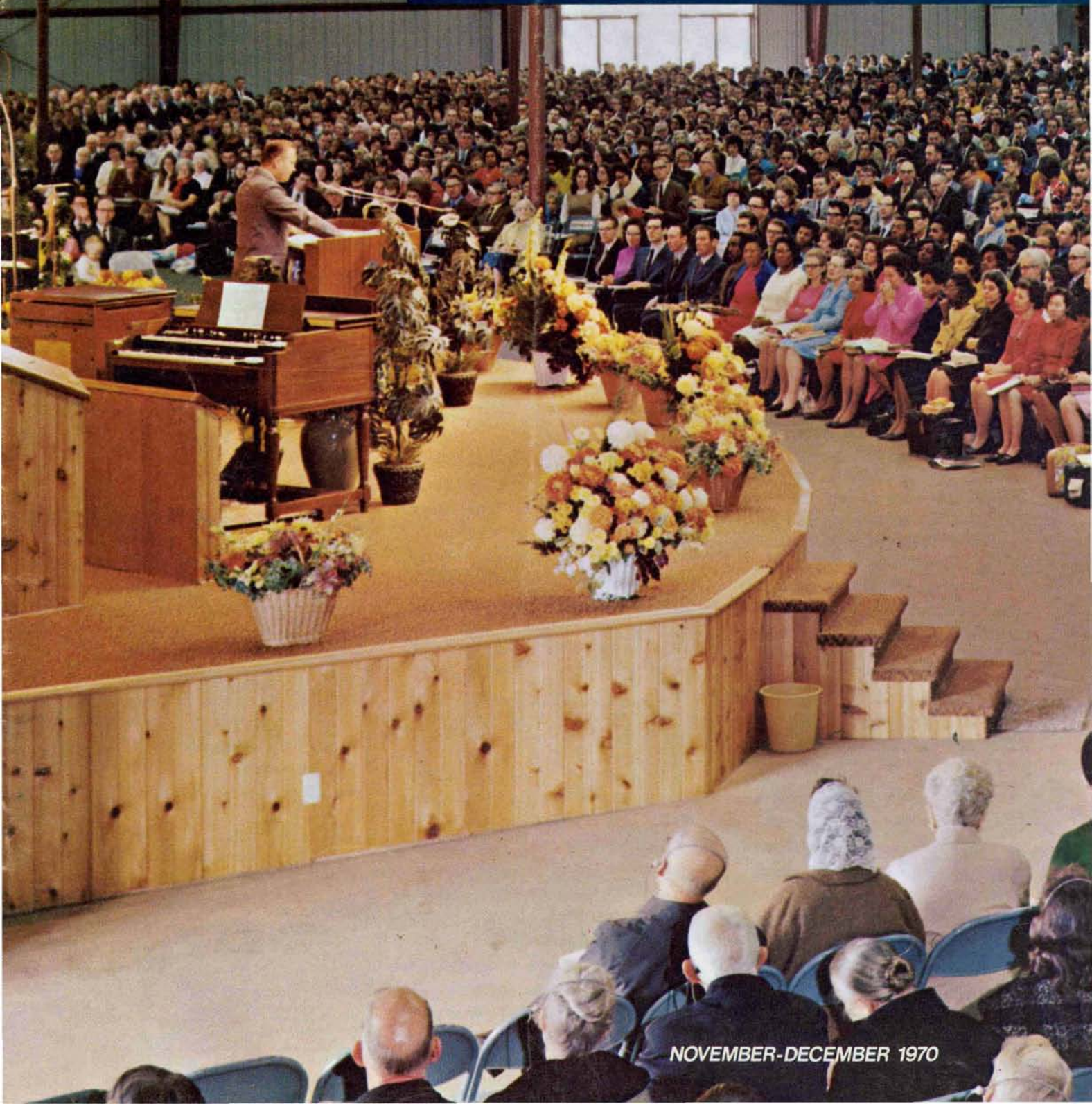


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Mr. C. Wayne Cole, director of God's Work in Australasia, addresses a Feast of Tabernacles crowd of 13,500 in our own giant metal building at Mt. Pocono. Nearly 70,000 brethren enjoyed another "best ever" Feast at 18 different locations worldwide. Read the article on page 7 showing how to make next year's Feast even BETTER!

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**LOUIS JUBERT
1905-1970**

*"Where will the Millennium be spent?" ... Upon hearing the true answer to that question on *Le MONDE A VENIR* program, Mr. Jubert resigned in May, 1961, from a preaching job he had held for nearly seventeen years. "I checked up on your explanations," he wrote to us, "and I found you to be right on all points. As for me, I have been wrong — and *preaching wrong doctrines* — for seventeen years. May God forgive me!*

"I want to learn the true ways of the true God," he wrote. And learn them he did.

For many months he diligently studied all of our literature in French — booklets, leaflets and *La PURE VERITE*. He poured over the lessons of our Correspondence Course and passed all the tests with near perfect scores. He was, if I am not mistaken, one of our first subscribers to *La PURE VERITE* in Martinique.

But men like Mr. Jubert, prominent in their community, don't just abandon

the ministry without causing an uproar. Most of his former associates began to hate him; some even threatened his life. Stones were thrown at his home, shattering windows — but not Mr. Jubert's determination to learn the *true* ways of the *true* God.

A few, however, decided to follow him after hearing the reasons for his resignation from his job.

How could Mr. McCullough and I ever forget the very first visit we made to Martinique on our *West Indies* baptizing tour in July 1964? We met at Mr. Jubert's carpentry shop (with unpainted walls, open holes for windows), where he and about 40 others, including children, gathered to hear our instruction. Low wooden benches without backs (made by him) accommodated the congregation. Our meeting on that Sabbath lasted all day with only a relatively short break for lunch.

Before leaving Martinique, we baptized Mr. Jubert and a few others, including his wife. For over a year, according to the directions we gave him, Mr. Jubert conducted services each Sabbath by reading to the congregation from our French booklets, the magazine and the Correspondence Course lessons. Once or twice during that year, when I offered him a little financial help for the use of his carpentry shop for these weekly meetings, he protested and said, "God has blessed me with an excellent profession, sir. I earn a good living and don't need any financial help."

Under Mr. Jubert's leadership, the Church in Martinique grew steadily. They observed all of God's Feasts and

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Highlights from the WORLD TOUR

Many of the brethren continue to ask about Mr. Armstrong's around-the-world tour taken before the last Feast of Tabernacles. Therefore, we asked the Deputy Chancellor of our Bricket Wood Campus — who accompanied Mr. Armstrong — to bring us this special report. Here are the highlights of that tour — and their real SIGNIFICANCE in this Church's Great Commission!

by Raymond F. McNair

GOD has commissioned His end-time Work to proclaim His truth to a world heading toward self-destruction. This message — which all of us have a part in proclaiming through the support of our prayers and tithes — MUST be proclaimed in all the world, as a WITNESS, *before* the end comes! (Matt. 24:14.)

How is this great commission being accomplished? Obviously, it is being done primarily through the doors of radio, television, and the printing press which God has flung open. But this is not all. God has also begun *opening* doors of PERSONAL CONTACT with leading world statesmen!

The recent contacts with world leaders were not solicited by Mr. Herbert Armstrong. Yet, this Work is beginning to be recognized by leaders worldwide, and God's leading servant is being brought into intimate contact with important world rulers!

Do you grasp the importance of this vital step in God's Work? Do you see what it really means?

A Vital Principle

"Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets," declared God's servant Amos (Amos 3:7).

What is the real meaning of this verse? How does it apply to God's Work today?

