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REPORT FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

The month of May has produced a very good change in the income for the Church in the United States. The first four months had been low, with only a 9% increase over the same period in 1984. This low increase had resulted in part from the first two Holy Day offerings, which were 4% less than last year.

The Pentecost offering was much improved, with almost 14% more than last year. When the three offerings were averaged together, there was an increase of about 4%.

The response to Mr. Armstrong's recent letters to members and co-workers was very good. In fact, it was so good that we ended the month of May with an increase of 24.3% over the previous May. This brought the year-to-date increase to 12.5%, which is 0.5% over the budget.

We are pleased that this has eased our financial situation over a month ago. Thank you for your part. I know each one has an important part in prayer and in sending in tithes and offerings. We can all pray; however, I realize that some have no income and cannot help financially. I am sure that their prayers will help produce more donors, co-workers and members who can take care of the financial part.

Even though conditions are improved, there is always the possibility that the departments might overspend because of growth needs. If they do, it will be very difficult to get through the next projected low cash point in September. It will be difficult enough as things stand right now, as we are spending above budget in television time buying, as a result of recent unexpected opportunities. There will also be considerable expense above budget during the rest of this year to print Mr. Armstrong's new book, MYSTERY OF THE AGES. So, please pray that the spending will be in line and that the income will continue to increase.

The annual worldwide audit for 1984 was completed and signed June 3 by Arthur Andersen & Co. We were pleased as usual to receive an unqualified opinion on this combined audit, and for the domestic audits for the College, Church and Foundation.

Arthur Andersen & Co. offices also provide audit opinions for our regional offices in Australia, Canada, the Philippines, Republic of South Africa and West Germany, in addition to the audit work for the Church, College and Foundation operations in the United States.

We receive many benefits as a result of Arthur Andersen & Co.'s work. Besides the formal opinion on our financial statements, the audit process gives us analyses of the finances of God's Work worldwide. We are better able to see where we should make changes to procedures, to better use the blessings and resources that God provides.

Overall, our financial condition is good, and in 1984 we were able to increase our reserves slightly. At the same time, many areas of the Work increased considerably, as reported in THE WORLDWIDE NEWS during the year of 1984.

--Leroy Neff, Treasurer

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

Audio tape cassettes of Mr. Herbert Armstrong's Pentecost sermon have been mailed out to be played in all churches. As mentioned in last week's PASTOR GENERAL'S REPORT, Mr. Armstrong powerfully details the "what and why" of God's Church--the reason and purpose God has established His Church and called each of us to be a part of it.

We are Christ's disciples--"learners." We are being trained to help teach and rule the people of the new civilization Christ will build when He sets up the Kingdom of God on earth. This, along with supporting God's Apostle in proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to the world, is the whole purpose of the Church--the Firstfruits of God's Family.

One valuable tool in helping to prepare for this responsibility that I feel many have been overlooking is the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. All the foundational truths of the Bible are expounded in the course. It is a carefully planned, structured course in the study of God's Word that every member can benefit from.

Many of the members may have assumed the correspondence course is too basic for them--that they already understand all of God's truth. Some have gone through the old 58-lesson course or the shorter (but not weakened or watered down in any way) 12-lesson version, and therefore think that they do not need to enroll in the current updated and expanded course. But there never comes a time when we "know it all." If we are not continually studying, refreshing our minds, and reviewing the precious truths God has opened our minds to understand through His Spirit, they will fade and eventually we will lose them!

We all need to remember Peter's statement in II Peter 1:12-13: "I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know them, and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right...to stir you up by reminding you" (RAV throughout). We need to be continually reminded of the basics. We must never stop learning! We must never stop studying! We must never stop reviewing! Notice Paul's instruction in Hebrews 2:1: "Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away." God's people must take this warning seriously!

Jesus Christ told His disciples, "Elijah truly is coming first and will restore all things" (Matt. 17:11). The many truths of God's plan and supreme purpose for His Church and eventually all mankind have been restored in God's Church through His end-time Apostle. Yet, as Paul warns, we can, through neglect, let these things slip away from us! Mr. Armstrong has brought into sharp focus these "mysteries," now restored to God's Church, in his book MYSTERY OF THE AGES. As he has mentioned in the Refreshing Program, this is a book that should be reread as soon as we finish it the first time, in order to really soak up what God is teaching us. Learning is indeed a lifelong process. We must continue to study and review God's Word all our lives.

So encourage the brethren in your congregations to enroll or reenroll in the Bible correspondence course. Notice what one member recently wrote:

I have just finished Lesson 16 and I want to tell you how much I appreciate these wonderful tools for learning more about God's Word. Having been a member for 9 years, I finished the first 12 lessons many years ago when I was first baptized. When I heard a while back that they were going to continue them from Lesson 12, I thought "that's nice," but personally felt that it would be so simple and basic in doctrine that it would be of little value to me.

