North Americans, we have much to learn from the so-called "have not" nations.

E.S. (Williamsville, MO)

We were privileged to be able to observe the Feast in China. It was an experience of a lifetime and I really believe the group gave emphasis to the work that you, other ministers and the students have done there.

B.T. (Waco, TX)

Just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed China! It was the most outstanding, inspiring thing I ever had a part in. I was in group one, so I had the chance to stand on top of the stairway inside of the hotel and watch the other buses come in, with the band playing, people cheering and the members dragging in with bags, so weary from the trip. It made me think--maybe that is how we will look to Christ when we come, weary at the end of our journey, to begin a wonderful life of peace and happiness. God grant that day soon!

I thank you so very much for making a trip like this possible. All the things we saw and learned we could never get from books. Hope you like the set of vases [a gift to Mr. Armstrong from the China feastgoers]. They are beautiful, but they can't possibly tell you how much we enjoyed the trip.

F.S. (Troy, IL)

I'm glad I got to visit a country so different from my own. Everywhere you look in the cities, there are big crowds of people walking and riding bicycles. The only automobiles were taxis and government cars. The people were dressed plainly but neatly in jackets and pants. They seemed happy and friendly and many of

them would smile and wave to us when they saw us. They seemed especially interested in the children in our group.

I enjoyed seeing and climbing the Great Wall. I had to learn to eat with chopsticks. I learned I didn't like Chinese food very much, but we could get Coca Cola and candy bars. I met children from California, Texas, Illinois and Florida.

M.S.--age 8 (Pasadena, CA)

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

ON THE WORLD SCENE

ANOTHER VON HABSBERG SPEAKS OUT; WHICH WAY THE WEU?; OLYMPICS DIVIDE SOVIETS AND EAST EUROPEANS

With Mr. Reagan robustly returned to a second four-year term, the prospects of improved Soviet-American relations appear remote. Moscow is presently in no mood to concretely negotiate arms reduction talks. Furthermore, the Kremlin is moving to militarily prop up its Central American surrogate, Nicaragua, which has had difficulty fending off the attacks of the U.S.-supported "contra" forces.

The Managua regime has "cried wolf" once again by putting the entire nation on military alert against an alleged U.S. attack. While such an assault is extremely remote, it nevertheless shows that the United States and the Soviet Union are both "upping the ante." Neither superpower believes it can afford to back down.

The prospect of reduced East-West tensions, therefore, are fading fast. This puts the nations of Western Europe in an increasingly uncomfortable position. It also encourages them in their desire for greater cooperation both within Western Europe and between the Western and Eastern halves of the continent. Recently, for example, the heads-of-state of France and West Germany held top-level talks in Paris, as reported in the November 7 issue of the TIMES of London:

France and West Germany should serve as the driving forces behind the construction of a stronger Europe, with a view to opening up the east-west dialogue, President Mitterrand and President Richard von Weizsaecker agreed here at the beginning of a five-day official visit to France by the West German President. Speaking at a banquet given in Herr von Weizsaecker's honour...M. Mitterrand said: "Free and strong, our [European] Community will be able to conduct a dialogue with the other part of Europe..." Noting the special national and family ties between the West Germans and the Germans in East Germany, Herr von Weizsaecker said in reply: "They are and remain like us, Europeans. That is why we are seeking an entente between East and West. That is why we desire a peace which would enable us to overcome the divisions within Europe."

The goal of a united Europe remains fixed in the focus of the von Habsburg family, not only Dr. Otto von Habsburg, but his 23-year-old son, the Archduke Karl von Habsburg. Like his father, Karl von Habsburg is active in the promotion of a united Europe, serving as a member of the board of the Inter-

national Pan-European Movement. He travels widely and lectures frequently. On September 25, he was in Pennsylvania, delivering addresses at York College of Pennsylvania and Elizabethtown College. Mr. Jim Rosenthal, pastor of our Harrisburg church, attended the afternoon lecture at York College, and church member Herbert N. Witmer attended the evening session at Elizabethtown. They were kind enough to send us newspaper reports of the speeches as well as, in Mr. Witmer's case, a transcript of an enlightening question-and-answer session.

First off we have a summation of Archduke Karl's York College address as presented in the September 26 issue of THE PATRIOT of Harrisburg. One can readily see that he is a "chip off the old block." Not only his message but his very words are virtually identical to his father's.

A "United States of Europe" could be the world's third great power, an Austrian archduke said yesterday during a visit here. Archduke Karl von Habsburg, youngest board member of the International Pan-European Movement and an officer in the Austrian army, spoke at York College of Pennsylvania on efforts to form a combined Europe. "Today, 200 million Americans are protecting 470 million Europeans from 250 million Russians," he said. "Combined, we could do it ourselves."

Habsburg, grandson of Emperor Karl I of Austria-Hungary and son of Otto von Habsburg, a member of the European Parliament, said he grew up in a family where European politics was the main topic of conversation. "From the time I was a little boy I heard only about politics, and I have been active in politics since the age of 12," he said. The Pan-European Movement began in 1923, was stalled by World War II, and had a revival in the early 1950s with a plan to integrate the coal and steel industries of Western Europe, Habsburg said. This led to the European Economic Community... [and] to the European Parliament....

