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Personal from Herbert W. Armstrong

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GREETINGS! fellow servants and, directly or indirectly, my sons in **CHRIST:**

It is Sunday. It's my first visit to this part of the world, in "*darkest* Africa," which might seem appropriate as it's a cloudy and dark day. We are having to spend the week-end at Abidjan, Republic of Ivory Coast. There is one of the Inter-continental hotels here, but very few understand English. The official language here is French. Mr. Rader gets along fairly well, because he has been studying French for the past few years. Then I think they have a local language of their own—but for me communication is difficult.

Our campaigns here will be in the two countries adjoining this one—Ghana in the east and Liberia and perhaps another country or two in the west—each about a 15-minute commuter flight from here. We will see the President and perhaps a few top officials here, but no public meetings due to the language barrier. We hope for good public meetings in these adjoining countries, where they understand English.

The prophecy in Jeremiah 25 is certainly taking place today: "A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the ETERNAL hath a controversy with the nations . . . evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up

from the corners of the earth" (Jer. 25:31-32). This compares with Haggai's prophecy of this END time we are entering: "For thus saith the ETERNAL of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, I will . . . shake the nations and the desire of all nations shall come [peace through Christ's coming] . . . And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen" (Haggai 2:6-7, 22).

Thrones of gentile kingdoms are being overthrown at the rate of at least one a month. Several monarchs, on thrones, whom I have visited and got to know, have been overthrown or assassinated.

The reason we have come here is that in most of the other countries in this part of Africa there is so much political strife and turmoil that we cannot now go there. Conditions in the world continue to worsen: the recent strife between Egypt and Lybia; the political upheaval in Israel and the "Palestine Liberation" question; more troubles in South Africa and Rhodesia—Ian Smith seems to be about to be one of the "overthrown." North Korea is still threatening.

Yet God continues to OPEN DOORS TO NATIONS AND HEADS OF NATIONS, and we are pressing on full speed ahead in Christ's GREAT COMMISSION.

This morning I was turning back to passages I studied a great deal 40 to 50 years ago—about the ministry in this END time.

One especially was Ezekiel 34, beginning verse 1:

"Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord ETERNAL unto the shepherds: Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill [spiritually] them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, nei-

ther have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them" (Ezek. 34:1-4).

In my study of this passage (more to come—have not yet quoted all of it), I knew these things: it is a prophecy for our END time, NOW; not for ancient days.

But TO WHOM does it refer? To the Roman Catholic and Protestant ministers of our day?—or to those in GOD'S OWN CHURCH. "Neither have ye sought that which was lost," could easily apply to the Catholic and Protestant ministers. The HOUSE OF ISRAEL became LOST—called the "Lost Ten Tribes." They lost God's Sabbath, and therefore their own identity. Those ministers certainly have not sought to identify or find them. The internal evidence all through this chapter indicates that God is talking, NOT to the ministry in HIS CHURCH, but to the ministry in the churches set up in the HOUSE OF ISRAEL by their people. The Message is entirely to the HOUSE OF ISRAEL (verse 30)—rather than to the people and ministry of God. In a world CUT OFF FROM GOD for 6,000 years, God INTERVENED, and called out the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Israel when they were slaves in Egypt, freed them miraculously, made them HIS PEOPLE—not converted people having His Holy Spirit, being begotten as His children (spiritually), but with only MATERIAL, NATIONAL promises of material rewards and national greatness for obedience—obedience which they never gave for long.

God is blaming the false ministers for leading the people—"the flock"—astray as they did. Then, in this same chapter, God blames THE PEOPLE of ten-tribed "lost" Israel (beginning verse 20).

Even though it was evident to me (when I was first so impressed with this chapter, many years ago) that it was addressed to NATIONAL ISRAEL—the British, Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders, and South Africans, (Ephraim); and to Americans (Manasseh), and to *their* shepherds (God does not call them "MY" shepherds, but He does call the people "MY" sheep), nevertheless, as I was entering the ministry, more than 45 years ago, I took this chapter seriously.

I must never be guilty of letting this condemnation of Israel's ministry ever apply to me.

And it occurred to me, as I was once again going over it this Sunday morning, that it might be well to call it to the attention of my fellow ministers and sons in the Lord, that YOU also carefully read

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this chapter. Let us be sure that this condemnation from God never applies to us. Let us NOT KID OURSELVES about it either, assuming we are so righteous that such condemnation never could apply to us. For, though Satan COULD deceive us, WE CANNOT FOOL GOD, who is our judge.

God's ministry MUST keep the standard UP. I am told, from the business office, we have the highest paid ministry in the world today. If so, I AM GLAD! Those condemned in Ezekiel 34 WERE NOT FEEDING THEIR FLOCKS, but neglecting them, and living off of them. But if we ARE *really* feeding God's flocks, inspiring them to more instant PRAYER, a closer walk with Christ, more Bible study, more vigilant resistance of Satan's deceptive wiles, then the servant is WORTHY OF HIS HIRE. In the Old Testament as God first set up HIS Government over Israel, the Levites were the HIGHEST PAID of all the people. They were the best educated. They were expected to hold their heads up, as LEADERS, setting the proper example—as we should do today.

However, I thought it might be helpful and inspiring to YOU to mention how passages like this in the Bible have always influenced me, since my conversion over 50 years ago.

For example, I noticed years ago that some of the Kings of ancient Judah, beginning with Solomon, started off in great style, close to GOD and to HIS WAYS, but in their old age tended to fall backward. As I have seen the years go by, and my calendar age advanced, I have tried doubly hard to avoid any slipping back. Solomon jumped the track going after women. He had 1000, counting concubines. God's ministerial qualifications say God's ministers must have ONE WIFE. I have no desire for any more—and it's gratifying to me that you fellows who constitute God's ministry under my leadership today are in the same boat—and I have always said that one of the EVIDENCES this is God's Church is the high character of the WIVES of our ministers. God bless all you wives—I love all of you, along with your faithful husbands.

Just being down here in this part of Africa—seeing the CONDITIONS here and over the world—

makes me realize how mankind has PROVED in 6,000 years that MAN'S WAY IS WRONG—and ONLY GOD'S WAY IS RIGHT—AND THAT WORLD EVENTS HAVE COME TO THE PLACE WHERE WE ARE VERY NEAR THE END of this age.

Let's keep preaching the GOOD NEWS! The WORLD TOMORROW we are preparing God's people for is now JUST AROUND THE CORNER—soon the NEW world will fill this earth with happiness, joy, peace, contentment, exuberance, enthusiasm and abundance. Give your flocks GREAT HOPE and ASSURANCE—for it is *SURE!*

With deep love, your Pastor-General
in Jesus' name,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. H. Conway". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name. It features a prominent, sweeping horizontal stroke across the middle.

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Dear fellow ministers in Christ:

Greetings from headquarters!

Things are really beginning to hum here with the arrival of hundreds upon hundreds of new students and the beginning of our first year as a fully consolidated institution!

By the time you receive this BULLETIN, the second session of the Summer Educational Program will be over, and we will be well along into orientation week and beginning college activities. It seems as if this summer went faster than any in my living recollection.

The other day I had opportunity to look over a large stack of your regular pastoral reports relevant to media and would like to go over some important points with you.

Let's never lose sight of the overview of the entire thrust of this Work! I frequently ran across comments such as, "Many brethren are upset because they cannot hear the broadcast as often as they did before," or similar comments.

Many comments were made about the program content, about the 5-minute programs verses the 30-minute programs, and most especially about the poor times, poor reception, or the simple unavailability of either television or radio in the local church area.

But let's go back to the basic beginnings and try to remember the primary purpose for the program, both on radio and television.

The real purpose of the broadcast is for both the preaching of the gospel to the world as a witness and a warning, and to invite people for greater participation in the Work by writing in for literature which is advertised!

Over the more than 20 years I've been doing the WORLD TOMORROW radio program, we have ALWAYS had to use a double set of criteria for appraising the value of the radio program:

- 1) Its effectiveness in getting across a message as a witness and a warning.
- 2) Its cost effectiveness in analyzing the "cost per new response" or the number of people who write in!

When these two criteria conflict, as in the case of a radio station where many of our own members may be listening but where there is virtually NO "new mail" coming in, then the radio station will tend to show a very high "cost per new response" (would you believe

even up into the hundreds of dollars in some cases for ONE LETTER?), and will show up on any list of media analysis as one of our least cost effective stations.

Along will come a cancellation order. Then, the local members will begin to complain that they can no longer receive the broadcast!

This puts us in a very difficult position--and I believe it needs to be thoroughly discussed.

The broadcast represents the "hors d'oeuvres" of the Word of God, which is likened unto a meal, strong meat, or perhaps a steak following the "milk of the Word."

As such, the broadcast and telecast are the very first approach, the first contact with people in the world. It is for this reason, of course, that I have the "mix" of subject material I maintain; sociological, political, racial, economic, geopolitical, spiritual, and other issues--pollution, ecology, population, energy, crime, the family, drug abuse, weather, and all other assorted and related topics which I can relate directly to biblical prophecy, or which are lead-ins to some of our most powerful booklets and/or magazines.

When the radio program was first started up in Eugene, Oregon in 1934, it was the "Church of God on the Air," and was conducted exactly like a church service.

There were announcements, music from a quartet, including my mother and sister, and then a sermon delivered exactly as a sermon.

But during World War II, my father changed the format markedly, and began to preface his remarks with bits and pieces of war news, then attempting to tie that war news into the meaning of the times in the light of Bible prophecy.

When I first began broadcasting back in the middle 1950s, I would stick to the format pretty much decided upon in early years, with a combination of wading through whole books in the Bible (I have done series of hundreds of broadcasts wading through the Epistles of Paul, the book of Acts, the four Gospels, the whole book of Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, etc., etc.) AND broadcasts which would use current news and up-to-the-moment information analyzed in the light of certain sections of Bible prophecy, such as my hundreds upon hundreds of broadcasts revolving around Matthew 24 and Jesus' Olivet prophecies.

The "series type" broadcasts tended to "bring people along" in an era when we had only one or two small local churches, such as Pasadena and San Diego, with a few scattered brethren in South Texas, and was a vital part of the Work in those days when we used to send out teams of young students on baptizing tours to reap the annual "harvest" which was largely the result of the combined work of the broadcast, because of its message content, AND The PLAIN TRUTH and/or GOOD NEWS magazine of that time.

But now, ALL THIS HAS CHANGED!

For the past many years, the broadcast has been the first approach, the first contact, the leading method by which people are "turned on" to God's Work.

The second major focal point of the message is via The PLAIN TRUTH! This proved to be a tremendous winning game, and a very effective tool in preaching (and publishing) the gospel!

(Of course, when I say radio I want to include television or all electronic media).

Next comes the strong, meaty booklets such as "Modern Romans," "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," the booklets about "Why Were You Born?", "What Is a True Christian?", "Just What Do You Mean--Born Again?", "Immortality of the Soul," "Is There An Ever-Burning Hell?" and many other booklets on subjects such as these.

Not the least important and in the same area as The PLAIN TRUTH and other leading publications is the CORRESPONDENCE COURSE. My father has voiced his most urgent desire to revitalize and redo the first several lessons of the CORRESPONDENCE COURSE, and to make it much stronger--to answer the question of many of you who recognize the tremendous value of the CORRESPONDENCE COURSE for bringing along many a would-be prospective member.

But fellows, in the midst of all this, we must keep our goals and objectives clear.

It must NEVER become the goal of the Worldwide Church of God to "GET MEMBERS"! We must not try to use psychology, manipulate, maneuver, and figure various formats in order to get members! Our whole concept of the truth of God is that we preach the Gospel as a witness and a warning, and then God calls those whom He is selecting and choosing at this time! OF COURSE, we want to speak powerfully, with a clear voice, and reach as many in this world with the message of Christ as we possibly can, but remembering the Apostle Paul who assayed to go into the provinces around the southern seacoast of the Black Sea and was unable; who was told of God in a vision to remain in Ephesus for two whole years because God said He had "much people there;" remembering that Paul's fervent preaching bore almost no harvest in some areas, and a vast harvest in others. Let's always remember it is God who does the calling and the converting, and that we, as God's servants, must merely faithfully preach the message wherever He opens the doors before us, and leave the harvest up to Him!

