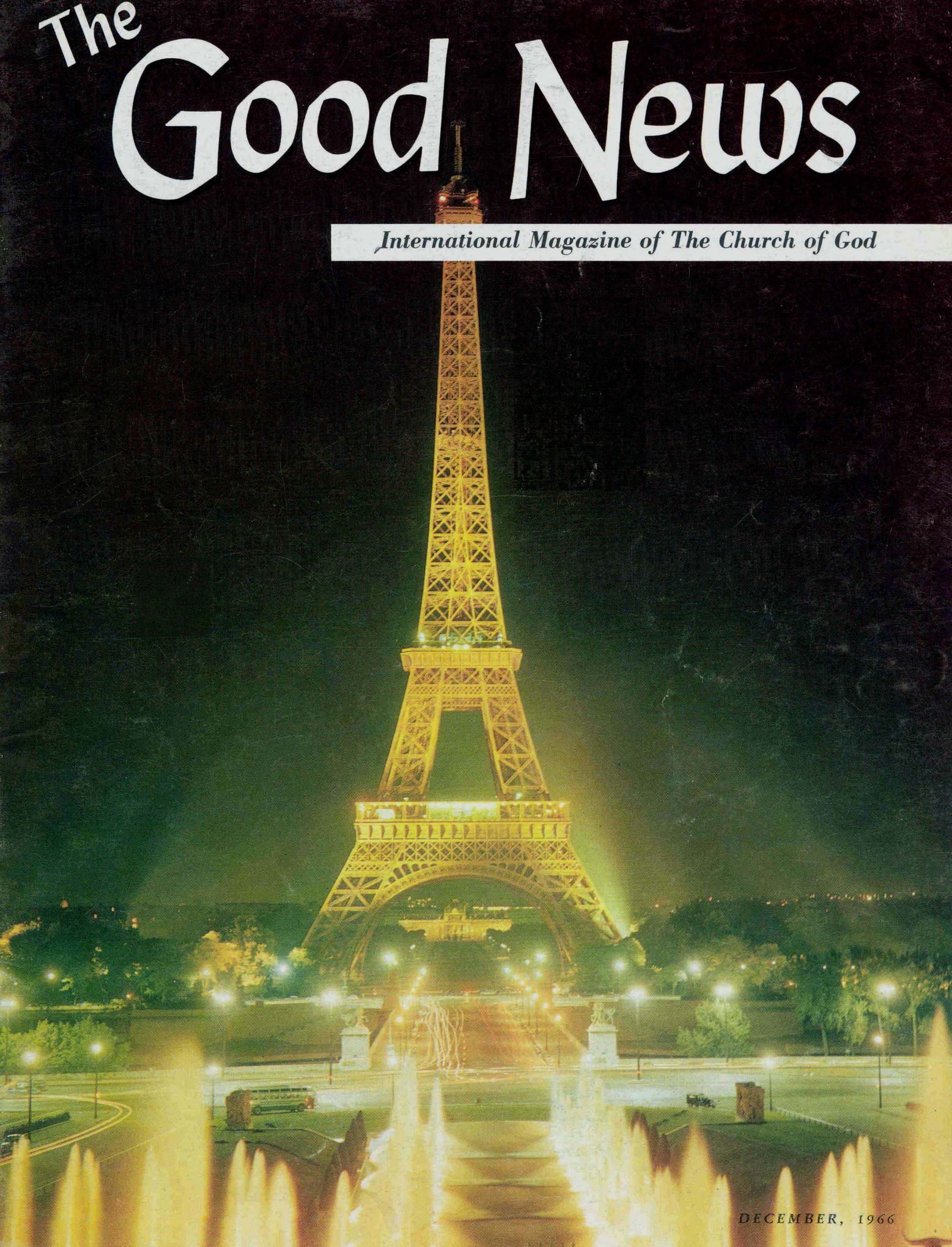
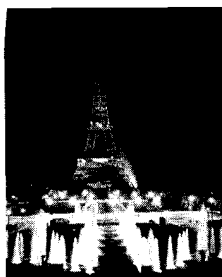


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The Eiffel Tower, symbol of France, bathed in light at night — Paris is called "The City of Light," but there has been no real light there since the days of Peter Waldo — UNTIL Le MONDE A VENIR and La PURE VERITE (the French broadcast and magazine), and now, at last Reuben, Israel's firstborn, has his own LOCAL CHURCH OF GOD in Paris. Read Mr. Apartian's article telling about the first Sabbath service there — the first small, but real and bright LIGHT in Paris for centuries!

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What our READERS SAY . . .

Moving into Wonderful World Tomorrow!

"Oh, if only we didn't have to return to the city — to this society — this *kind* of government. It was so *wonderful* to be away from it for two whole weeks during the Feast of Tabernacles. For awhile I completely tried to forget how life is in the world, where here in Evansville, especially in the summer, our little son *sees* and *bears* so many things that we wish he could be spared of forever. Often we hear awful language from the 'elbow close' neighbors. One day our son heard the woman next door in a crying, bellowing rage cursing, using God's name in vain, and slapping her two little girls! The children were crying as they scampered out the door with the 'mother' (?) yelling that she hoped she never saw their ugly little faces again. Our little Joey was observing it very closely, then he came to me and said, 'I love you, Mommy.' We plan to move out to the country soon — but soon in to the 'Wonderful World Tomorrow.'" Mrs. K., Indiana

God Supplies Needs and Wants

"God has blessed me so abundantly in spiritual blessings since giving me His Holy Spirit. I have also discovered and continued to do so, that you simply cannot outgive God. Last year after the Feast, I sent in my savings of \$500 as a loan to the Work. Several months later I was given \$1,000 as a gift. This

year I asked a lady who rode with me not to help with car expenses, but to give that in the Holy Day offering. When I returned home, I received 10 times the amount, from a source I had not expected. Although I am a widow and have a very limited income God supplies not only my needs, but also many of my wants."

Member, Texas

Priest Steals Truth

"For some time I have been a diligent student of your Bible Course. As I studied I would read the lessons to some of the other residents in the building where I live. In the course of a meeting, a lady belonging to a Roman Catholic congregation was mentioned. She often asked me about the meeting in my apartment, and I would answer her questions believing that she too was interested in Bible teachings. Such was not the case. One day I returned home from work and found in my apartment the lady and a priest who, while reading some prayers from a book, was sprinkling holy water (according to him) all over my home. This he said was to remove the demons. And this was not all. To my surprise my reference books, the lessons you had sent me, my booklets and my Bible were no longer there."

Man, Bogota, Columbia

Impressed by Members

"I would so much like to have your magazine *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I was so

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impressed by a group at the Civic Auditorium in Long Beach. I'd love to know more about the Radio Church of God."

M. L., California

Happy to Be a Woman

"May I tell you how GOD SPEAKS OUT on *'The New Morality'* affected me? I was never so happy to be a woman. I have seven brothers and I sometimes resented being a girl. After reading your book and *all* your literature, I feel that there is a glow about me that everyone should be able to see. About a year ago I wrote for advice on converting my husband. Well, I was politely told to keep my mouth shut, and to pray to God. This year my husband is a convert and has even told me to send in our tithes! God does indeed answer prayer. Thank you so much."

Mrs. W. S., Wyoming

Plain Truth Helps Schoolwork

"I would like to compliment *The PLAIN TRUTH*. It really helps me in my school work. The other day we had a test on Britain and I knew most of the answers because I read *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I am 11 years old and in the sixth grade. My mother reads *The PLAIN TRUTH*. We go to the Tacoma Church. It is a real blessing to be in God's true Church."

Dianne S., Washington

"If anyone had told me several months ago that I would ever search the scriptures and allow the Bible — of all books — to have meaning in my life, I'd have thought him a 'religious nut or something.' And just in a few months my life has reversed. I now live by the Bible — every word. My arguments with my husband have completely ceased. I don't even remember the last one, it's been so long. Our children have learned obedience. Previously, Dr. Spock had been my guide. My housekeeping has greatly improved. I'm overcoming gluttony — my weight dropped down from 180 pounds to 150 and I feel wonderful. I can even run 2 blocks down the road for the paper and not tire. I can hardly believe it! I used to want to die. Now

my problems either have ceased or have become less burdensome. I'd never really loved my children before; now my love is so full that it overflows."

Mrs. R. W., Pennsylvania

Summer Educational Program

"I am a 15-year-old teen-ager who has spent 6 weeks of her summer to the full. What I mean is that I was among the children accepted to Imperial Summer Educational Program. I can't express my thanks to you as much as I wish I could but I can tell you that it really helped me. I not only learned to ski, swim, canoe, ride horseback and shoot a gun, but I also learned how people will live in harmony in the Kingdom of God, and I can hardly wait. Sure the discipline was tough, but I enjoyed every minute of it! It is really an experience I hope more kids will take advantage of next year — I intend to!"

Miss C. J., Ohio

Campus Tour Appreciated

"Ambassador Students, and to all that had a part in planning and making possible the Ambassador College tour during the Feast of Tabernacles, I express deep gratitude and appreciation, especially since we live in a world that takes so much for granted. I must admit this applies to me often since I know we are all guilty in the past of not knowing the truth of God. Now that this is pointed out I see I am guilty of *ungratefulness*. Thanks to all who sacrifice their time, and the efforts spent in showing each of us — the opportunity I never had before. Seeing all

the tremendous work and its beauty leaves me trying to find words that would really explain myself. I have to admit there could be no place on earth that would compare with God's colleges."

R. L. K., California

Sincerity in Tithing Counts

"I never thought I would be writing a letter on how tithing works. Three years ago I started tithing to see if I would prosper the way the Bible says. For 6 months I tithed with whatever I had, if I had anything at all after paying the bills. Nothing happened. I was on a meager income then and it didn't change. Then I quit — still nothing happened. For 2 years I stayed on the same meager salary. Then I started tithing again, not for gain but just because I thought it was the right thing to do. This time the tithe was the first payment out of my pay check. After over a year of regular tithing and without a lustful desire for gain from it, I finally got a raise, and then another, and a third one. Three raises and 2 promotions in less than 4 months. I have the same employer I had the first time, but now God has recognized me and has worked through my boss to prosper me. It isn't just tithing — it's *sincerity* that counts."

Mr. R. B. P., Washington

"Thy Kingdom Come"

"Thank you for the September GOOD NEWS, and especially Mr. Dibar Apartian's article, 'Thy Kingdom Come.' I thank God that I can still cry, but now *all* my tears are tears of joy, gratefulness and thankfulness, and not the tears of self-pity that I cried for so many years. Mr. Apartian's articles are such a blessing and carry a tremendous emotional impact!"

Mrs. L., Virginia

Festival Patronage Appreciated

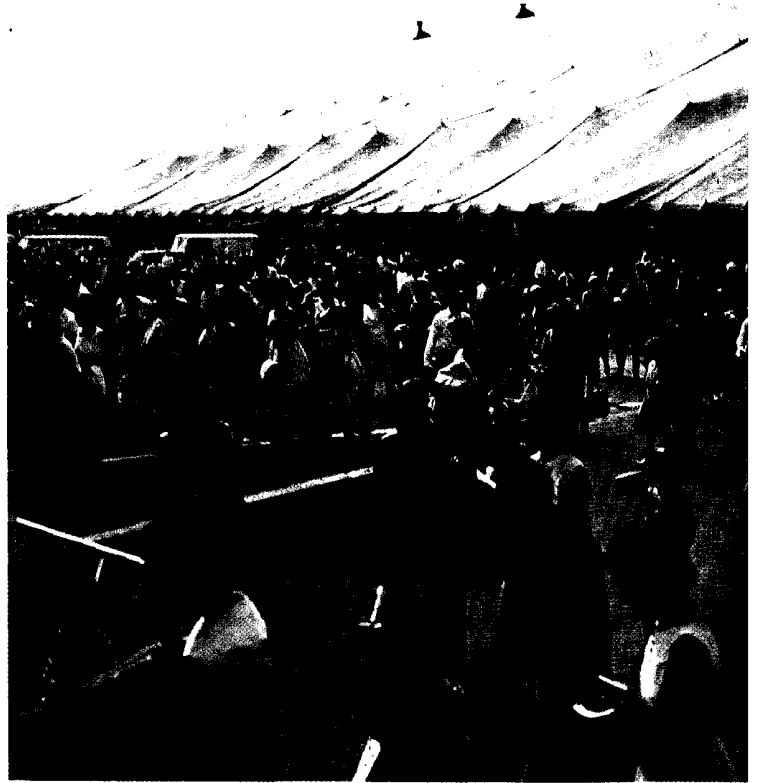
"Enclosed is the bill for the deposits of your members who stayed at Douglasdale Lodge. This was my first year of meeting any members of the Radio Church of God, and I could not have wished for a nicer group of people. Thank you for sending some of your

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Envoy Notice

Your 1966 ENVOY will be in the mailing process by the time you receive this magazine. Thank you for your patience — when your ENVOY arrives, you'll realize it was worth waiting for, you'll treasure it until the end. There are still a few copies available for those who have not yet ordered — \$5.00 and your name and address will send one your way.