The next few years [said the Archduke] will see the introduction of a European passport, a European driver's license, a uniform voting system, common guidelines for protection of the environment and the use of energy and other natural resources, the coordination of school certificates and educational degrees, and a common system of armaments, he said....

"We seek a great Europe, and people now living behind the Iron Curtain are just as much Europeans as we are. Colonization should end in Europe, just as it has in Africa and other parts of the world."

As his father concluded in his addresses at Ambassador College and in Los Angeles last year, Archduke Karl also stressed, regarding the quest of a united Europe: "We have passed the point of no return."

After the hour-long presentation in Elizabethtown, Archduke Karl fielded questions from the general audience (about 250 people of all ages). Afterwards, according to Mr. Witmer, the Archduke remained to answer questions privately from a dozen or so persons. The following are some of the questions Mr. Witmer and others asked of the very outspoken Archduke:

Q. "Do you see Franz Josef Strauss often...?"

A. "Well I don't see him often.... When we talk about politics head to head, he's brilliant. I don't mind that but otherwise he's too blustery."

Q. "You can look back through history many centuries ago and know that Charles V was your great-great-great-great grandfather. Does that do something to your everyday thinking?"

A. "I am descended from him through the Madeirian Line, but no-- I feel more empathy toward my Grandfather Karl I, who was the last Emperor of Austria. Incidentally, my Grandmother Zita is still living. She is 93 years old, totally blind, but she has a sharp clear mind. She has a staff of advisors who keep her up-to-date on the latest world news. You can sit down with her and carry on conversations about what is happening in the world today and she will know everything you're talking about."

Q. "Do you feel the monarchy will ever be restored to Austria?" (Just then an elderly lady standing beside me nudged me and said: "you don't mean that question, do you?!" The Archduke did not mind it.)

A. "There was a poll taken in Austria much like your Harris Poll. Eleven percent of the people surveyed said that if they had their choice of a government they would want to live under the monarchy. Now eleven percent does not seem to be a very high figure but the same poll was taken in Belgium and only one percent of the people wanted a monarchy."

Q. (From a young female student) "Who then would be the Emperor if that were to materialize?"

A. "My father is 73 years old and had to renounce any pretension to the throne. I have five sisters--I am the oldest of my brothers--I would."

Q. "You admitted that even though the Common Market is moving along very well toward unity there are a lot of border problems due to different languages and customs. If that remains a problem, wouldn't you draw upon the influence of the Catholic Church to settle such disputes since much of the Market is Catholic?"

A. "Most certainly yes. But I take their advice when it's good and disregard it when it's bad. For example, there was an Irish Catholic priest who was smuggling arms into a country in Africa dealing in revolution. The man was caught by the authorities and promised not to do it again. He returned immediately to that activity--was caught again, and again told the authorities he would not do that again. He was released. The church said that we should have aided much more in his release. I told the church that that man should have been shot."

Q. "Are you related to the Royal House of Windsor?"

A. "Yes, through the Saxonian Line. But I do not go in for all that social activity. I must by protocol attend the weddings of the royal families in Europe but I do not care for all that; I would rather be out talking politics, promoting the United States of Europe.

"One thing saddened and angered me last June at a wedding to which my grandmother attended. She of course needed two escorts since she is blind and when she came into the hall all the royalty stood up specifically to greet her with the exception of one person. That was Prince Andrew, who was sitting on a couch with his cigarette and glass of wine, lounging around very disrespectfully. There was my grandmother you know, the last Empress of Austria--quite an amazing achievement. But we were vindicated when we saw one of Andrew's uncles race across the floor, stand him up and proceed to castigate him before the others in attendance."

A further note by Mr. Witmer: The Archduke referred to England as "us and them" or "them and us"! The overall impression he left with the small audience was that he didn't care too much for the British. He did state that he admired and liked the Queen and Prince Charles.

Our thanks to Mr. Rosenthal and Mr. Witmer for their contributions.

On a coordinated European development, the foreign ministers of the revived Western European Union met in Rome on October 27. They agreed, said one report, "to breathe fresh vigour into the long-comatose organisation."

This affirmed the WEU members' desire to strengthen the European pillar of the transatlantic alliance and increase cooperation within WEU countries (Belgium, Britain, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and West Germany) on security, arms procurement and disarmament negotiations. At the same time there appears to be a general desire, particularly noticeable on the part of the British, to make it clear that a revived WEU should develop as a supplement rather than a challenge to NATO.

Orrin G. Hatch, Republican senator from Utah, also expressed his reservations in an article he wrote for the November 12 WALL STREET JOURNAL, entitled "A 'Europeans Only' Club Threatens NATO":

Although the State Department and the European ministers themselves have said that the WEU must serve "as a contribution to the cohesion of the NATO alliance and not as a search for a substitute for it," I remain skeptical. My concern is that the WEU may become a wedge between Europe and the U.S.--ultimately weakening the security of NA^m.