↙ We become defeated, frustrated, seemingly on a treadmill when we look around in dismay and see a low growth pattern so far as church membership is concerned! If we are devoting ourselves exclusively to doing the very finest job in handling the stewardship God has entrusted into our charge as we possibly can, and leave the result with Him, then all this worry, hindsight and second guessing is left far behind.

I used to tell people that if I had a choice between putting the radio program and/or the telecast in a city where we already had a local congregation as opposed to a city where we did not, that I would choose the one where we did not every time!

All things being equal, and the financial resources available, of course, I would prefer to have a radio station in every city and a telecast in every city where we have a local congregation as well as every other city and every nation on the face of the earth!

↘ Obviously this is impossible.

Another important point to remember that some may have forgotten--money is not always the answer! In years when we had the money available to go on any number of radio stations we sincerely wanted, the doors were simply CLOSED!

It wasn't long ago that one of our most important 50,000 watt southwestern radio stations threw us off the air simply because a change in ownership took place!

Way back in the early 60s, I can remember how we tried to get on some of the real flagship stations such as the network "O & Os" (owned and operated) stations for literally years, AND WE HAD THE MONEY!

Sometimes we are almost FORCED to buy a "pig in a poke" where radio or television is concerned simply because it is ONLY a little crack in the door that is open in a particular area.

In city after city, we have tried to get on good stations at decent times for literally YEARS and have been frustrated at every turn!

There is a great deal of good news coming to me recently; most especially the tremendous and encouraging response to the new 5-minute programs!

Notwithstanding the irritation of some of our own brethren who would prefer (and I am thankful they feel this way!) to have a full 30-minute program in their area every single day, it is nevertheless encouraging that the new 5-minute radio programs are bringing in floods of NEW MAIL--new people never before reached by this Work--at a very significant rate!

Just the other day I was told that some of the people down at the WATS line answering service were literally getting tired of recording requests for "Is Sex Sin?" all day long, they've been coming in so strong!

I have been shown two charts of recent date showing how certain programs zeroing in on some of our most attractive booklets have really sent the mail receipts soaring over the top.

So let's not be discouraged because some few do not understand a format change, or a change for a time in the "rules of the game"--because it is working!

We are doing a magnificent job, I feel, in fulfilling our commission to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom as a witness and a warning! Just consider: we have a 30-minute radio program every week, with rich content on biblical and prophetic subjects; a five-days-a-week 5-minute program which is, in effect, a fast moving ad advertising our most powerful booklets; 26 brand new, fully structured, interesting and gripping television programs on the whole panorama of subjects we have covered over the past years; a fantastically successful new PLAIN TRUTH magazine now being placed in major airports (another significant breakthrough in recent weeks) all over the United States; plans to revitalize the CORRESPONDENCE COURSE already under way; and an array of very powerful, hard-hitting booklets.

Please do not allow yourselves to become discouraged, as pastors of churches, just because the broadcast or the telecast is not presently in your local area! After all, that is why YOU are there! All of you need to recognize the fact that when a program is absent in your area, it merely throws a greater weight of responsibility on your shoulders to continually preach inspiring, uplifting, interesting, thoughtful sermons to your brethren, which is really FEEDING THE FLOCK!

Of course, I want you to CONTINUE to provide us with your requests for media--and thanks sincerely, everyone of you who have given us urgent requests recently, and most especially some of the Area Coordinators who gave us an analysis of your entire area. They will be considered.

I am expecting a significant breakthrough in this part of the Work soon--and am really looking forward to far greater and better media coverage!

Incidentally, I have been making as many new 5-minute programs as I possibly can. I

am happy to say I have not had to use a single repeat throughout the entirety of the summer because of making them in batches, several at a time. In the last two days, I have finished fifteen 5-minute programs and two telecasts!

➤ On another subject, I have been given to understand that any number of attempts have been made to reach our brethren by saturating certain local church areas with "hate" literature of every vituperative and trashy nature imaginable!

How glad I am I will be able to face my Savior with the certain knowledge that my creative abilities, efforts, hard work and labor are all directed in a positive manner; that I have not had time to devote to Satanic filth in attempting to defame, destroy, malign or subject to ridicule these hate-mongers. I can only pray the prayer of David as he prayed concerning his enemies, and then devote my most vigorous energies to writing constructive and creative things! The experience of writing the book about The REAL Jesus, and the thrill I will finally feel when I see it in print and available before hundreds of thousands of people (I hope!) in the book stores, will be sufficient reward--and the certain knowledge that I was devoting my hundreds of hours of effort toward creative and constructive work rather than vituperative hate!

Nevertheless, it IS the responsibility of the shepherd of the flock to PROTECT the flock from the wolves!

I make no apology for the role I must play and you as pastors and teachers must play in protecting those whom the Bible calls "little ones." The love and gentleness Jesus showed toward the ones He spoke of as "sheep," or "little ones," was not intended in any way as a "put down" of their mental or intellectual powers, but was a tender spiritual appellation referring to their lack of spiritual perception and knowledge!

We are given a whole set of rules in God's Word for the PROTECTION of ourselves, our spiritual status, and those we serve in God's Work! The very REASON God tells us to "receive them not, neither bid them godspeed" is because He knows the spiritual mind of a newly begotten babe in Christ can be POLLUTED by lying filth just as surely as your tiny baby's stomach would be polluted by ground glass or poison!

Fellows, it is sheer spiritual POISON and garbage of the filthiest sort, to admit into your minds the trashy hate mail that is circulated in a continuous effort to destroy God's Work!

God Almighty was not afraid someone was going to "find out" something inherently evil about the early New Testament ministry of Peter, Paul, James and John when He inspired the Bible writers to "mark those who cause divisions and avoid them;" to never receive into their homes or admit into their minds or lives hate-mongers, spiritual hypocrites, double-minded slanderers, gossips, liars, who were trying to "subvert whole houses" in order to protect the flocks from demonic and Satanic attitudes of hatred!

It is YOUR JOB to help protect the flock! I have certain knowledge that many of you have been striving to do this, and I want to at this moment tell you how deeply I do THANK so many dozens of you who have been out there slaving and laboring away very hard to defend, support, protect and uphold the arms of the physical leaders in God's Work. We KNOW of your labors, and are deeply appreciative and thankful for them!

We must not let down!

➤ I would like to request that all of you pastors of churches, especially prior to the

Feast of Tabernacles when we KNOW Satan always attempts to come among God's people when they are gathered together, that you preach a powerful sermon on just this subject!

There is not a one of you who does not know of the many examples of how the little ones in Christ are called the "sheep;" of the shepherd who would leave the flock; of how Paul said he had to feed the Corinthian church with the "milk of the Word;" and the powerful statements about avoiding the forces of Satan by resisting him, and the promise he will flee from us!

We are experiencing problems which are in many ways no different from those we read in the second and third chapters of Revelation which afflicted everyone of the local congregations in Asia Minor!

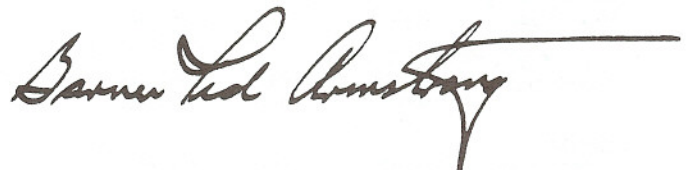
At that time, there were filthy teachers actually entering into the flocks under God's own pastors, encouraging them to "commit fornication and eat things sacrificed unto idols," as if it were a religious service! There were false apostles masquerading as ministers of Christ (and we have had any number of people who have attempted to do the same even within the ranks of our own ministry); there were false letters and false epistles (back during the upset in England, there was a spurious memorandum printed on our own presses, and Dr. Robert Kuhn's name used to get it done by our own personnel); and we know that some of these people in their evil plots have deliberately attempted to infiltrate our very ranks!

At least it gives me more comfort to know that I can read in the Bible that these problems are another SURE SIGN that this is God's own Church--the Church in which Jesus Christ is the Living Head and that Satan the Devil HATES with all his being!

I just wanted to warn you, most especially prior to the Feast of Tabernacles when we can probably, as in other years, expect various enemies to bend every effort to try to attack God's people, that we link arms solidly, and in a united front protect these little ones from the clutches of those who would try to destroy them!

Again, thanks very much for the many letters and notes of kind personal support I receive, and I do appreciate, as does my father, your continuing efforts in holding up our hands!

Your brother in Christ,



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UP-TO-DATE FIVE-MINUTE RADIO LOG

U.S. Stations

	Call Letters	Dial	Time				
ALABAMA				ILLINOIS			
Birmingham	WYDE	850	6:05 AM	Chicago	WMAQ	670	5:30 AM
Gadsden	WAAX	570	8:05 PM	INDIANA			
Mobile	WKRG	710	12:25 PM	Ft. Wayne	WGL	1250	12:06 PM
Montgomery	WMGY	800	7:10 AM	Indianapolis	WBRI	1500	6:00 PM
Montgomery	WQTY	1000	12:15 PM				1:45 PM
Montgomery	WFMI-FM	98.9	12:15 PM	IOWA			
ALASKA				Sioux City	KSCJ	1360	6:05 PM
Anchorage	KBYR	700	6:06 PM	Waterloo	KXEL	1540	1:00 PM
ARIZONA				KANSAS			
Page	KPGE	1340	6:05 PM	Coffeyville	KGGF	690	5:20 PM
Phoenix	KTAR	620	11:22 AM	Garden City	KUPK-AM	1050	9:05 AM
Tucson	KTUC	1400	12:45 PM	Garden City	KUPK-FM	97.3	9:05 AM
ARKANSAS				KENTUCKY			
Ft Smith	KFSA	950	12:25 PM	London	WFTG	1400	8:30 AM
Jonesboro	KNEA	970	4:00 PM	Louisville	WHAS	840	5:25 AM
CALIFORNIA				Paducah	WKYQ-FM	97.3	12:55 PM
Chico	KHSL	1290	12:15 PM	Paducah	WKYX	570	5:45 AM
Fortuna	KNCR	1090	7:55 AM	LOUISIANA			
Los Angeles	KLAC	570	10:55 PM	New Orleans	WWL	870	7:45 PM
Redding	KCLM	1330	12:05 PM				5:55 AM
Sacramento	KFBK	1530	9:55 PM	Shreveport	KRMD	1340	5:55 PM
San Bernardino	KCKC	1350	5:35 AM	MAINE			
San Diego	KSDO	1130	8:55 PM	Augusta	WRDO	1400	6:25 PM
San Francisco	KNBR	680	5:07 AM	MARYLAND			
San Luis Obispo	KUNA-FM	96.1	6:03 AM	Baltimore	WLPL-FM	92.3	6:50 AM
COLORADO				MASSACHUSETTS			
Alamosa	KGIW	1450	6:30 PM	Boston	WMEX	1510	6:50 AM
Arvada	KQXI	1550	4:55 PM	Springfield	WACE	730	12:30 PM
*Brush/ Ft. Morgan	KCMP		1:05 PM	MICHIGAN			
Colorado Springs	KPIK	1580	4:10 PM	Detroit	WLDM-FM	95.5	6:55 AM
Delta	KDTA	1400	6:35 PM	Detroit	WCAR	1130	7:25 PM
Denver	KOA	850	11:45 PM	Flint	WKMF	1470	7:00 PM
Gunnison	KGUC	1490	6:05 PM	Kalamazoo	WBUK	1560	12:32 PM
Rifle	KWSR	810	11:50 AM	Midland	WMPX	1490	6:05 AM
Salida	KVRH-AM	1340	6:05 PM	MINNESOTA			
Salida	KVRH-FM	92.1	6:05 PM	Duluth	WEBC	560	6:00 AM
Sterling	KGEK	1230	5:55 PM	Minneapolis	KRSI	950	7:55 PM
Trinidad	KCRT	1240	1:05 PM	Rochester	KOLM	1520	7:55 AM
CONNECTICUT				Rochester	KWWK-FM	97.7	12:00 Noon
New Haven	WELI	960	10:10 PM	MISSISSIPPI			
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA				Houston	WCPC-AM	940	11:06 AM
Washington	WKYS-FM	93.9	6:05 AM		WCPC-FM	93.3	12:45 PM
	WRC	980	6:55 PM	Magee	WSJC	810	9:05 AM
FLORIDA				MISSOURI			
Jacksonville	WBIX	1010	3:45 PM	Kansas City	KMBZ	980	10:30 PM
Jacksonville	WCMG	1090	12:00 Noon	Rolla	KCLU-AM	1590	7:25 AM
Miami	WINZ	940	12:35 PM		KCLU-FM	94.3	7:25 AM
Miami	WIOD	610	11:55 PM	St. Joseph	KFEQ	680	7:32 AM
Tampa	WINQ	1010	12:01 PM	MONTANA			
GEORGIA				Bozeman	KBMN	1230	4:40 PM
Atlanta	WIIN	970	6:25 AM	Butte	KBOW	550	6:55 PM
HAWAII				Dillon	KDBM	1490	4:25 PM
Hilo	KPUA	970	12:05 PM	Great Falls	KMON	560	6:20 PM
IDAHO				Glandive	KXGN	1400	6:05 PM
Burley	KBAR	1230	6:30 PM	Helena	KBLL	1240	5:40 PM
Idaho Falls	KID	590	6:34 PM	Kalispell	KOFI	1180	6:35 PM
Montpelier	KVSI	1450	4:15 PM	Lewistown	KXLO	1230	6:30 PM
Pocatello	KWIK	1240	6:45 PM	Livingston	KPRK	1340	6:25 PM
Twin Falls	KLIX	1310	10:05 PM	Red Lodge	KRBN	1450	1:05 PM
				Shelby	KSEN	1150	6:25 PM
				Glasgow	KLTZ	1240	5:10 PM
				NEBRASKA			
				Alliance	KCOW	1400	6:25 PM
				Holdredge	KUVR	1380	5:35 PM
				McCook	KICX	1360	1:00 PM
				Ogallala	KOGA	930	6:32 PM
				Omaha	KYNN		
					(KLNQ)	1490	12:30 PM