ENVOY STAFF



LEFT: An aerial view of Lancashire, England, Festival site showing chalets (lower right) and meeting hall (red-chimneyed building). ABOVE: People pour out of gigantic tent at Big Sandy, Texas. BELOW: Services held in our own tabernacle building at Blackheath, Australia.

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Church of God News—

WORLDWIDE



Over thirty-eight thousand attend Feast of Tabernacles worldwide at ten different sites. Twenty-eight ordinations bring total in ministry to two hundred and ten. Read all about "The Best Feast Ever!"

by David Jon Hill

AGAIN this year many thousands more were able to attend, and those who had attended before were most positive in their declaration that this was the *best Feast ever!*

Each Feast always seems to be better than the last, but this Fall was unusually so — the ministers seemed more inspired than ever — the sermons more deeply spiritual and personally moving — the Spirit of God obviously present and moving in the life of nearly every individual who attended. Each year those of us who have been in God's Church for a number of years wonder how the next Feast is ever going to be better than the last — and yet each time it happens!

There are at least two wonderful reasons why this will continue to happen right up until the close of the Age and the coming of Christ. First, as each individual in the collective Body of Christ has more experience at exercising God's Spirit in his character and overcoming the faults of his human nature, he becomes more cooperative, loving, joyful — demonstrating the fruits of the Holy Spirit in his life and making him a pleasant companion at the Feast of Tabernacles! With each year's practice we grow more accustomed to the details of registration, parking, meal lines, note taking, child training, etc. This growth of the entire Body of Christ makes it less necessary for the ministers to make announcements of a petty nature. This in turn inspires them to really feed God's people deep spiritual things — the meat of the Word, rather than having to spend

most of their time nursing the weak ones with the milk of the Word.

A second major reason each Feast is always more enjoyable than the last is because God's Spirit is guiding His ministers into new truth and ever increasing their ability to understand and put together in a useful and inspiring way the eternal, old truths so that our whole picture of God's Government and Kingdom becomes clearer each year. The promise that God's Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth (John 16:13) will remain with us until His coming — insuring us of a more happy, abundant and joyful Feast each year as we all come closer to the unity of the faith and the stature of the Captain of our salvation, Jesus Christ!

Ordinations

Since the last news article in *The GOOD NEWS* there have been twenty-eight ordinations of Elders and Ministers in the Church of God — either raising in rank those who were already ordained, or ordaining new men to the office of Local Elder. While Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong were in England just prior to the Feast for the beginning of the new college year at Ambassador College in Bricket Wood, Mr. Colin Wilkins, the Director of the French Work in Geneva, Switzerland, was ordained as a full Preaching Elder. Mr. McNair and Mr. Hunting joined Mr. Armstrong in ordaining Mr. Wilkins to this new responsibility. Mr. Wilkins was called from the Geneva Office to the British Headquarters at the campus in England. Since ordina-

tions are generally a surprise for the individuals involved, I imagine he was trying to figure out what he had done *wrong*, all the way on his flight to England! Mr. Wilkins' ordination was certainly a high point for the college students as it took place during a college assembly.

Please remember Mr. Wilkins in his new responsibilities in your prayers — as you do all of the ministers whom God is using. Don't forget to *use* the Manpower Report which was sent to you with the last issue of *The GOOD NEWS* indicating *where* these men are serving — this is for you to *use* as a help in remembering whom to pray for in each area.

Earlier in the year, it was my privilege to be the instrument God used in ordaining a Local Elder in the Long Beach Church, which I pastor. All of Mr. Charles Oehlman's blessings seemed to come in a very short period of time. He had recently been ordained as a Deacon — he had just been accepted as a student at Ambassador College — he was ordained as a Local Elder — and his wife gave birth to their third child! He is claiming title to "most blessed man," but I am afraid there are so many others in God's Ministry and in His Church who claim title to the same, I think we will have to use Mr. Armstrong's approach and admit that all our blessings are *mutually excellent!* Mr. Oehlman comes to Ambassador College with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Redlands University in California, and is planning on getting

his degree from Ambassador College in two years.

Atonement in Hawaii

This year Mr. Raymond C. Cole, District Superintendent in the New York area, was assigned to join his brother Evangelist in Australia to conduct the Feast of Tabernacles there. On his way, he and his wife were able to stop over in Honolulu for the Atonement services there. Here are brief excerpts from his report of that Honolulu stopover: "A most inspiring meeting! First, this was a *historic* occasion for the brethren of that area. Though other special meetings have been arranged, this was the *first to be held on one of God's Holy Days*. Second, the beautiful setting as well as wonderful weather contributed to the enjoyment of the day . . . God has certainly favored the people of Hawaii with much. He has created in the lives of the members there the same character traits as evidenced on the mainland. The Work of His Spirit is most evident.

"It was heart-warming to know that most of the members were to be privileged to attend the Feast of Tabernacles in either Squaw Valley or at the Headquarters area. Quite a member reunion took place at the beautiful Honolulu International Airport. The flights of the members headed for the mainland left the airport at about the same time our flight departed for Sydney, Australia."

Big Sandy Feast

Under one of the *largest* (if not THE LARGEST) tents in the world, over thirteen thousand assembled near Big Sandy, Texas, for the Feast of Tabernacles. This huge tent is 445 feet long, 220 feet wide, and 55 feet high. The seating capacity is over *fifteen thousand*. Only those who were in Big Sandy for the Feast can realize what a structure this is.

Of course, what went on *inside* that tent during the Feast was very much like the Feast in every other area. God's ministers, inspired by His Spirit, explained and expounded God's way of life and pictured very vividly the coming Kingdom of God and the happiness soon to come to this earth.

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was able

to spend the entire Festival in Big Sandy this year. Evangelists Dr. Herman L. Hoeh and Mr. Gerald Waterhouse were in Big Sandy for the first half of the Feast before flying out to the West Coast. Mr. Roderick C. Meredith flew in from Jekyll Island for the second half of the Festival. The other two Evangelists who were at the Feast, Mr. Dean Blackwell and the Festival Director for the Big Sandy area, Mr. Leslie L. McCullough, remained for the entire time. This nucleus of top ministers, along with the many others who brought sermonettes and split sermons, provided a most inspiring Feast of spiritual "food" for the entire eight days.

But the Feast of Tabernacles is not all spent hearing inspiring sermons. Certainly, the primary reason for attending God's Feast is to learn His Plan of Salvation. But, there are also many opportunities for recreation and family activity. The facilities of the new, expanded Lake Loma enabled many to enjoy swimming and boating during free hours. Not far from the campus and Festival grounds, horseback riding and trail rides were conducted for many hundreds to enjoy. Not more than thirty minutes to an hour's drive from the grounds is one of the best fishing lakes in East Texas—Lake-O'-the-Pines. The Ambassador College airstrip, located right near the Festival tent, provided many with an opportunity to see the Festival grounds and the college campus from the air. A charter service brought professional pilots to the grounds and provided these excursions at a very nominal price. Many hundreds enjoyed flying over the area on short tours. Certainly, as each year goes by, the Feast of Tabernacles becomes a more and more rewarding experience in *both* spiritual and physical ways.

For the first time this year, thousands of brethren were fed through the facilities of our new Ambassador College kitchen. One of the highlights of the Festival, in a physical way, was to tour the beautiful dormitory buildings, and the magnificent newly completed dining hall. Of course, the facilities of the college dining hall were not nearly large enough for feeding the brethren during the Feast. The large Ambassador

field house (formerly the tabernacle building) served very well as a dining facility. Next year, when many of you brethren return to Big Sandy for the Festival, you will see a greatly improved field house for your dining pleasure. The structure will be redone inside with new ceilings and walls to help beautify this building.

In addition to the dining hall, Ambassador College students provided food centers located throughout the Festival grounds. Fine roast beef sandwiches, delicious fried chicken, barbecued beef, and all-beef hot dogs were served for lunch and dinner. Thousands of brethren took advantage of the Ambassador food centers and enjoyed meeting many of the students at the college.

The cooperation, teamwork, and organization of the Feast at Big Sandy were the manifestations of God's Spirit working in all of His people around the world.

Ordinations in Texas

Mr. Herbert Armstrong was joined by the Pastors and Evangelists at the Big Sandy Festival site in ordaining one Preaching Elder and six Local Elders for a total of *seven* ordinations. Mr. David Bierer was ordained as a Preaching Elder. He had been serving for nearly two years as a Local Elder in the churches in Missouri under Mr. Baird, where he will continue service with the additional responsibilities that come with this ordination. Mr. Bierer is an Ambassador College graduate with a fellow graduate as his wife. Despite the fact that both had "bachelor" degrees, they were married and are now rearing a fine family and serving productively in God's harvest field.

Ordained as Local Elders were Mr. Donald Deakins, Mr. Ray Wawak, Mr. Gene Scarbrough, Mr. Don Kayser, Mr. Warren Heaton and Mr. Russell Brown.

Mr. Donald Deakins graduated in June of this year and has been serving full time in the Visiting Program since then. He is also a faculty assistant in the science department as he has a Bachelor of Science degree from UCLA and a Master's degree from USC. In

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THE LAST BATTLE FOR BRITAIN

Disaster faces Britain — but from an unexpected source. Read this startling story and its ultimate outcome IN ADVANCE.

by Charles F. Hunting

London, England

THE LAST echoes of the jackbooted Nazi legions have been erased from the minds of most Britons. It's only history now.

But today another battle of Britain is being fought — involving the very WORK of God.

This dramatic struggle is not some fanciful struggle — it's REAL — and it's being fought NOW!

Economic, moral, health and military problems *pale* beside the big crisis facing this former world power. Incredible as it may sound, a losing battle in the gigantic trade war is not nearly as decisive as this little-realized, *possible* catastrophe.

You must know about it — BECAUSE YOU ARE INVOLVED!

Read this startling quotation from the London *Sunday Mirror*.

"Any day now, the fate of the ten pirate radio stations dotted around our coast is expected TO BE SEALED!

"The *impatiently awaited* Government White Paper on Broadcasting is ALMOST CERTAIN to outline plans for pop broadcasting which may well force the pirates off the waves FOREVER." (Emphasis mine.)

Survival of Thousands in Jeopardy

Why is this so momentous? Because the one BIG hope of individual survival for literally thousands is about to be crushed out!

News commentators head their articles with such questions as — WHO WILL WARN BRITAIN? But no government leader, news analyst or political prognosticator can *possibly* warn the British people of *what is going to happen*.

The crumbling Commonwealth—the mounting crime problem, economic catastrophe—the *meaning* of all these events is known only to God's servants. The trade war is lost. The fights to stop economic, moral, and health disintegration are already *lost battles* of history, as is the fight against crime.