According to a report published by an official WEU working group this year, the overall "theme" of the WEU is the coordination of European defense efforts. Pardon me, but I thought a body already existed to take care of those needs, and it is called the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Of course, there is one critical difference between the WEU and NATO: The WEU excludes

the U.S.... I believe the WEU should more properly be called the EOC (Europeans-Only Caucus).

The misguided effort to revive the WEU was launched by the French.... The British magazine ECONOMIST believes that: "The French motive is clear. For years France has seen the WEU as a means of getting back some of the influence over European defense matters it lost when it took its armed forces out of NATO's military command in the mid-1960s." The French also seem worried that the West Germans are sliding toward neutrality, and they hope to prevent this by tying the West Germans more firmly to NATO....

In Rome this past weekend, the WEU member nations agreed to hold twice-yearly joint meetings of their defense and foreign ministers. This select group will meet prior to NATO's sessions. Might not they present their recommendations to NATO as a fait accompli?

Ironically, one of the purposes of the WEU is to allay the concerns of U.S. officials that the Europeans are not doing enough for their own defense. This worthwhile objective may backfire because the WEU could actually undercut American public support for keeping U.S. troops in Europe. NATO's security may very well be jeopardized if this misguided, some say sinister, initiative goes full-steam ahead.

A case in point was last June's narrow Senate vote opposing an amendment by Sen. Sam Nunn (D., Ga.) to sharply reduce the levels of U.S. combat troops in Western Europe unless the Europeans increase their defense spending. The administration lobbied very hard against this proposal, and it failed. However, next year members of the Europeans-Only Caucus may get a change in U.S. policy they hadn't bargained for.

At the Rome meeting, the WEU ministers formally approved the removal of the remaining WEU restrictions on West Germany's production and stockpiling of conventional weapons. The Soviet Union severely criticized the proposed lifting of restrictions (on the production of long range bombers and missiles) after a preliminary agreement was announced in June.

The West German foreign minister, Hans Dietrich-Genscher, said the decision will not alter his government's long-standing policy on armaments. "We have no intention of producing strategic weapons," Genscher remarked. A document issued by the group said "commitments and controls" concerning nuclear, biological and chemical weapons will be maintained for West Germany.

In this regard, it will be a little time yet before West Germany could acquire, if it eventually chose to, nuclear weapons. An article entitled "Europeanization of NATO" appeared in the November, 1984 issue of the BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS. It reported, in part:

The Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) of 1970 prohibits many NATO members, including West Germany, from acquiring or controlling nuclear weapons. But thanks to several U.S. interpretations of

the NPT...to which the Soviet Union never objected, non-weapons states may possess nuclear delivery systems and participate in consultations regarding nuclear defense as long as the actual warheads (which might be deployed in those states) remain under the control of a weapons state.

In theory, therefore, a European nuclear force could take the place of the present American one without violating the NPT. It could be directly controlled by one or both of the European nuclear weapons states (Britain and France) and deployed in consultation with the non-nuclear states, principally West Germany....

Present American interpretations of the NPT effectively forbid a jointly controlled European nuclear force, but there is no guarantee that these interpretations will extend beyond NPT renewal in 1995. Juergen Todenhoefer, arms control spokesman for West Germany's ruling Christian Democrats, recently proposed such a European nuclear force, bringing back memories of West German demands for control of the "most modern" weapons in the 1950s.

Olympics Continue to Divide Soviets and Their Satellites

Meetings were held in Mexico City last week of representatives of the 150 national Olympic committees to discuss the future of the Games. The hottest topic was whether the Soviet Union, which does not recognize the South Korean government, will attend the 1988 Games in Seoul. (There is no serious talk of moving the Games elsewhere.) Marat Gramov, the Soviet Olympic chairman, lambasted Seoul-Washington links (he said Soviet athletes' lives could be in danger--same charge with regard to the '84 Los Angeles Games). This meeting witnessed a further cleft between Moscow and the East European capitals over the issue of international sports and sanctions. Reported the November 13 LOS ANGELES TIMES:

The word was out in Mexico that Olympic leaders of East Germany, Hungary and even Poland, at a recent meeting of Communist sports ministers in Prague, told Gramov pretty plainly that they want to go to Seoul and may do so even if the Soviets do not, just as the Romanians went on their own to Los Angeles. The Romanians have already said they will be in Seoul.

It was noticeable at the Mexico meetings that Manfred Ewald, East Germany's Olympic chairman, was taking some different approaches than Gramov.... The East Germans...announced they would send teams to two forthcoming world championship matches in Seoul. The Soviets have avoided even such limited commitments....

When F. Don Miller, director of the United States Olympic Committee, sharply rebuked Gramov for accusing the Reagan Administration of conspiring to harm Soviet athletes in Los Angeles, some of the many Olympic delegates who congratulated the American were from Eastern Europe.

Los Angeles Olympic committee officials, by the way, paid most of the Romanian team's expenses to come to L.A. The struggle for the soul of Eastern Europe continues, nearly 40 years after the end of World War II.

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