Scottsbluff	KNEB	960	6:05 PM
Sidney	KSID	1340	6:15 PM
Valentine	KVSH	940	4:10 PM
NEVADA			
Elko	KELK	1240	6:10 AM 6:55 PM
Las Vegas	KVEG-AM	970	5:05 PM
Reno	KSRN-FM	104.5	12:05 PM
NEW JERSEY			
Hammonton	WRDI-AM	1580	6:35 AM
	WRDR-FM	104.9	6:35 AM
NEW MEXICO			
Las Cruces	KGRT-AM	570	12:30 PM
	KGRD-FM	103.9	12:30 PM
NEW YORK			
Binghamton	WKOP	1360	6:25 AM
New Rochelle	WVOX-AM	1460	2:10 PM
	WVOX-FM	93.5	5:10 PM
New York	WOR	710	8:10 PM 11:10 PM
Niagara Falls	WHLD	1270	4:40 PM
Rochester	WHAM	1180	11:30 PM
NORTH CAROLINA			
Asheville	WWNC	570	3:45 PM
Charlotte	WSOC	930	6:25 AM
Raleigh	WPTF	680	11:55 PM
NORTH DAKOTA			
Fargo	WDAY	970	6:35 PM
OHIO			
Akron	WSLR	1350	6:00 AM
Cincinnati	WZIP-AM	1050	4:20 PM
	WCKY	1530	5:00 AM
Cleveland	WWWE	1100	5:05 AM
Columbus	WMNI-FM	99.7	12:30 PM
Dayton	WONE	980	5:00 AM
Portsmouth	WIOI	1010	1:05 PM
Toledo	WSPD	1370	5:05 AM 7:05 PM
Warren	WHHH	1440	6:25 PM
OKLAHOMA			
Oklahoma City	KTOK	1000	10:10 PM
OREGON			
Medford	KSHA	860	12:50 PM
Portland	KLIQ	1290	4:02 PM
Portland	KYXI	1520	12:25 PM
PENNSYLVANIA			
Altoona	WVAM-FM	100.1	11:50 AM
Philadelphia	WRCP	1540	6:00 AM 5:00 PM
Pittsburgh	KQV	1410	12:35 PM
Scranton/ Wilkes-Barre	WGBI	910	12:30 PM
Uniontown	WMBS	590	12:30 PM
RHODE ISLAND			
East Providence	WHIM-AM	1110	12:45 PM
East Providence	WHIM-FM	94.1	12:45 PM
SOUTH CAROLINA			
Cayce	WCAY	620	7:00 AM
Greenville	WFBC-AM	1330	5:55 AM
Greenville	WFBC-FM	93.7	5:55 AM
SOUTH DAKOTA			
Hot Springs	KOBH	580	4:25 PM (Nov) 4:10 PM (Dec) 5:25 PM (Rest of Year)
Pierre	KCCR	1240	7:05 PM
Sioux Falls	KIOV-FM	104.7	5:05 PM
TENNESSEE			
Chattanooga	WCHU	1550	7:40 AM
Knoxville	WBIR	1240	12:15 PM
Memphis	WREC	600	5:06 AM

TEXAS			
Abilene	KRBC	1470	5:55 AM
Austin	KLBJ	590	12:25 PM
Dallas	WFAA	570	7:32 PM
Dallas	KRLD	1080	11:05 PM
Harlingen	KMBS-FM	96.1	8:05 AM
Houston	KPRC	950	9:55 PM
McAllen	KRIO	910	7:05 PM
Midland	KWEL-AM	1070	12:30 PM
Midland	KBAT-FM	93.3	7:35 PM
San Antonio	WOAI	1070	5:30 AM 10:40 PM
UTAH			
Blanding	KUTA	790	12:30 PM
Moab	KURA	1450	6:25 AM
Ogden	KLO	1430	6:06 PM
Price	KOAL	1230	6:05 PM
Salt lake City	KSL	1160	5:30 AM 12:30 PM 10:55 PM
St. George	KDXU	1450	6:30 PM
Vernal	KVEL	920	4:30 PM
Richfield	KSVC	980	4:25 PM
VIRGINIA			
Chesapeake	WCPK	1600	12:05 PM
Richmond	WRVA	1140	10:10 PM
WASHINGTON			
Kennewick	KOTY	1340	11:55 AM
Tacoma	KMO	1360	12:05 PM
WEST VIRGINIA			
Bluefield	WKOY	1240	11:00 AM
Wheeling	WCHS	580	12:30 PM
Wheeling	WWVA	1170	6:55 PM
WISCONSIN			
Eau Claire	WAXX	1150	9:55 AM
Eau Claire	WEAU-FM	104.5	9:55 AM
Green Bay	WGEE	1360	6:55 AM
Milwaukee	WISN	1130	7:00 PM
Wausau	WSAU	550	6:10 PM
WYOMING			
Buffalo	KBBS	1450	6:10 PM
Casper	KTWO	1030	1:30 PM 6:30 PM
Green River	KUGR	1490	6:30 PM
Laramie	KOWB	1290	4:10 PM
Rawlins	KRAL	1240	6:05 PM
Riverton	KVOW	1450	6:20 PM
Worland	KWOR	1340	6:05 PM

* Start date 8/29/77

Pastoral Administration

Allie and I returned early last week, tired but satisfied, from two ministerial retreats in California and Oregon. We weren't able to spend much time at the California retreat due to other obligations, but we were able to be at the Oregon retreat from beginning to end.

From my point of view, I feel that this type of retreat is one of the most successful things we've done to create unity, fellowship, and understanding among the field ministry. As you will read in the WORLDWIDE NEWS, Allie and I are going

to Wyoming to meet Guy Engelbart and a group for a camp-out in the shadows of the Grand Tetons next week. The following week, I'm going alone to an island somewhere in the vicinity of International Falls to camp out with Carl McNair and a group from that area.

As I said, the concept is tremendously successful, but I've had to reevaluate the concept from several points of view. For one thing, there were a few wives who did not come to the Oregon camp-out (at least one was pregnant). We certainly don't want to do anything that leaves anyone out, and there may be some ministers as well who don't identify with camping. Also, while you fellows will only be camping out for three days, I could easily be camping out for a total of thirty days in a given summer. I'm not sure, but that *might* get a little old.

We're not abandoning the overall concept of the retreat, however. On the contrary, we would like to accelerate this type of thing if at all possible.

The camp-out is successful for several reasons, primarily the absence of distractions. Even though the children were present, their natural exuberance subsided a little after the first day and they seemed to identify enormously with the whole affair while causing relatively few problems. Parents were able to take their children swimming or fishing in the afternoon, but in the evening, there was really nothing to do except sit around the campfire and sing or talk—we did a lot of both. It took me back quite a few years to another time and another place when I would sit on the floor near a wood stove and listen to my elders talk about governments and kings, politics and nations, crops and cattle, and God and the Bible—all this in the yellow glow of a couple of kerosene lamps.

Forgive me for reminiscing, but it certainly seemed good for the families who were there to enjoy a simpler lifestyle for just a few days.

Although the camp-out was particularly successful, it doesn't mean that other types of retreat might not be just as successful at other types of facilities. Big Sandy, for example, provides an excellent location for a ministerial retreat.

We would like to encourage area coordinators and/or senior pastors to consider the possibility of arranging a ministerial retreat for your area. They need not be camp-outs, as such, but you must bear in mind that we have no budget whatsoever for this activity. The Oregon camp-out cost a grand total of \$105 for three days, so we were able to squeeze that out. But economy is a prime consideration in any effort we make.

There were several factors that I felt contributed to the success of the Oregon retreat. Not the least of those factors was the fact that the entire family was invited, and there were recreational activities for the children. Another very important factor was that we were *away*. The ministers and their families were away from the telephone (!), away from distractions. Of course, another major factor in the success of the retreat was that we were there for *growth*. We had two hours of workshop morning and afternoon each day, and those of us from headquarters were available for conversation, chit-chat, consultation, etc. from morning till night. As I said, Allie and I came home tired but satisfied.

If you have any ideas for a retreat in your area, consult your area coordinator first. Then, write up a proposal with possible dates and get it in to us as early as possible. It's none too soon to begin planning for next summer, because if anyone from H.Q. is to be at these retreats, travel arrangements and planning will be of utmost importance. Also, we hope to get Mr. Ted Armstrong to drop in on as many of these as possible, and so we'll need to let him know as early as possible for his calendar.

You'll notice we're leaving the initiative for this type of retreat with you. While we at headquarters will do our best to supply instruction, encouragement, and counsel, we feel that no retreat like this can be a success unless you fellows are fully behind it and fully participating. We'll be waiting to hear from you.

Strange things are happening! Jim Lichtenstein recently had a telephone call from a man who introduced himself as "Mr. McMannis of the San Francisco church." He said: "I'm in trouble, please come help me." It seems he was driving with his family from California to see his dying mother in New York state. He had just had to lay out \$285 to get his car fixed and he only had four gallons in the tank and 63¢ in his pocket. He wanted help to buy gas to get to New York. Jim invited him to come over to his house to pick up some money, but the man insisted that he could not get there, his car would not start and nobody around had jumper cables. He told Jim he was driving a brown Buick, California license DXY439. So, Jim got in his car and drove down to meet him, but he was gone! He waited, but the man did not show.

Later, Jim got a call from Don Lawson who said that a man named Wilkinson had been in his area that day from California with a need for money because his car had broken down and he was on the way to New York to visit his dying mother. Don Lawson went to meet him, only to have the

man not show up. Don mentioned that at least one other minister had a similar call.

As far as we know, no one has been able to give the man any financial assistance—they've just been drawn on a wild goose chase. If any of you have had similar calls, please contact Russell Duke and give him the information. So far, we have not been able to find any motive or to determine what exactly is going on. There is too much correlation between the events to be mere coincidence, so we feel all of you in the ministry should be alerted. Steve Martin tells me a Mr. McMannis used to be in the San Francisco church but was disfellowshipped. He felt the man may simply be trying to harass the ministry. It seems there is no end to the variety our adversary can use in his efforts to keep the ministry off-balance! One of our best defenses is continuing communication.

—Ronald L. Dart

LAURA MAE McCOLM 1925-1977

Mr. Les McColm asked that it be announced to all ministers and their congregations, via the BULLETIN, that his wife, Laura, died on Thursday, July 28 after a five-year fight against cancer. The graveside funeral was performed the following Monday. Les specifically asked that I pass on his appreciation for everyone's concern and prayers offered on his wife's behalf.