Why?

Because Britain REFUSES TO FIGHT—and you *can't* win when you *won't* fight!

But *we* KNOW the significance of these events. And we can thunder this warning daily through *The WORLD TOMORROW* programme. This very warning, which if acted on, *could be* the basis of national survival and WILL MOST CERTAINLY be the basis of the survival of perhaps thousands of people!

God is Warning Britain

God said this Gospel of the Kingdom would be preached throughout the whole world as a witness to all nations! (Mat. 24:14.)

And God *is* keeping His promises through *this* WORK.

Today there is only one *effective* means available to *The WORLD TOMORROW* in Britain. These are commercial stations located on abandoned sea forts and on ships anchored off the coast of Britain. The Government desperately wants them silenced.

They are oftentimes referred to as "pirates." But they are NOT *ILLEGAL*. If they were unlawful there would be *no need* for the elaborate legislation now proposed necessary to *make them* illegal. This legislation proposes to declare any British subject or *company* liable to fine or imprisonment for par-

ticipating in *any part* of their broadcasting operation. This is the gist of the legislation which will be passed in LESS THAN SIX MONTHS *if the Government has its way!* If enacted, this legislation could quite possibly sound the death knell of *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast in England — the best *hope* of warning the people of Ephraim.

This is a *tragic* and GREAT DISASTER that could befall the British people!

God thundered to His prophet Hosea, "My people are *destroyed for lack of knowledge!*" (Hos. 4:6.) This could well be the last great battle for the minds of people in Ephraim.

All kinds of knowledge can be freely disseminated in England. Even the sickening sex experiences of some poor girl can be openly and freely discussed in all its lurid details to a nationwide television audience. It seems as though there is *total* freedom to discuss *every* controversial subject — perversion, pornography, sadism. But the life-and-death message of warning to God's people here *COULD BE CRUSHED OUT!*

In an effort to stop the legislative tide turning against them, the ship station owners have made public appeals to justify their continued existence. The Government has used *every* means at its disposal to put its case before the voting public.

And so a running propaganda battle has developed.

The Propaganda Battle

The Government claims the use of the airwaves constitutes a danger to shipping. The commercial stations counter with the idea that if this were so *all* broadcasting on the same radio bands would be hazardous. The

Government has reluctantly admitted that this constitutes only a *possible danger*.

Officials say that the radio ships interfere with previously allocated channels in foreign countries. The ship stations claim, "Not so. We have moved our frequency to avoid this problem." And they further state that there are 500 unauthorized uses of frequencies by such exclusive broadcasters as the U. S. Armed Forces and the Vatican.

So it goes — charge and counter-charge. But at this moment it all points to the fact that the government-sponsored legislation to ban these stations *could EASILY be enacted*.

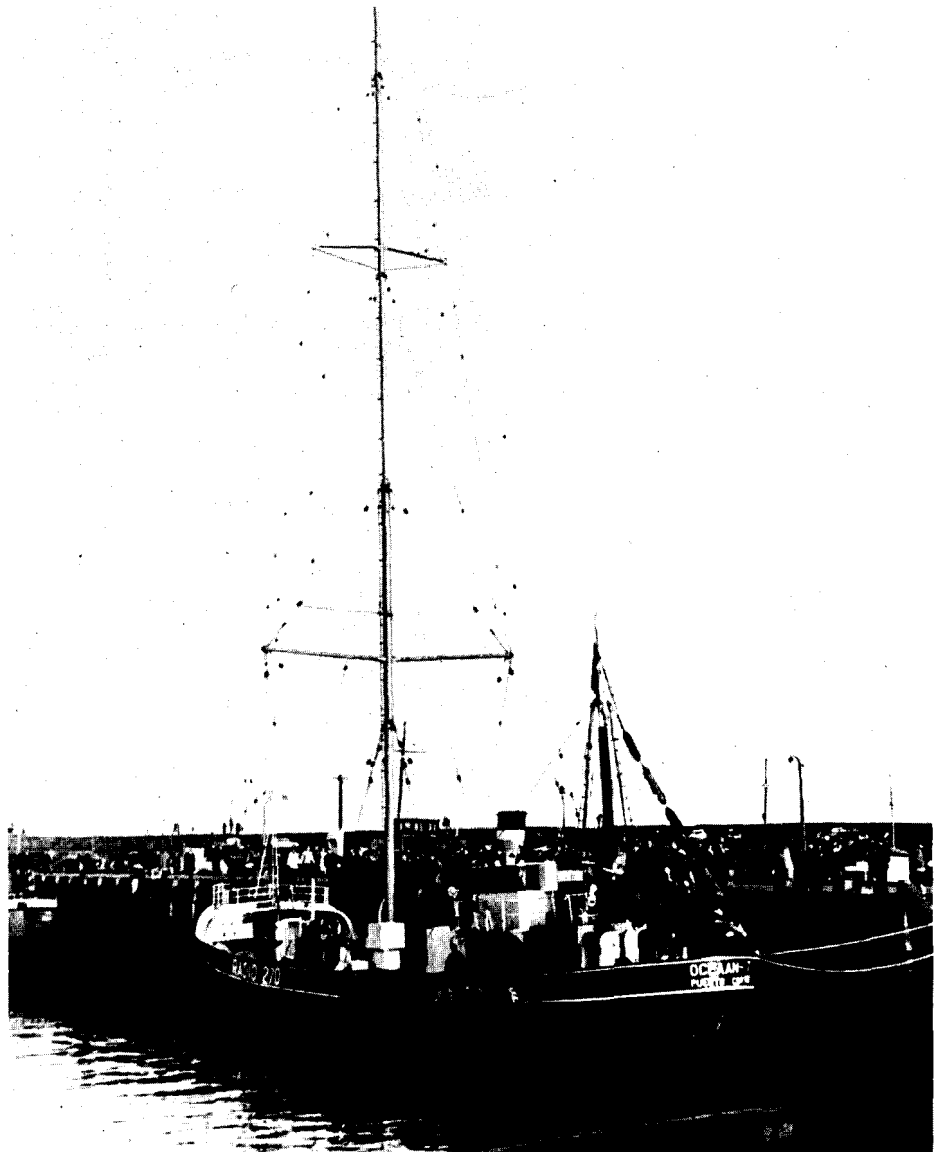
The Labour Party believes government ownership of all strategic business is in the public interest and for the public good. The second most powerful party, the Conservatives, are a little less unanimous. They seem to represent and have the backing of much of the national press. Although of a divided opinion, some newspapers have been accused of not wanting commercial radio because of the possible loss of *advertising revenue* to these ship stations.

However, most newspapers recognize there would be no loss of revenue as Canadian, Australian and American commercial radio experience proves.

Why Has Government Acted?

But what is the real reason for the Government's desire to ban these stations? Some commentators have speculated that the *CONTENT* of the programmes presented caused the Government to become disturbed. This has been formally *denied* by the Government in private letters, and I quote one written *directly* from the House of Commons and on House of Commons stationery. "I assure you that the content of the programmes has nothing to do with the Government's decision" [to attempt to ban these stations].

This may be true, but one writer for a widely circulated medical journal made the following interesting speculation and asked some rather pertinent questions. "The sudden urgency on the part of the PMG [Postmaster General] to ban 'pirate' radio stations interests me. Is it *because* of the threat of an



Ambassador College Photo
One of the so-called "pirate-ship" stations, Radio 270, which beams God's last warning to the British people.

extra recruit allegedly about to broadcast political propaganda? . . . a type of *propaganda* is already being broadcast from pirate radios.

"Every day a remarkably attractive and compelling American orator, one Garner Ted Armstrong, puts over some *extraordinarily healthy* views to millions of listeners. His 'plain truth' doctrine, under the generic title *The WORLD TOMORROW*, always delivered with rare humour and great sincerity contains material which may well *vex certain* MPs of *all* parties.

"For example, he advocates proper and reasonable discipline for children; deplores the 'new morality'; is saddened by Britain's decline as a world power; does not care for 'weirdies'; assaults

sentimental Christianity as being against Bible teaching; is horrified by Britain's obsession with gambling; considers that granting independence to unready countries is a mistake — and so on.

"Is this the *REAL* reason for the new drive to *stop that voice* as well as less attractive sounds?" (Emphasis mine.)

Government Officials Listen

In view of this writer's observations, it is interesting to note a *startling* quotation from a nationally circulated newspaper, *The Guardian*, which states as follows: "One reason why the Government got shifting over radio pirates was the threat of a new pirate station

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GOD'S OWN CHURCH IN PARIS

*Here is a brief report describing the BIRTH of God's first
Church in modern times in the land of the Reubenites.*

by Dibar K. Apartian

"A new church in PARIS, FRANCE —that's *big* news," Mr. Armstrong said thoughtfully, with great satisfaction.

"Yes," I answered, "it's big news indeed."

For years, we had been waiting for this important day — at times even wondering if God would ever *open the door*. And now, finally, we were given the green light.

Right up to the time to leave, Mr. Armstrong wanted to make the trip himself to Paris to inaugurate, in person, the *very first* CHURCH OF GOD in modern times in France. But his numerous pressing responsibilities at Headquarters prevented him from doing so.

"I will at least write them a personal letter," he told me the day before my departure for Paris. "I want you to translate it — and read it to them when you get there."

Actually it was not an ordinary letter Mr. Armstrong gave me; it was a short *epistle* — an inspired message which may well be read and remembered through the Millennium. Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote:

November 24, 1966

To Our New Brethren Assembled
in Paris, France:

This day on which you are meeting — the first service of God's own Church in modern times in the beautiful land of Israel's firstborn, REUBEN — will go down in history.

The *very first* Church of God of modern times in FRANCE — in the great world capital, PARIS! A NEW Church of God, born this day! Today's world takes no notice of you. But this present evil world is now toppling to oblivion! Very soon, out of its ashes of decadence, corruption and rebellion against its Maker, will rise the wonderful NEW, happy, peaceful, God-ruled WORLD TOMORROW! And

then the world will hear of this very meeting you are attending today!

I have longed to fly to Paris to be with you on this historic occasion. Since pressure of responsibilities at God's present earthly Headquarters prevents, I send you warmest GREETINGS and love, in the name of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who has called you to be saints in Him — sending this GREETING by our beloved brother in Christ and fellow servant, M. Dibar Apartian, whom the living Christ has appointed as the leader of His Work among His people descended from Reuben.

As begotten children of the living Creator GOD, you have been called to become His HEIRS — to be BORN into His living Family, the Kingdom of God — to inherit all that the Great God has created in all the vast universe. As of now you are little children in Christ, needing to GROW UP spiritually to the full stature of the living Christ. Rejoice in your trials of faith, for God's judgment has begun with us in His Church, that we overcome our own natures, the oppositions and temptations of this world, and the deceptions of Satan, GROWING in grace and the knowledge of our living Saviour, Jesus Christ. He will never leave nor forsake you. Set your affections on HIM and the things He has in store for you. Our prayers are with you.

With love, in Jesus' name,
(signed) Herbert W. Armstrong

Equipped with this inspired epistle, I was on my way to Paris, France.

Satan Tried to Intervene

Time: 10:45 p.m. Weather: cold and rainy. Location: Paris, France.

As the big Pan American Jet Clipper landed at Orly Airport, I was somewhat concerned as to just *how many people* would show up for this very first church service in the French capital. Five? ten? twenty? — or would there really be about *fifty* as we had anticipated? There was no way of telling because France is a *predominately Catholic* country where even those on the verge of conversion may *panic* the

last minute, and fail to show up for such a meeting for fear of being persecuted by their friends or relatives.

What would happen, I wondered, if only a handful of people showed up? That was an alarming thought!

"Have you been to Paris before?" the cab driver asked me as we drove from the airfield to my hotel over the skiddy French roads.

"Yes," I said, "I used to live here before."

There was a sharp squeaking of the brakes; the cab driver had made a sudden stop because a little French *Renault* car was jamming the traffic.