When we look at numerous scriptural examples of divinely sent calamities — whether sent on individual cities, nations or the world in general — then we can clearly see that God NEVER sends a great national or international calamity *without first letting His servants know what He is about to do!*

God told *Noah* what He intended to do to that desperately wicked world — many years before He actually sent the great Flood. The antediluvians paid no attention to Noah's warning, and so they all drowned — except Noah and his family.

Later, God revealed to His servants, *Abraham* and *Lot*, that He was going to destroy the wicked, sexually perverted

cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Of course, the people of those cities didn't heed Lot's warning against such fleshly lusts. And so they perished!

Still later, God sent *Moses* and *Aaron* to warn the Egyptian Pharaoh that the Creator was about to send dire plagues upon his kingdom, unless he quit oppressing God's chosen people and let them go free so they could serve Him.

Repeatedly, throughout the entire history of the Old Testament period, God sent His servants, the prophets, to warn the nations of Israel, Judah — and even such Gentile nations and cities as Assyria, Egypt, Syria, Tyre and Sidon.

Christ's and the Apostles' Personal Warning

Then in New Testament times, Jesus Christ warned the people of *Judea* that a very great calamity was soon to befall them and their children by the hands of the cruel Romans (see Luke 19:41-44; Matt. 24:1-2).

But the Jews of Christ's day did not heed His warnings when He spoke of these things *personally*, any more than had their forefathers when He inspired similar warnings to be preached to the nations of Israel and Judah.

God also sent the early apostles to proclaim His warning message. Paul carried the message to the very capital city of the greatest empire that ever

existed, and was known to Emperor Nero at Rome!

Today, God is sending His warning message to the nations of the world through His end-time Work (Matt. 24:14). And He has also begun sending His message to the *leaders* of the nations through PERSONAL CONTACT with His leading servants!

The Message for Our Day

Terrible woes and plagues will soon strike this world, but not without cause. Man is soon going to reap the PENALTY of going his own ways which are contrary to God's Laws. This world — by its own actions — is bringing calamity upon itself by following the way of Satan — the way of “get, take, seize and grasp for self.”

The solution to this world's problems is to *change*, to turn around, to start practicing GOD'S WAY — the way of giving, sharing, helping, serving. God is beginning to bring this fundamental truth before the leaders of the nations of the world, as is evidenced by Mr. Herbert Armstrong's trip.

An example was Mr. Armstrong's address before the Rotary Club in Singapore. He was invited to speak before what I would estimate to have been about 150 of Singapore's top business and professional men — all members of the Rotary Club.

President Milton warmly introduced Mr. Armstrong. In his lecture, he pointed out that the way of *giving*, sharing, helping, serving (as contrasted with the world's *getting* way) is the real WAY to happiness and prosperity. Notice a few striking excerpts from Mr. Armstrong's address:

“The Missing Dimension in Education”

“In the last decade, between 1960 and 1970, the world's fund of knowledge doubled. Now it's generally, I think, believed in educational and scientific circles that, given sufficient knowledge, we will solve all of our troubles. We've doubled our fund of knowledge in a decade, and our troubles doubled in the same decade. So, you supply the answer to that one.

“We have learned how to send men to the moon and bring them back to the earth safely, but we have not learned how to solve our own problems here on earth. And they're increasing rapidly and violently all over the world. I think you'll all know the conditions.

“But why? Why do we have the troubles in the world? I learned many years ago that everything is a matter of cause and effect. Wherever you see an effect — if it is a bad one or a good one — there has to be a cause. And I've been interested for the last 30 or 50 years — in fact, even long before that — in trying to find the cause. And I've found it!

“The cause of all the world's evils is what we at Ambassador College term ‘the missing dimension’ in education. And Ambassador College is pioneering, through its Extension Program, as well as on our three campuses, in changing that situation. And I'm glad to tell you that we have changed it, and we're setting an example of peace and happiness and the real enjoyment of abundant well-being that is seemingly a rare thing on earth today. The missing dimension is the *knowledge* of the *true values* — as opposed to the false!

“Most people on this earth are struggling and striving and pursuing false values. Most of my experience has been in the United States, where I have been in contact with, I suppose, a few hundred chief executives, multimillionaires, heads of big industrial corporations — men who have made money. And that seems to be the chief goal. Money may be an aid to happiness, but it can't buy it! And I've known many unhappy men that have been accounted very successful in the world. Their bank accounts were full, but their lives were empty, and they were not happy.

“Then also knowledge of what constitutes success. Real success is something a great deal more than money. I've known people in middle class and even to some extent you might say almost poverty, who were very happy people.

“Also it consists in knowledge of the way to peace and to happiness and

abundant well-being. Now, basically, that way is the way of outgoing concern toward others. But in this world it has always been concern for self.

“I put it the two possible philosophies in life — the two ways of living: one, I call the way of getting, and that's the way the world has been living, nations live that way, individuals live that way; and the other is the way of *giving* and sharing and helping and serving. And I've known for the last 55 or 60 years that Rotarians have had as their slogan that, ‘He profits most who serves best. . . .’

“Now if teamwork really pays in a sports contest — and I think that in few sports a team can win without it — isn't it just as practical in all the other ways of life — in all avenues of life? We think it is. So, we're teaching this doctrine of *giving* and caring for the other fellow, as well as yourself. And the thing is, it really does pay off. You don't have to be selfish to get along.

“I had to find happiness without money — after I had been making a great deal of it as a young man in his twenties — and this Work has been built to the place where finally it prospered. And I think you will find that that doctrine will prosper anywhere. It really does pay, and really, *the one does profit most who serves best!* Rotarians have the right slogan.”

It was clear that these important businessmen assembled at this dinner had never heard anyone give the real heart-and-core answer to the world's ills. They were clearly *deeply interested* in what Mr. Armstrong had to say. As he began his speech, there was the usual whispering and shuffling about. But as he launched into his address, everyone quieted down and listened very attentively.

Before Mr. Armstrong was through, you could literally have heard a pin drop!

After the address, a member of the Rotary Club thanked him — then proceeded to tell all present how surprised he was to see the man behind the “wonderful magazine” which he had been receiving for one year.

After highly praising *The PLAIN*

TRUTH, he urged everyone to subscribe to this freely given magazine.