How wrong I was! When I finally reenrolled I was amazed at how God was giving me an even deeper and clearer understanding of His Word in areas I thought I had already fully understood! The Bible correspondence course is not just for those newly coming into the understanding of God's truth. My grateful thanks.

J.C. (Oxnard, CA)

Another member wrote:

I am thrilled with the lessons! I have been a member since 1970 and I feel I am still learning the deep, spiritual intent of God's laws. Mr. Armstrong says we must grow; this is one way to do it. Anyone who does not take advantage of the Bible correspondence course is missing a great deal.

D.L. (Fresno, CA)

The truths Mr. Armstrong has been emphasizing in articles and sermons during recent years are expounded in depth in the expanded course. Mr. Armstrong personally determined the subjects of these new lessons, beginning with Lesson 13. Lessons 19 and 20 especially focus on the fact that God has called us to be teachers and rulers in the World Tomorrow. Lesson 20 is titled "In Training for Rulership." And now, beginning with Lesson 23 (which is scheduled to be printed this month), is a new series of lessons covering each of God's Holy Days.

Inspire the members to see the value and need to be studying the Bible with the help of the correspondence course, as well as the booklets. God has so much to teach us! We must be willing and active learners, so that one day we may teach His way to the whole world!

On another subject, I received a disappointing report from Mr. Richard Rice that over 100 U.S. pastors failed to call in their Pentecost offering reports on time. Mr. Rice explained again that this causes his department to have to call them, which slows down their operation considerably.

I've explained before how the complete offering reports are needed just as soon as possible, how I am responsible to have that information for Mr. Armstrong on time as planned, and how each pastor must do his part as a member of the overall team. (See June 11, 1982 PGR.) It is inconsiderate and a neglect of responsibility to fail to follow the clear instructions the Mail Processing Center sends out. I expect a change in this problem beginning with the Feast of Trumpets and continuing from then on! Let's show a willing spirit of cooperation by not allowing neglect, forgetfulness or any other "reason" to prevent us from getting this job done properly and on time. I'm looking forward to 100% cooperation.

Please do not cease to pray for God's protection for our brethren in the Philippines. Mr. Guy Ames forwarded to me a report from Mr. Victor Lim, pastor of the Davao City and Tagum churches. Mr. Lim states:

Increasing rebel activities in areas where our members have farms is making life more and more difficult. One member is being sought after by the rebels in an effort to recruit her to make her a group secretary. The member has so far evaded a meeting with the rebels so she is safe for the meantime. We are constantly praying for God's divine protection upon such members and hope that members in other church areas can include them in their daily prayers.

The rebel activity is a constant threat to our brethren in the Philippines, especially in the southern islands. Often our people are threatened, or efforts are made to force them to aid the rebels (which of course would result in charges of treason by the government), or even to recruit them or their sons for guerrilla activities.

The threat of homes and crops being forcibly used by the rebels, and vehicles being commandeered, are a part of daily life for many of God's people in the Philippines. Let's give our support to these brethren through our prayers for God's ongoing protection, which He has so faithfully given His people.

Note of Thanks From Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roemer

Mr. Earl Roemer, pastor of the Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer and Soldotna, Alaska churches, and his wife Carol have expressed their deep appreciation for the encouragement and support they've received from fellow ministers and members following the death of their son, Tony. Tony died May 19, shortly before his 16th birthday, from a heart seizure resulting from a congenital disorder known as Marfans disease. Thank you for your prayers on behalf of the Roemer family.

Recent Ordinations

Two men were ordained as local elders by the regional director for Australia, Mr. Robert Morton. Robert Kelly, business manager for the Australian regional office was ordained May 23, and Timothy Grauel, who serves the Adelaide church, was ordained May 25.

Pentecost, May 26, several men were ordained local church elders: Edward Blake--Chicago (North), Illinois; Ray Bloom--Chillicothe, Ohio; Dale Dakin--Ft. Myers, Florida; Ronald Fricke--Bismarck, North Dakota; Malcolm Lee--Johannesburg (Central), South Africa; Merle May--Glendale, California; and Mark Welch--Grand Rapids, Michigan.

International News

From Mr. Frank Schnee The biggest event of May was Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's visit to the German-speaking area. My wife Esther and I greeted Mr. Armstrong as he arrived in Munich from Israel on Thursday, May 16.

On Friday, May 17, Mr. Armstrong met with Otto von Habsburg, who brought along his youngest son. At least one hour of the meeting was recorded on video tape by our television crew.

On the Sabbath, Mr. Armstrong spoke to over 530 brethren from all over the German-speaking area in the Cherubim Hall of Munich's Hotel Vierjahreszeiten (Four Seasons). He began by commenting on the Church choir's special music "Let There Be Peace On Earth," then proceeded to give a very encouraging sermon reassuring us that we have the truth and that world peace will come soon. Mr. Armstrong also whetted everyone's appetite by outlining for us his new book, MYSTERY OF THE AGES. The German audience was also thrilled to hear him speak a few words of German he had learned some 70 years ago. That evening Mr. Armstrong hosted a dinner for all the German ministers and their wives. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis La Ravia, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Dean and the copilot, Mr. Larry Dietrich, who is a local elder in Long Beach, were also present.