—Steve Martin

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Church Films

Dan Ricker of Media Services informs us that his department will no longer be processing ministers' film requests or handling their shipment. Please direct all future requests to Jon Hicks in the TV studio.

Request for Help Re "Inactives"

Since the institution of the "inactive" status, a problem has arisen that we'd like your help with. It revolves around members being made "inactive" when they really are not.

We have a much more mobile membership now than we have had in the past, and members do not always keep in touch with the ministry as they once did.

As a result, some ministers have sent in inactive cards without actually having made contact with the individuals in question.

We realize there are various reasons why this may be so. Some members just disappear; others give only post office box numbers, and others simply won't respond.

However, occasionally we will discover someone who is on file as an inactive, yet really is an active member. He may not have been attending due to sickness, or a vacation, or has just recently been relocated and hasn't attended yet, or travels a lot, etc.

The key in most cases seems to be that the minister didn't actually make contact with the individual, and to a degree an assumption was made.

Also, the form letters that are sent from Headquarters in such cases aren't always perfectly accurate. I think in some cases the minister will feel he has fulfilled the request on a form letter when actually the request wasn't fully understood.

Form letters are necessary to use due to the enormous amount of work they save; but it's difficult to get a form letter to perfectly fit every situation. If they sometimes seem vague or lacking in explanation, please forgive us. We are reviewing them with hopes of making some more accurate.

Sometimes a reply to our request will be vague in return. Occasionally we'll receive the comment "don't know the person." From this we don't know if any effort was made to see the individual or if they just weren't on the minister's records.

Again, the key is in follow-up contact or more complete explanation of the circumstances. In some cases you will know that the person in question is hostile and that nothing will be gained from contact. It would help us if such things could be clearly stated.

Increase in Mileage Reimbursement Rates

As of July 1, we increased the non-fleet mileage reimbursement rate for those drivers who went off the fleet program and receive mileage reimbursement. The new rate is \$0.14 per mile for the first 1,000 miles, \$0.10 per mile for the next 1,500 miles, and \$0.05 per mile for all mileage over 2,500 miles.

This increase, which we feel will more accurately reflect the current cost of operating non-fleet vehicles, is still generally within what it costs us to operate a fleet vehicle. As we determine any changes in our fleet costs, we will continue to change our reimbursement rate.

We have appreciated the helpful comments we have received from you and ask that you continue to send in your ideas and comments.

NOTE Con Artist In the East

One or several con artists are presently operating in the eastern half of the country playing on the compassion of the ministry and members in order to "borrow" money.

It may actually be several men using a similar M.O., or it may be one individual using several aliases.

In either case the man is usually accompanied by a woman and several older children. The story given involves driving cross-country to reach the bedside of a mother or father dying of cancer. The car has broken down (either engine or transmission), and the resulting repair bills have taken all their money. Usually the children haven't eaten in some time, which adds to the subtle pressure put on your Christian conscience.

The request is usually to "borrow" enough money for gas to reach their destination; if you volunteer extra for food, it is gratefully accepted.

The man is an excellent actor often using tears as a badge of sincerity. They seem to have good knowledge of ministers' and churches' names and locations. He may have been a prospective member or member in the past and may have access to the *Worldwide News*.

Please make your congregations aware of this situation and caution them to check with you in case someone of this type turns up.

Please contact me if you have any questions, or if you have information that you feel might be helpful.

Please Note

If anyone has any questions regarding Mr. Ryck Leathly, please contact Mr. Robert Dick, pastor, Columbus, Ohio.

—Ted Herlofson

MEMBER NEEDS SPECIAL HELP

The following is a resume of the status of Mrs. Rosemarie Finlay (see *WORLDWIDE NEWS*, May 23, 1977 and follow-up *WORLDWIDE NEWS*, June 20.) The Finlays are searching for a mature woman to become a "member" of their family and help with their needs.

The Finlay family has lived in a suburb of Washington, D.C. (Falls Church, Virginia) for twenty-one years and has been very active in church affairs for many years. Six of their eight children have either graduated from or are now attending Ambassador College; the two children still at home are boys, fifteen and eleven years old.

Rosemarie suffered a major heart attack on

April 26, 1977. She was without oxygen from eight to twenty-five minutes due to heart stoppage. Electrodes were used to start her heart and tubes were inserted into her lungs to force breathing. Contrary to the doctors' prognosis, Rosemarie did not die but came out of a coma after three weeks and began to eat and drink without a nose tube. She was released from the hospital on June 24.

Although Rosemarie has almost no physical impairment, she has suffered brain damage. Her personality remains amenable—she is not hostile or abusive—but she cannot respond to verbal direction or communicate rationally. She is very strong and active and needs full-time care to avoid personal injury as she walks and moves around the house.

The doctors, nurses, therapists and books on brain damage unanimously agree that any further progress depends on the loving, positive support provided by the family, friends and church members. The family and church members are more than willing to help and have been providing this type of care since the heart attack. Although they plan to continue this support, there is further need for a mature and capable woman to live with the family to provide full-time help and, as Mr. Finlay has stated, essentially become a new member of the family. Unfortunately, no one has yet been located who can move into the home.

Perhaps you have a mature and healthy woman in your congregation who would like the responsibility and fulfillment of becoming an active part of this family. Physically speaking, it should be a rewarding job as the home, family furnishings, neighborhood, etc. are well above average. But more importantly, this position should be very emotionally and spiritually satisfying to a woman desiring to work with people in a family environment. This association will likely continue for several years duration as Rosemarie gradually recovers.

Obviously, the need is now, so if you find someone interested and qualified, whether under Church support or otherwise independent to travel, please call the Washington D.C. pastor, Mr. Larry Salyer at (703) 450-4369 or, if not available, King Finlay at (703) 573-5530.

—Pastoral Administration

Media

NEW TV PROGRAMS

This morning (8/2) Mr. Ted Armstrong completed taping the first of the new television programs planned for the 1977-78 season. Things went extremely well, and Mr. Armstrong was very effective, especially considering the fact that it had been several months since the completion of last season's programs.

This season we will be able to give each program its own individual set, which will greatly enhance the visual effects of the production.

We have included a photograph of Mr. Armstrong, taken during the taping of the first program on the Universe. The set shown will be completely changed for the program on the Soviet arms buildup before taping on Wednesday morning.

If all goes well, the first program should be edited, shipped, and ready for viewing on the first

leg of the stations by (approximately) the weekend of September 3-4.

The Television Department is currently compiling information and visual material for the first several programs of the new season. Dick Quincer and Larry Omasta have compiled this brief review of some of the programs now in production:

IS MAN ALONE?—This program features a summary of scientists' attempts at locating and communicating with extraterrestrial life. Visual material depicts the awesome size and complexity of the universe, and striking footage from the Viking Lander Unit on Mars is included. Mr. Armstrong wraps up the program with a discussion of man's ultimate destiny. The booklets *Our Awesome Universe* and *Why Were You Born?* will be advertised.

THE NEW SOVIET THREAT—A detailed analysis of the feverish Soviet arms buildup, featuring film from the Soviet Union, which shows some of their newest weaponry. Mr. Armstrong will discuss the prophetic significance of living in the last days. The booklet *Are We Living in the Last Days?* will be advertised.



NEW SETS—This season each program will have its own individual set. Above set was used for first new program taped recently. Set pictured on next page was used for second program.

Ambassador College Photo



Ambassador College Photo

THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE—There will be one program produced on each of the symbolic horses of Revelation 6, explaining the significance of current events relating to the prophecies of Revelation.

White Horse—Program will show the white horse as false religion, and how this false religion will align itself with a military power.

Red Horse—Brief history showing how war has always been with us, no matter what type of government or religion is extant. As technology advances, man finds the ultimate means to exterminate himself.

Black Horse—Traces famine in history and shows how the world's population has exploded in the past years, while the means to feed that increase has stagnated.

Pale Horse—How famine, drought, wars all can contribute to the spread of disease and pestilence in the future. Separate booklets will be offered for each horseman.

LAETRILE, THE CURRENT CONTROVERSY—The program will be a summary of the clinical evidence concerning Laetrile's effectiveness, pro and con, including interviews with

people who have used it. Also to be examined: the controversy over legalizing the drug. The *Plain Truth* and *Seven Laws of Radiant Health* will be advertised.

THE LOVE BUG—This program will ask and answer the question: Why, thirty years after an effective cure for venereal disease was developed (penicillin), are gonorrhea and syphilis still with us in epidemic and alarming proportions? The V.D. reprint "The Silent Epidemic" will be advertised.

THE LONELY SOCIETY—Program discusses the malady of loneliness that afflicts not just the elderly, but people of all ages and walks of life, including all of us from time to time. Stimulating interviews with recognized experts in the treatment of psychological problems induced by loneliness.

More information on new TV programming will be shared as Mr. Armstrong approves or modifies the scripts.

During the past two months we have been concentrating considerable effort on the consolidation of Television Production, Radio Production and Educational Services into one division. Mr. Ted Armstrong approved Ray Wright's recommenda-

tion that the consolidation be carried out to effect cost savings and eliminate duplication of effort in some areas.

There are a few changes concerning whom to contact for specific requests, and that is outlined at the end of this article.

As a result of this consolidation, three main objectives have been accomplished:

1. Salary savings of \$108,630 per year. This was possible through sharing of manpower, proper scheduling and more efficient organization.

2. A savings of \$65,771 worth of equipment, which will be reassigned or sold.

3. Almost 2,000 sq. ft. of floor space was made available for the Ambassador College Pasadena/Big Sandy consolidation.

We were able to carry out this first phase of consolidation with no construction alterations and

no curtailment of services. Studies are now underway to investigate if it would be feasible to relocate Radio and Educational Services within the present Television building.

If You Need . . .

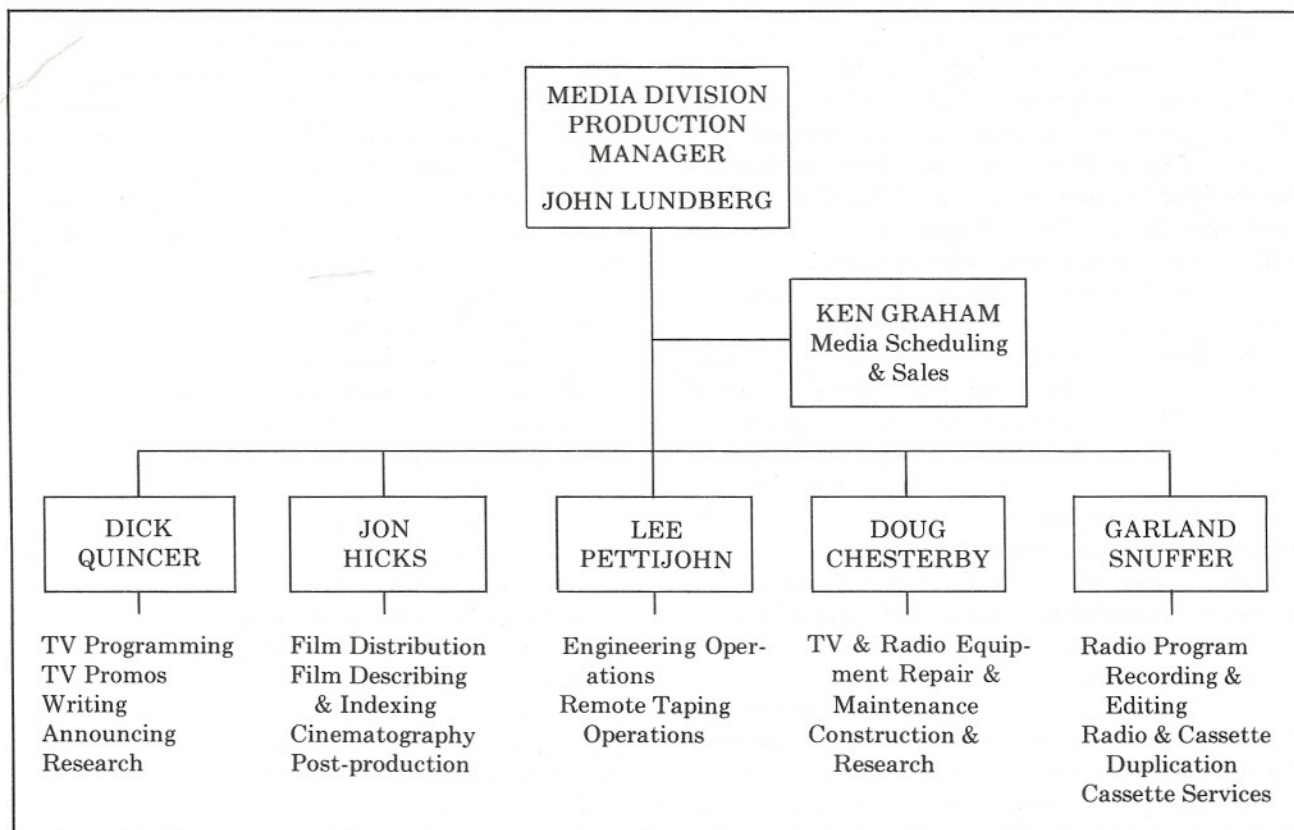
- Cassette tapes
- Program films and video tapes
- Items for International areas

Contact . . .