God's Servant Today

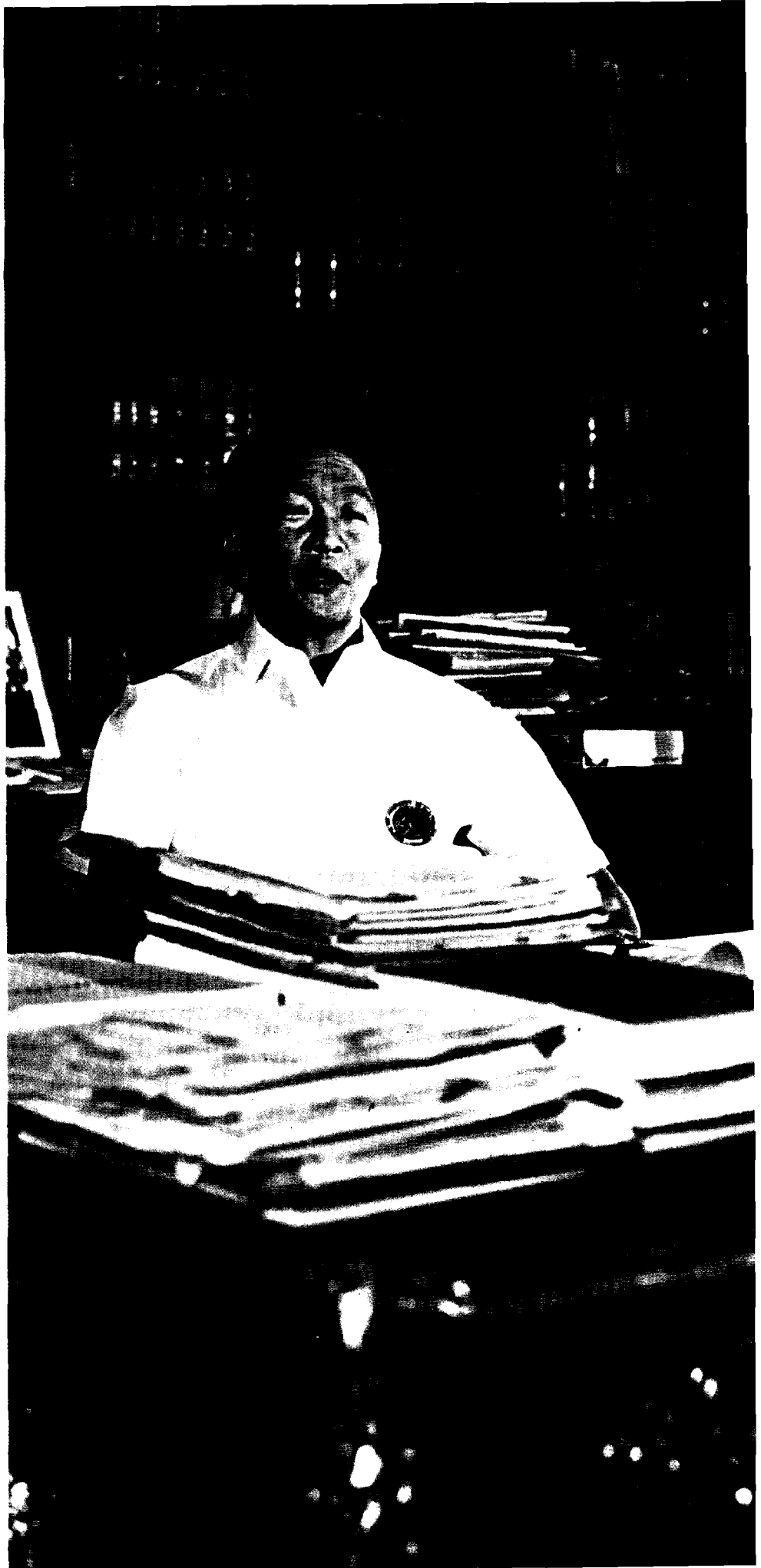
Just as God prepared His servant, Moses, to stand before Pharaoh to warn him of forthcoming calamity, He also prepared others to stand before the great and the near-great of this world. Many of the Old Testament prophets appeared before kings to give them a witness. Christ told His disciples early in His ministry, "and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, *for a testimony . . .*" (Matt. 10:18). And they were!

We know the most about the witness of the Apostle Paul, who was probably the most educated and polished leader in the early church, and therefore the *best qualified* to witness to the cultured and the rulers of the world. Paul was destined from his conversion to be sent before kings (Acts 9:15).

Paul reasoned with King Agrippa (Acts 26:1-2) and spoke before several high Roman officials in Judea. Then in accordance with God's specific purpose, Paul was sent even to Caesar himself (Acts 27:24), where not only the soldiers of Caesar's personal guard heard God's message, but the whole imperial household! (Phil. 1:12-13; 4:22, *R.S.V.*)

Brethren, God has likewise chosen and groomed Mr. Herbert Armstrong to stand before world leaders as an *example* and a *witness* of what God can do and is doing through His Colleges and His Church — and of what He proposes soon to bring about on this earth!

Many years ago God began to work His remarkable purpose out in Mr. Armstrong's life in more ways than we can realize — training and grooming him to be able to direct His mighty, multi-faceted Work during this end time. Furthermore, He has marvelously equipped him to be *able* to stand in the



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PRESIDENT MARCOS — After meeting a number of high government officials in Singapore, Mr. Armstrong and party had a stimulating visit with President Marcos of the Philippines in his Manila office.

presence of kings, presidents, prime ministers and other potentates — as God's *personal* witness and direct representative!

Highlights of World Tour

With this background, let me share with you some of the highlights of the world tour. Some of these events have already been mentioned by Mr. Armstrong in letters to the members, and his articles in our magazines, but I shall bring out additional details of the tour as these events impressed themselves upon my mind.

In *India*, we had an interview with President V. V. Giri. It was a very interesting, profitable meeting and Mr. Giri said he plans to visit Ambassador College in Pasadena later. It appears providential that we met the President of India *before* meeting the Prime Minister — whom Mr. Armstrong was scheduled to meet at a later date.

In answering a plea for an Ambassador College to be established in India, Mr. Armstrong told Mr. Giri's secretary that another Ambassador College would indeed be established in India — *some time in the future!*

While in *Singapore*, we met a number of high government officials. Prime Minister Lee was away at the time attending a conference in Africa, so we missed seeing him.

The Minister of Education was one of the government officials whom we did meet. He, too, was so impressed with the actual results — with the fruits — of Ambassador College, that he requested to have his daughter attend Ambassador at Pasadena. The exact details of when and how this will be effected are yet to be worked out.

Afterwards, our party had a stimulating visit with President Marcos of *the Philippines*. We also visited with a number of government officials and learned, first-hand, the true situation within that country.

Due to some pressing governmental business, President Suharto of *Indonesia* was unable to see us on the date previously scheduled, but our crowded itinerary did not permit us to remain in Djakarta (the capital of Indonesia) for another day. Mr. Armstrong tactfully explained to President Suharto's assist-

ants that he had an appointment with President Marcos in Manila the following day, and would not be able to remain in Djakarta.

President Suharto later phoned us in Manila to apologize for not having been able to see us and asked if Mr. Armstrong could return to Indonesia to see him at a later date.

In *Japan*, Mr. Armstrong and party had several profitable visits with Prince Mikasa (brother of the Emperor), including a personally conducted tour of the Imperial Palace Grounds in Tokyo. It was obvious to us that the Prince feels a strong bond of friendship toward Mr. Armstrong personally, and really admires what Ambassador College is doing. He plans to visit the College at Pasadena and will probably lecture to the students and faculty a number of times.

While in Tokyo, we not only got to meet Prince Mikasa and members of his family, but we were also able to meet with some of the top executives of one of Japan's largest companies — thereby learning important facts about Japanese *labor* and *management*. Also during our visit to Japan, we had an interesting breakfast meeting with some of the top educators.

At a later, but very important meeting, Mr. Armstrong gave a very frank, inspiring address before about 60 of the top university professors and educators of Japan. Prince Mikasa, the Israeli Ambassador to Japan, Professor Werblowsky (professor of Comparative Religions at Hebrew University in Jerusalem), Dr. Binyamin Mazar, (director of our big joint archaeological exploration in Jerusalem), and other important personages were also present.

After the address, Prince Mikasa made some very warm and complimentary remarks concerning Mr. Armstrong and Ambassador College. Then the Prince presented Mr. Armstrong with a very beautiful silver urn bearing his own personal family crest.

Foreign Offices Visited

While on this world tour, we visited our offices in *Sydney*, Australia (under the supervision of Mr. Wayne Cole), *Auckland*, New Zealand (under the direction of Mr. Graemme Marshall)

and in *Manila*, Philippines (now being supervised by Mr. Colin Adair). Staff members in our offices were overjoyed to see Mr. Armstrong and his party. (This was his first visit to our Philippine office.)

