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FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

Thank you for your continued prayers for the success of Mr. Herbert Armstrong's current trip. We look forward to hearing details of his activities soon. Mr. Armstrong is feeling well and has already had a number of interesting meetings, which will be covered in an upcoming issue of THE WORLDWIDE NEWS.

Several pastors have mentioned that it would be helpful to once again define the prospective member status. Please follow the guidelines below in keeping your list of PMs accurate and up-to-date.

- A prospective member (PM) is defined as an individual who shows good promise of becoming a member in the relatively near future--possibly six months to one year. (We realize it is impossible to know for sure whether a person will be baptized. We merely want your best judgment.)
- If a PM is regularly attending church, even if he is not making any obvious progress toward baptism, you should not, based upon this fact alone, forbid further church attendance. He could be worked with, but it is possible such a person is called only to be a co-worker. It is fine for the individual to continue attending, provided he or she is maintaining the standards of the Church and not causing any problems. Whether an individual should be retained as a PM on file would depend on the minister's judgment of whether or not he is actively progressing toward baptism. If the individual is making no detectable progress toward baptism, he should be deleted from PM status.
- Older children (in their late teens) of members should be made PMs only if they are actively seeking baptism. They should not be made PMs just because they are YOU members.
- If a husband and wife are both regarded as PMs, then they should be designated separately as PMs on file (the PM count should measure individuals, not just heads of households).
- It is not necessary to designate someone a PM just to add him to the Feast sign-up list.
- The prospective member status is a category we use as an estimation of future baptisms. For this reason, we appreciate your endeavors to keep this status as accurate as possible.
- If you have individuals in a PM classification who do not belong there according to these guidelines, please remove them from PM status.

These guidelines apply for the United States and should be applicable in international regions as well. However, the regional directors may need to make some minor modifications due to special circumstances in their areas.

I'd like to remind all of you to continue to remember our brethren in Southern Africa in your prayers. Dr. Roy McCarthy has reported that God's people have been protected throughout the recent violence. God is on His throne and does fulfill His promises toward us. Let's each do our part in earnest prayer for our fellow laborers in these increasingly difficult times.

Mr. Peter Nathan's March report from the Auckland, New Zealand office includes an encouraging letter from Ratu Epeli Kanaimawi, our minister in Fiji. He describes God's powerful intervention in protecting His people from another violent hurricane. I encourage each of you pastors to read the letter, which we are including in this issue of the PASTOR GENERAL'S REPORT, to your congregations. Remind the brethren to "think big" about God's promises and the needs of His people around the world, following Paul's instruction to "continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" (Col. 4:2).

We are very excited about the recent addition of a new television station in Italy, which will now allow Mr. Armstrong's telecast to reach virtually all of Italy! Mr. Carn Catherwood gives the details in the February/March report from the Italian Department, also included in this issue of the PGR.

Let's realize that events leading up to the great crisis at the close of this age seem to be speeding up again. As Mr. Armstrong wrote recently in his March 18 co-worker letter, "We are stewards running God's business for him through the power of his Spirit. I can report to God and to you that the work is growing now as never before. We must be pleasing God for he is blessing us in his work. But time is short and we must try even harder. We must pray more earnestly and more often. We must each do our part to the extent of our ability."

Let's not lose the spiritual momentum gained during the Passover season. Let's build on and increase that momentum right into Pentecost and beyond!

The U.S. ministerial transfers are now under way. Following is the list as it now stands. Please remember these men and their families in your prayers --for their safety in moving and their success in their new assignments. By the way, we hope to hire one or two more men in the next few weeks, budget permitting.

In connection with the transfers, I'd like to ask all of you to be praying for Mr. Michael Hechel, who has been pastoring the Charleston, South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia churches. Mr. Hechel has been diagnosed as being seriously ill, and in need of complete rest for the next few months. The Hechels will remain in Charleston during his recovery. Mr. Robert Persky will be moving to Charleston as the new pastor of the circuit. Please ask God for Mr. Hechel's complete recovery and return to service. We will keep you informed of his progress.