"Ah, these street walkers," he interjected with indignation. "They aren't concerned with anyone else but themselves. They keep driving around the block and would stop right in the middle of the street if that's where they find a customer!"

Street walkers? How can they be called by that name when they no longer "walked" but "drove," I wondered? The cab driver displayed a whimsical smile: What was wrong with me, anyway? Was I not aware that we were now living in a *mechanized* age? . . .

I was up very early the Sabbath morning, partly because I had been unable to sleep much of the night — due to the nine-hour time difference between Pasadena and Paris — and partly because I was much too excited to sleep. Besides, Messrs. Bourdin and Wilkins, flying from Geneva, were scheduled to meet me that morning at my hotel.

About an hour before their arrival the phone suddenly rang: "Geneva is

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fact he was just about a year and a half away from receiving an M.D. degree, when God called him. This Local Elder is the only one who has been a Deakin since his birth!

Mr. Ray E. Wawak ordained as as Deacon in 1964 has served in many capacities — as "captain over one thousand" at the '65 Feast, in many offices in the Spokesman Club, in giving sermonettes and in visiting with Mr. Barfield. Now Mr. Wawak will be of additional assistance in anointing and counseling, helping Mr. Barfield serve in the Little Rock, Arkansas area.

Mr. Gene Scarbrough has been a Deacon since 1961 and his wife holds

the office of Deaconess. As many of the servants God has called down through the ages, Mr. Scarbrough is a successful farmer (see Amos 7:14-15) — in his case for twenty-five years and of high standing in his community. Now Mr. Scarbrough will continue his successful farming but add to it the responsibilities of a Local Elder in the Danville, Illinois area.

Mr. Don Kayser has been a waterproofing contractor for ten years and has a top rating with the Better Business Bureau. He has also had top rating in service in the local area filling various offices in the Spokesman Club, being a member of the Visiting Program

and giving sermonettes as well as assisting in visiting.

Mr. Warren Heaton will be remembered immediately by nearly everyone who has attended the Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy, Texas. He was usually first to arrive and last to leave, giving of all his effort and energy and his talent as a master plumber as well. He was baptized in 1952, and I had the distinct privilege, assisted by Mr. David Antion, of ordaining Mr. Heaton a Deacon in the Oklahoma City Church in 1960. I am sure he would have received this office earlier had there been a local church for him to attend as he had been diligently fulfilling that office of service for many years. Mrs. Heaton certainly fulfills her part in hospitality and warmth as an Elder's wife. Their



William C. Bradford



Russell Brown



Charles Bryce



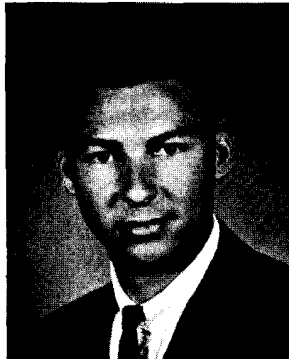
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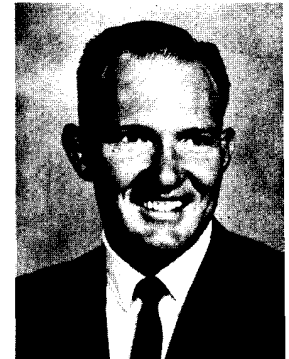
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Warren Heaton



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Gene Scarbrough

daughter Elaine is married to Mr. Ken Mattson a full-time assistant in the St. Louis area and graduate of Ambassador College. Warren J., Jr., 17, is still in high school. Congratulations Mr. Heaton, keep up the good service in the Kansas City area.

Mr. Russell Brown is a shop supervisor for an engineering company in Minneapolis. Mr. Brown's wife and three children left him when he left for the Feast of Tabernacles in 1962 and divorced him soon afterward. Partially as a result of this trial he has thrown himself completely into serving, was ordained as a Deacon a year ago at the Feast of Trumpets and is now adding to his serviceability this office of Local Elder. Please do remember Mr. Brown in his particular need.

Squaw Valley

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong opened the Feast in Squaw Valley where the attendance was 7,889. The weather re-

mained beautiful during the entire Festival. Mr. Ted Armstrong left for Jekyll Island in the middle of the Festival and Mr. Portune arrived from Long Beach to take charge.

Repeated announcements were made urging each individual to register so that we would know who and how many were there — but we consistently came up with a figure of 500 people who were counted as being present in the meetings who were evidently not registered. As repeated exhortations from God's Ministers were given concerning this serious rebellion against authority, a number of conscientious brethren registered again to be sure that they had registered.

The happy conclusion to the entire problem was that the hard-working Deacons and assistants had somehow counted one section of 500 chairs double! Mr. Portune was thrilled to be able to announce at the close of the meetings there, that there were not 500

rebellious people in the congregation of God at Squaw Valley — to apologize on behalf of all the individuals involved for the miscount and also to thank the brethren for their evident eagerness to obey.

Another unusual feature of the Feast at Squaw Valley was the ordinations which took place there. Mr. Portune came to the valley early in order to be able to join in the laying on of hands for the ordination of his son to the rank of Local Elder! All the Evangelists and Pastors present joined Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong in ordaining the five men — two Preaching Elders and three Local Elders. Though the others of us did not share exactly the same emotional impact of laying hands on and praying over our own son, Mr. Dean Wilson was asked to lead in prayer at the ordination of Mr. Schedler with whom he had worked in the Canadian area for a great period of time, and I was allowed to lead in the prayer for the ordaining of Mr. Bob Bertuzzi with whom I had been closely associated in college and before. All in all the ordaining ceremony at Squaw Valley was an unusually moving one.

Mr. Bob Lay was raised to the rank of Preaching Elder. He had already been fulfilling that office in the pastoring of the Saskatoon Church in Canada. The church there grew under his direction from a beginning number of 70 in March to nearly 150 by Feast time. Mr. Lay is a graduate of Ambassador College, married to an Ambassador co-ed. He began his post-graduate career in the Letter Answering Department, and was transferred to the Canadian Office where he continued in that capacity. He also began visiting the brethren under Mr. Wilson's leadership until he became more valuable in the ministerial field than in the writing ministry and was ordained as a Local Elder to assist in the immediate Vancouver area. As he grew in his responsibilities and service, it was evident that God was choosing him as a full Preaching Elder.

Mr. Bob Bertuzzi was nearly thirty when he entered Ambassador College. He was the Freshman Class President. He was married during his freshman year to an Ambassador College graduate

Twenty-One New Local Elders . . .

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Robert D. Jenness



Don Kayser



Graemme Marshall



Edwin Schedler



Ray E. Wawak



Richard Wilding

and became the father of a fine boy before graduating. He was transferred to Texas to be one of the pioneer students in the College there and upon graduation was ordained as a Local Elder. Being a very sober and hard-working servant, and being ably assisted by his warm, gracious and mature wife, Mr. Bertuzzi has brought forth the fruits which prove that God has ordained him to the rank of Preaching Elder.

Mr. Bertuzzi was blessed with being able to assist in starting a new church on his return to his local area in Lexington, Kentucky. The new Louisville Church got off to a fine start with 227 in attendance. Mr. Bryce Clark, District Superintendent, was there to give the first sermon on "How to Make the Louisville Church a Success" and introduce their new Pastor Mr. Bertuzzi. Progress everywhere!

Mr. Al Portune (Albert J. Portune, Jr.) with his father Mr. Albert J. Portune, Evangelist, and Business Manager of the Work of God comprises one of the few father-and-son teams in the ordained ministry. On his business card, which identifies him with the college and the church, he is referred to as Mr. Al Portune, to obviate any confusion. Mr. Portune is a graduate of Ambassador College and also of Imperial High School. Married to a lovely co-ed from Ambassador, he is presently serving God's people in the San Jose area under Mr. Dennis Luker, his District Superintendent. His size, personality and speaking ability will now be used with greater effectiveness with his new responsibility as an ordained Local Elder in the Church of God.

Mr. Richard Wilding came to Ambassador in Pasadena as a transfer from the English campus. Mr. Wilding is a red-haired, vivacious, outgoing Englishman who, during a summer in his Ambassador career, was able to serve with Mr. Wilson among the Canadian brethren. On his graduation from Ambassador he was married to an Ambassador co-ed and proceeded to join Mr. Wilson again for his permanent field assignment. Putting his Ambassador training to work in the field, working hard and willingly with the people and beginning to use authority with assurance



Bob Bertuzzi



David Bierer

Seven New Preaching

Ordained During Fall Festival Season

and certainty, Mr. Wilding quickly proved he was qualified to be ordained as a Local Elder. He is now serving in the Kelowna Church which was raised up after the Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. Edwin Schedler, born in Moosehorn, Manitoba, is a married man with one twenty-year-old son. A hard-working man of German descent, Mr. Schedler has been successful in a small roofing business for eighteen years. A member of God's Church for seven years, Mr. Schedler has been a Deacon for four years—a man of service who has done an outstanding job and now has added to his responsibilities the office of Local Elder.

Jekyll Island

For the 8,480 who attended the Feast in Jekyll Island there was a constant reminder that they must be in a right attitude and maintain daily prayer—hurricane Inez, a monster with one-hundred-and-twenty-five-mile-an-hour winds, formed, grew and persisted throughout the entire Feast. Mr. Royer, the Festival Director for Jekyll Island, was required by the company who furnishes our tent there to supply them with a guarantee concerning their tent.

Mr. Royer, in faith, boldly assured them, by return mail, that no damage would occur to their tent! For the second time in history a hurricane off the coast of Florida acted in an unprecedented way!

The Feast of Tabernacles falls at that period of year when hurricanes are spawning in the Caribbean, and this is the *second* time in the few years we have held the Festival at Jekyll Island that God has had to directly intervene to prevent a catastrophe for His people keeping His Feast. In the Fall of 1963, hurricane *Flora* was confounding weather scientists by her unusual action—this was during the Feast that year. "What baffles them is Flora's peculiar conduct during a four-day period when it practically STOOD STILL and aimed blows unceasingly upon Cuba after devastating a large part of Haiti... 'WE JUST CAN'T EXPLAIN FLORA'S BEHAVIOR,' Dr. Robert M. White, the Chief of the U. S. Weather Bureau, said today... Flora is the *first* hurricane in recorded history that got *stalled* in a small Caribbean region for more than twenty-four to thirty-six hours" (*Star News*, October 9, 1963). All of us knew at that time that this was a direct



Bob Dick



Bob Lay



John Pruner

Ambassador College Photos

Elders

answer to the prayers of God's people keeping the Feast there at Jekyll. Now again a similar situation has happened with Inez.

One headline in an Atlanta paper read, "INEZ ACTED LIKE HURRICANE WITH OWN STEERING WHEEL!" The article went on to explain how Inez was one of the worst hurricanes yet to predict — that she was extremely well-behaved until she hit Cuba — almost a rehash of the experience before — and one quote I must give you word for word out of the article which almost sounds like it comes from the pages of the Bible: "The two winds *contested* for Inez for five days, with each taking turn controlling the storm.

"Luckily for South Florida, Inez kept her lazy, uncertain ways two days while squatting over the Florida Straits, waiting to see which high pressure area battling for her favors would win and lead her away. The westerlies finally won and moved Inez into the Gulf of Mexico and *away* from Florida."

God answered everyone's prayers regarding the hurricane and *steered* it away from our people by a special miracle. The Feast was blessed in every way with the inspired messages, the ordina-



Dennis Pyle



Colin Wilkins

tions, the general fellowshiping. Mr. Roderick C. Meredith opened the Feast in Jekyll, but spent the last half of the Feast in Big Sandy, and Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong was in charge of the Jekyll Feast during the last half.