One of the real highlights of Mr. Armstrong's trip was his speaking on the Sabbath before the Australian Churches at Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. He spoke for about an hour before the Brisbane Church on Friday evening, but had to rush back to the Sydney airport before it closed to all jets at 10:30 p.m. There were, I believe, about 450 present. (Mr. Bill Bradford is the pastor of the Brisbane Church.)

Then Mr. Armstrong spoke to about 1,008 assembled in Sydney (where Mr. Wayne Cole is the pastor) on the following Sabbath morning.

Mr. Armstrong had to leave immediately after the service for Melbourne in order to speak to over 1,000 assembled from the greater Melbourne area. After the service Mr. Cole, Mr. Platt (pastor of the Melbourne Church) and I joined Mr. Armstrong in ordaining Mr. John Halford (already a Local Elder) to the office of Preaching Elder.

That Sabbath was one of the most *enjoyable* we had experienced in a long time. It was also one of the *busiest* — especially for Mr. Armstrong — but one of the most *profitable*.

On that particular Sabbath, Mr. Armstrong spoke to about 2,500 of the Australian brethren — all made possible by his being able to fly in the Ambassador College G-2 jet. Mr. Armstrong did, in fact, speak to most of God's people in Australia — just as he was later able to speak to nearly 70,000 of God's people assembled for the Feast of Tabernacles in France, England, Canada and the United States.

Important Top Media Meeting

While in Australia, Mr. Armstrong was asked to speak to Australia's top people in the *media field* (radio, TV and publishing). He was able to tell them clearly and frankly about Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God — what we are, what we are doing and what we plan to do in Australia and around the world. His address was well received, and he was



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VISIT TO JAPAN — Prince Mikasa (center) hosts Mr. Armstrong and Dr. Binyamin Mazar of Hebrew University in the Imperial Palace in Tokyo.

able to clear up a number of misconceptions which had resulted in some bad publicity in Australia in the past.

Importance of World Tour

We have seen how in the past God warned individuals, cities and nations when *great calamities* were about to befall them.

GOD DOES NOT CHANGE (Heb. 13:8). He will continue to use His servants to WARN the world. Today God is *warning the world* via radio, TV and the printing press — and in a very PERSONAL way through His leading servant whom He has raised up as His human instrument directing His Work under the supervision of Jesus Christ!

God is now doing through Mr. Armstrong what He has, in fact, done in past ages through His faithful servants (the prophets and apostles). He is bringing him into grace and favor with some of the leaders of the top nations of this world — all for a very important reason. (And, remember, Mr. Arm-

strong has not personally sought these associations.)

This is God's way of causing these leaders to see by the fruits and example of His servant (and His Colleges and Churches) what God's way is all about, and why it is the only way for people to live.

It should be quite clear by now that God's servant did not take this world tour merely for the purpose of sipping tea and dining with these top people of the world.

God is using Mr. Armstrong as a close, personal, intimate *witness* of the true way of the Creator. And He is using Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong also as a very powerful *witness* via radio and television to the masses.

Both the masses and their leaders must receive a powerful WITNESS of how the Creator-Ruler is about to intervene in the lives of erring human beings who are rejecting and defying Him and His only true way.

"Surely, the Lord GOD will do *not-*

ing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets! The Lord GOD hath spoken [by revealing His prophecies unto His servants], who can but *prophesy*?" (Amos 3:7-8.)

God's servants are not going to *bury* that message. They will continue to proclaim it with *power* for a WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS!

Brethren, I hope you better understand the real significance of Mr. Armstrong's around-the-world trip — as well as any *future* trips he may take.

These are not joyrides or pleasure trips — far from it! They are a necessary and vital part of our great Commission to take the Good News of God's coming Kingdom into all nations for a *witness*! □

Since the writing of this article, Mr. Herbert Armstrong has completed another around-the-world trip and has met with several of the dignitaries he was not able to see during the first trip — plus making many other important contacts. You'll be hearing directly from Mr. Armstrong on this in future editorials and articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and in his letters.

— Editor



FEAST AT BLACKHEATH — Australian Festival-goers listen attentively to Mr. Keith Crouch in the beautiful Blackheath auditorium.

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PLAN AHEAD for

THE GREATEST FEAST YET!

Will next year's Feast be better than the one just past? It can be if you are willing to PLAN for it. Not beginning six weeks before the Feast, not even six months before — but starting RIGHT NOW!

by Frank Brown

“WONDERFUL!” “TERRIFIC!”
“The greatest and most inspiring Feast I have ever attended!” “. . . we had such a fabulous time!”

These are common expressions heard from the people of God's Church immediately following the Feast of Tabernacles. It is always gratifying to those who work at Festival planning to hear such remarks and realize that their labors were not in vain!

This year again showed an increase in the numbers of those attending the Feast of Tabernacles all over the world. From the 18 Feast sites throughout the world, plus the tiny island of Tonga where 39 gathered together, reports came into Festival Headquarters enthusiastically describing what is universally felt as the “best Feast ever!”

From the 140 gathered in Hawaii to

the nearly 14,000 in Big Sandy, the feeling was unanimous! Inspired speaking, generally fine weather and wonderful accommodations combined to make an unforgettable experience for the 70,000 who gathered worldwide to worship their Creator.

Mr. Armstrong Sees Growth!

This year our French-speaking brethren in Praz-sur-Arly, representatives from 46 nations in Minehead, England, and more than 60,000 people in the United States heard from Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong as he covered a marathon route that began in Geneva, Switzerland, and finished in Squaw Valley, California — a total distance of 8,235 miles, and all accomplished in just eight whirlwind days. Reports were heard that “young” Mr. Portune Sr. had some difficulty in keeping pace!

Many of the members — especially

in Europe — had never seen Mr. Armstrong, or heard him speak. When he concluded his sermon and started to depart for the next Feast site on his itinerary, more than once spontaneous applause broke out — revealing the overwhelming enthusiasm and gratitude for his visit.

The following brief excerpt is from one member's letter:

"We would like to say how much we appreciated Mr. Armstrong's visit. We will not forget the *overwhelming joy* we had in seeing and hearing him. The godly love and interest he showed to all of us was *deeply moving*. We noticed many others were also overwhelmed by the number of moist eyes we saw."

In the meantime, while his father was traveling westward, Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong was heading eastward, visiting and inspiring every Feast site between Penticton, British Columbia, and Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania! Another grueling trip, but one that *everyone* involved agreed was more than worthwhile.

The list of attendance figures seems almost endless, and they do vary greatly from place to place, but *one* thing is common to each area — *GROWTH!* — both spiritually and physically, in those listening and those speaking, around the world.

How Was YOUR Feast?

It *is* indeed heartwarming and encouraging to hear such tremendous news of growth and inspiration from around the globe, and to be made aware of the impact God's Truth is making in so many lives.

BUT... did every single thing about the Feast this year really turn out the way *you* would have liked? Did some things go *wrong* that detracted from your enjoyment of the Feast? What about family fun and recreation? Was it as deeply rewarding and enjoyable as you thought it should be? Were you and your family as inspired as you could have been by the preaching of God's ministers? Couldn't it have been just a *little* more satisfying?

It's absolutely guaranteed that some have voiced, or at the very least *thought*, some expression of dis-

satisfaction about the way things went. Why?

The Perfect Feast?