1985 MINISTERIAL TRANSFERS

<u>Minister</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Dr. Clint Zimmerman	Colorado Springs-Pueblo, CO	Pasadena Aud. AM
Ron Howe	Pasadena Aud. AM	St. Petersburg, FL

<u>Minister</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Robert Jones	St. Petersburg, FL	Norfolk-Richmond, VA
Ken Giese	Richmond, VA	Houston W-Victoria, TX
Dennis Van Deventer	Houston W-Victoria, TX	Pasadena Imperial PM
David Carley	Ada-Lawton, OK	Colorado Springs-Pueblo, CO
Don Hooser	Grand Island-North Platte, NE	Ada-Lawton, OK
Fred Davis	Medford-Klamath Falls, OR	Grand Island-North Platte, NE
Jeff McGowan	Boise, ID-Ontario-Baker, OR	Medford-Klamath Falls, OR
Jim Tuck	Huntsville-Florence, AL	Boise, ID-Ontario-Baker, OR
Otto Lochner	Macon-Columbus, GA	Huntsville-Florence, AL
David Mills	Salem-Albany, OR	Macon-Columbus, GA
Jess Ernest	Peoria-Macomb, IL	Salem-Albany, OR
Ron Lohr	Tampa, FL	Peoria-Macomb, IL
Roy Demarest	Baltimore, MD	Tampa, FL
Jim Servidio	New Orleans, LA	Baltimore, MD
Al Kersha	Miami, FL	New Orleans, LA
Al Barr	Chicago SS, IL	Miami, FL
Arnold Hampton	Barbados	Chicago SS, IL
Robert Persky	Roanoke, VA	Charleston, SC-Savannah, GA
Britt Taylor	Corning-Binghamton, NY	Roanoke, VA
Dennis Diehl	London-Somerset-Middlesboro, KY	Corning-Binghamton, NY
Roger West	Tupelo-Columbus, MS	London-Somerset-Middlesboro, KY
John Cafourek	Cape Girardeau, MO-Paducah, KY	Tupelo-Columbus, MS
Arnold Clauson	Oklahoma City-Enid, OK	Cape Girardeau, MO-Paducah, KY

<u>Minister</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Gerald Flurry	Pasco-Yakima-Quincy-Tonasket, WA	Oklahoma City-Enid, OK
Harold Smith	Belleville-Mt. Vernon, IL	Pasco-Yakima-Quincy-Tonasket, WA
Dan Creed	Bismarck-Minot-Dickinson, ND	Belleville-Mt. Vernon, IL
Jeff Barness	San Francisco-Pleasanton, CA	Bismarck-Minot-Dickinson, ND
(Brian Orchard to become pastor of San Francisco-Pleasanton, CA)		
Ken Treybig	Dallas East, TX (Assoc.)	Big Sandy, TX (Assoc.)
Ed Faulk	Norfolk, VA	Trenton-Vineland, NJ (Assoc.)
Ross Flynn	Trenton-Vineland, NJ (Assoc.)	Dallas East, TX (Assoc.)
Maceo Hampton	Detroit W-Ann Arbor, MI (Assoc.)	Kansas City East, MO (Assoc.)
Val Burgett	Belleville-Mt. Vernon, IL (Assoc.)	Norfolk-Richmond, VA (Assoc.)
Gary Smith	Peoria-Macomb, IL (Assoc.)	St. Louis N/S, MO (Assoc.)
Ron Washington	St. Louis N/S, MO (Assoc.)	Detroit W-Ann Arbor, MI (Assoc.)
Grant Spong	Lenoir-Marion-Boone, NC (Assoc.)	Germany
Doug Peitz	Garden Grove, CA (Assoc.)	Lenoir-Marion-Boone, NC (Assoc.)
Allen Olson	San Francisco-Pleasanton, CA (Trainee)	Los Angeles, CA (Trainee)

* * * * ATTENTION ALL U.S. PASTORS * * * *

Church Buses

Until further notice, no buses are to be purchased or acquired for use in local congregations. If you have any questions, please call Ministerial Services.

International News

From Mr. Peter Nathan A direct mail package was sent out from the Auckland office in March to nearly 10,000 subscribers to TIME magazine. The church members who volunteered to label and stuff the envelopes for this promotion noted that the labels included the names of a number of titled and other upper class individuals. By the end of the month, just two weeks after the mailing, we had already received a very pleasing 5.6% response, with more letters coming in every day.

For this package, we decided to test an airmail carrier envelope against the usual surface mail envelope, to see if this would make any significant difference in response. So far, the airmail envelope has brought in a higher response: 6.0% compared with 5.3% from the regular envelope.

All told, 5,338 pieces of mail came into the office during March. Mail income was 10.4% higher than for the same month last year, bringing the year-to-date increase to 1.4%.