On Sunday, Mr. Armstrong made an unscheduled visit to Nuremberg before flying on to Paris. In Nuremberg Mr. Armstrong visited the site of Hitler's giant rallies, while the film crew recorded the scenes for future television broadcasts on prophecy.

In Paris my wife and I joined Mr. Armstrong and then flew with him to Prague, Czechoslovakia. This was Mr. Armstrong's first visit to Czechoslovakia. He had recently been invited by Jaroslav Gebert, manager for foreign travel and conventions in the official government tourist agency CEDOK [pronounced CHE-dok]. In Prague Mr. Armstrong was given a private boat trip on the Vltava River (Moldau) and an extensive sightseeing tour of the city. Mr. Armstrong also visited Konopiste Castle, about 40 kilometers outside of Prague. The last residents of Konopiste were Francis Ferdinand and his wife Sophia of the Habsburg line. It was Francis Ferdinand and his wife who were assassinated at Sarajevo in 1914, triggering World War I.

During his stay, Mr. Armstrong met with Vaclav Pleskot, president of CEDOK, who gave a dinner for Mr. Armstrong and his party. Mr. Pleskot was formerly ambassador to France and Algeria, and is active in sports and environmental affairs. He was mainly responsible for making volleyball an official Olympic sport. Mr. Pleskot thoroughly enjoyed looking through the ENVOY and asked for permission to visit our Festival in Brno this autumn. Mr. Gebert remarked that he felt this was only the beginning of many such visits by Mr. Armstrong to Czechoslovakia.

May saw the arrival of nine Ambassador College students from the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses for the German Summer Program. Four of the students are on the family program and the other five are on the office program. Those taking part in the family program have the opportunity to stay with a German family, assist in the local church area, and gain exposure to the German language. Those on the office program will become familiar with the work in the office, the German culture and the language. The summer program is very valuable in developing future manpower for the work of the Church in the German-speaking area.

On Sunday, May 26, Pentecost services were held in five locations in the German-speaking area. Overall attendance was 781. There was no increase in the overall offering due to the large offering we had last year.

It is always very encouraging and exciting for us to have visitors from Headquarters. In May we also had a visit from Mr. Ron Kelly and Mr. Gene Hogberg, who were here for the Economic Summit in Bonn. While in Europe, they also went to Bitburg and Strasbourg for President Reagan's headline-making visits there. We are now looking forward to the group of Ambassador College students, headed by Mr. Richard Paige and accompanied by Mr. Larry Salyer and his family, who will all be visiting Bonn on their way to the Jerusalem Dig. We will also receive visits by Mr. Ralph Helge and his wife and then Mr. Roger Lippross, Don Patrick and Peggy Warkentin from Publishing Services in Pasadena to install our new Bedford electronic pagination system in the middle of June.

Besides all of the above-mentioned activity, our Mail Processing Department was kept very busy with responses from the 100,000 second renewals that were sent out this month to our PT readership.

To conclude a full and busy month, May was our first month for a pilot program for PLAIN TRUTH newsstand distribution, which was headed by Wade Fransson, assistant to office manager John Karlson. Newsstands were set up in three locations in Bonn, which will be monitored during the next several weeks.

From Mr. Stan Bass Mr. Leroy Neff, treasurer and evangelist in God's Church, visited the Caribbean region during the Days of Unleavened Bread. After spending Passover in Miami, Mr. Neff and his wife Maxine went to Kingston, Jamaica. There Mr. Charles Fleming, pastor of the Kingston congregation, and I met the Neffs.

In Jamaica, Mr. Neff spoke to the local church on the first day of Unleavened Bread. This marked the beginning of a trip that would take the Neffs to the regional office in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and provide speaking opportunities in the churches in Puerto Rico, Barbados, Trinidad and the French congregation in Martinique. In Barbados, Mr. Neff and I participated in the ordination of Mr. Charles Lowe to the rank of local church elder. While in San Juan, Mr. and Mrs. Neff visited the recently leased facilities of the regional office.

At each of the stops in the region, Mr. Neff updated the brethren on the then recent visit of Queen Sirikit to the campus in Pasadena, and showed the brethren a picture of the golden peacock that Her Majesty gave to Mr. Armstrong. And in each church area, the Neffs had the opportunity to have dinner with the ministers and other employees of the Church.

Nine ministers and wives of the Caribbean region, including local church elder Edward Straughan, met in San Juan for a Ministerial Conference, April 29 through May 2. I was able to bring them up to date on the subjects that were covered at the Regional Directors Conference in January. Everyone enjoyed the opportunities for fellowship during the conference.

We are all excited about the addition of a new television station in the region: Aruba TV station TeleAruba. Viewers of TeleAruba have already

responded well, with about 10 letters per week for our first two programs. Most of the letters contain encouraging comments and express an overall desire to continue watching. We have also received one visit request and a stated desire of Church membership from another viewer. It should be interesting to see how things develop over the next few months.