Whose fault was it that this year's Feast wasn't quite perfect for you and yours? Before you point the finger, *stop and think!* Was it *really* Grandpa's fault? Or Mother's? Or the car's? Or somebody else's? Could it be that the reason some things went wrong in your particular case was because *you* just *DIDN'T PLAN AHEAD?*

Every year those concerned with Festival organization STRIVE with *every fiber* of their being to produce a *perfectly organized* Feast. They know the importance of preparation. Yet every year *something* still somehow manages to go wrong! In most cases, *incidental*, sometimes insignificant, *little* things, which for the most part go unnoticed by the average member — but, nonetheless, *SOMETHING* always goes awry!

Why? Simply because we are all not *yet* perfect. We *all* must grow to BECOME perfect (Matt. 5:48).

Organization for next year's Feast has already begun in earnest. The things that misfired this year will be *anticipated* and watched for next year. Next year's Feast is being PLANNED NOW!

Each year, therefore, the Feast becomes better and better organized. And who knows, perhaps — maybe — *you* may yet attend the PERFECT Feast of Tabernacles! That occurrence may be unlikely, but one thing *is* certain, organization is getting better!

What About YOUR Organization?

The Feast of Tabernacles, remember, is a type of the way things will be in the World Tomorrow, with the Kingdom of God ruling the earth and bringing peace and security to billions. That, of itself, will present quite an organizational challenge. And, of course, it's another one of the things we all have the opportunity to learn in this life.

With that in mind, then, what about *your* Feast? Are YOU planning ahead right now for next year?

Planning the *physical* things can help YOU better appreciate the *spiritual lessons*. The physical is a *type* of the

spiritual, and good physical organization for the Feast certainly expresses the *right spiritual attitude*.

But the *physical* aspects of the Feast should *not* completely overshadow and dominate the spiritual. The period of the Feast of Tabernacles should be USED to instill in our minds a greater desire to see the Kingdom of God ushered in for the greater benefit of *all mankind!* If, however, there was NO planned recreation, fellowship or relaxation, where would the command to "rejoice" be fulfilled? It's a matter of striking the right balance between the two — the spiritual understanding being exemplified by the *physical* enjoyment.

What could be a better time to start thinking about next year's Feast than *right now*, while your mind is still full of the things you have made a mental reservation to change next time around. Unless you strike while the iron is hot, the things that went wrong this year probably will go wrong next year!

To help you begin *sound planning* now, here are some points that will aid you in approaching the Feast from the overall standpoint. By the time you finish reading, many other ideas will come to mind.

Make a List

First, make a list of *all* the things you would like to do differently next year. It might include making out a budget for your *second tithe*, or the *method* of transportation used to get to the Feast site. You might even decide to be a little more adventurous and camp next year, or plan to stay with another family and share expenses.

Perhaps your list should include the note to adopt in your plans some of the things you heard in the sermons during the Feast this year, relative to diet or sleep or exercise or anything that will enable *you* — and subsequently others — to get the most from the eight-day period God has set aside as a foretaste of the Millennium.

Make this a check list that you can *review* from time to time as a reminder for action! Begin to practice and build right habits that will already be well-entrenched by next fall. This list can also be a receptacle for all the "picky

things" you wouldn't normally discuss with others, such as remembering to bring your own personal seat cushion, etc. *Little* things that are personal to you and your family alone can make quite a difference to your enjoyment of the Feast. Our God wants us to *rejoice*, remember, so think about removing *every obstacle* that may hinder you from doing so — and put it on your list!

Financial Planning

Much of our Festival enjoyment depends on adequate financial resources, especially for those with large families. Planning ahead can make your money go further.

The first financial rule, therefore, is to obey God in *faithfully* saving your second tithe. **DON'T BORROW FROM IT**, even under times of great temptation or seeming emergency. Experience has shown that those who do borrow from this fund almost invariably wind up *behind* in keeping a true tenth of their income, and things tend to go from bad to worse. If you are having *severe* financial problems and the temptation is overwhelming, talk to one of God's ministers about it. He can give you some timely advice that will save your second tithe *and* help in preserving a large portion of your character.

It should also be mentioned that as soon as you have accumulated enough in your savings to cover *one tenth* of your eventual total expected amount of second tithe, it would greatly help us here at Headquarters in *our* financial planning if you would send it in as your "tithe of the (second) tithe" as *soon as possible!*

As you know, this money is used in *ADVANCE* in preparing and developing each Feast area for everyone's maximum comfort, *without* dipping into those funds earmarked for the preaching of the gospel. And it is urgently needed right now so we can keep up with construction at the new Feast sites. So having this money here as soon as possible helps to take away some of the uncertainty of budgeting ahead.

The Widow and Needy

Another fund that is greatly served from your second tithe is that of the



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FESTIVAL VARIETY — *Top left:* Southern Californians get a white taste of winter at Squaw Valley. *Top right:* A time for serious spiritual introspection, as well as (middle) a time for lighthearted enjoyment. *Lower left:* Children play outdoors in the clean air. *Lower right:* Camping at Big Sandy is always an adventure.

excess second tithe. This fund is used to assist the widow, orphan and Levite to attend the Feast (Deut. 16:14-15). Many hundreds of the needy, widows, aged, and others who qualify, rise up and bless the generosity of God's people when they receive help from this fund to attend the Feast! Yet some can only attend every third year because the lack of funds just will not allow us to help them every year.

If you *know* that you will have an excess of second tithe, it would be greatly welcome here in supplementing this fund. Of course, this is one of those things that may be an unknown factor until later, but if you do *know* for certain that you will have more than you need, it would be more than gratefully received *as soon as possible*.

Incidentally, if you are a widow or a person who cannot keep second tithe because you have no tithable income, you also can benefit from planning ahead. Maybe you can save other *extra* money you may receive. You might even consider doing some kind of light work at home, or adopting a paying hobby with a view to accumulating the funds for a trip to the Feast! Even if you still have to receive help from the second tithe fund, you will undoubtedly receive a great deal of personal satisfaction from "doing your bit"! It's something to think about.

Plan Offerings, Too!

Here's another practical tip. Don't forget your Holy Day offerings! As God commands, these offerings are taken up during the three Festival seasons each year. GOD PLANNED it this way! Are *you* planning ahead for these special offerings?

Holy Day offerings, planned ahead with a little put aside from each paycheck, can be much more personally satisfying. You'll be surprised how much *more* you'll be able to give when the time comes!

Transportation

Once you have decided upon and set in motion a realistic financial plan, you should also turn your attention to the matter of transportation. Every year a certain percentage of those attending

the Feast experience some form of car trouble, from a "fender bender" in the fog to perhaps the dull thud of a gearbox falling to the ground and shattering!

Next year it can be different.

Don't try to squeeze another 2,000 miles out of any *bald* tires or knocking transmission. It may be that the heaviest workout your car gets all year is the drive to the Feast loaded with luggage, children, in-laws, friends, and spare parts! Be sure, therefore, to plan to have your car in TIP-TOP SHAPE *BEFORE* (not during) *the Feast*, and you can save yourself and family a tremendous headache and a great deal of worry. Put it on your list: "overhaul car for Feast," and have it done enough ahead of time so that you can take a prior "shakedown" trip to be sure everything is all right.

If you plan to buy another car soon, why not do it early enough before the Feast so that you can work out all the "bugs," and at the same time *KNOW* that your transportation is sound?

Perhaps next year you might consider another method of transportation entirely — maybe the train or bus or even airplane, and then rent a car at your destination. Whatever mode of travel you decide on, however, consider the expense, make sure it is *reliable*, and start to think about it *NOW*! It's *never* too soon to plan such a major dimension in next year's Feast of Tabernacles.