Yet another hurricane closed in on Fiji, but our brethren there were protected from any injury. Here's what our minister in Suva, Ratu Epeli Kanaimawi, wrote to us immediately after the cyclone had passed:

Please convey our gratitude and sincere thanks to the brethren for their prayers for us in a frightening time of need. With three very strong cyclones coming through Fiji early this year, this fourth one was to be an experience of a lifetime!

Listening to the radio announcements on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, one could clearly detect the terror and intense fear in the voices of announcers as they described the path and intensity of hurricane Hina. There was no doubt that Satan was out to destroy us.

We are grateful to the Eternal for intervening and sparing us from real destruction and death. All previous cyclones that I know of travelled either in a straight line or a gentle curve through Fiji. It can clearly be seen from the maps published in the local papers that the hurricane continued to be pushed away from Fiji's coastline as it approached the western coast of our islands.

Winds of 120 knots per hour gusting to 160 knots or more per hour were 40 miles from the centre of our group of islands. The hurricane skirted Fiji at distances varying between 60 to 80 miles away--just enough distance from the centre to save the country.

We have, in a very dramatic and unforgettable way, seen demonstrated the dynamic power of the Eternal and how He is willing and able to answer His people's prayers. We thank you deeply for your part in praying for our safety. It has certainly brought us closer to one another in the unity that I am confident the Eternal is well pleased to see in the Church.

Recently, "The WORLD TOMORROW" broadcast was discontinued on two New Zealand radio stations. However, it is still aired weekly on three stations

here, and one in Tonga, as well as on TV in Tonga. We are currently running a series of advertisements in the NEW ZEALAND LISTENER to direct people's attention to the broadcast. Responses increased dramatically in March, which was the biggest month for radio responses since 1978.

From Mr. Carn Catherwood During the month of February, incoming mail to the Italian Department tapered off somewhat to 7,285, due to the fact that the response cycle to the previous month's major advertising was drawing to a close. Nevertheless, this figure represents a 194% increase over the same month last year! Regular mail, keeping stride with our growing subscriber list, has also increased a few percentage points over the previous months.

Also in February the first copies of Lesson 3 of the Bible correspondence course in Italian became available, of which we mailed out 713. Our list of donors has been growing steadily and had reached 252 by February's end.

Mr. Mike Caputo conducted a visiting tour in February covering Rome and the northern portion of Italy. He was accompanied by his wife, Leonilda. (Mr. Caputo, a native Italian more recently from Toronto, is currently a full-time student at Ambassador College.) He contacted 17 people during the trip. Of those, about ten showed a genuine interest in being baptized. The remainder are good potential candidates for baptism at some later date. Overall, the tour was very successful and encouraging. Most new PMs are the result of viewing the TV program and consequent reading of the Italian language magazine and booklets.

Though the incoming mail figure for March was lower than February, the year-to-date increase as compared to the same three-month period in 1984 was 28%. A total of 1,785 booklets left our mailing room in March. We also received shipments of the first Italian copies of Lesson 4 of the correspondence course and the reprint "Is All Animal Flesh Good for Food?" Due to renewals, the PURA VERITA subscription list dropped slightly to 75,200 at month's end.

For the last year and a half we have been on TeleMonteCarlo, broadcasting the English "WORLD TOMORROW" program with Italian subtitles. TeleMonteCarlo (TMC) is located in the tiny country of Monaco and reaches Northern Italy quite well, as well as much of the western coast, including Rome. The response has been good and very encouraging.

In March another dramatic media breakthrough occurred. The owner of one of the three largest independent TV stations in Italy, known as Retequattro, contacted us through the English office, offering us the opportunity to air on his station! The offer was brought to Mr. Armstrong, who directed that we should accept. Retequattro has five times the Italian viewing audience that TMC has and through a network is seen in virtually every part of Italy. (The broadcast will, by the way, continue to air on TMC.) Retequattro will begin broadcasting "The WORLD TOMORROW" in early May, and we are expecting a sizeable increase in the number of responses as a result. We will keep you updated on developments.

A two-page ad in the Italian version of READER'S DIGEST is being run in May. In addition, an ad will be appearing in the weekly news magazine EUROPEO about the same time. Also in May, we will be doing another direct mail shot, this time consisting of 250,000 letters to potential readers throughout Italy.

NOTICE TO ALL MINISTERS(Not to be Announced)

Due to inquiries received regarding Mr. Dan Botha, former pastor of the Pretoria, Pretoria (North), and Pietersburg, South Africa churches, we feel it is necessary to advise the ministry that Mr. Botha has been removed from the ministry and the Church, and is considered disfellowshipped. Mrs. Botha remains a member of the Church. This notice is not, and should not be considered a marking of Mr. Botha.