Ordinations at Jekyll

Three Preaching Elders and eight new Local Elders were ordained at Jekyll Island this Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. Bob Dick, a graduate of Ambassador College and already ordained as a Local Elder was raised to the rank of Preaching Elder. Mr. Dick had the opportunity of finishing his college career in England, and upon return-

ing married a lovely Ambassador co-ed and is now the father of a fine young boy. Serving as a Local Elder in the Mobile, Alabama Church, Mr. Dick has matured and shouldered responsibilities which have groomed him to fulfill this new office of Preaching Elder.

Mr. John Pruner, who served as Student Body President in his senior year at Ambassador College in Big Sandy, was ordained to the rank of Preaching Elder. Mr. Pruner had previously been serving in the Midland area under Mr. Mokarow. Born in Virginia he holds a B.A. degree in Busi-

ness Administration from Virginia Poly. Tech. as well as his degree from Ambassador College. Marrying an Ambassador co-ed of very gracious, warm and outgoing nature, Mr. Pruner soon showed his worth in serving as a Local Elder, and proved by his example and good work that God has chosen him for the office of Preaching Elder.

Mr. Dennis Pyle is another example in a *family* God is using in many capacities. With two sisters being the wives of Pastor rank ministers, having one brother already ordained as a Preaching Elder and having served in the capacity of Local Elder since his graduation from Ambassador College, Mr. Pyle is now taking another giant step in family and personal service. Mr. Pyle's father serves in the Imperial Schools in Texas, his younger sister Kaye is attending Ambassador College in England while his younger brother Ray is attending here in Pasadena. The youngest member of the family, Jo Dan, is still in Imperial, but I am sure we will hear from him sooner or later. Mr. Pyle is now the Preaching Elder in charge of the Toledo Church.

Mr. Charles Bryce, after graduation from Ambassador in Pasadena served with me in the Long Beach Church until he was sent to help Mr. Gary Antion in the Buffalo-Toronto Churches. He has been working there with clear, colorful, timely sermonettes, helpful service and concern for the people, and with his wife Sharon has earned the respect of the brethren there. Now he can serve them more fully in his ordained capacity as Local Elder.

Mr. Percival Burrows — also from Mr. Gary Antion's area, Toronto — had previously been serving as a Deacon in the Toronto Church with his wife serving in the capacity of Deaconess. His dependability, hospitality and zealous eagerness to serve, his well-trained children, and his diligent wife all serve to illustrate his complete qualification to be ordained as a Local Elder at this Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. Bill Nettles, a graduate from Ambassador in Pasadena, was a valuable assistant to Mr. Hugh Mauck here at Headquarters in the Circulation Department for some time after his graduation. Then he was sent to assist Mr.

Kenneth Swisher, District Superintendent of the Atlanta District, and has so qualified himself by his service there that he now joins the ranks of Local Elders in God's Church.

Mr. James Robert Collins, from the Birmingham Church works as an insurance agent and has a very good reputation in his community. Before this he did office work for the Illinois Central Railroad, but had to leave his job since God's Annual Festivals conflicted with the work schedule he had to maintain. Serving as a Deacon for about three years Mr. Collins has also been President of a Spokesman Club for three terms and is known for his deep motivation, dedication and dependable service. As a Local Elder, Mr. Collins will now be of even greater help in serving the Birmingham congregation under the leadership of Mr. Rice.

Mr. William C. Bradford, assisting Mr. Gary Arvidson in the Knoxville area, was ordained as Local Elder. Originally from Louisiana, Mr. Bradford came to Ambassador College at Pasadena and had the opportunity of finishing his Ambassador education at Bricket Wood in England where he married a lovely Australian co-ed. Mr. Bradford also has a sister attending Ambassador at Pasadena.

Mr. George H. Evans, Jr., is from the Philadelphia area, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in architectural engineering. He has worked for eight years as a structural engineer and is head engineer at his firm. A member of God's Church, with his wife, for ten years, and serving for one year as a Deacon, Mr. Evans has developed in Spokesman Club and on the Visiting Program and giving occasional sermonettes. Brethren in the Philadelphia area look to him for leadership and highly respect him, and in his new office as a Local Elder he will be an even greater asset to Mr. Walter Sharp, the pastor of the Philadelphia Church. Mr. Evans' talents as an architectural engineer have qualified him to take part in designing and drawing up the plans for the new Feast of Tabernacles site in the Pocono Mountains!

Mr. Robert C. Jenness has been a

radio and television technician for fifteen years. Mr. Jenness, highly respected in his community, was ordained as a Deacon in God's Church in 1964, but has served far beyond the call of duty in this capacity. He has had extensive training in the local Spokesman Club, and has given of himself continually in real service to Mr. Guy Engelbart, his pastor, and the Baltimore Church of God. Unfortunate circumstances have placed Mr. Jenness in the uncomfortable position of being divorced and not able to remarry, but he has dedicated his life to service in God's Church, and we all certainly congratulate him for his growth and service and his new responsibility as Local Elder.

Mr. Paul B. Meek, from the Midland, Michigan Church was also ordained as a Local Elder at Jekyll Island. Mr. Meek has been an English teacher for over seven years and a graduate from Michigan State University with a B.A. degree in education. A superior English teacher, Mr. Meek has won the respect of his employers and has no trouble getting off for the Feast Days from his school duties. Mr. Meek has shown real ability in visiting and helping the brethren, and has given sermonettes in the local church. Now being able to anoint and counsel with the added wisdom God gives to those ordained, Mr. Meek will certainly be a great help to Mr. John Pruner, the pastor of the Midland Church.

Long Beach

Mr. Albert J. Portune, Evangelist and Business Manager for the Work of God, opened the services at Long Beach for the first Festival of Tabernacles held there. The 3,772 who attended completely filled the auditorium which was available to us this year. Next year the much newer and much larger Arena will be available to us with a seating capacity of about 16,000.

At the beginning some of the individuals who were attending the Feast in Long Beach were a little dubious as to the location of the Festival site, since it was in the heart of downtown Long Beach and right next to the playland area of the Pike. However, as the sermons began, and the spiritual food

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DOES Your Appearance Count?

How important is grooming? Is God concerned about your dress and appearance? Can you be spiritually clean and at the same time be physically unclean? Here is what the Bible says about it.

by L. Leroy Neff

HAVE you ever been revolted by the appearance or dress of another person?

Did you ever see a woman with unusual makeup, hairdo and garish clothing that caused you to almost shrink back in terror? She may have looked like a witch.

Have you seen fat women in *tight* shorts or slacks, revealing every ugly roll and bulge? Sure you have, and you probably couldn't understand why someone would have such poor taste or unconcern for others to appear in public *like that!*

And, you have surely seen a creature in long hair walking down the street. You probably had a hard time making up your mind whether the person was a male or a female, or an "it."

Our streets and public places have an increasing number of people on *display* who are oddballs in appearance. You can see them almost any day. Such sights are unpleasant to the cultured person. Surely these sights are revolting to you, too.

Are *you* concerned about how *you* look?

You may easily see the faults in the dress and appearance of others, especially when they are extreme. But, how do *you* appear to other people? More important, *how do you appear before God?* Is He concerned?

God most certainly does care about how you *look*. If you are a true Christian you are one of the few *lights* in this dark world (Mat. 5:14). What *kind* of a light are you?

You are the *salt* of the earth (verse

13). If there is no salty or distinct flavor, *different* from the rest of the world, of what value are you to God? What you are, how you conduct yourself, how you appear, are things that determine what kind of a light you are and how "salty" you are. You need to have the mind of God on this subject.

His mind is expressed in the Bible, so let's see what He says in the Bible about grooming and dress.

God Gives the Example

When God placed Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden He commanded them to *dress* and *keep* the garden (Gen. 2:15). Herein is a great principle. What God gives us, we should properly care for. We should not let it grow up to weeds and thistles. It should be kept in good condition, neat and orderly. This includes our property, our homes, as well as our person.

It includes how we dress, keep our hair, how clean we are. God has given us a body that is the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 3:17). Our bodies are holy property to God. He expects us to take care of that property. Can you imagine God's holy temple as described in Ezekiel 40-47 in a dirty, filthy, unkempt condition? Of course not!

When Adam and Eve first decided to make clothing for themselves, they selected materials that could be easily put together. They took large fig leaves and sewed them together (Gen. 3:7). Too many people are like that today! They make only a little effort to properly clothe themselves, and just "throw something together." Or they may use

some cast off, worn out, poorly designed or shoddily constructed garment to wear.

God does not do things this way. When He made clothing for Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:21), He made outer garments of skin and also "clothed" them. He did not make loin clothes out of animal skins like some people think, but He made coats. The outer garments He made for them were of the finest, most durable material available. You ladies would appreciate fine quality mink or suede coats, wouldn't you, but most of you cannot afford such quality.

God Commands Cleanliness

When God established His law with ancient Israel He gave them certain physical laws that regulated their relationship with each other and with the community. Among these laws were regulations concerning cleanliness and sanitation.

If a person sinned or became ceremonially unclean, it was necessary to go through a certain ritual which usually included bathing in water. Those laws were intended to teach them obedience. The washings pictured the spiritual cleanness that would later be available through the sacrifice of Christ. The laws relating to these carnal or physical washings are no longer religiously obligatory today as the apostle Paul explained (Heb. 9:10).

Yet those people who obeyed the physical laws of cleanliness were different from the Gentiles around them. The Gentiles did not have such laws that caused the people to learn physical

cleanliness. Imagine if you will, state laws that *commanded* people to *bathe* frequently!

This is *one* of the reasons why the modern Israelitish nations are generally cleaner than the Gentile nations. The parents of those early Israelites surely taught their children to be clean, too. Some of this has been handed down from generation to generation to the present time.

God was particularly concerned about His priests. They were commanded more strictly concerning cleanliness than the lay people. It was necessary that they be physically clean when they ministered in the tabernacle or temple. The whole subject of cleanness of person and dress for the priesthood was summed up by Isaiah: "*Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord*" (Isaiah 52:11).

When God came down to speak to the children of Israel at Mt. Sinai He gave Moses specific instruction about how the people should appear before Him. They were commanded to *wash their clothes* (Ex. 19:10).

Their forefather Jacob also knew that it was important to appear before God with *clean bodies* and *clean clothes*. When he and his family were going to assemble before God, he gave them the following instruction: "Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and *be clean*, and *change your garments*: And let us arise and go up to Bethel [which means House of God]; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went" (Gen. 35:2-3).

God did not permit His ancient people to appear before Him physically dirty with unkempt clothing, with stinking, filthy, fly-ridden bodies, as many Gentile religious people appear before their gods! We know God requires *spiritual* cleanliness today—but those who really *are* developing clean, *spiritual* character will automatically be producing the fruit of physical cleanliness (Rom. 1:20).

God is still particular about how His people appear before Him today. But some people have not learned this yet.

It is time to put away ignorance, disrespect, and filthiness. God will not permit us to inherit His Kingdom if we have not been spiritually washed and clean as a result of Christ's great sacrifice, and unless we also learn how to appear before Him respectfully, humbly, with appropriate clothing, and CLEAN!

Jesus Christ Is Our Example

In the 16th chapter of Ezekiel you will find a description of how God provided for and cared for ancient Israel. In this simile, Israel is likened to a woman, and Christ the husband. One of the first things He did when He found Israel was to *wash* her and make her clean (verse 9). Notice how lavish God was with His gifts of clothing and jewelry for His bride. Only the *finest* clothing and jewels were given.

God is no cheapskate, nor is He a tightwad. He is not out of touch with reality. The best is none too good for God. He expects the best from His servants and in turn will pour out blessings which we are not able to contain (Mal. 3:10).

God will prosper the faithful servant who obeys Him. It is His desire that we all might prosper and be in health (III John 2). God calls the weak and poor of the world (I Cor. 1:26-31; James 2:5) but He does not expect us to *stay* that way. He expects us to prosper after we obey Him and change our ways. This will make it possible to improve conditions that are not acceptable to Him.