Family Recreation and Activities

For many families, the Feast of Tabernacles is the only vacation of the year — and some, unfortunately, don't include enough good, wholesome *family recreation* on the agenda.

Brethren, please don't abandon your greatest responsibility — that of the welfare and unity of your family — during this time of great rejoicing which pictures the very Kingdom of God on earth! Please don't use excuses for a lack of *planned FAMILY enjoyment*. In every case, the Feast is held in an area not only noted for its great natural beauty, but also well-known for its recreational opportunities. It is one of the requirements looked for by those who plan each Feast site development.

Why not *plan ahead* certain *family* recreational activities and trips on your way to, during, and from the Feast? At the Feast you should be able to make your schedule flexible enough to adapt to any work detail you might find yourself on.

You might begin by getting out your old Festival brochures and studying the possibilities. And why not write to the local Chamber of Commerce or Tourist Bureau of the area where you will be attending the Feast and ask for brochures and maps showing the local recreational opportunities? Going over these as a family, with pictures and pamphlets spread over the living room floor, and planning to do certain things builds up a piquant feeling of anticipation in your children which will do a lot toward helping the *entire family* gain the utmost enjoyment from the whole eight-day period.

You might also plan to go a few days earlier next year, if you can possibly afford it, and do some sight-seeing on the way. Again, God's Feast sites are so well-located that the trip there, as well as back, can be tremendously inspiring.

Bear in mind, however, the points already mentioned and don't become so preoccupied with recreation that you lose the *real spiritual* meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles. Rather, let the opportunities that present themselves serve to bring home the meaning of family life in a wholesome, recreational atmosphere, and so point up the significance of the Feast in a greater way.

Take charge, Dad, and show the family you *can* play as well as work! Strive to do things together *as a family* next year, and don't make *your* children look for their own recreation. The Feast is *primarily a family time!*

Also, why not plan to include in your group a person or a family who may not have the financial blessings you have? That might double, or even triple, your overall enjoyment of the Feast!

Other Points to Planning

Some other areas that would do well to be planned would include acquiring the right kind of clothing suitable for the area you will be attending, especially for your children. You may want to take

advantage of sales and other opportunities to make savings during the coming months to expand the family wardrobe, bearing in mind the fall season. At just about every Feast site you can expect rain, or even snow, at that time of the year. So be prepared!

Decide whether your Feast will be more meaningful and enjoyable if you camp, as opposed to living in a hotel or motel or other kind of housing.

By the way, be sure to get the dates marked off on your vacation schedule at work just as soon as it comes out to let your employer know well *ahead* of time that you already have plans for that period. It is *not* a good practice to suddenly spring it on him a week before you leave, thus possibly leaving him in a bind that could have been avoided by foresight.

As a matter of fact, it might not be a bad idea to make yourself a schedule for the next year and set aside dates on a calendar to achieve certain goals relating to the Feast. For example, "car overhaul," "send tithe of the tithe," etc., etc. This may sound somewhat detailed, brethren, but *nothing* is lost by **PLANNING AHEAD**, and there is *everything* to gain!

There is no substitute for wise planning and thinking ahead, and it is never too early at least to *begin*. A little extra care given to Festival planning now will allow you the utmost mental freedom and peace at your Festival site next year and help you set an even more outstanding example. The Feast of Tabernacles should be a microcosm of the way the Kingdom of God will be — and, believe me, *God has planned ahead!*

Is *God* organized? Of course! How long do you suppose *He* has been planning for His Kingdom? For at least thousands of years! Can we do any less than our part?

Planning, praying and meditating on next year's Feast will not only help you and your family *enjoy it to the FULLEST EXTENT*, it might even make the difference as to whether you will *be* there or not!

Did you think the last Feast of Tabernacles was the "**BEST EVER**"? Why not set your mind and *plan* to make next year's even **GREATER**?! □

RECENT ORDINATIONS

(Following is a list of men ordained on the Day of Atonement and during the Feast of Tabernacles)

Name	New Rank	Church Area
Jeff Barnes	Local Elder	Denver-Pueblo
Robert Berendt	Local Elder	Calgary-Edmonton
Bob Bertuzzi	Pastor	Toledo-Findlay
*Albertus M. Burbach	Local Elder	Toronto
Sid Cloud	Preaching Elder	Pasadena
Mel Dahlgren	Local Elder	Jacksonville
*Eugene Dale	Local Elder	Ann Arbor
James Duke	Local Elder	Pasadena
Jess Ernest	Local Elder	Richland Center
Frank Espinoza	Local Elder	Los Angeles
*Gerald Finlan	Local Elder	Seattle
*Herschel Foote	Local Elder	Joplin
*Daniel F. Fuller	Local Elder	Kitchener
*Lloyd Garrison	Local Elder	Birmingham
Lambert Greer	Preaching Elder	Bluefield-Kingsport
*Glen Holladay	Local Elder	Birmingham
Ron Howe	Local Elder	Saskatoon
*Keith Hudson	Local Elder	Omaha
Colin Jackson	Local Elder	New Zealand
Bill Jacobs	Local Elder	Little Rock-Fort Smith
Bill Jahns	Local Elder	St. Louis-Belleville
Lyll Johnston	Local Elder	New Zealand
Fred Kellers	Pastor	Boston-Concord
*Arnold Lane	Local Elder	Cincinnati
H. John Larkin	Local Elder	Toronto-Kitchener
Ellis LaRavia	Local Elder	Pasadena
Jim Lee	Local Elder	Fontana
Frank McCrady III	Local Elder	Wheeling-Uniontown
Jeff McGowan	Local Elder	Jackson-Monroe
Kerry McGuinness	Local Elder	Vancouver, Canada
Bob McKibben	Local Elder	Cincinnati
Jim Malone	Local Elder	Oklahoma City-Ada
*Clarence Mehl	Local Elder	Salina, Kansas
*Julius Mize	Local Elder	Columbia, S. C.
Larry Neff	Preaching Elder	San Antonio-Corpus Christi
Bill Nettles	Preaching Elder	Birmingham-Huntsville
*Jim Nirschl	Local Elder	Kansas City
Carlos Perkins	Preaching Elder	Chicago
*John Pinkston	Local Elder	Knoxville
Jim Rosenthal	Local Elder	Stamford-Manhattan
*William Roberts	Local Elder	Cincinnati
Delfino Sandoval	Local Elder	San Antonio
Leonard Schreiber	Preaching Elder	Pasadena
Wayne Shiflet	Preaching Elder	Baton Rouge-New Orleans
Dick Shuta	Local Elder	Minneapolis
Doug Smith	Local Elder	Toronto-Kitchener
Edward Smith	Pastor	Cincinnati
Jack Smock	Local Elder	Omaha-Sioux Falls
Les Stocker	Local Elder	Pasadena
*Keith Stoner	Local Elder	Detroit
Paul Suckling	Preaching Elder	Birmingham-Bristol, England
*Robert Swan	Local Elder	Wichita
Joe Szymkowiak	Local Elder	Baton Rouge-New Orleans
Abner Washington	Preaching Elder	Philadelphia
*Harry Walker	Local Elder	Nashville
Charles Wire	Local Elder	Birmingham-Huntsville

TOTALS

Raised to Pastor	3
Raised to Preaching Elder	9
Ordained Local Elder	44
GRAND TOTAL	56
TOTAL NUMBER ELDERS WORLDWIDE	469

*Not employed by the Church

SPIRITUAL PITFALLS

How *YOU* Can *AVOID* Them

There are specific spiritual pitfalls that some of God's people fall into every year. You need to BEWARE of them! In this article, the Director of the Headquarters Guidance and Counselling Office shows what these pitfalls are, and HOW you can AVOID them!

by Alfred E. Carozzo

EACH YEAR, God's Church loses fewer members than any other church of similar size. Yet, *even one* potential eternal God-life gone astray is FAR TOO MANY!