--Joseph Tkach, Ministerial Services

UPDATE FROM MAIL PROCESSINGThe Harvest Truly Is Great!

The following information about the growth and development of the work of God's Church worldwide will appear in the upcoming Feast issue of The GOOD NEWS. Some of these facts cover a span of 50 years--dating back to 1934 and the beginning of the Philadelphia era of God's Church. We thought you would find this material interesting and encouraging.

- More than 750 million publications have been distributed since 1934 (U.S. only).
- 57 million letters have been received from 1934 to 1984 (U.S. only). If all these letters were delivered by postmen carrying typical mail bags with 500 pieces, 114,000 men would be lined up to deliver the mail.
- 13 million names have been added to our subscription files from 1934 to 1984 (U.S. only).
- 5 million calls have been received since our WATS lines were installed in 1973. If each call were two minutes long, it would take one operator 80 years working 40 hours a week to answer all these calls.
- The PLAIN TRUTH goes to virtually every nation on earth and is received by one in every 633 people worldwide.
- 3.1 million PLAIN TRUTHS are distributed worldwide each month through the newsstand program.
- Over 600 different pieces of literature are presently available (books, booklets, reprints, Correspondence Course lessons, Youth Bible Lessons, form letters, etc.).
- Each day, the amount of postage used just to mail our literature from Pasadena is the equivalent of 50 thousand first class stamps. (This does not include The PLAIN TRUTH and GOOD NEWS, which are mailed directly from Donnelley's.)

- 10,000 Worldwide Church of God members voluntarily stock 24,300 PLAIN TRUTH newsstands. Another 3,000 have helped to answer WATS calls in the U.S. since 1981.
- Baptized members of the Worldwide Church of God live in 116 of the 201 commonly defined countries/territories.

Waiting Room Renewal Program Highly Successful

On behalf of Publishing Services, several of our WATS operators have been calling business and professional organizations which receive The PLAIN TRUTH for their waiting rooms to ask if they would like to renew their subscriptions.

The response has been excellent! Eighty-three percent of the businesses called thus far (820 out of 988) have renewed their waiting room subscriptions. Some have even asked for additional copies.

Calls are currently being made in the greater Los Angeles area. As time and budget permit, the program may be expanded to other cities in California and possibly other states as well.

Some of the comments we've received were quite interesting, as this sampling shows:

A doctor said the magazine was arriving "regular as clockwork. Keep it coming. We put it right out for the patients to read as soon as it comes and they love it."

A secretary from an auto body shop said, "How on earth can you print a magazine of that quality and afford to give it away free of charge?" She asked for a second subscription for their office.

When a tire company was called, the woman who answered yelled to those in the office, "Hey, it's the PLAIN TRUTH lady!" Two people asked for subscriptions to come to their homes.

Tornado Alert Affects Big Sandy WATS Operation

Our WATS operators and staff experienced a few tense moments on Sunday, April 28, when a tornado alert was in effect. After one was sighted within ten miles of the campus, employees had to seek shelter in a safer area.

The tornado did not reach the campus and no damage was sustained. Ironically, the evacuation occurred during a major "ring-through," when many people were trying to call in. However, most got through later. We estimate that about 100 calls were lost.

PLAIN TRUTH Child Rearing Series Praised

"The Plain Truth About Child Rearing" series has brought a number of interesting comments. Parents and others found the articles instructive, practical and filled with wisdom--especially in an age when many true values have been lost. Some social workers and other professionals wrote that they have found the information useful. Following are a few of their comments:

I have enjoyed and cherished each issue of The PLAIN TRUTH received during the past year. Please continue my subscription. Articles that I find helpful to my friends I pass along. I do this with both of your magazines, whether the article subject be politics, morals, caring for the aged, educating our young, etc. Especially helpful now is the series of articles on infant and child care, since about ten girls in my department are either expecting or have recently delivered.

Since this child care series is full of interest for so many, is it possible to obtain a second copy of these magazines that I may lend out? I am sure that it would occur to some to subscribe as well. I certainly wish I had had someone giving me advice when I had my young ones.

D.C. (Miami, FL)

Thank you so much for The PLAIN TRUTH. I'm a mother of four children with many problems raising them. I know we aren't alone. The articles in your magazine have been very helpful. At least I feel so much better knowing we aren't the only parents with so many problems. I hope you will continue to print these types of articles--we need all the help we can get.