Jesus showed that different occasions require different kinds of clothing. This is shown by His parable of the wedding supper (Mat. 22:1-14). There was an appropriate garment for the occasion and *no other* was acceptable. Regular street dress, work clothes or the like would not do. How would you dress for a wedding? Would you ladies come in your old housedress and you men in old work clothes? Of course not! You dress for the occasion. And yet many people are *less concerned* about how they appear before God on His Holy Sabbath, than they are at a wedding or funeral. We are more concerned about what *people* in the world think than we are about what God thinks.

The Bible says that *white clothing* is a symbol of righteousness. Clothing that is really white is *clean*. The Angels are described in many places in the Bible as appearing in bright and white apparel. They are clothed in righteousness. One example is John 20:12, "And seeth two *angels in white* sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain."

The saints are promised that if they overcome they also will be clothed in white. This clothing will be fine linen, *clean* and *white* (Rev. 3:5; 19:8). God will not give His own born sons ill-fitting, worn, or filthy clothing. He does not want His begotten sons to appear that way *now*.

Are You a Shameful Example?

But some of God's begotten sons are not concerned about culture, proper dress and cleanliness.

People have appeared before God at His services in conditions that are *shameful*. They have come to His annual Holy Days, Bible studies, and church services in *all manner of improper clothing*.

I have seen women wearing hair curlers, children barefoot, people in tattered clothing, dirty clothing, and some with unmatched or clashing colors and other kinds of improper clothing. Men have come with sport shirts and no tie. Some people come with body odor so strong that you can hardly keep your mind on the conversation.

Brethren, we should be clean when we appear before Almighty God. We should be wearing appropriate clothing that is cleaned and pressed. I do not mean that we should be *overdressed*, or try and imitate the very latest fad or fashion. Can't we have balance and propriety in our clothing and dress?

If you were going to have a private audience with Queen Elizabeth or President Johnson, how would you dress? Would you wear dirty, unpressed, ill-fitting clothes? Would you men come with sport shirt, no tie, unshined shoes, etc.? Would you ladies wear the same housedress that you had been wearing the rest of the week? Of course not!

You would probably take more pains and be more concerned about how you

would appear to one of this world's rulers than you now are concerned about how you appear before God! What a shame!

Cleanliness Is Not Expensive

Some have the weak excuse that they are poor. It doesn't cost money to *wash* your clothes and *press* them or to *mend* them. *But it does take work!* Of course it does cost money to have clothes dry cleaned. After they have been cleaned and worn once you may find it necessary to hand press them before they are worn again.

Some people come to church with rattle-trap cars or trucks, ill-fitting and improper clothing, who really appear "run down at the heels." They appear like "oddballs." Yet some of these same people *have good incomes*. Sometimes they make more money than people who do present a good appearance. The *concern* and *effort* made are more important than how much money a person has.

People who should have known better have appeared at our college commencement exercises with clothing that should only be worn at casual occasions such as a picnic or family outing. Commencement is a very special type occasion where suits and ties are expected for the men and nice dresses for the women. This is no time to appear in everyday housedresses, or in sports clothing.

God Will Supply What Is Needed

Jesus told us that we should seek His Kingdom first and then He would supply the physical necessities, including clothing. "Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more *clothe you*, O ye of little faith?" (Mat. 6:30.)

How does God go about clothing us? He no longer makes fine leather or fur garments for us as He did for Adam and Eve. If we seek God's Kingdom *first* and are diligent, He will make more readily available to us (by increased income, lower expenses, better "breaks") the materials, or money to buy proper materials or garments.

God has made a wealth of fine ma-

terials available for clothing. He has made cotton, linen, silk, wool, furs, and synthetics for us to use. We can have inferior, poorly designed, ill-fitting clothing that doesn't take much work to construct. Or we can select better quality pieces, design them well, and as a result have a superior garment.

Most people are the products of their environment and the culture they were *reared* in. They are too lazy or indifferent to improve themselves or their environment or change. *We must change!* If we are used to shoddy things we should change. If we are used to filth and squalor, we must change—or we *never will grow enough to enter God's Kingdom!*

God is now giving us time to change and grow to be more like Jesus Christ. He had quality clothing (John 19:23). He was neat and orderly in His personal habits (John 20:7). He is the author of order and beauty, not confusion, chaos and filth.

If you cannot improve conditions because of low income, take your problem directly to God in *fervent heart-rending prayer*. Remind God of His promises (such as Mat. 6:30) and your faithfulness in seeking His Kingdom first. If you do, God will hear and answer in remarkable ways. Also, don't hesitate or be ashamed to counsel with God's ministers about this personal problem—at any time.

Here are some simple guidelines you should follow *at all times* and not just on the Sabbath. You should *bathe DAILY*. Start the day with your clothes clean and pressed. You should wear

appropriate clothing for the occasion. Proper work clothes for work, and appropriate dress for each occasion. Your hair should be clean and well groomed.

Men are instructed by God to have short hair and women long hair.

If you do not know what is appropriate in dress for God's Sabbath, look to the elders and ministers of God's Church and their wives. I am sure that you will find that they generally set a good example to follow. They have been taught at Ambassador College about proper grooming. Mr. Armstrong has instructed the ministers on many occasions about this important subject and sets a very high example for all of us.

God's way is to change, to work hard and improve in every way, physically and spiritually. Are you going this way? Are you improving in your grooming? Do you wear proper clothing for each occasion and keep yourself clean?

If you are a husband you should try to increase the amount of money or materials you make available to your wife and children. Wives, familiarize yourself with Proverbs 31:19, 21, 22, 24, which shows that a good wife will be supplying appropriate *quality* clothing for her family. Grow toward the perfect example that Jesus Christ has set for us.

The next time you appear before Jesus Christ in His services and in His festivals, show your respect, admiration and love by dressing and preparing properly for the occasion. Be clean, wear your best appropriate clothing, cleaned and pressed. **GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY!**

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rolled out to them—as all of the planned activities and the scheduled services completely filled their time, they realized that you don't necessarily have to retire from civilization to leave the world! By the time the Feast was concluded all of the brethren who attended at Long Beach were completely in agreement that it was the best Festival ever for *them* as heartily as brethren elsewhere agreed to the same statement regarding *their* Feast site.

An outstanding opportunity for many who had requested to attend at Long Beach from far-flung corners of the U. S. and Canada was the tour of the campus at Pasadena. The men in the Transportation Department had to get into high gear and put that law of *resourcefulness* to work in their lives in order to accommodate the many hundreds of brethren who requested to take a campus tour. The new buildings, the many classrooms, the dozens of offices,

the giant press, the radio studio — all will be vivid memories for those who were able to attend the Festival at Long Beach.

There was only one ordination which took place at Long Beach — Mr. Portune was joined by the other Evangelists and the Pastors in ordaining **Mr. Arthur D. Hulet** as a Local Elder for the Oklahoma City Church of God. I certainly remember Mr. Hulet very well from my tenure at the Oklahoma City Church. A very friendly man standing over six feet tall, happily married with two children and a good workman in a supervisor's position with his construction company, being a journeyman plumber. He has been in God's Church for over nine years, and was ordained as a Deacon during the Days of Unleavened Bread in 1961. Always loyal, and willing to serve, he is well-rounded in personality and enjoys sports of every lawful type and is very compassionate in helping God's people.

Africa

Last year Mr. Plache was able to go from Headquarters to be in charge of the Festival in South Africa. This year, due to an unusual set of circumstances, plans somehow got mixed up regarding whether or not someone would be sent to take charge of the Festival there. Mr. Ernest Williams, who is in charge of the office there, was anticipating someone's arrival right up to the last minute.

Following is Mr. William's report of the circumstances and the keeping of the Feast in South Africa which certainly express *God's* presence there. "When it became obvious it had not been decided to send anyone to South Africa I went ahead with the Festival as planned and took charge myself.

"Not having anticipated taking the opening services or giving as many sermons as I did, one thing was made *very plain* to me throughout the Feast. These are the Festivals of *God*, and **HE IS THE ONE IN CONTROL.**

"After moving the offices, trying to get settled down and making the final last-minute arrangements for the Feast, I don't think I've ever been as tired or just plainly enervated prior to any Feast. I was looking forward to having a little rest. With Mr. Bousfield over-

seas observing the Feast in England and visiting his parents, we all were kept very busy. In fact, I only had one part of an afternoon off with my family during the entire Feast. The rest of the time I was busy with the services, counseling or some other activity. Please don't think I'm complaining, *not at all*, I am *very thankful* to God for the priceless opportunity of allowing me to serve His people in this part of the world — especially during the Feast of Tabernacles! It was an opportunity which I feel is second to none!

"Nevertheless, instead of becoming weaker and weaker as I assumed at the outset, I became stronger as the Feast progressed, until at the end of the Feast, God inspired and strengthened me to such an extent, it became *obvious* to ALL that God was in charge and controlling His Feast at Scottburgh this year.

"The weather was exceptionally good. Normally during this time of year the south coast has cloudy, dull, wet weather for weeks on end. During the eight days we were enjoying the Feast it rained once or twice in the evenings and then for a short spell only.

"A total of 348 people attended the Festival, which gave us a 33.5 percent increase over the previous year. We averaged 334 at each service. The absentees were mainly due to a flu epidemic which had been going around Scottburgh just before we arrived.

"Sincerely hope you *also* had a most enjoyable Feast!"

The Feast in England

Mr. Raymond McNair, Evangelist in charge of God's work in Britain reports:

"Without any question whatsoever, we had the most wonderful Feast of Tabernacles ever held in Britain. We met at the Middleton Tower Holiday Camp at Morecambe, Lancashire.

"The 1966 Feast of Tabernacles, held in Britain, was undoubtedly the most cosmopolitan feast ever held by God's Church. People from 48 countries made up the total of 1,936 who attended the Feast. All of the continents were represented — with the exception of South America. Every race was represented at this Feast.

"Due to the economic squeeze and the lateness in the season, the management of Middleton Tower were unable to hire enough chalet maids, waiters and other employees to properly staff the Camp. We told the management that this would prove no problem whatsoever. We had sufficient help from the college and from the Church to provide all the assistance needed. It was actually a great blessing that we were able to supply most of the labour to run the Camp from our own members.

"Despite the many different nationalities, we had the greatest peace, harmony and love shown at this Feast that I have ever witnessed. Not one of us ministers heard so much as one real gripe or complaint during the entire Feast.

"As in previous years, we again received favourable comments from the Camp Staff, as well as from our own members, concerning the fine example set by God's people — nearly 2,000 strong — representing 48 countries, dwelling together in real love, peace and harmony for nearly 9 days! Surely, *only God's Spirit* could perform such a miracle in our age. One of the Camp Staff was overheard telling another member of their staff that it wasn't *our* people who were giving them the trouble. The only real trouble they had came from their own staff members.

"A lady staff member of the Camp told one of the Church members that *our children were very well behaved*. The cleaners at the Camp mentioned that *our people were very honest*. The head electrician said the staff were amazed. They usually received calls all day long to replace broken fittings. He had not received one call to repair anything.

"One of the Camp Supervisors asked for 25 volunteers from among our men to do some work. *Every hand went up!* He couldn't believe it. He said they usually had to go down on their knees to beg volunteers to do work. Also, the Camp Staff just couldn't believe that all of the students of the college and other Church members who were working in the kitchen and dining hall were *unpaid volunteers*.

"We were very happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mocarow and family

as guest minister at God's Feast in Britain. Also, we were very happy to have Mrs. Dwight Armstrong, and her daughter and mother, attend the Feast of Tabernacles in Britain. Mrs. Dwight Armstrong added quite a bit to the Feast by singing several special numbers.

"God willing, it appears that we will be able to attend the Middleton Tower Holiday Camp in 1967 and possibly in 1968. All of God's people in Great Britain look forward once again with increased anticipation to the next Feast of Tabernacles to be held in the land of Ephraim!"

Australasian Feast of Tabernacles

The Feast in Australia was really a *family* affair—the members God has chosen from the area "Down Under" being part of that begotten Family of God, ministered to by members of a family of long standing and renown in the Church of God: The Cole family.