With the addition of a new TV station, we found it necessary to drop a radio station. This is generally in line with our policy to take television wherever possible and phase out radio stations that are not drawing much response. We have been on Radio Antilles for some twenty years, and it did much to build God's Church in the Caribbean during the middle sixties, but has now outgrown its usefulness.

In recent weeks the regional office has received a marked increase in visit requests from exotic islands across the Caribbean. To date we have two from Aruba, and one each from Tortola, St. Croix, Antigua, St. John and Dominica. We look forward to planning a tour in order to visit these scattered islands.

Over the past year the growth of PLAIN TRUTH circulation in this region has been very encouraging. We now have 72,600 subscribers region-wide, which represents a 28% increase over the 1984 figure. This growth has been due in large part to rapid growth in the subscriber list for four Caribbean islands. Puerto Rico has 3,340 English language subscribers, a 22% increase over last year; Trinidad has 15,363 subscribers, a 24% increase; Guyana 16,515 subscribers, a 31% increase; and Jamaica, 24,503 subscribers, a 32% increase. (It is interesting to note that there are no promotional campaigns in Guyana, yet its growth is still considerable.) In addition, some 3,000 more issues are distributed every month on newsstands. This means that The PLAIN TRUTH goes to 1 in every 122 persons in our Caribbean mailing area. The region certainly is receiving a witness.

--Joseph Tkach, Ministerial Services

MEDIA PURCHASING UPDATE

Once again there are new opportunities to report this week. Our Canadian television coverage has improved due to Rex Humbard cancellations in the following areas:

Calgary, Alta.	CFCN	Channel 4, Sunday, 11 a.m.	(new time)
Kingston, Ont.	CKWS	Channel 11, Sunday, 12:30 p.m.	(new station)
Montreal, Que.	CFCF	Channel 12, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	(additional)
Peterborough, Ont.	CHEX	Channel 12, Sunday, 12:30 p.m.	(new station)
Vancouver, BC	KVOS	Channel 12, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	(new station)
Yorkton, Sask.	CICC	Channel 10, Sunday, 6:30 p.m.	(new station)

Plans for a fall direct mail campaign in Canada have been completed this week. One million pieces will be mailed with an estimated 5% return anticipated. Canada's PLAIN TRUTH penetration level continues to be number one in the world with 1 in 27 people receiving the magazine. This depth of penetration has contributed greatly to Canada's continued ability to assist the U.S. in subsidizing the international preaching of the Gospel. A

unique combination of availability of media, relatively low population, high standard of living and freedom of religion have made Canada very fertile ground for God's truth.

In the United States, the penetration of The PLAIN TRUTH is 1 in 56 people. In order to equal media spending levels in Canada, we would have to allocate much more money than currently available. In fairness I should mention that Canada does not have the necessary overhead costs borne by Headquarters, and Pasadena subsidizes international areas at about twice the level of Canada.

A couple of new TV availabilities have been accepted this week in the United States:

Cincinnati, OH	WKRC Channel 12 ABC, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. (new second station--starts June 16)
Columbus, OH	WTVN Channel 6 ABC, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. (improved time)

For Japan, ads are being prepared to run in English language magazines in August. Since the magazines are specifically for students of English, we anticipate a healthy level of response.

Direct mail shots have just begun in Italy and France with a view to testing the waters for more campaigns in the fall. Preliminary indications are that direct mail works extremely well for us in Europe and is a favored advertising vehicle used by many magazine publishers.

--David Hulme, Media Purchasing

UPDATE FROM MAIL PROCESSING

Millions of Mr. Armstrong's Books and Booklets Sent Worldwide

Since Mr. Armstrong began writing booklets almost 50 years ago, over 40 million copies have been distributed around the world. Each of the following ten publications has been requested by more than one million people.

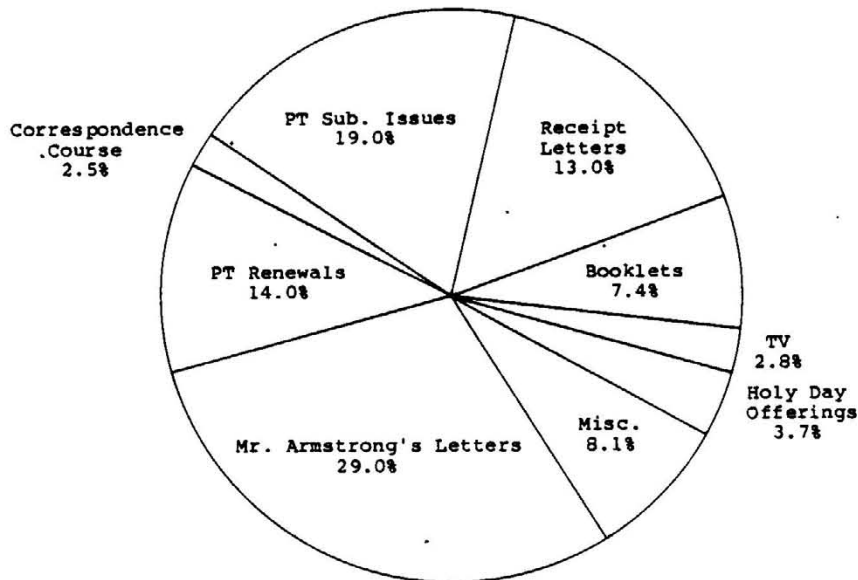
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The United States and Britain in Prophecy	4.8 million
The Seven Laws of Success	2.7 million
Why Were You Born?	2.5 million
The Wonderful World Tomorrow--What It Will Be Like	2.2 million
The Book of Revelation Unveiled At Last!	2.1 million
Does God Exist?	1.9 million
The Plain Truth About Christmas	1.9 million
Never Before Understood--Why Humanity Cannot Solve Its Evils	1.3 million
What is Faith?	1.2 million
The Missing Dimension in Sex	1.0 million