C.M. (Madison Heights, MI)

I have been reading The GOOD NEWS and The PLAIN TRUTH for the past four years. I have found them helpful in developing spiritually and professionally. I currently work for the Harris County Children's Protective Services to stop child neglect and abuse. I have noticed several of your articles pertaining to family roles, parenting, and child development. I believe the articles can be effective tools for the families who are my clients. Will you please provide me with one copy of every available article in your files which you think may be useful to me as a social worker?

J.M. (Houston, TX)

I was introduced to The PLAIN TRUTH in October when you featured "Building Strong Family Ties" and began the articles on child rearing. Though my children are grown, I am excited about these articles and have shared them with all the young parents I know. I look forward to coming magazines.

B.S. (Los Angeles, CA)

All of the articles in The PLAIN TRUTH and GOOD NEWS magazines have been very good. The articles on the family and child rearing have been very informative. I hope many more people around the world will be able to come in contact with the Church. Thank you for giving me the privilege to be a part of giving to others.

R.F. (Smithton, PA)

Thank you very much for providing the finest magazine in the world free of charge to millions every month. I especially appreciate the articles on the changing years and child rearing because they will be so valuable to readers who can follow this practical information and improve their lives, even if they don't really grasp the spiritual truth of other articles.

A.O. (Kalamazoo, MI)

The PLAIN TRUTH family relations and child rearing series is an inspired message for many who have never even known the rudiments of right family relations. They have been perplexed by the effects caused by living the wrong way. None but God's "voice crying in the wilderness" dared to feed the sheep rather than fleece the flock. The intellectuals and other leaders in modern society have neither known nor shown the way.

S.D. (Address Unavailable)

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

ON THE WORLD SCENE

THE MORALITY CONNECTION REVISITED The totalitarian menace secured in Nicaragua on the American mainland is creeping ever closer to the U.S. border. A trade dispute with Japan threatens to disrupt this sensitive relationship--an ominous development. On domestic issues, the U.S. Congress refuses to "bite the bullet" and cut enough bloated social spending programs to help balance the budget. What is happening to America? Why so much confusion in the halls of Congress? How can the leadership of a small Central American nation contemptuously thumb their collective noses at a superpower and get away with it? Why is America's leadership gripped with doubts and fears?

The vast majority of Americans would probably never think that the way they are living has any connection with the surprising lack of success on the world stage. But it does. There is indeed a "morality connection," as this report will show. The nation's collective will is being sapped by an increasingly hedonistic life-style. First of all, here is a cover story, "The War Against Pornography," which appeared in the March 18, 1985 issue of NEWSWEEK:

After a decade of not-so-benign neglect, virtually any adult American has a license the Lord never allowed the citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah. Adults can't legally buy a drink in Topeka, but they have their choice of dirty books and guaranteed "first run" skin flicks. Porn plays openly in Peoria, a city that supports two adult-only sex shops. Always the leading edge, New York has stores that sell bestiality video cassettes over the counter.... With Cable TV and VCR's, adults can see sexual athletics without fear or embarrassment.

And porn did not become a multibillion-dollar business on the raincoat brigade. "Middle America has gotten heavily into the consuming end of pornography," says Los Angeles lawyer John Weston. "That's what's killing the censorship groups. They have the sense that this is their last stand..."

Home porn is booming: wherever VCR's go, porn is sure to follow. "When people buy their tape deck, they buy a kiddie movie for their child and an X-rated movie for themselves," says Arthur Morowitz, president of New York's Video Shack chain. "It's the standard starter kit." He estimates that X-rated films account for one-fifth of all video sales, and the NEWSWEEK Poll indicates that 9 percent of all Americans--nearly 40 percent of VCR owners--bought or rented an X-rated cassette within the last year.

The man who did much to make modern America the "liberated society" it is today is Hugh Hefner, publisher of PLAYBOY magazine. Here is a profile of Hefner which appeared in the LOS ANGELES TIMES, the issues of December 26, 27 and 28, 1984, written by staff writer Bella Stumbo:

Three decades after launching America's slickest, most successful girlie magazine--shocking a prudish nation with simple nudes in 1953, advancing to graphic newsstand porn in 1984--Hugh Marston Hefner, perhaps mellowing with age, now wants greater credit and respect for his social contributions....