Over the years, God's ministers have come to see that there are *five distinct pitfalls* that have trapped some of the brethren. But they are all easily avoided — if you know how.

Let's examine these pitfalls one by one, and see how God shows YOU can *avoid* them and remain a steadfast, faithful, growing member of the body of Christ.

FALSE CONVERSION

Pitfall number one is a mortal danger! We have come to see that some who leave God's Church have *never been converted*. Yet, they didn't know it. Approximately *one fourth* of those who left over the years have gone out in this miserable state. They had simply never really surrendered their *minds* and their whole lives to God, never received God's Holy Spirit, and therefore had never produced spiritual fruit.

Some of you reading this article could be caught in this snare right now and *not be fully aware of it!*

Never has it been more important to

EXAMINE YOURSELF to see whether you are really in the faith. If you aren't *positive* about the validity of your conversion, you may be on very dangerous ground! You *can* know one way or the other by simply spending some time in real introspection — *if* you understand what real conversion is.

To be converted means to be *changed*. It means you no longer follow the way that seems right to a man, but now you follow the way that *is right* according to God's Word.

But it means more than that.

Conversion involves the total, complete, unconditional surrender of the *self* to God. If you are truly converted, you have experienced a time when you really came to yourself, a time when you could see yourself as you really were. You came to the place where you just couldn't stand yourself, where you literally hated everything you stood for. You came to the place where you could look into a mirror and say to yourself with vociferous conviction and genuine sincerity, "I HATE WHAT YOU ARE!"

A truly converted person has experienced, with some degree of emotion, a feeling of real sorrow for having *killed* Jesus Christ because of his own sins. It is a personal experience, a time of deep remorse where the feeling of absolute

worthlessness is almost overpowering. Such a person feels as though he is a "burned-out hunk of junk." He feels as though he is the dirtiest, foulest, rottenest, most depraved, most miserable, most despicable skunk who ever existed — one who isn't worthy of continuing to exist, but worthy only of DEATH!

Have you ever *genuinely* felt this way?

Everyone who has had such an experience found only one course of action he could take. That was to go to his Creator God privately in prayer and pour out his heart in genuine unmitigated repentance. One who has never gone through this experience is "kidding" himself about his conversion.

Have you ever prostrated yourself before the Great Creator God in *heartfelt* repentance? Have you surrendered your life in complete UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER and totally committed yourself to God? Do you say, "Thy will be done — not mine," and *really* mean it — even when severe trials strike your life? Do you now present your body — your entire life — in living sacrifice to God? (Rom. 12:1-2.) Are you really crucified with Christ? (Gal. 2:20.)

If you answer "YES" to these questions and are BEING HONEST with yourself, THEN that IS STRONG indication you

have truly repented and are converted.

If you've never sincerely felt this way, then you need to read such articles as "What Is Real Repentance?", "Should You Be Baptized?", and "What Is a Real Christian?" Then go to God in sincere, heartfelt prayer and ask Him to *grant* you repentance. It would also be a good idea to talk to your local minister if you have any doubts about your conversion.

God, who cannot lie, will grant you repentance and will lead you to *real* conversion. Then you won't have to worry about falling away because you aren't converted. You *will be converted* — and you *will know it!* God will give you His Spirit which will produce the positive FRUITS of repentance and conversion in your life! (Gal. 5:22-23.)

LETHARGY

Another dangerous pitfall is lethargy. It is that ho-hum, what's-the-use, I-quit, I-don't-care, lazy, lackadaisical, tired, weary-with-well-doing, I-give-up attitude. It is a "disease" more deadly than any putrefying, cancerous sore! More than one fifth of those who have fallen away went out of God's Church because of lethargy!

You could be afflicted by this "disease" right now. You may have that hapless, empty feeling that you "can't make it, so why try?" You may be weary, tired, ready to quit.

DON'T DO IT!

There's a way to overcome — a special foolproof formula revealed by Jesus Christ in your Bible. Mr. Herbert Armstrong began applying that *key* many years ago. Dozens and scores have used that key to consistently produce zeal, enthusiasm and outstanding spiritual growth over the years. That key is: PUT YOUR *WHOLE HEART* INTO GOD'S WORK!

From the beginning, God's Work has gone through crisis after crisis. We weathered the most recent financial crisis because most of you brethren have your hearts in the Work. You came through when the chips were down. You responded when the call went out. We know most of you are concerned about God's Work. We know your hearts are truly in it because you have put your *treasure* there! Jesus said where

your heart is, there will your treasure be also (Matt. 6:21).

But if you were among the few who were ABLE to help out in the recent crisis, yet *did not*, it's high time you EXAMINED YOURSELF!

This Work of God is the most important activity on the face of the earth today. It pales into insignificance any other work that could be mentioned.

The success of this Work is the *only* hope of humanity. Without it, there is *no hope*, as Malachi 4:5-6 clearly shows. God is going to intervene in world affairs and save mankind from itself because of this very Work of God!

You are a part of the Work that offers the solutions to all this world's ills, and shows the way to escape the coming time of world trouble. You have a part in the most important activity on the face of the earth today. There is a real living PURPOSE involved in everything we in God's Work do.

How can you be filled with a sense of that purpose and still be lethargic? How can you have your mind on fulfilling the commission Christ has given each of us and be complacent about it? Obviously, you *can't!*

Can you look at the world, see the hundreds of millions and even *billions* of suffering humanity and remain non-committal when you know the *only hope* for all mankind and the future of the world is this Work of God? Can you have your heart in God's Work and yet become weary with well-doing? You *cannot* and WILL NOT! That has been the *living* principle experienced by Mr. Herbert Armstrong for more than four decades.

As Mr. Armstrong has said many times, you will grow spiritually in exact proportion to the degree you put your heart in God's Work — no more, no less. Do you want to avoid the pitfall of lethargy? Do you want to become zealous, hold fast, endure to the end, grow spiritually? Then PUT YOUR *WHOLE HEART* IN GOD'S WORK!

SEX PROBLEMS

Pitfall number three can also be avoided, though many have been led to think otherwise.

The desire for sex is no strange thing. It is no stronger than the desire for food, water or sleep — in fact *not as strong*. We all know that the desire for right and wholesome sexual relationships *in marriage* has God's blessing. But this rotten world has simply blown the desire for sex completely out of proportion, and in so doing, has deceived many into believing *wrong* sex drives are unconquerable.

Nothing could be further from the truth!

Any desire to indulge in inordinate or illicit sex *can be overcome* — TOTALLY CONQUERED! No one with such a problem is doomed to failure — *if* he knows how to combat it.

One of the most basic scriptures on the subject of sex problems is found in I Corinthians 6:18. It simply states: "Flee fornication." This is a basic principle for all to follow in every type of sexual temptation. You wouldn't try to quit smoking by remaining in a room full of cigarettes and matches. Neither can you overcome the temptations of illicit sex by looking at photographs of naked women in "girlie" magazines and hard-core pornographic literature, going to sex-oriented movies, frequenting topless and bottomless bars, attending burlesque shows or associating with harlots. It just doesn't work. Follow God's advice: "*FLEE!*"

No normal man could be in a bedroom alone with a voluptuous, scantily clad "Hollywood sex symbol" and not be tempted! Every man knows that is true, and any Christian man should automatically, as if by nature, *flee* any such temptation or situation!