- Garland Snuffer, Radio Department
- Jon Hicks, Film Dept.
- John Lundberg, Media Production Division

If you still aren't sure whom to contact or have something special to request, send it to my attention and I'll direct it to the proper party. Would appreciate any suggestions you may have in regard to Cassette Services.

—John Lundberg
Media Division Production Manager



Publishing

EDITORIAL SERVICES

Just got back from vacation to find a crisp, new August/September PLAIN TRUTH waiting on my desk with a brilliant red cover! I think it's one of the best issues yet in terms of reader interest.

Hope you all like it. The theme is sex and the family, a much needed discussion in our time!

A recent issue of the *Drug Survival News* (Phoenix, Arizona, July-August 1977) had this to say about Paul Graunke's two booklets on alcoholism and drugs:

"Two booklets available FREE through PLAIN TRUTH, Ambassador College Press, Pasadena, CA 91123, although donations are most appreciated. At least enclose 25 cents for postage. ALCO-

HOLISM A WORLDWIDE CURSE is a balanced and rational look at alcohol use and abuse which concludes that prevention through educating people on safe use is, in the end, the best solution. Special, high-lighted sections include, 'Teenage Tippling—Safer Than Pot?', 'Drinking and Driving Don't Mix' and 'The Family That Drinks Together.' THE DILEMMA OF DRUGS by D. Paul Graunke has a wonderful cover. It is a picture of a teenage boy drinking alcohol, next to a picture of a man about 50 years old, smoking a joint. This is a great booklet for parents, other adults, even teenagers who want to understand drug use and abuse. It starts by defining the drug problem as really not just one problem, but a myriad of interrelated problems. Sample chapter headings include, 'Marijuana and Tobacco—A study in Hysteria and Hypocrisy,' 'Alcohol—The Most Popular Drug' and 'Uppers and Downers—The Hidden Drug Problem.' Bulk quantities are available to organizations only. If these two booklets are typical of the quality of publications coming from PLAIN TRUTH, donations to this organization seem well-deserved."

Gordon Muir informs me that Frontier Airlines has decided to place the PLAIN TRUTH on their passenger flights. This will mean about 500 copies will be read by travelers and businessmen every month on that airline. Hopefully, more airlines will follow suit!

The Editorial Services Department is moving again—this time back to the Office Facilities Building. We are moving the whole department piecemeal as space becomes available. After five moves in as many years we are beginning to understand what it means to be "strangers and pilgrims" in the earth! Please bear with us while we get reorganized. Gene Hogberg and his crew, the Graphics Department, and several others will be joining us later.

That's it for now.

—Brian Knowles

P.S. Hope you'll be able to take the time to read the following from Gene Hogberg. It's an interesting report on his recent fact-finding trip through several Asian countries.

PT NEWS EDITOR TOURS ASIAN COUNTRIES

On Sunday, July 24, Mr. Keith Stump, News Bureau and PLAIN TRUTH staff member, and I returned from a three week research swing through six nations of Asia. Our tour of Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore and the Philippines was very informative and should

produce considerable copy for both the PLAIN TRUTH and the Worldwide News.

In several of the areas we were able to see a number of highly influential individuals. In fact, as far as top-level interviews were concerned, the trip turned out to be far more productive than we had planned. In South Korea, for example, we had private conversations with three top government officials, plus one with the President of Korea's National Chamber of Commerce, Tae Wan-Son. We talked with Mr. Tae for an hour in his beautifully appointed office in downtown Seoul. Of course, economics played a secondary role to the number one topic on the tip of everyone's tongue in South Korea—the possible ramifications of the Carter Administration's plans to pull U.S. ground forces out of Korea over the next five years.

Among the political leaders we talked to was Paik Too Chin who twice served the Republic of Korea as Prime Minister (the first time during the Korean War) and is now the Chairman of its most important political party. Mr. Paik was most generous in giving us over an hour of his time in his office in the new National Assembly building. He normally grants newsmen only 30 minutes maximum—and then with advance notice of four or five days. Our interview request was made only the day before.

Both Mr. Tae and Mr. Paik gave us their most frank, deeply felt assessments of the current crisis. At the same time they were extremely cordial to us. I think they sensed that Keith and I were there to listen and to be informed, and therefore did not represent the usual "adversary" posture of the Western press. Both gentlemen (and gentlemen they are in the truest sense of the word) treated us as their guests and, hopefully, friends. At the end of each interview both of our hosts gave *two* gifts each to both Keith and me. (They joked that they hoped they wouldn't be accused of "bribing" us—a reference to the Park Tong Sun scandal in Washington, about which they both were apologetic.) But Koreans, we experienced, are by nature very generous and likeable people.

While in Korea we also had the opportunity to visit Panmunjom in the Demilitarized Zone. We were there the day before the helicopter incident. (We will explain our experiences there and elsewhere in greater detail in the other publications.)

In Taiwan we had two very fine experiences. First of all we were able to speak privately (again for over an hour) with the Director of the Institute for International Relations, Mr. Tsai Wei-Ping, certainly one of the best informed people on the entire "China question." His many and varied

comments on the whole history of the dispute between Communist China and the Nationalist government on Taiwan were most revealing.

The following afternoon Keith and I were invited to attend the ceremony at which Fan Yuan-yen, the former Chinese Communist pilot who fled with his MIG-19 fighter to Taiwan, renounced his Communist Party membership and was commissioned as a lieutenant-colonel in the Taiwanese air force. Hopefully we got a few pictures of this unique event—including a picture or two of Fan's reward: 5,000 ounces of gold in six bricks in plain view on the stage!

After experiencing all the sights and sounds and smells of Hong Kong (wall-to-wall skyline, the constant din of traffic and the odors of countless outdoor kitchens) we headed for Singapore. While there we were invited to attend a Chinese pre-wedding feast given for a young couple-to-be in God's Church by their families. Quite a spread, though not all edible (the parents in both cases not being members). John Halford, who ministers to the brethren throughout the Southeast Asian region also was there. We enjoyed very much hearing from him first-hand about his many and varied experiences. John certainly has one of the more interesting assignments in the International Division.

On the business side, we had two background briefings by government officials on the economics and politics of Singapore and her fellow members in ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations)—Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines. ASEAN is steadily growing in importance.

The last stop on our trip was Manila. Through the advance work of Mr. Colin Adair and a church member who handles PR affairs for the Work there, Nap Acebron, we were able to discuss Philippine-Asian and Philippine-American affairs with two of the country's leading spokesmen: Foreign Secretary Carlos R. Romulo (whom Mr. Herbert Armstrong has met) and Theodoro Valencia, undoubtedly the top journalist in the Philippines. Very informative on both accounts.

On the Sabbath, July 23, I had the opportunity to relay to the Manila brethren via an "extended sermonette" the conclusions Keith and I had come to so far on our Asian trip. Many of the brethren addressed additional questions and comments to us after the service (which is held, incidentally, in the "second most beautiful" auditorium available to the Church, the gorgeous private auditorium of the Manila Electric Company). The Manila Church has grown tremendously since I was there

the last (and first) time in 1968—between 600 to 700 as opposed to considerably under 100 nine years ago.

On the previous Thursday evening Keith and I, along with Mrs. Adair's mother, sister and nephew (who were visiting the Adairs) were treated, in the Adair home, to a "barrio fiesta" of traditional Philippine food, folk singing and folk dancing (as well as some more contemporary music) put on by some of the Manila church members. It was an extremely enjoyable evening of first-class entertainment. When it was finished I promised the brethren there I would do my best to convey to their brethren across the Pacific how we felt about the warm hospitality they showed that night. So hopefully this fulfills my pledge.

Overall, the trip was not only enjoyable but profitable far beyond our expectations. Both Keith and I felt God opened some pretty big doors for us so that we could get a well-rounded picture of very important trends now underway in the Far East. We expect that He will also guide us in explaining these trends in a clear manner to the readers of the PLAIN TRUTH and the Worldwide News.

—Gene H. Hogberg

Mail Processing

Mail during the summer months tends to decline almost every year, but in spite of this seasonal variation our mail count for this month of July was relatively good. We received 160,190 letters for the month—which was over 50% better than July of last year! The cumulative mail count for the year now stands at 1,170,482 letters.

GTA semiannual Letter

It has now been over a month since the semi-annual letter written by Mr. Ted Armstrong was mailed out. This letter went to the entire mailing list, excluding members.

Presently we have received over 41,000 responses which is approximately a 6% response. In view of the fact that the literature offered in the letter dealt with the subject of tithing, we consider this a good, positive response.

The Five-Minute Broadcasts

The five-minute programs are doing quite well. For the first 24 days of July we have received over 7,300 responses. This already surpassed the June total of 7,106. Most of these responses were via the WATS telephone service.

Amusing Request

Below is an amusing excerpt from a letter we received recently. Obviously the writer never got the point on how anointed cloths should be used (which he calls "squares"—apparently since they are small square pieces of cloth).

"Will ask you to send me 2 of the squares, one for each foot, as that one has helped right foot so much. I use it on foot every day. It gets dirty so wash it and start again next day . . ."

That's it for this time.

—Richard Rice

LETTER COMMENTS

FIVE MINUTE BROADCAST

"I am thankful that the Garner Ted Armstrong broadcast has been shortened to five minutes. Now I can always take the time to listen to the broadcast."

—Shirley Wirth
Milwaukee, WI

"Thank you for telling it like it is on the five minute news. It's about time someone tells us, and the world, how things are."

—I. B. Menzel
Marlboro, NJ

"I want to tell you how impressive and informative your five minute broadcasts are. In fact, I'm almost wondering if their effectiveness won't equal or surpass the half-hour broadcast. Personally, because of its short duration, I'm able to concentrate my full attention the five minute broadcast. Many people, especially those on the go, are just unable to hear a complete half-hour broadcast, whereas this five minute broadcast has, I feel, the impact and is concise and satisfying. I hope it proves to be a great tool in the Work of God."

A Member of the Wausau, WI Church

"We are hearing the five minute spot on WWL each morning. Today he pulled no punches—we like these programs because he gets to the point pronto!"

—Mr. & Mrs. Charles Martin
Brooklyn, MS

"I really miss the half-hour time schedule, but am grateful for the five minute commentary."

—Gladys Tuttle
Branford, CT

SUPREME COURT RULING CONCERNING WORK ON THE SABBATH

The following is a sample of the comments received concerning the High Court's ruling concerning work on the Sabbath. Some are viewing that decision as a fulfillment of prophecy with real problems ahead for the members.

"That ruling against the Sabbath has a lot of people scared. But as has been pointed out for years, it's going to get worse.

"By seeing you hold fast gives all of us more strength. So, 'Hang tough.'"

—John M. Manos, Sr.
Chillicothe, OH

"The Supreme Court seems to have ruled that one can be fired for observing the Ten Commandments. Wonder when they will vote to establish a state Church?"

"Believe you should write a letter of thanks to one of the few, to my knowledge, having guts enough to stand up for keepers of the seventh day."

—Jasper Songer
Alexandria, IN

"I am very disturbed about the Supreme Court ruling on the Sabbath question even though at present it does not affect me. It is a very clear turning point in prophecy and again it shows us how really close we are to the Great Tribulation."