As far as Hefner is concerned, there is no such thing as unacceptable sex unless it is "hurtful" to someone. If it feels good, do it. That is what's wrong with society today, he says--still too many rigid, irrational taboos. Therefore, although Hefner disapproves of "hurtful" sado-masochism or sex with children, for instance, he unhesitatingly approves of bestiality. "What I'm saying is, what difference does it make if it turns somebody on? Isn't that a positive thing? The only thing I see in bestiality that is hurtful to people is the fact that people used to go to prison for it.... I think that's a very sick attitude on sex!"...

Hefner, who sometimes refers to himself in the third person, is...a man with a big ego. He has always regarded himself as an idealist with a noble social mission, one of the 20th Century's most enlightened visionaries and a major force for social progress through sexual liberation. In Hefner's opinion, he has probably enhanced the quality of American life more than some Presidents.

Hefner also sees himself as a philosopher of consequence.... He explains that, through Playboy, he is "dealing with the great moral issues that society has historically refused to deal with," freeing society from "its guilt over sex and images of the (naked female) human body," thereby liberating us from "the historic conflict between mind and body" to enjoy sex as "the most loving, civilizing force on the planet."

Hefner has also courted legitimacy on a personal level for many years. A committed political liberal--personally worth, by his own vague estimates, "Oh, I dunno, around \$200 million, I'd guess"--he has supported, through donations and fund-raisers... nearly every liberal cause worth mentioning, from the equal rights amendment and legalized abortion to handgun control and the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People....

Lest posterity inherit an incomplete picture, he is building his own monument to Hugh Hefner's life and times. It is inside a small, unadorned room on the [Playboy] mansion's second floor. Here, Hefner keeps his personal scrapbooks. Hundreds of them. So far, there are 353 volumes.... Neatly bound and carefully indexed, the scrapbooks appear to contain practically every word ever printed by or about Hugh Hefner, good or bad, starting with his birth certificate and baby pictures. Hefner personally selects all entries and meticulously writes all captions himself....

Hefner's mansion [in L.A.'s Holmby Hills area], modeled after a 16th-century Gothic castle in England, lacks for little. An opulent, six-acre fantasy-land of botanical beauty, creature comforts and human amusements, it is like some throwback to another era when the rich did not hesitate to flaunt their wealth.... Scattered within are swimming pools, tennis courts, saunas, movie screens.... Flamingos and peacocks stroll the grounds,...monkeys and brightly feathered birds screech from treetops in the large private zoo Hefner has assembled for his personal pleasure.

A fleet of uniformed butlers stands silently at the ready to respond to the touch of "butler boxes" scattered all over the house and grounds. The kitchen and bars operate on a 24-hour basis. A staff of 60 is required to maintain all this splendor....

Of all the words in the English language, Hugh Hefner's favorite seems to be moral. He seems almost obsessed with having people believe it when he says, as he repeatedly does: "The publisher of PLAYBOY magazine is essentially a very moral man. I have often said I am the most moral millionaire I know...."

Hefner once even primly announced that, although he had had intercourse with "hundreds if not thousands" of women, "I have never gotten anybody pregnant. No abortions in my whole life." And, despite the number of Hefner's sex partners, he makes the "moral distinction" of having a "primary romantic relationship, usually one that lasts for several years" with only one woman at a time.

It is important to Hefner that you understand that he has thought about these "moral questions" practically from the cradle on. [He was] born in Chicago on April 9, 1926.... His parents, devout Methodists, were "wonderful people" but "terribly repressed sexually...uncomfortable with touching and kissing...typical of their generation and that era." And so, young Hefner grew up, he says, questioning the "hurtful" aspects first of religion, then of sex....

Second, as a college student, Hefner says he was indelibly impressed by the famous Kinsey reports on American sexual behavior and did a term paper on it, urging that repressive sex laws be scrapped as unrealistic.

One impact of the sexual revolution that Hefner and others helped bring about was discussed in the April 13, 1985 issue of the LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER in the article "Only 20% of American Women Delay Sex Until Marriage, Study Finds":

Only about one American woman in five waits until marriage to begin sexual activity, according to government statistics disclosed yesterday. This was a decline from an earlier figure of nearly half who postponed sexual intercourse, a survey said.

The decline, which appeared to occur most sharply between 1965-69 and 1970-74, was reported as part of the National Survey of Family Growth, a study of childbearing, contraceptive practices and

maternal health conducted in 1982 by the National Center for Health Statistics.... "The proportion of women who delayed sexual intercourse until marriage declined from 48 per cent among women marrying during the period 1960-64, to 21 per cent among women marrying in the years 1975-79," the authors wrote. The largest decline appears to have occurred between 1965-69, when 42 per cent of women marrying for the first time had not previously had intercourse, and 1970-74, when only 28 per cent had delayed intercourse, the study said....