Twenty-one Percent Increase in New Co-workers

We're happy to report that new co-worker growth is on a steady increase. Through the first five months of 1985, 10,788 people have become co-workers. This is 21% higher than last year's figure for the same period.

A person becomes a co-worker by making two donations within a six-month period. These people voluntarily decide to support the work of God's Church as a result of their exposure to Mr. Armstrong's inspiring semiannual letters, as well as the other publications and programs of God's Church. The following pie chart indicates the leading sources of new co-worker contributions:

SOURCES OF NEW U.S. CO-WORKERS
FOR 10,788 NEW CO-WORKERS ADDED JANUARY-MAY 1985



Source: Mail Processing Center Statistics

The total number of co-workers has increased steadily since 1982. In April of 1982 there were 36,272 on file. Now there are 58,666.

Encouraging Response to Mr. Armstrong's April Letters

Mr. Armstrong's recent letters describing the need for more laborers drew a heavy response. Many said they were unaware of the great need for more ministers and sent additional offerings to help out. Just as significantly, a number said the letters helped shake them out of spiritual lethargy. Following are some of the comments we received:

Your letter of April 25 and your announcement that the new book you have written is in the hands of the printers is tremendously exciting. My wife and I can hardly wait! The response to your TV broadcasts is also exciting. We are enclosing an offering in response to the letter--perhaps it will help a little. After pray-

ing about the contents of your letter, we are sure that God will bless the income, and we can put more ministers on the payroll.

Mr. & Mrs. J.P. (La Puente, CA)

We received your letter today reminding us that God's work is blessed according to how well we conduct our personal lives. Even though I thank you very much for these letters, I wish that there was no need for you to have to remind us that we must keep on praying fervently and not stop.

Personally, I could see that I was slipping--I just seem to let things such as bills and other daily cares get in my way. Thank you so much for all of your letters, Mr. Armstrong. And thank you for praying for us as I know you do.

Member (Roanoke, VA)

My husband and I have been shown again you cannot outgive God! Before leaving on a business-pleasure trip last week, we received the letter from Mr. Armstrong about the needs for 100 trained ministers to be placed out into the field. We prayed about this need and sent in a check. During our trip the next week we received so many discounts on our rental cars, hotels and purchases that we just had to write and share this with you. In totaling all our expenses upon our return we found we paid less than half of what the normal rate would have been.

Our lives are blessed each day! We have enclosed another check in the same amount as the first for your use in God's work.

Mr. & Mrs. M.H. (Apache Junction, AZ)

Thank you for your most recent letter stressing the need to hire more ministers. Although it is a serious need, it is also a most encouraging one because it indicates that the Church is on the verge of further growth. Enclosed is our check of tithes and an offering. If it is possible to direct our offering to this specific need, we will be most happy.

Mrs. C.T. (Pasadena, CA)

I feel God has just spoken to me through you, Mr. Armstrong. I've just received a letter from you telling me as a co-worker with Christ that more tithes are needed. But what's really astounding is the paragraph where you stated, "I have always said that God causes the income to come in according to how well we please him in our personal and collective lives." And accordingly I have not been keeping close enough to God lately. But starting this day forward, I will fulfill my obligations wholeheartedly and prayerfully.

J.C. (Tallulah, LA)

First reaction, write the check. Second reaction, on the knees. May this "widow's mite" help get those badly needed ministers in full-time service!

F.R. (Dallas, PA)

Thank you for the letter of April 25. In it you made this statement, "I have always said that God causes the income to come in according to how well we please him in our personal and collective lives." This statement reminded me of my own lukewarm condition and I pray that it will have the same effect upon the other lukewarm brethren. May we all get our acts together so that more money will be poured into God's work, so that more ministers may be gotten into the field.

Member (Altoona, KS)

I am writing this at 2:30 a.m. I awoke thinking of the need described in your letter and realizing that as a co-worker with Christ, I want to do something. My offering in response to your letter of April 25 is enclosed. Also, my prayers are urgent.