—Eric A. Monzon
New York, NY

"With this court ruling, I know that this will pose problems for many of us, as well as the Work. But I know that we will get things done as God has commissioned us to do. I am not afraid, this only makes me realize how close the Kingdom is and that Satan's reign will soon be over."

—Linda Lee Johnson
New Orleans, LA

"I am appalled to have heard on the 6:00 news that the Supreme Court, the august body of illustrious adjudicators whom God has allowed to judge the 'Law of the Land,' has ruled against the 'Law of God.'"

—George J. Gainey
Patrick, SC

"We've just received The Worldwide News and are sorry to learn about the Supreme Court's decision regarding employment of those who observe the Sabbath. It certainly indicates fulfillment of

prophecy—upside-down justice—and indicates the direction of the U.S.—further away from God.”

—Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Warden
Crete, IL

“Having heard of the Supreme Court ruling concerning the fellow that had received a dismissal from his job for observing the Sabbath, I felt I just had to write. It has given me new strength. I, too, had been forced to work against my own belief, although I had explained to my employer. Now, I feel I can live without that one job. I'm sure I can find another employer who will be more sympathetic. But I keep asking myself, ‘Where is freedom of religion?’ What has happened to our forty hour workweek law?”

—Mrs. Martha Kane
Phoenix, AZ

Y.O.U. ACTIVITIES

So much has happened since our last update that we hardly know where to begin. It has been a very busy and productive summer for Y.O.U., and so we'll try to bring you up to date on what's happened this summer.

S.E.P. has been extremely successful this year. Many people have called it the best summer ever. It has certainly been the most problem free year since any of us have been affiliated with it. During the first session we had absolutely beautiful weather. We had to cancel only one activity session on one day due to bad weather. Also, for the first time in history, there was not one swat given during the entire session. The only thing that marred the session was the measles scare we had.

We are now in the final days of the second session, and we finally got the much needed rain in this area. Although it caused us a few problems in scheduling activities, the rain really helped as all the lakes are now near normal again. We have had some quite cold weather this session, giving the impression that fall has arrived early in the north woods. With the exception, however, of the cold weather, this session has gone even better than the first session.

We have had close to 700 thoroughly turned on youths here this summer. They have all had an experience they will never forget, and have learned lessons which will stick with them for the rest of their lives. We only wish every Church youth could spend three weeks here.

Basketball Camps

By the time most of you receive this we will have completed our third and final Y.O.U. Bill

Sharman Basketball Camp. This was our first experience with basketball camps and overall we are very pleased with the results. Bill Sharman commented at the conclusion of the first clinic, in Big Sandy, that he had never enjoyed conducting a clinic more than he enjoyed that one.

We have had over 180 boys from nearly 100 different Church areas able to learn more about basketball from some of the top players in the history of the sport. They had six very full days (12 to 14 hours per day) of basketball. We're sure there will be a noticeable difference in the level of play this fall on the part of those able to attend the camps.

Y.O.U. International Exchange

We are now under way with our first International Exchange Program. We began this year with three American and three European teens. The Americans and their European counterparts chosen for the program this year are: Gail Bi-galski from Buffalo, N.Y. and Jackie Dougal from Edinburgh, Scotland; Joan Lehmkuhl from Des Moines, Iowa and Jocelyne Metayer of Saint-Pierre-la-Cour, France; and Brent Baker of S. Charleston, West Virginia and Colin Philo of Brick Wood, England.

The three Americans departed last Thursday for London, with a 3-day intermediate stop in Washington D.C. They were met in London by the three European teens and Mr. Paul Suckling, Y.O.U. director for the British Isles. After spending a few days in the London area, the Americans will go with their European counterparts to their homes. The families of the European students will host the Americans in their homes for the next 5 months and the teens will go to school together.

About the middle of December all six teens will return to the United States. They will all attend the International Youth Conference as special delegates. They will then go to the homes of the three American students where they will live for the second semester of the school year. At the completion of the year, the European students will return home via Washington D.C.

It will be a fantastic year, not only for the students chosen and their families, but for the Church areas all six students represent as well. We are happy to be able to afford this opportunity to some of our young people. Hopefully, next year we can expand to allow seven or even ten students from the U.S. and an equal number from the international area have this experience.

Choosing Athletic Coaches

Before closing we want to say a few things about choosing your coaches for Y.O.U. teams this fall. We have received several comments this summer about Y.O.U. putting too much emphasis on winning. This has never been our intention and we are trying to alleviate the situation. But we need your help.

Right now, as you are formulating your teams for the coming season, why not formulate some goals of what you want the youth to learn from the sport. Sure, winning is nice, but when you put it foremost in your program you end up losing sight of the primary purpose for Y.O.U. The sportsmanship, camaraderie, drive and character that can be developed, if the coach has the right motivation and direction, can be worth far more in the long run than even a national title. At this time I would like to quote from an article which appeared in *The Weekend Coach* magazine titled "Establishing Communication, Leadership, and Motivation in Youth Sports." Let's begin with paragraph six on page 17:

Now let's look at the coach. What does quality mean to him (or her)? Is there a disproportionate emphasis on winning by score count? What price does the coach put on his ability to lead? What does he know about the psychology of the game? Does he feel that because he volunteered to coach, that this gives him a license to do as he wishes with these young kids? What does he know about the formative years of children? Does he realize how crucial they are and the impact his influence will have on the kids in later years? What does he know about perceptual development and motor coordination? What does he know about how to communicate and motivate youth? How mature is he? How openly emotional is he? Does he really know why he wants to be a coach—is his purpose to serve or to appease his ego? Does he see his job solely in terms of winning championships, sometimes in spite of his players? Does he know that self-actualization for kids is to help them to be all they can be? Does he know that the best coach is the one who has helped develop a better child than he found on opening day? Does the coach know he is dealing with our most precious assets—our kids?

We know that the thrill of victory is not always enjoyed by the victorious team and that the agony of defeat isn't necessarily felt by the losing team. There is more to the experience of youth league playing than winning and losing. I've sat in the stands as a spectator and watched some of the greatest cardinal sins performed by coaches. I've

heard profanity, merciless public criticism of players, the teaching of pure violence—not competition, the making of unkept, baseless promises to kids that they'll get in the game in a minute, only this minute may never come. I've heard of coaches who recruit stars and experienced kids outside the district, moving them in with a relative, to replace neighborhood kids who had high hopes of growing into a position.

And I've seen some good coaches, who believe in team play, in letting everyone get a taste of competition, who urge kids to congratulate the opponents after the game whether they win or lose, teaching them the true meaning of sportsmanship.

These coaches seem to know that there really is something to this youth development stuff, such as: the responsibility to build strong bodies and minds, develop character and teamwork in their players, practice patience, prudence, understanding and tolerance of childish mistakes and ignorance, teach players to respect the rights of others, and teach about total involvement and how to accept defeat gracefully.

I believe every coach should judge the quality of his league in direct proportion to the players' growth and development. I believe the coach could use a big helping of empathy and compassion for the timid, the overweight, the clumsy, or the kid playing his heart out, hating every minute of the sport, so he can win favor with, or live better at home with, dear old dad.

Several years ago, I heard a beautiful story about compassion. Since that day, compassion has had a special meaning for me. I'd like to share this story with you, and you may want to relay it to your coaches.

A young boy approached a man as he was washing his car. "Sir," the polite lad said, "May I see your puppies? I noticed your sign, 'puppies for sale.'" The man whistled for Lady and she came running toward them, followed by seven or eight little balls of fur. One pup was crippled and lagged far behind the others.

The lad reached for the crippled puppy and hugged him closely. "This is the one I want," he told the man. "I have 87¢ I'll give you now and I'll work for you until he's paid for." The man told him he didn't want the crippled puppy, that he was born without a leg socket and would always be crippled and could never run and jump and play with kids like other puppies.

The solemn child insisted on having the pup and, pulling up his pant leg, he revealed a brace running from his foot to his knee, showing a badly

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CHANGE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD— HOW DOES IT ALL FIT?

by Art Mokarow

Change, whether good or bad, pleasant or unpleasant, is never easy. It's always disrupting. And even if it's a promotion and a raise, your endocrines still squirt those juices into your system.

We live in a world where change and disruption are encouraged and applauded simply to keep our "adrenalin addiction" at the junkie level. Hans Selye recently noted that many modern people are literally addicted to their own adrenalin, and will do anything to make a normal event into an emergency, just to get that internal hype.

Yes, those are the juices of change, along with all the psychological fallout that hurtles down on us in the midst of a storm of change. Dr. Selye also described this age when he said that "people today aren't under any more stress than they used to be in past ages, it's just that *they think they are*, and therefore, *they ARE!*" So today, change is inescapable. Many look at stress as an essential part of life. And adrenal exhaustion is a warped goal too many modern Americans strive for.

What about change when it is closer and more familiar to us—the collective change that we've all been going through as a group? Well, collective change is even more profound. It groans and howls like a strong wind blowing through an old house. Collective change tends to be slow, unwieldy and apparently unorganized. Because a group is made of individuals and individuals change at different rates, conflict often erupts within as the body changes. There is resistance. Tugging, pulling, pushing, hurry-uping, and slow-downing. So when a group is changing you can expect an explosive reaction. But when a *church* body changes, expect an even greater tumult.

A church is tied to eating, sleeping, praying and working—one's total way of life. And when you *work for* the church, all of these things are compounded. So when a church changes, the very system of stability and comfort alters; the very personality of the organization changes. What we as a group are in the middle of is more difficult than almost any other type of change; because it involves almost every kind of change. When a church changes you can feel it down to your toes.

Change has always been one of the hallmarks of the Worldwide Church of God since it was founded through Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in 1927. And biblically, change is one spiritual reality every Christian is supposedly striving for. Hopefully it's always positive, but either way change is inevitable. As in the case of individual character building, deep and painful change may be the prelude to the most positive change of all.

And yet the biggest challenge of all is larger and more compelling. It doesn't lie in integrating the change into your own life; not in just biting your lip and accepting it; the biggest challenge is *explaining* the change to someone else. Yes, explaining change and helping people to adapt comfortably, is probably the biggest brow furrower of them all. Let's look at what we've confronted as a group.

We have experienced fellow ministers leaving the church, others becoming resentful and attacking us; we've also had economic trials, doctrinal changes, as well as new innovations in getting the work done. Old friends have changed, some are no longer friends. Personalities have changed. Wrinkles and waist lines, scowls and smiles have all changed. We have been, presently are, and probably always will be, in the midst of a vast and complex transition. And the worst thing about this transition is that it tends to be so disorienting. You're not so sure about all aspects of the past anymore, the present may be disturbing, and the future may be very hazy and only lit by a hesitant hopefulness.

In any transition, there are a variety of reasons which make it difficult. Some people resent any change. They feel that everything should basically remain as it was. Change is looked upon as wrong, destructive, and contrary to God. But others want to hurry the hordes along and have even faster change: "New needs are not met fast enough from Headquarters, it takes too long, let's do it *now*," some have said. Then there are those who just go ahead and adjust to change; it isn't easy, but they realize it is necessary and that we have to mature with it as long as it is right. These three major categories obviously can be subdivided into many

mixtures, but we all basically fall into those categories.

The real question is: *Is the work getting done?* Be gone with our comfort, let's ask what we're doing.

Over the years, we have not had differences over what we were supposed to do, but rather *how* would God want us to do it. This controversy spans lifetimes and isn't easily answered since the apostles didn't always agree even among themselves.

Paul, in his quest to do the Work, tried incessantly to get into Europe from Asia Minor but the door wasn't opened. He apparently knew how best to do it; witness his example on Mars Hill using an idol to get God's message across. Nevertheless Paul consistently tried many diverse ways to determine which door God was opening. So it is with us today.

Initially, Mr. Armstrong single handedly carried the load on radio. The Church was incorporated as the Radio Church of God. His method of doing the Work was basically radio coupled with the publication of the PLAIN TRUTH. The Church then was a *radio* audience.

As the years went by, it became apparent, due to rapid growth, that using the same method was no longer practical. There were many interested people, but no qualified clergy to assist Mr. Armstrong. The vital need for an institution to train a ministry became apparent.