At the same time this increase in premarital intercourse has been occurring, women have been postponing marriage in favor of increasing their education and advancing their careers in larger numbers than ever before, meaning that on average women remained single longer.

And now, more women are desiring to be mothers without being married, as the following report titled "More Women Are Accepting Challenge of Motherhood Without Marriage," also from the LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER (April 21), reveals:

An increasing number of women across the country...have decided to become mothers without first becoming wives. Driven by an overwhelming desire for a child, and in many cases, the biological clock, these women have transcended social conventions to become single mothers in a nation that doesn't necessarily understand.

"More and more people are doing it--not only here, but in other countries as well," said Fae Pannor, a psychotherapist with the Los Angeles Women's Therapy Center in Culver City, who has counseled many such women. "I think it is the women's movement that has made room for these kinds of decisions. It's another aspect of reproductive freedom--women are free to have a child without having to be married, so they can take charge of their own lives."... Although there are no statistics on single mothers by choice, according to the U.S. Census, more than 1 million unmarried mothers are raising families, while more than 3 million children live with mothers who have never married.

In response to this growing phenomena, groups have formed across the country to help women with the fears and the stress, and to encourage the pleasures and rewards, of having children on their own.... While some women ask male friends to father a child, others become pregnant and never tell the father, experts said. And an increasing number become pregnant through artificial insemination, Pannor said....

"I always had wanted children," said Louise, a slim woman with lanky brown hair and oversized glasses who lives in a cramped one-bedroom Palms apartment with 21-month-old Claire. "I'd rather have a husband, but it never happened for me and life is short and I just decided to have a family even if I weren't married.... I think if you're going to have a baby you should be able to provide a decent life for them, but I don't think a child has to have a mother and father to be happy."

Governments in modern-day Israelite nations keep coming up with wacky solutions to moral dilemmas. Canada is no exception, as this Reuters report of April 24 indicates:

Prostitutes should be allowed to sell sex in their homes and Canadian provinces should be given permission to regulate "small-scale prostitution establishments," a federal committee recommended Tuesday....

Police have been left largely powerless to deal with the problem of street soliciting since 1978, when the Supreme Court ruled that prostitutes could not be convicted unless they are "pressing and persistent."... In its most revolutionary recommendation, the committee said Canada's criminal law "should not prevent one or two prostitutes, 18 years or older, from operating out of a place of residence. If any provinces decide to allow and regulate small-scale prostitution establishments, the federal law should not intervene," the report added.

If this happened in the U.S., the young "entrepreneurs" might even qualify for a Small Business Administration loan! Meanwhile the scourge of AIDS stands, some scientists believe, on the threshold of becoming a major nationwide disease disaster. In the article, "Grim News at AIDS Battlefront: Scientists Stand on Shaky Ground," the HERALD-EXAMINER (also April 21) reports:

ATLANTA--The international AIDS conference was held here this week.... It presented an inspiring picture of dedicated scientists facing a momentous challenge, and marshaling all the resources of laboratory and clinic to battle a teasingly clever enemy.... But even so, after 400 speeches and presentations by some of the best scientific minds of a generation, the grim bottom line remained the same....

Although improved treatments are now available for AIDS symptoms, they can only postpone inevitable death; a vaccine, if one is ever found, is years, perhaps a decade away. And by that time the disease will be so widespread that everybody in the United States will have to be inoculated.

And most alarming to the general public, AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, which so far has afflicted mostly homosexuals and drug addicts, now stands revealed as a sexually transmitted scourge that can strike straights as well as gays. "This is a true medical health emergency," said Robert Gallo, the co-discoverer of the AIDS virus, HTLV-III, and a top research scientist at the National Cancer Institute. "And we don't have many tools to fight it with."

In the major cities, AIDS inexorably has expanded its hold. This week alone the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services confirmed another 59 cases of AIDS, bringing the number diagnosed in the Los Angeles area to 805. Nationwide, there have been 9,000 confirmed AIDS victims, and half of them already are dead.

Dr. James Curran, the head of the AIDS task force for the National Centers for Disease Control, said that it is certain the

number of confirmed AIDS cases will double in the next year, to 18,000. And the number will double again the next year. But whether the number of cases will continue to double every year will be determined by factors that scientists admit are now unknown.