Mr. Raymond Cole, Evangelist and District Superintendent of the New York area, was blessed by being able to join his brother Mr. C. Wayne Cole, Evangelist in charge of the Work in Australia, in conducting the Feast of Tabernacles there this year. To top it off, as one of the fine highlights of the Feast, these Evangelist brothers were privileged to lay hands on another *physical* as well as spiritual brother, Mr. Leroy Cole, and ordain him as a Local Elder along with Mr. Graemme Marshall in the ordination services in Australia.

Again the report from Australia is—best Feast ever—with powerful sermons and wonderful fellowship for the brethren there. Counting the two Evangelists, there were thirteen ministers present in Australia. Mr. and Mrs. Docken were able to be there, leaving the office responsibilities in Manila, for the Feast.

Total attendance in our own lovely tabernacle at Blackheath for this Feast was 1,659—78 people were baptized and on the Last Great Day 105 children were set aside for special protection in the blessing of children ceremony.

Mr. Leroy Cole is the third member of the Cole family to be ordained to

the ministry. It was an unusual and thrilling experience for two brothers in Christ's Ministry to be able to lay hands on and ordain a third brother as a Local Elder in God's Church.

Leroy Cole went to Ambassador College in 1958. In 1961, during the summer break, he was sent to Wichita, Kansas, to assist Mr. Allen Manteufel, where he received valuable field experience. Following graduation from Ambassador in 1962, Mr. Cole married an Ambassador co-ed—the former Miss Jean Counts. Not long following their marriage they were winging their way across the Pacific Ocean to join the staff of God's Work in Sydney, Australia.

In Sydney, Mr. Cole has worked primarily as head of the Mail Receiving Department and has also assisted in the Visiting Program. He has served faithfully in every responsibility he has been given and now this ordination empowers him to give even greater service.

Mr. Graemme Marshall is a native of Western Australia. He went to Bricket Wood to begin his Ambassador College education in 1962. Following his graduation from Ambassador this past June, Mr. Marshall married an Ambassador co-ed, Miss Lynn Johnstone, also an Australian, who traveled to Bricket Wood from Queensland to attend college.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall had a *long* honeymoon from the point of view of miles as they traveled through Europe, parts of Israel, Jordan, across Asia to Hong Kong, to Singapore, and on to Perth, Western Australia, and finally to Sydney.

Here in Sydney, Mr. Marshall fills a growing need in the Visiting Program. He has served well in whatever task given to him, both during and following his Ambassador College days. Now with his ordination as Local Elder we are confident he will be even more useful in this important Work of God.

The Philippines

Mr. Bill Winner, the minister in charge of the new Church in Perth, Australia, was commissioned to take charge of the Feast of Tabernacles in Manila. Although there were more brethren attending in Kiara in the

southern Philippines, Mr. Winner was sent to Manila because the English-speaking brethren are there—198 strong—and he would have been of no service to the more than 800 in Kiara. Just as in South Africa in Mr. Williams' case, Mr. Winner had his hands full, but was ably assisted by Mr. Pedro Ortiguero in the services, fellowshiping and Bible studies held during the Feast in Manila this year.

The report from our brethren in Kiara is also very encouraging. The highest attendance during this year's Feast was 836. The people were very thrilled and grateful for the blessing of being able to meet in a completely reconstructed tabernacle. Many weeks of hard work had gone into making this dream come true. Inspirational songs by the choir and dynamic preaching were the highlights of the Feast. Another added blessing during the Feast was the basketball team appearing for the first time in their new uniforms. The weariness of labor involved in the building project was forgotten in the gaiety and fellowship of the Festival dance. All in all this was a Feast which will live in the memories of God's people in Kiara.

Report from Martinique

The following report is translated by Mr. Dibar Apatian, Evangelist in charge of the French Work, from a letter directed to him from Mr. Louis Jubert, Local Elder who conducted the Feast in Martinique.

"On Tuesday, September 27, while we were waiting for our friends from Guadeloupe, as planned, we learned that a hurricane was heading towards Martinique and Guadeloupe at 140 miles per hour. The weather was very bad. We asked God to protect us, and also our brethren who should be traveling to observe the Feast of Tabernacles with us. Members from Saint Lucia arrived at one o'clock that afternoon. Almighty God spared us here in Martinique, but the hurricane hit Guadeloupe leaving 32 dead, several hundred wounded, and thousands without homes. The damage reached millions of dollars.

"In Martinique, we had torrential rains. All communications were cut. The

morning after the catastrophe we learned that another storm had passed over Martinique and finally turned out to sea.

"As these prophesied events came to pass, I exhorted the members of the congregation to unite under Christ in order to receive protection from the calamities to come. The members are obedient, they trust God and His promises and we are all very much encouraged.

"On the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, few were present because of the bad weather. We had services each evening. By the last day the weather was favorable and the entire congregation was present: 47 adults, 65 children. We had a very good Feast, and there was joy on every face."

Next Time

Although we are very few among the millions of the world, it is very

encouraging to know that so many thousands have been called out of the world into this little flock of God. Let us so dedicate our lives to this end-time Work that through God's Power this Commission to the Church will be effectively fulfilled! Then the *historic* fulfillment of the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles will soon be a reality for the whole world.

Be sure to read Mr. Apartian's stirring report of the new church started in Paris, France—news of other new churches and Bible studies that have been started in the last month or so, will be included in next month's installment of the Church of God News along with a thorough report from Mr. Gerald Waterhouse who has been touring the churches in the United States with films and sermons illustrating the worldwide Work of God.

God's Own Church in Paris

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calling Mr. Apartian," the switchboard operator announced. "Are you Mr. Apartian?"

"Yes," I answered with some misgivings. It was Mrs. Wilkins who, at the other end of the line, informed me that the plane her husband and Mr. Bourdin was scheduled to take for Paris was having "technical difficulties." In all probability, she added, they may be late in getting to Paris on time for the opening of the church . . .

I should have known that Satan would try to interfere with our plans in an effort to prevent the opening of God's Church in Paris. Nevertheless, try as he may, Satan *cannot* stop God's Work. He can only go as far as God allows him to go. With or without the arrival of our representatives from Geneva, the meeting would open—and it did.

A Tremendous Attendance

At 1 p.m. the people began to arrive. In the midst of all the excitement and friendly handshaking, I did not realize that we were heading toward a *record-breaking* attendance. At the most we had expected fifty-five people; the

room itself—a very comfortable one with wall-to-wall carpeting—had a maximum capacity of seventy-five. However, by the time Messrs. Bourdin and Wilkins arrived, not only were the seventy-five chairs in the room filled, but fifteen additional chairs had been ordered and placed in the room as well as in the adjacent hall.

"I can't tell for sure just how many people we actually have," said one of the church members whom I had asked to help people find their seats. "All of our ninety chairs are already occupied and some late arrivers are standing up in the hall."

So *over* NINETY people were present. But where did they all come from? How did we get ninety when—at the most—only fifty-five were expected? The reason was heart-warming and most encouraging. We had never thought that some brethren from *Belgium*, as well as some living about a hundred miles south of Paris would make an effort to attend the church.

"I wouldn't have missed this opportunity for anything in my life," an old woman told me, after having travelled all night to get there. One or two others

had never even been to Paris before, and would never have ventured such a journey had it not been for the opening of God's Church.

And so it was that the *first* church of God in modern times *opened* in Paris with an attendance of *over ninety people*—and that included *only eight* children.

Our prayers had been truly *answered* by the Almighty God.

Remember Them in Your Prayers

What was the sermon about? What did I preach?

What would any minister of God preach after witnessing God's tremendous blessing on this Paris Church? Who could have remained unmoved after reading Mr. Armstrong's most *inspiring* EPISTLE? I explained WHY we were there, what the Church is, what is its mission, its goal, its task—and the collective job we all have to do before God's Kingdom is established on earth.

In conclusion, I reminded them of Mr. Armstrong's encouraging words: "Today's world takes no notice of you. But this present evil world is now toppling to oblivion! Very soon, out of its ashes of decadence, corruption and rebellion against its Maker, will rise the wonderful NEW, happy, peaceful God-ruled WORLD TOMORROW! And *then* the world will hear of this very meeting you are attending today! . . ."

The French people—the *descendants of Israel's firstborn*, Reuben, now have their very first CHURCH OF GOD in Paris. For the time being, Sabbath services will be held twice a month pastored by Messrs. Bourdin and Wilkins. In all probability, other churches will be opened in France before the time of our collective flight, but much depends upon YOUR *ardent* and *heartfelt* PRAYERS. God's people in France need an extra measure of protection against persecution. They also need more material prosperity, easier means of transportation, more private halls to assemble in—and more shepherds.

Be sure to remember these things in your prayers. Be sure to remember the very first CHURCH OF GOD in Paris, the great capital of France!

Readers Say . . .

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people to our lodge, and we look forward to further association with the Radio Church of God."

S. K., California

Mr. Waterhouse's Tour

"We want to thank you at Headquarters for sending Mr. Waterhouse to us. He was in Nashville just before the Feast of Tabernacles. He corrected, re-proved, and LOVED us just as though

he were our regular, here-all-the-time minister. Just so warm and caring. The slides were so beautiful, but even more, brought the overseas work nearer in our minds. We are very grateful for his visit. This was our first Feast of Tabernacles, and I could fill the rest of this page, and several more, with glowing adjectives! It is amazing all the lessons we learned (not only in the sermons) and the physical pleasures we enjoyed. A person just HAS to grow to be able to hold some of God's blessings."

Mrs. E. J. V., Tennessee

The Last Battle for Britain

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pouring out political polemic instead of perpetual pop. That seems to have been forestalled, but MPs are starting to take an interest in the pronouncements of one Garner Ted Armstrong, an American evangelist . . . who brings 'news of the World Tomorrow.' News mostly about fundamentalist religion, but news, too,

of political trends. One recent broadcast said that Britain was about to scuttle out of Gibraltar 'as a result of American pressure.' "

These statements give an indication of the tremendous impact God's Work here in England has. Literally *millions* are listening to the broadcast!

But what is the REAL reason why

the Government wants these stations banned?

Radio and television in Britain have always been a tightly controlled government monopoly. It is the most powerful media of propaganda available today! In irresponsible or hostile hands, disruption to the *established order* could ensue. The government of any nation would want to protect her citizens and their *way of life* against encroachment from any outside source.

Whether this is a selfish desire to maintain a position of power or not, is not our purpose to conclude. Our purpose is to show the ultimate outcome of the Work in England.

If written as a story, the history of radio broadcasting in England would tax the imagination and credulity of fiction writers' minds.

Just twenty short months ago there was NO BROADCASTING OF THE WORLD TOMORROW IN ENGLAND, and *no possible hope of any*. Today, with the exception of a very few areas, the entire nation has access to the programme.

Radio Luxembourg Now Closed

Were it not for the commercial ship stations, there would be no WORLD TOMORROW broadcast in England. At a time of unprecedented peril in England, when she needs her *greatest warning*, the powerful station in Luxembourg has been closed to "religious broadcasting" — in which category *they* chose to classify *The WORLD TOMORROW*. For twelve years *The WORLD TOMORROW* was transmitted over this super-powered station.

This is ONE of the many astounding parts of the incredible story.

IN ADVANCE of the change in policy of Radio Luxembourg, God miraculously provided *another* means for His Work!

How did it all come about?

Here is *part* of that *unbelievable* story.

A *chance* meeting on the streets of London by two old acquaintances started the initial action. In this



Ambassador College Photo
Mr. Hunting with official on Radio 270.

crowded city of seven million people, two old acquaintances happened to spot one another. *One* of these was the advertising agent representing *The WORLD TOMORROW!*

He was rather startled to learn that his busy acquaintance was involved in selling radio time on a soon-to-be-introduced radio ship. Full details were lacking, but it was to start in January, 1965.