And so in 1947 Ambassador College was born. This was a major move from a radio church Work to a congregational one. The growth during the latter 50s and in the 60s makes it evident that was a correct move. But for some, this change was difficult. The change from a comfortable radio church (one merely had to stay home and listen) to an active requirement to attend services was considered burdensome by some.

The message preached was from a World War II concept; dour and sober, but right for the time. After the war, the attitude of the people was elated and optimistic. People felt the time for sacrifice was over. The Great Depression and the war years with all their rationing and sacrifice was behind America now.

Our message became different—it cried alarm. This was not the beginning of a new utopia, but instead we were heading toward world unrest. There would be social problems, difficulties with a restive youthful population, economic confusion, diminishing gold reserves and other financial instabilities, and increased political problems worldwide. We preached famine, over-population,

energy shortages, family deterioration and a host of other human maladies. The PLAIN TRUTH vigorously pointed out that the true answer was God's Kingdom.

The message really produced fruit. The Church grew.

Then during the mid-60s something happened. Much of what we were preaching was coming to pass and others started to recognize the same problems. Scientists and sociologists became aware of the same world problems we had seen for years. What we'd preached became chic to yell about. The hithertofore word "ecology" became as common as "Coke" or "Pepsi." Dire warnings of over-population, energy limitations, and food shortages were emanating from many other sources. Messages similar to ours were being heralded by ecologists, engineers, environmentalists and other secular prophets. Religious groups also began to publish similar themes. The early and middle 70s registered a decline in some of our previous growth areas. The need for a new approach to proclaiming the gospel once again became apparent.

Mankind had come from remorse in the depression to sacrificial patriotism during World War II to self-seeking pleasure in the 50s and 60s. But the 70s were something else. On top of overpopulation, limited energy, and instability among nations, unemployment thrust its cutting saber into our social and economic viscera generating new pain and consternation upon the world citizenry. A time for change was upon us again.

Mr. Armstrong made this apparent when he said the world needs a *message of hope!* It was no longer necessary for man to be told he was in trouble. He knew it. People wanted to know how to survive and cope in spite of it! Mr. Armstrong saw the need to make a major change in the method of proclaiming the gospel.

From an initial radio work to expansion into colleges and the growth of congregations with full-time pastors issuing a warning message to now, the need for focusing in a new direction with a message of hope—how we can all survive in spite of the world's condition—became apparent. Each of these steps required considerable changes and rethinking. Each change, built on past changes, is quite a load to accept. Yet it all points to a *living* Church which meets the demands of a changing world with the gospel. We in the Church do not exist in a static state, and internal change must occur along with external, societal changes.

The growth of the Church is God's responsibility—not ours. He decides who is brought to

repentance, converted and granted the grace of His Holy Spirit as a begotten child of God in His Church. But the Church has the responsibility to expose His message to all the world and to every creature (Mark 16:15). As long as the gospel is proclaimed in every conceivable right way, we know we are getting the Work done. Exposure is the Church's responsibility, and adding to the Church is God's.

For years, Mr. Herbert Armstrong and Mr. Ted Armstrong have been preaching and publishing the gospel.

At first, it was Mr. Herbert Armstrong personally speaking to those local congregations in Oregon. Then came a small radio exposure with the publishing of the PLAIN TRUTH as a follow-up. As the Work grew in scope, Mr. Ted Armstrong's voice was added in the mid-50s, and then the giant step of T.V. in the latter 60s. These dynamic activities caused the Work to burgeon forward to its present size.

These methods have stirred and changed many people. It will continue to do so as the primary thrust of getting the message of the Kingdom of God goes out. But we as a Work are growing into many additional, supplemental ways of reaching a variety of people from diverse walks of life. God can use different ways to get to different people as witnessed by accounts in the Bible. There were times in the Church when its growth and message were promulgated by word of mouth of the membership (Acts 11:19). God uses many methods—some are supplemental to the major modern thrusts of radio, T.V. and publishing. These all help to get to every creature.

Mr. Ted Armstrong will be coming out with his new book on *The Real Jesus* soon which will be distributed in a variety of ways. In each case, it is a new exposure in a unique way to thousands of new people who have never heard of us before.

His syndicated newspaper column is different from what we have done before, but again, it's a new thrust to a new group of people.

Changing the broadcast to five-minute spots is also new and different. Are all of these additional methods guaranteed to be super successful? We all hope and pray they will be, but what if some aren't? We need to give them time and look for God's will to determine which doors He opens. We must give them time to bear fruit.

The P.T. newsstand program has really grown. Just a little less than half a year ago, it started from zero in the U.S. and is presently distributing 300,000 copies a month. What is vital is that these are new people, of a different category, many of

whom do not like to take subscriptions but will take magazines from a newsstand. It is interesting that in certain areas of the country where we have high newsstand coverage, they have experienced a 35% increase in P.T. subscriptions. These are new people being exposed to the gospel.

Y.O.U. is not biblically commanded, but it does offer an excellent opportunity for our youth to witness Christ by their example. If there has ever been a time for a wholesome, moral group of youngsters to give a right example in sports, talent, skills and humanitarian good works—it is now. It doesn't mean we are there yet, but it is a start. It takes time, organization, modifying, testing, developing codes of ethics, etc. before it can be really effective—but it can be. In time, other youth enchanted by our youth, will want to know who and what we are. God has already called some to the Church this way!

A.I.C.F. is the good works arm of the Church. It's new and different from anything we have done, but it opens doors for reaching many types of people who previously never showed any interest.

QUEST/77 magazine, still in its formative stages, is bringing significant recognition of the Armstrongs, God's Church and the Foundation, to the media-conscious public around the world. If QUEST/77 additionally creates a spark of interest in some individuals about the potential in man by reading of his achievements, then it will get some headed in the right direction.

The financial potential in itself is worthwhile. Many of you know it was QUEST/77 which received \$1,000,000 in revenue for the Work just at the time when there was a serious cash flow problem. This undoubtedly is just a beginning, but it must be given time. Alterations in editorial content, perhaps a change of format, or new market thrusts—all must have their "perfection" time for it to become the type of magazine we all want. Subscriptions are presently well over 240,000.

In addition, the concerts impress a certain type of person—some of whom have written to ask more about us. People who would never respond previously are beginning to do so. And, again, it takes time.

The Human Potential Center helps people realistically solve daily living problems. Our periodical, "Successful Living," our lectures and seminars, our cassette tape program—all these functions are reaching new, different types of people. Our humanitarian projects through the Church and A.I.C.F. chapters actively tell people

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Sermon Outlines

Editor's Note: Rather than submit a sermon outline on the following subject, Richard Rice has written a "sermon summary." It has to do with a Christian's unique responsibility in his community and the powerful influence his life can have.

THOSE "AMAZING" NEIGHBORS NEXT DOOR

Suppose a pollster from the George Gallup Organization came into a certain neighborhood and began asking the residents, "If you had to pick the ideal family, who on this block would you choose? Which family is best known for its hospitality and kindness, its generosity and willingness to serve—neighbors who are always there to help when the need arises? Which family has the happiest, most respectful, courteous and well-mannered children?"

What if a Worldwide Church of God family lived in that particular neighborhood—would they be selected as the ideal example of friendliness, concern for neighbors, helpfulness, etc.—or would they be almost unknown to the community?

Sadly, in the past some who are members of God's Church have tended to *withdraw* from the world around them. They have been reluctant to meet and make the acquaintance of others in the community, or to show helpfulness to their neighbors next door.

Perhaps part of the reason has been a fear of being "corrupted" by the world and its "sinful influence." In zealously trying to obey God's Word, they have tended to overly emphasize and highlight such familiar passages as:

Revelation 18:4—"Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

II Corinthians 6:17—"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."

James 4:4—"Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

These scriptures are explicitly a part of God's inspired Word. But in our zeal to obey God's Word, have we overemphasized or misapplied these scriptures? A Christian is one whose new citizenship is in heaven—he has been called out of the world. Have we so stressed coming out of the world, overcoming sin, abstaining from wrong

practices and improper social customs to such a degree that we have overlooked *other* scriptures defining our Christian duty to neighbor?

For example, Christ said, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill *cannot be hid*. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and *it gives light* unto all that are in the house. Let your light so SHINE before me, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:14-16).

If we try to "keep separate" from the world to such an extent that we "hide our light" so others can't see it, we are actually defeating the very reason for which we are Christians—to be a "witness" to the world.

In fact, preaching the Gospel and being a light necessitates an association with the unconverted. Jesus said, "*I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world*, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil" (John 17:15). Further, "Go ye into *all the world*, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). It should become apparent that if the Gospel message is to be effective as reflected through our Christian lives, the unconverted world must be able to see our examples—the way we treat others, the genuine concern expressed in our words and actions.

Christ exemplified this type of conduct in His own life. He went about "doing good" to all kinds of people during His earthly ministry. And, much of His ministry required a close interaction with people who were considered "worldly and sinful."

"And it came to pass, that as Jesus sat at meat *in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples*: for there were many, and they followed him" (Mark 2:15).

This is not the only place in the Gospel where it is mentioned that Jesus ate with "publicans and sinners." He associated with "outsiders" on numerous occasions—even though they were filled with sins, evils, lusts and faults.

And, when He was criticized for it by the Pharisees, Jesus explained why: "They that are whole have *no need* of a physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous but sinners to *repentance*"! (Mark 2:17.)

Jesus knew that the influence of God's Holy Spirit in Him combined with His own example would have a wholesome impact on those around him. He came as the "light of the world" to show the right and proper works of God *as an example* to all people—and to lead sinners to repentance (John 1:9).

Such conduct does have a dynamic and pow-

erful effect on those who see it! The upright examples of Christ's followers today can have *just as strong* an influence.

As Jesus charged His disciples centuries ago, so are we charged today, "I have chosen you, and ordained you, *that ye should go and bring forth fruit . . .*"! (John 15:16.)

If we become spiritual hermits and withdraw our love and concern from the world—neglect to exemplify God's Way in a proper manner—we are actually failing in our responsibility as Christians.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "As we have therefore opportunity, *let us do good to all men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10).

Christ shows repeatedly throughout His Word that the Christian also has a mission to fulfill as an example to others *outside* the realm of the Church. Notice the exhortation given by His apostles and ministers: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should *show forth* the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light"! (I Peter 2:9.)

"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, *among whom ye shine as lights in the world*"! (Phil. 2:15.)

As members of the Church of God, then, we have a responsibility to allow the "light of the glorious gospel of Christ" (II Cor. 4:4) to shine out to others. Granted, we must be on guard so as not to be ensnared by Satan's devices and caught up in this world's ways. And as Christians we obviously cannot participate in those pleasures and activities that are unholy, sinful, and worldly. Yet, if we are truly close to God—drinking in of His Holy Spirit—we can rise above this world's influence. With God working mightily in us, there is nothing to fear. "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4). The sins of this wicked society need not and should not drag the Christian down. Rather, he should be able to help lift up the sinner from his agony, misery and heartache, and demonstrate to him "the better way."

As members of the body of Christ, we can have a tremendous impact for good upon the community in which we live. Our homes can be examples of neatness and beauty, our children can be well behaved—and we can be known for our willingness to assist our neighborhood and community at all times. It means being the first to smile and to extend a friendly greeting. It means sharing vegetables from our gardens, babysitting when a

mother is sick, running an errand or shopping for the elderly. It means giving encouragement and recognizing the good things others do. It means getting right down to a warm and friendly one-on-one contact—expressing a true regard for neighbor in terms of kindness and friendship—without being a bosom friend. It means a hundred different things if we will but take the time to think, to observe and "become aware."

Genuine love is spontaneous. A truly great person—and history bears this out—does not put on a show or facade. Our love, sympathy, and concern for neighbor should not be feigned. It must be genuine and natural, or our "example" will be obviously insincere. People are hungering and thirsting for real care, "the real thing"—and they will respond to it.

Clearly we have a responsibility to truly let our light shine. We must have the courage to step out in order to fulfill it. Through God's Spirit we can sparkle and radiate the life of Christ in us. It is by setting *this kind* of example in the community that we can guarantee the pollster from George Gallup would hear:

"The most neighborly family? Why, it's that Church of God family down the street! Everybody knows that!"

—Richard Rice
Pasadena, Calif.

THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

Mr. Herbert Armstrong has been stressing the need for sermons on the World Tomorrow. And so I decided to give the following sermon. The response from the brethren was one of having been inspired. They felt that it had made a vague subject somewhat clearer. Hope the outline can be of use to my fellowpastors.

Introduction:

I described very vividly a near automobile accident involving myself. The experience left a vision of death and destruction. As a result it motivated me to drive more carefully. What if we could be given a vision so positive that it would motivate us to do good in all things? What would it be worth? What I am giving is a vision so positive that the one who originally received it tried to worship the angel who gave it! It is a vision of the New Heaven and New Earth.

Body:

Heb. 11:8-14, 15-16 The New Jerusalem inspired Abraham and his children. It was the source of motivation in serving God. Let's understand what

God tells us about the New Jerusalem.

- Rev. 21:1 The time setting is after the millennium and white throne judgment.
- v. 2 New Jerusalem is so much greater than present day Jerusalem. It is like a bride. Why? It has jewels and beauty. It will be given to Christ by the Father (v. 9-10). Christ is the Lamb (John 1:29).
- v. 3 These are men (and women) who will have been changed to members of God's Family.
- v. 4 This is one of the most inspiring scriptures in the Bible! A graphic picture can be drawn depicting these conditions in contrast to our world of suffering.
- v. 5 We need a *new* world.
- v. 6 Perhaps this is a literal fountain, but it could be spiritual (John 7:37-39).
- v. 7 *All things* includes the **WHOLE UNIVERSE!**
- v. 8 Bad character will be destroyed! New Jerusalem will not tolerate the sorrow resulting from bad character.
- v. 9-11 A jasper stone is precious, which illustrates the emphasis on **QUALITY**, like the Auditorium in Pasadena.
- v. 12-14 Government structure still intact. It will be government from the top down.
- v. 15 A reed is approximately 12½ feet.
- v. 16 A furlong is about an eighth of a mile, making the city roughly 1,500 miles square.
- v. 17 Using 18 inches as the measurement for a cubit, the walls would be 216 feet high.
- v. 18 The Spanish looked for the City of El Dorado because it reportedly was made of pure gold. Today we still value gold, but hide it in the ground.
- v. 19-21 Described these stones after visiting a gem dealer.
- v. 22-23 This explains the promise mentioned in Revelation 3:11-12.
- v. 23 No energy crisis.
- v. 24 There will still be national groupings and members of God's family outside of New Jerusalem.
- v. 25 No need for night because we will be spirit.
- v. 26-27 Something of value to be brought into the city.
- Rev. 22:1 No pollution.
- v. 2 Why a fruit tree? One reason is for pleasure in eating. Another is for healing. One thought in viewing healing is not from a sickness, but from a need to be refreshed. For instance, the healing of

thirst from tea which is a product of leaves. God enjoys drinking wine (Judges 9:13).

- v. 3 Serving will always play a role in life—to continue for eternity.
- v. 4-5 Rulership for eternity (Isa. 9:7).
- v. 6 These things will happen quickly from God's point of view (II Peter 3:8).
- v. 7 Truly being in New Jerusalem will be a fantastic blessing!
- v. 8-9 The message of the New Jerusalem is to **WORSHIP** God! We must realize that the reward is worth the effort.
- II Peter 3:10-11 These events should affect us positively.
- v. 12-14 We should be motivated to perfect our **CHARACTER.**

Conclusion:

The vision I saw of death and destruction didn't come to pass, but the vision of the New Heaven and New Earth will become a reality. Can you envision it? Can you hope for it? Can you live for it? If you can do these things, you will be a strong Christian awaiting the reality of the greatest vision known to man. And that, brethren, is *very* **GOOD NEWS!**

—George Kackos
Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

For Your Interest...

WCG MINISTER SPEAKS OUT FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Editor's Note: Following is an interesting article by Joel Lillengreen, pastor of the Sacramento Church, which was printed in the Sacramento Union on July 17.

Article of faith

Religious liberty— a right loved or lost?

By JOEL LILLENGREEN

In 1620 a small band of ocean-weary travelers who had risked their life's possessions, left their mother homeland, fought the perils of the sea and landed at Plymouth Rock in the "New World"—

America. What reason had driven these early colonists to such an awesome undertaking to pioneer an untamed new land? History informs us it was their ardent quest for self-government, full religious freedom and economic opportunity.

Our founding fathers achieved for us the first of these high objectives with the birth of our American form of government a century and a half later. Over the next 150 years our nation has been moving steadily to fulfill the other two aspects of this noble dream.

Especially in this past decade and a half our Congress, the National Labor Relations Board and the courts of our land have been defending the cause of religious freedom insuring the non-discrimination of an employe by an employer because of his religious convictions. Precious inroads to establish true religious freedom and economic opportunity for all Americans was at last becoming a reality in this "Land of the Free." That is, until now!

On June 16, America's lofty quest may have been dealt a fatal blow with the recent U.S. Supreme Court 7-2 decision which has placed job seniority ahead of religious liberty. According to this Supreme Court judgment, employers are not now required to give an employe certain days off to accommodate religious beliefs when a union seniority system stands in the way or when accommodation would result in preferential treatment for that worker.

This ruling has legally crippled the 1972 congressional amendment of the 1964 Civil Rights Act which has ordered employers to accommodate workers' religious beliefs and practices when doing such does not involve "undue hardships" for the employer.

The ultimate results of this could be tragic to the millions of our fellow-citizens in the minority whose particular religions regard certain days as sacred other than Sunday, which is held in honor by many in the American majority.

For those of us, for example, who believe in total compliance to the Sabbath Commandment of Exodus 20:8-11, we must cease from work on the seventh day of the week to be faithful to our religious convictions. It is not just a matter of personal preference of one day of the week as opposed to another day; it is a matter, to us, of necessity. Anything less would rob us of our personal freedom of religious obedience.

For us to be told we must work on that day in order to preserve our job is the same as if we were told we would have to regularly kill our fellow man to stay employed, for we believe if we offend

in one point of the Law of God we offend in all points (James 2:10-12). The only recourse we may have, if other alternative work arrangements cannot be scheduled, is for us to lose our job, which is the mainstay of our attaining equal economic opportunity.

We who observe such other days certainly do not want preferential treatment over any of our fellows, but we do desire the same treatment which is shown to the majority who generally observe Sunday. We do recognize the importance of the principle of "job seniority" for the men who have labored longer in a given occupation. But should our constitutional rights of true religious freedom be sacrificed on the altar of job seniority alone? I pray not!

If so, all of us as Americans, majority and minority alike, are going to wind up the ultimate victims, with our mutual freedom to believe and practice our deep religious convictions having slipped forever from our grasp.

As an American, I hold in deepest honor and respect the Supreme Court of our nation as a fundamental and essential part of our governmental institution. But as Court Justices Thurgood Marshall and William J. Brennan wrote on the day of the June 16 decision:

"Thousands of Americans could be forced to live on welfare as a price they must pay for worshipping their God. The ultimate tragedy is that despite Congress' best efforts, one of this nation's pillars of strength—our hospitality to religious diversity—has been seriously eroded. All Americans will be a little poorer until today's decision is erased."

Fellow American citizens, in spite of our particular religious differences, can't we see that our human rights to religious pursuit, guaranteed by the First Amendment of our Constitution, have been seriously injured? I sincerely hope that the "silent majority" will not quietly sit by and allow these precious freedoms of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness that guided our founding fathers to be eroded from our land.

Especially at a time when our President has affirmed America's belief in human rights for all men everywhere before the nations of this earth, America must never cease to pave the way before others to be sure these basic rights are secure here at home first and foremost. The day we as a people cease struggling to defend our mutual liberties is the day the America we love ceases from the earth.

Don't let this day dawn through indifference. Voice your feelings and activate your liberty to insure that our precious American freedoms will

be continually guaranteed to all Americans in all quarters of our nation.

If we do, the bell of liberty will continually ring her priceless sound of freedom to us all.

The author is pastor of the Worldwide Church of God in the Sacramento area.

BOOK REVIEW

Counseling With Senior Citizens

By J. Paul Brown

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126 pages

Counseling With Senior Citizens is one book from a series entitled, "Successful Pastoral Counseling." A quick overview of its contents can be made by glancing at the table of contents:

1. The Role of Religion in the Aging Process
2. Relating the Church Program to the Needs of Senior Citizens
3. The Three Generation Family
4. Selecting a Senior Citizen's Home
5. Emotional Factors in Aging
6. Marital Problems of Senior Citizens
7. Financing the Senior Years
8. The Senior Citizen Helps Himself

Within the chapters outlined are a number of specific areas in which all ministers should be interested. I found that the view of religion as seen from the average senior citizen and his own personal fight to retain self-worth were tremendously helpful to my own understanding. Some areas, such as marriage problems, are things that we don't generally think of older people having—but they do—and we need to understand why in order to help them.

Other areas I had never particularly thought of were the problems involved when an older person lives in the home of his children. How does one evaluate what is best for everyone involved? How can and does it affect each member of the family? What are the most common problems? On what criteria does one judge the various senior citizens' homes? Mr. Brown gives some very helpful directions.

Of particular interest to our own expanding responsibilities (especially in the larger cities) is how to establish committees within the congregation to insure that the needs of our oldsters are met. Many ministers may have a hard time to consistently get around to see their senior citizens, so why not set up a lay-visiting program of interested people to see the elderly regularly and to keep the pastor informed of needs and problems? Brown tells how to do it and make it work. It also

insures that the pastor is making the best use of his visiting time when he does visit the elderly.

The book finishes with a survey and description of social agency programs, and projects throughout North America—a helpful section for referrals and just how each agency operates.

Counseling With Senior Citizens gives a good insight into the needs of the older generation and it gave me a new perspective concerning their spiritual and physical needs. I hope others find the book as helpful as I did.

—Terry Roth

Prince Albert, Saskatchewan
Canada

LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM CITY OF PASADENA

Editor's Note: The following letter came from the Department of Human Services Recreation Division of the City of Pasadena.

July 26, 1977

Mr. Wayne Schilkret
Ambassador International Cultural Foundation
300 West Green Street
Pasadena, Ca. 91129

Dear Mr. Schilkret:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for allowing the City of Pasadena to use the Ambassador Auditorium for the Cultural Arts Program "Concerts By and For Seniors".

The audience gave the concert pianist a standing ovation and requested two encores. At the conclusion of the concert approximately two thirds of the audience came forward to congratulate the artists. The enthusiasm of the audience was most encouraging, and reinforced my feeling that the program is, indeed, worthwhile.

I would like you to know that because it was an evening performance, our regular senior audience did not attend. The people who made up the audience the evening of the 13th were individuals who had not been to a concert before. The goals and objectives established for the concert did occur.

I do hope you will be in favor of hosting more such concerts—perhaps on a Sunday afternoon. At present, I do not have a facility for the fall series. Furthermore would you please thank Jennifer Agee for the marvelous work she did in helping to co-ordinate the effort.

Yours very sincerely,

Donna Schep
Cultural Arts Specialist

CHANGE IN THE CHURCH

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who and what we are. The wide variety of activities in which we are engaged all create interest on the part of some. People who receive a benefit want to know more about us. As they learn, it induces some to investigate our beliefs as God wills.

All these activities come together in one common goal of exposing God's way of life to almost every station of life in every available manner. There will undoubtedly be other new ways which will open to us. But it all takes time and patience.

What it can do for us is to produce a lot of good will at all levels of society, as well as bring an increase in subscribers, donors, prospective members, burgeoning Church growth and greater opportunity for Mr. Ted Armstrong and Mr. Herbert Armstrong to witness the gospel on radio and T.V., as well as for Mr. Herbert Armstrong to have opportunity to proclaim God's message to community leaders throughout the country by our concert extension program.

All of you in the field will experience an increase in prospective members and church attendance which will give you greater opportunity to fulfill your God-given talents, and for all of us to unite-ly do the Work God wants us to do.

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twisted little leg. "Oh yes, he's the one I want, because he will need someone who can understand his problem."

My friends, that is compassion, humility, feeling for others, and that's a quality our coaches could use.

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Hopefully this makes what we are trying to get across abundantly clear. If we can accomplish these goals we will have a greatly improved program.

—Y.O.U. Staff

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—Managing Editor