M.A. (Littleton, NC)

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

ON THE WORLD SCENE

SPY SCANDAL RIPS INTO U.S. SECURITY; "THE REAL WAR" (PART I) FBI agents have uncovered the biggest Soviet espionage ring to operate in the U.S. in 30 years. It has the earmarks of the most damaging security breach since the notorious Rosenberg case of the early 1950s. The FBI net so far encloses four principle subjects, three of whom are in one family: Ex-marine John A. Walker, Jr., age 47; his son, 22-year-old Michael Walker, a crewman aboard the U.S. aircraft carrier Nimitz; and Arthur J. Walker, 50, John's older brother, also a Navy veteran and a one-time anti-submarine-warfare specialist. A fifth suspect is under investigation and authorities believe the ring may expand still further.

U.S. defense chiefs are deeply concerned that the nation's security has been severely compromised, especially with regard to the Navy's undersea deterrent forces. Underneath the world's oceans, U.S. and Soviet nuclear-powered and -armed subs engage in a vast cat-and-mouse game. The principle aim is for craft of either side to be able to run silent and deep undetected by the other's subs, anti-submarine warning aircraft and satellites. To be in possession of the enemy's tactics and abilities would confer an enormous advantage. Here, first, are excerpts from a cover article in the June 10, 1985 NEWSWEEK, entitled "A Family of Spies." (It seems that NEWSWEEK, with such a bold assertion, might actually jeopardize the prosecution's case since no subjects have even been brought to trial yet.):

How many more would be caught by the FBI's net? And how badly had U.S. security been breached? With backgrounds in perhaps the most sensitive of all naval areas--the undersea nuclear forces--the Walkers were conceivably in position to pass on details about America's undersea deterrent.

It has been a dismaying time for the defense establishment. In the last 12 months alone, espionage charges have been brought in eight separate cases, implicating 15 people--including, for the first time, an active agent of the FBI. The offenses alleged range from theft of coding devices to an offer to sell the Soviet Union information about America's critical radar-evading Stealth technology. Worse, there are people who think these cases may be

just the tip of a large iceberg. The Soviet Union and its Eastern allies station more than 2,000 officials in this country, and by government estimates, 30 to 40 percent of these people are engaged at least part time in espionage....

The Walker case would be less unnerving if it didn't involve submarines, now perhaps the most valuable of current U.S. nuclear forces. Two legs of the strategic triad--the B-52 manned bombers and the land-based ballistic missiles--are at least theoretically vulnerable to Soviet attack. The third leg is a strong deterrent indeed: a strategic submarine force with no fixed address, hidden in the ocean deep. Armed with 16 to 24 multiwarhead missiles each, America's 35 Poseidon and Trident submarines could by themselves destroy the Soviet Union many times over.

Information about antisubmarine warfare has therefore always been guarded with a zeal approaching paranoia.... The deepest worries are that the Walker brothers, both of whom left the Navy in the mid-'70s, may have given the Russians important information on how to improve their own fleet of missile submarines. Both were in a position to provide clues to how the United States locates and listens to Soviet subs and on techniques the United States uses to make its own subs operate silently....

The FBI began looking at John Walker six months ago. As a private detective in Norfolk, he gave no hints of his other life. He was perhaps a bit flamboyant.... But his work was routine stuff...: investigations into divorce cases, auto accidents, claims for workmen's compensation.... Nor was there any hint of pro-Soviet sympathies. Indeed, the opposite was the case. Walker was a staunch Reagan supporter, and according to Laurie Robinson, the general manager of his firm, Confidential Reports, Inc., he kept an official portrait of the president on his desk....

But late last year, according to investigators, one person who had long known of Walker's seeming double life blew the whistle: his ex-wife, Barbara Walker, a clerk in a gift shop in West Dennis, Mass.... In the late 1960s, according to a well-placed counterintelligence source, Barbara Walker began to notice something different about her husband's behavior. Several times over the next few years, an FBI informant--reportedly either Barbara Walker or a daughter who also gave incriminating statements --"personally observed" Walker traveling into the Washington, D.C., area and placing a paper bag filled with what the informant "believed to be classified material" underneath a tree. On one of these trips, the informant said, Walker received \$35,000 in return. These incidents went unreported for more than 13 years.

The NEWSWEEK story proceeds to give a detailed account of John Walker's arrest on May 19 as he was delivering a bag of secret material to a dropoff point in a semi-rural setting in Maryland. The FBI agents discovered a letter in the bag describing the activities of associates known only as "S" and "D"--subsequently revealed as son Michael and brother Arthur. Also in the bag were 129 classified Navy documents supplied by S and apparently taken from the aircraft carrier Nimitz. To continue with the NEWSWEEK story:

As always with espionage, a big question was what might have moved the suspects to risk getting caught. The pivotal spy cases of the cold-war era--Kim Philby's coldblooded sellout of his British and American colleagues, Klaus Fuch's release of atom-bomb secrets--appeared to grow out of ideological disaffection with the West. But John Walker, in particular, seems all too typical of today's fifth columnists; it was the money that mattered. His style and self-image were apparently too expansive. Despite his \$13,000-a-year Navy pension, despite the silver-market killings he claimed--FBI agents found 10 one hundred-ounce silver bars worth \$6,000 in a safe-deposit box--and despite the properties he owned, the detective agencies may not have been enough.... His stepmother, Dorothy Walker ("Personally, I never liked the boy"), says Walker frequently complained of not having enough money. Indeed, last week he had to ask for a public defender.