A hurried conference was arranged with the station manager, and Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong flew in from the United States.

It was a difficult and tense situation! Although *The WORLD TOMORROW* was one of the world's largest buyers of radio time, including many of the big prestige stations, a very sensitive situation developed.

The station wanted to get away from the staid, rather dreary broadcasting format that was the normal bill of fare for British listeners. They wanted to project a new radio image—alive, fast moving, totally musical-type programming.

Talking programmes were "out"! Educational-type programmes were "out"! Religious programmes were totally unacceptable!

After two conferences with Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and four-and-a-half hours of conversation, *THEY WERE "IN,"* and probably the most costly single commercial radio contract in history was duly signed.

Now, *all* stations have accepted *The WORLD TOMORROW* programme.

England Will Be Warned!

The dramatic promise God made through the prophet Hosea is being fulfilled! England was to be warned. "Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: *among the tribes of Israel* have I MADE KNOWN that which shall SURELY be!" (Hos. 5:9.)

Speaking specifically of Ephraim God says, "...I will chastise them, AS THEIR CONGREGATION HATH HEARD!" (Hos. 7:11, 12.)

Notice this other startling prophecy. "The Lord sent a word [HIS TRUTH] into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. And ALL the people shall know, *even* EPHRAIM..." (Isa. 9:8, 9).

But God also predicted that there would come a time when there would be a *famine* of the hearing of the Word of God. When the light of God's truth leaves, *England will then face her darkest hour* (Amos 8:11).

We are not saying *when* it will happen, but *IT WILL HAPPEN!*

Just as God said they would be warned, He also said this warning message would be taken away. Israel has *never* taken God's warnings. They have scorned, maligned, and rejected it.

Will England's troubles *disappear* if no mention is made of them? If no mention is made of the wretched state of the national economy, will it add to the gold reserves—change the import-export imbalances—remove the national debt?

Of course not!

For too long, Britain has refused to look at her BIG PROBLEMS.

They do recognize difficulties. Mr. Harold Wilson, the Prime Minister, has continually warned of the need to *go to work*, but it is part of the nature of the people in England to have false confidence as the Bible specifically warns! "...Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, that say in the PRIDE and stoutness of heart, the bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars" (Isa. 9:9-10).

This is the same "There'll Always Be an England" philosophy which has dominated thinking throughout these crisis years. "We'll find an answer. If this won't work, something else will. We'll figure *another* way out."

Warning Not Heeded

No, they WILL NOT listen! Except for *individuals*, England HAS PASSED the point of no return!

Jeremiah looked down into the future and "heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, AND I WAS CHASTISED, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the Lord my God. Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, *I smote upon my thigh*: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the re-

proach of my youth" (Jer. 31:18-19).

Because this warning has gone out to literally millions of people in Ephraim, one day they will turn and say, "Why didn't I see it before? How could I have been so stupid?"

Yes, *few* will heed the warning.

So, why not stop now? Isn't it just a little futile? Is the *tremendous* expense worth it?

Don't ever be trapped into this attitude! Wouldn't one more life entered into God's family for all eternity be *well* worth it?

SUPPOSE IT WERE YOUR LIFE? Then all the effort ever expended in one human's eternal salvation would be well worth the cost, wouldn't it?

This is *our* job! This is the vocation we have been called to!

Jesus Christ did not stop when His job appeared futile. He didn't stop when He was persecuted. At the time of His greatest rejection by humans He did His greatest, most important and lasting work—He gave His life!

It was at this stage (in His dying) He accomplished the most for the entire world. We will accomplish the most just before our work ends.

While millions of the very young and the very old are subject to a rising tide of pornography, sex, perversion and violence in every media—it seems almost incredible that God's truth should be obliterated from public view.

But how will this come about?

How have God's *warning* and *servants* ALWAYS been received? The history written indelibly in the Bible will be repeated!

The Example of Ezekiel

Through the prophet Ezekiel, God said He would send a WATCHMAN to warn and explain what these dramatic events mean to Israel. Notice and UNDERSTAND this striking prophecy.

"I have made you a watchman unto the HOUSE OF ISRAEL: therefore hear the word at my mouth and GIVE THEM WARNING FROM ME" (Ezek. 3:17). But Ezekiel was a prophet. HE WAS NOT *the* "WATCHMAN." And he never delivered the warning since he lived more than a hundred years after the captivity. Israel at that time was already

migrating toward the northwest. Ezekiel just *wrote* the prophecy.

The prophecy is for TODAY. This entire work of God has the thrilling and awesome job of fulfilling the dramatic commission given *through* Ezekiel.

What a TREMENDOUS and priceless opportunity!

But how did God say it would be received?

"And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee . . . to a rebellious nation . . . For they are impudent children and stiffhearted . . . be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words . . . nor be dismayed at their looks . . ." (Ezek. 2:3-6).

"Everything Is All Right"

It has always been popular to tell people everything will turn out all right. One well-known evangelist recently enhanced his popularity with the religious community in England. He said things are not so bad in England as he had first thought. He said there were the seeds of giant revival and a spiritual re-awakening among the British people.

Yet government leaders are openly discussing the ways and means of combating a fantastic increase in crime — the mounting gambling problem. Many other costly social problems are deeply perplexing responsible officialdom.

God told His ministers to, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet: declare to my people THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS . . ." (Isa. 58:1). And He specifically warned the people of Israel, "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you filling you with vain hopes; they speak visions of THEIR OWN MINDS *not from the mouth of the Lord*. They say *continually* to those who despise the word of the Eternal, *It shall be well with you*; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart *they* say, No evil shall come upon you" (Jer. 23:16, 17, RSV).

This is the attitude — don't warn — write a new set of standards. Ignore the evidence and *all will be well*. But all WILL NOT BE WELL, and God is going to let Ephraim know through *THIS WORK* that "their hurt is incurable and their wound is grievous . . . because

their guilt is great, because their sins are flagrant!" (Jer. 30:12-14.)

As this message goes out in ever-increasing strength, trouble will come.

But from what source?

Believe it or not, history shows and Christ prophesied that religious leaders will bring the real persecution on the Work of Jesus Christ.

God told Jeremiah to warn Israel, ". . . speak to all the cities of Judah . . . the words that I command you to speak to them; *do not hold back a word!* IT MAY BE THEY WILL LISTEN . . . though you [the people] have *not heeded!*" (Jer. 26:2-5).

God said some *might* listen. So go tell them! Some did hear. "The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah . . ." (verse 7).

People Don't Want To Be Warned

What happened when Jeremiah warned them? Notice the not-startling reaction.

"And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the PRIESTS and the PROPHETS [the religious leaders] and all the people laid hold of him saying, You shall die!" (Verse 8, RSV.)

Christ was more explicit when He talked to the religious leaders of His day. He called them hypocrites. He said they claimed they never would be guilty of the blood of the prophets as were their fathers.

And He plainly said, "Behold I send unto you prophets and wise men and scribes, and some of them YE SHALL KILL and crucify; and some of them SHALL YE SCOURGE *in your synagogues* and persecute . . ." (Mat. 23:29, 34).

Christ told His disciples they would be persecuted in churches. He said His message would be rejected and they would be hated (Mat. 10:22, 23). He further stated that right at His return His very disciples would be delivered up to be afflicted (Mat. 24:9).

So perverted would be the religious community and their hatred of God's truth that Christ said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time

cometh, that whosoever KILLETH YOU *will think that he doeth God service!*" (John 16:1, 2.)

Christ's problems did not come from the civil government *initially!* The envious religious leaders gave Him over to the government. When persecution did come directly from the government *it was a Church-State Government!*

And Christ warns IT WILL HAPPEN AGAIN!

Religious Leaders Cause Persecution

In the time of Jeremiah, religious leaders took him to governmental leaders and said that he deserved to die because he had prophesied against the city (Jer. 26:11).

The officials said that he didn't deserve the death penalty (verse 16).

Didn't Pilate say that Christ was innocent? (Mat. 27:24.) Pilate was no religious leader. But the chief priests and the religious leaders had stirred up the multitude to ask that Christ be killed and Barabbas be saved alive (verse 20).

The religious leaders claimed that Christ was undermining the government. And as a good politician — catering to the desires of the influential religious leaders — Pilate gave Christ into the hands of His accusers.

Anciently, when the prophecies of Jeremiah came to pass and pressure built up on the government, the same thing happened.

Local officials took Jeremiah to the king. They claimed he was destroying confidence in the government. They demanded the death penalty.

Why? Because *they said* he was destroying confidence in the government. ". . . for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in the city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words [of their destruction and captivity] to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people but their harm" (Jer. 38:4).

Strange, isn't it, how the human mind reasons? What had Jeremiah to gain by giving out this warning of doom and destruction? Nothing from man but trouble. But his commission was of God! He HAD TO DO IT!

This very Work has to fulfill ITS



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Mr. Charles Hunting inspects radio facilities of Radio 270.

commission. Unpopular though it's bound to be—IT HAS TO BE DONE!

It won't be *easy*.

In the minds of so many people in England this Work is "American"—it's *foreign*.

It *supposedly* comes from the most envied nation on the face of the earth. People reason, "What do *they* want to get out of it? What's in it for them?"

Most will not know that this is the Work of God until it's tragically TOO LATE! The Bible says very clearly that there will be a great deal of talk about this Work. And HOW TRUE these words are today!

This is the most talked of programme in England. It has aroused the curiosity of people from all walks of life. God SAID it would be this way!

"Also, thou son of man, the *children* of thy people still are talking against [about] thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another . . . Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord . . . thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on

an instrument: for THEY HEAR thy words, but they do them not" (Ezek. 33:30-32).

Some day the full realization will dawn with tragic certainty just as Ezekiel prophesied. "And when this cometh to pass, (lo, *IT WILL COME*,) then shall they KNOW a prophet has been among them" (verse 33).

Your Part in God's Work

Regardless of the road ahead, the BIG job is yet to be done by God's Church.

YOU ARE INVOLVED. Don't be unconcerned! God has called you to shoulder the responsibilities.

But how?

Paul said, "CONTINUE in prayer . . ." Why? For what GREAT CAUSE?

Notice! ". . . that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ . . ." (Col. 4:2-3).

The big job is right before us! The real threat to the Work in Ephraim is here—NOW.

Now is the time for those whose heart is *REALLY* in God's Work to

cry out for His intervention to keep this warning going out in even *greater* strength to this tragic nation!

How God Intervened

We have no conception of just how God's direct intervention has kept this media open to us so far. Insiders have reported that the international conference at Salzburg, Austria WOULD HAVE enacted an international agreement whereby ALL governments would have been forced to ban these commercial ship stations—except for one cause.

And this is absolutely astounding! All nations agreed that there should be legislation—the type of legislation where no nation would permit an unauthorized station to be serviced in any way—with food, fuel, or other necessities.

But there was just one small snag. Russia said yes, but insisted that *ALL* such broadcasting should be stopped—INCLUDING "THE VOICE OF AMERICA" which operates a SHIP in the Mediterranean Sea. This broke up the conference.

It is absolutely incredible how God has kept these channels open to us.

"O.K. Let's not worry about it. God will do the work," you say. "Why get all excited about it?"

Wait a minute—*through whom* is God doing His Work? God has answered the prayers of a lot of His people who *have* LABOURED in prayer! But the *BIG WORK* is ahead. "For we are labourers *together* WITH God . . ." (I Cor. 3:9).

God's Work faces greater peril in England than ever before. This isn't a scare story. This is a warning God Almighty gives to His people to let us KNOW *our* responsibility and OPPORTUNITY.

We in ourselves are totally without strength. But if we look to the real source of help, we will have all the power we need. "He giveth POWER to the faint; and to them *that have no might* he increaseth strength" (Isa. 40:29). What a tremendous promise!

Pray MORE fervently that God's will, His desire for this Work in England, WILL BE DONE. *Time is so desperately short*.