"Some of the risk factors are going to taper off," Curran said.... "But the problem is that because AIDS has such a long incubation period, up to 10 years, we just have no idea how many of the people who have been exposed to the virus ultimately will come down either with milder pre-AIDS symptoms, or with the fatal form of the disease itself." Curran estimated that as many as 1 million people have been exposed to the AIDS-causing HTLV-III virus in the U.S. "It is such a health problem that if we get a vaccine we will have to vaccinate everybody, just as we did for polio," he said....

New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Miami account for nearly two-thirds of all AIDS cases in the United States.... An estimated 60 per cent of gay men in San Francisco and New York are infected with the HTLV-III virus, researchers said....

Dr. Mervyn Silverman, the president of the U.S. Conference of Local Health Officers, said that the threat of AIDS, combined with existing fears about herpes and other sexually transmitted diseases, has pulled the reins on the galloping sexual freedom of the last 20 years. "I believe the sexual revolution is just about over," Silverman said.

But take heart, sinning America! "Heroes Are Back," proclaims the headline of an article in the April 22, 1985 U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT. But the article itself shows today's heroes are a far cry from yesteryear's:

Clint Eastwood, whose steely film challenge "make my day" has stirred the combative juices of millions..., is the No. 1 hero of young adults in America. So finds a survey of people age 18 through 24 that was commissioned by U.S. News & World Report....

Today, aside from a few political or religious figures, the icons of the young are celluloid stars and other entertainers. Actor-comedian Eddie Murphy holds the No. 2 spot, followed by [President] Reagan in third place and actress Jane Fonda in fourth. Actress Sally Field and film director Steven Spielberg tie for fifth place. Next is Pope John Paul II, then Mother Teresa, the Nobel Prize-winning missionary, and, finally, entertainers Michael Jackson and Tina Turner....

During the late 1950s, [President Dwight D.] Eisenhower, Britain's Winston Churchill, missionary Albert Schweitzer,... Billy Graham, President Harry Truman and Gen. Douglas MacArthur were the Gallup Poll's most admired men. Eleanor Roosevelt, Queen Elizabeth II, Clare Boothe Luce, Mamie Eisenhower and Helen Keller, the blind and deaf writer-lecturer, topped Gallup's most-admired-women list. The common denominator: Most were either shapers of history or figures noted for inspirational sacrifices.

Then came the turmoil of the 1960s. By 1969, 4 out of 10 Americans polled refused to name anyone.... Today...sociologist [Amitai] Etzioni perceives "a theme of populism running through the choices. Many are antiestablishment," he finds, adding: "Field and Fonda have played protest roles on and off stage. Eastwood is a rebel, too. He reminds you that your boss is sitting on you and the law is bugging you. People who feel beset by many forces see him standing up against the world. And look at Murphy. He flouts all the rules and gets by with it."

Princeton sociologist Suzanne Keller worries that too many of today's heroes are media creations.... "I'm not sure celebrities are heroes. With many, you could ask: What moral position have they taken in life? What risk have they taken?" Keller calls the show-business figures "idols of consumption--those who entertain or divert you." In the Roper poll, she notes, only Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca, who appears on the men's list, is an "idol of production."

The old song "School days, school days, dear old golden rule days" no longer applies much to today's American school scene, most specifically the problems today's educators face. Radio commentator Paul Harvey reported the following on his daily broadcast of September 28, 1984:

The Gallup Poll on education indicates that the number one problem in public schools is discipline. Has been for all but one of the last fifteen years. But the nature of the discipline problem has changed. Today's disciplinary problems, in this order, are: rape, robbery, assault, burglary, arson, bombings, murder, suicide, absenteeism, vandalism, extortion, drug abuse, alcohol, gang warfare, pregnancies, abortions and venereal disease. Those are today's mainmost problems in public schools.

In 1940, the behavioral problems were: talking, chewing gum, making noise in the classroom, running in halls, getting out of turn in line, wearing improper clothing and not putting waste paper in the waste basket.

Seeing all the above, how can a flaccid, morally corrupt, undisciplined United States possibly stand up to its determined enemies? Even the lesson of history shows America cannot prevail.

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(Editor's Note: Mr. Hogberg and Mr. Ron Kelly have been in Germany covering the Bonn Economic Summit, as well as Mr. Reagan's state visit to Germany and his speech to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France. Hopefully a report will follow next issue.)