The largest question, however, remained: how much damage has been done? Intelligence-community officials are sharply divided.... But one thing is clear: espionage in the United States is a growing problem and there is no obvious solution.... And while security reviews for Americans are notoriously lax--a check of John Walker would have suggested his vulnerability--this country's open-society traditions discourage Big Brother tactics like annual polygraphs.

Money then, was the real motive, and the communists know how to play on what they call "capitalist greed." Their agents search out victims with various suspected vices such as money-lust, women or homosexuality. It's also interesting to note, as revealed in the following June 5 UPI dispatch, that John Walker's ex-wife decided to talk for personal reasons, not out of any concern for the welfare of the country.

On the verge of tears, the ex-wife of accused spymaster John Walker said she was doing what she "believed in" when she exposed what authorities labeled Wednesday as the biggest Soviet espionage ring found in the United States in 30 years.... A law enforcement official said the arrests appeared to have unearthed the biggest U.S. spy operation since the celebrated case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, executed in 1953 for smuggling secrets about atomic weapons to the Soviet Union....

Barbara Walker, who was divorced from John Walker nine years ago, said she delayed going to authorities to protect her family, which she called her "first priority," the Cape Cod newspaper reported Wednesday. "Why in the name of all that's holy did I wait so long?" she asked. "You have the answer. It is because of what is happening to my family and my children." She said Michael Walker, her son who also is charged with espionage, "is very important to me." Since the public disclosures, she told the newspaper, her family has been "harassed" by the news media about the arrests and it appeared the drama surrounding the Walker family was only beginning to unfold.

Oblivious to "The Real War"

Two decades of declining patriotism and the "me-generation" philosophy have thus produced spies who spy only for money, and others who can't realize that the actions of a few jeopardize the lives of millions. Perhaps even more significantly, this particular spy case confirms, in its own manner, the premise of former President Richard Nixon's 1980 book, THE REAL WAR--that there is a life-and-death struggle underway in the world, a real war to which increasing numbers of Americans--and others in prosperous Western societies--are almost oblivious. Mr. Nixon, whose political strength was always, and today still is, in the area of foreign affairs, wrote in his book (pages xiv, xv, 4, 5 and 22 of the 1981 Warner Books paperback edition):

"The Real War" is being fought on many fronts. It takes place on the economic front, in the realms of ideas and ideals, in covert action and psychological warfare and propaganda--in all the various arenas of competing faiths and competing systems. We could be overwhelmingly superior militarily and still lose if we fail on the economic, ideological, or diplomatic front.... We could also lose by ignoring the Soviet challenge around the periphery--those piecemeal advances into countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East on which the West depends not only for oil, but for so many of the other vital resources without which a modern industrial economy cannot operate. We could lose by letting the Soviets get the upper hand psychologically, so that the West sinks into a gradual paralysis....

Having dealt directly and at great length with the leaders of the Soviet Union, I know that they exploit weakness but respect strength. If they see a new strength in the American sinew, a new firmness in the American step, a new steel in the American eye, then two things will happen. They will be more cautious in their adventuring, and they will also be more realistic in their negotiating. If they think they can roll us, they will try to roll us.

They know that the object of war is not to obliterate the opponent, but to make him surrender. As the Prussian military strategist Clausewitz observed long ago, the aggressor never wants war; he would prefer to enter your country unopposed.

If we study Soviet actions, they show a clear pattern: not necessarily a "master plan" or a predictable timetable for world conquest, but rather a constant strengthening of military forces and a consistent exploitation of every opportunity to expand their own power and to weaken that of the West. Just as water flows downhill, the Soviets press to extend their power wherever it can reach, by whatever means they calculate can be effective. They are totally amoral opportunists....

We are at war. We are engaged in a titanic struggle in which the fates of nations are being decided.... The basic rule of Soviet behavior was laid down years ago by Lenin: Probe with bayonets. If you encounter steel, withdraw. If you encounter mush, continue. The question is which will the Soviets encounter: steel or mush?

The "front line" in Europe is holding steady for the moment, Moscow having failed last year to forestall the deployment of new NATO weapons. It is in the area of the "periphery" where the challenge is the most intense--Asia, Africa and Latin (specifically Central) America. The Soviets nurture "national liberation" movements in these regions, using Cuban and East Bloc personnel to do the work for them. Where conditions of unrest are not yet ripe enough for the "peace forces" to exploit, Soviet agents stir up strife in order to plant the seeds of revolution, spreading lies through a deliberate policy of "disinformation." The Soviets do not have to have sizeable Communist parties in the target countries of the periphery. In fact, large official Communist parties are often a detriment, drawing too much negative attention. Much better to work through other forces of the Left, some of whom are just naive.

Ever flexible, learning lessons from the past, the Soviets have chosen a "hard-to-detect, hard-to-criticize" path to power in target countries. In the May 1985 issue of the British journal ENCOUNTER, H.S. Ferns writes in the article "This Spy Business":

The ruthless methods of Stalin in the promotion of Soviet-controlled revolution beyond the borders of the USSR...have been abandoned. Even strict and detailed control of Communist Parties outside the reach of Soviet armed forces has been jettisoned, and for one very good reason. Such control does not work. China is a convincing instance, and such a disaster for the Kremlin that even the most hardened Stalinist cannot argue the utility, from the Soviet point of view, of orthodox Marxist rigidity in the promotion of revolution.

Flexibility has become the keyword in Soviet thinking. The "United Front" tactics of the 1930s involved clandestine domination of the Left everywhere by Communist Parties loyal to Stalinism. Nowadays the slogan "No Enemies on the Left" means an acceptance of, and collaboration with...democratic socialists, revolutionary nationalists, hippy bombsters and even romantic anarchists.... The Soviet politicians...take the long view--confident that when circumstances are right they can do away with their allies as Lenin did with his in 1918-23. Keeping the pot of revolution boiling is more important than doctrinal orthodoxy.

Given this approach, it would be stupid to give the KGB the task of destabilising enemy regimes. If Mrs. Thatcher could prove in an open Yorkshire court that [mine workers' union chief] Arthur Scargill and his mates have links with the KGB, she would be home and dry. But she cannot. What is important for the Soviet Government, however, is to establish agents of influence in "bourgeois" governments, in the media, and in educational institutions, who can by their advice and counsel keep a blind eye to what goes on, sedate and disorientate the patient, and reduce interference with the destabilisation process.

The strategy and tactics employed by Communists more closely parallel the methods used by Satan than in any other worldly system today. For a parallel as to Satan's opportunistic nature, notice I Peter 5:8: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (RAV).

Satan's principal tactics are to lie, deceive, plant doubts, spread rumors, cause division and undermine the confidence of the people in their leaders and institutions (remember our own experiences in the 1970s). These are all elements of Communist subversion as well. It might be good to reread Mr. Armstrong's semiannual letter of May 6, in which he explained, based upon personal knowledge gained years ago, the aim and methods of communism.

The less the citizens in our nations believe in a personal God and a literal devil, the less they recognize the tactics employed by what President Reagan called--and some were offended by his words--"the evil empire." (You might want to pick up a copy of Mr. Nixon's book, if you do not already own a copy; it is available in paperback. When you read it, you will be struck with parallels to what might be called the real real war, the one between begotten Christians and their chief adversary.)

Meanwhile, the East-West war in the periphery is on, full blast. It is a difficult one for the West to fight because the real issues are often clouded by secondary issues of economic development (or the lack thereof), national independence (exchanged for dependence to Moscow) or alleged racism. Notice some events now occurring in Asia, as published in the June 10 NEWSWEEK, Periscope column, in an article titled "The Soviets Go Fishing in the South Seas":

Reagan administration officials are worried that the Soviet Union may soon gain a strategic toehold in the South Pacific. The Soviets are close to signing an agreement with the tiny island nation of Kiribati (formerly the Gilbert Islands) that would give them fishing rights--and some experts say a potentially valuable intelligence-gathering presence--in the roughly 2 million-square-mile zone Kiribati claims within its territorial limits.

Kiribati's President Ieremia Tabai has rejected Moscow's requests for a shore base, refueling facilities and access to food and other supplies on the islands. But, despite pleas from Western nations, including Great Britain and the United States, Tabai is pursuing a deal that would bring the financially strapped nation \$3 million a year from the Soviets for a fishing license. Similar Soviet overtures to two other pro-Western South Sea island nations--Tuvalu and Fiji--for trawling rights in their waters have recently been turned down, according to diplomatic sources. But Washington officials fear that an agreement between Moscow and Kiribati could lead to a chain reaction among the other islands and a shift in the balance of power in the region. "For the Soviets to gain anything in the way of a legitimized presence in this area is disconcerting," says one U.S. official. "These are vulnerable countries."

A much bigger fish in the Pacific is the Philippines. The strategic archipelago nation, absolutely vital to the U.S. position in the Pacific, is under increasing strain. Manila is in political and economic limbo. President Marcos' days seem numbered, but the democratic opposition is weak and divided; the economy, as a result, is in prolonged doldrums. Exploiting this opportunity, Communist guerrillas are steadily advancing. More on this next time, as well as a focus on another problem area in the periphery where the "real war" is being fought--at least by one side--in dead earnest.

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