In many cases the problem is that the man is too interested in investigating the situation, instead of fleeing it as God commands. Somehow the lusts of the flesh can trick our minds into thinking we won't be hurt — that it really isn't harmful, and perhaps is even "good" for us — that ogling naked women is a "masculine" thing to do. Or perhaps we secretly want to "slip," thinking we can always repent later.

Listen! God commands: "*Flee* fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is

without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Cor. 6:18-20).

When you understand the damage to mind and body which sex sins cause, you can more fully understand why God abhors such sins, and actually DESTROYED whole segments of society for sex perversion (Gen. 19).

Over the years, some in God's Church have turned their backs on God because of a desire for inordinate or illicit sex. They've allowed the pressures and temptations of the world to get the better of them.

Don't allow yourself to become another victim!

If you are being tempted, seek to understand how monstrous sex sins really are. STUDY those parts of God's Word which deal with such sins and their enormity in God's sight. Then resolve to "flee fornication," and seek God's spiritual help with your whole being — draw close to HIM — and you will overcome every temptation of this type!

REBELLION

The whole world is in turmoil today. The whole creation is groaning in travail and great agony because of *rebellion*. Every nation, people or society has its rebels. Our society is literally filled with rebellion on every side, and YOU HAVE BEEN AFFECTED!

It is very easy for the carnal mind to fall into pitfall number four — rebellion. A large percentage of those who have left God's Church *rebelled* against God and His laws — and His ministers whom He has ordained to teach His Word. Many of these departed in anger after accusing any and everyone, *except themselves*, for their wretched condition.

The first one ever to rebel was Lucifer, who thereby became Satan the devil. Lucifer tried to take prerogatives that weren't his. Why? Because of *vanity*. He thought he was capable of *more*. He

became dissatisfied, and decided to *take* what he thought he deserved. He tried to usurp God's authority. He tried to ascend above the angels of God and become like God. Lucifer refused to be satisfied with his God-given position, so HE REBELLED.

So it is with those who rebel today!

Children seem to learn to resist authority at an early age. I have seen small children, when their desires were thwarted, bristle up, contort their faces and turn deep crimson just before they performed some rebellious act, such as kicking their parents in the shins.

Rebellious children are often referred to as "little devils." You have heard people say: "He has a little of the devil in him," or: "He sure is a *little devil*, isn't he?" What they're really referring to is the *attitude* of Satan in the child.

Adults are merely children grown up. They often act the same way, but disguise their rebellion.

Rebellion comes in many forms, but it is basically resentment of, and refusal to submit to *authority*. By nature we want what we want when we want it, and we *don't want* to be told we can't have it. Because of this fact, it is easy to resent authority.

Those who resent authority and correction begin to criticize those in authority. In the Church it becomes easy for them to criticize God's ministers — even Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

Every Christian should recognize Jesus Christ as the living and active Head of His Church. Christ is ABLE to handle any problem that might come up. It is Christ's responsibility to direct and correct Mr. Herbert Armstrong, Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong, and all His ministers. Every one of God's ministers is under the authority of Jesus Christ, and they all know it!

Do you?

How, then, can you prevent rebellion against God and those in authority over you?

First, realize what a horrible sin rebellion really is. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For *rebellion* is as the sin of witchcraft, and *stubbornness*

is as iniquity and idolatry" (I Sam. 15:22-23).

One of the worst sins a man can commit is to rebel against God and His authority. Realize that whenever you resist the ministers God has placed over you, you are resisting God the Father and Jesus Christ who put them in their jobs. When you criticize policy established by God's Church, you criticize Jesus Christ, the real Head of God's Church.

Second, consider the result of rebellion. Study the lives of Saul and Korah and other examples of rebellion recorded in the Bible. Think about the rebellion of Satan the devil, and CONSIDER THE END! This is a tremendous deterrent to rebellion.

Third, concentrate on magnifying the fruits of God's Spirit in your life. There is no room for rebellion in the heart of a man filled with the love of God.

It is impossible to be rebellious and joyful at the same time. It is impossible to be in the turmoil of rebellion and have peace of mind. If you are putting on love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, kindness, temperance, faith and all the fruits of God's Holy Spirit constantly and continuously, you will *never rebel*.

Those who rebelled against God and His ministers and left His Church in a fit of anger were not filled with the fruits of God's Spirit. So exhibit the fruits of God's Spirit and you'll avoid the pitfall of rebellion!

BITTERNESS

"Who does he think he is, anyway? What gives him the right to correct me? I may have made a mistake, *but...*" Have you ever had such thoughts enter your mind? Have you felt hurt, resentful, angry? Of course you have! Everyone has.

But wait! We are called to conquer such thoughts. We are commanded to control our thoughts and bring them into *captivity* to Jesus Christ (II Cor. 10:3-5). Why?

Because God knows what automatically follows feelings of resentment, hurt and anger. He knows *bitterness*

(Continued on inside back cover)



The *NEW* Correspondence Course

Many have been asking about the changes under way in the Ambassador College Correspondence Course. Here is a detailed report from the Managing Editor of the course explaining these important changes — and what they mean to you.

by Richard H. Sedliacik

IMPORTANT changes are being made in the Ambassador College Correspondence Course!

Many have been asking *what* these changes are, *why* they have been made, and what they will *mean* to each individual Church member. Many also wonder if they could — or should — enroll in the *NEW* course.

Others have written asking about the new “educational” courses we were planning for the future.

So here’s the full scoop!

WHY New Course Needed

As Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong, executive editor of the Correspondence Course, wrote in a *termination letter* to our students currently studying Lesson 30, we have accumulated a **VAST RESERVOIR** of printed material over the years. Many of our booklets and articles have dealt with the *same subjects* our students have studied in the Correspondence Course.

But now the time has come to streamline the course — to avoid unnecessary *repetition* and *expense*. Since God holds His Work responsible for making the wisest, most expeditious use of His money, we cannot afford to duplicate material unnecessarily. As most of you are well aware, it costs a substantial amount of money to research, edit, publish and print a monthly Correspondence Course — especially one which “*never ends!*”

Therefore, the Correspondence Course is now being “trimmed down” and condensed into 24 jam-packed, succinct, in-depth lessons!

This new 24-lesson course will be **STRONG**, powerful, dynamic. The lessons will lead students into **SAVING** knowledge, as well as an understanding of the times in which we live! This new course will contain *two solid years’* worth of study into in-depth, vitally important **BIBLICAL TRUTH!** Every major essential point which we have covered in our current series of 61 lessons (the present course will end with Lesson 61) will be covered in the new course, but in an even more effective manner.

Thus, the “cut-back” in the Correspondence Course is like so many “cut-backs” in God’s Work — that is, as Mr. Herbert Armstrong has often said, it is really only the “cocking of the trigger” to shoot this phase of God’s Work ahead farther and faster!

We who work writing and editing the Correspondence Course are **THRILLED** to have a part in streamlining it and making it more effective, dynamic, and a **MORE POWERFUL WITNESS** as we approach the end of this age of man’s *misrule* of the earth!

Mr. Armstrong’s Letter

As mentioned before, Mr. Ted Armstrong has written a termination letter

to all students who are currently studying Lesson 30 of the current course. We know all of you brethren would appreciate the opportunity of reading that special letter, therefore we decided to print it in full in this article, as follows:

Dear Correspondence Course Student:

GREETINGS! I am sending you this special letter to tell you of a new policy concerning the Ambassador College Correspondence Course.

Obviously, after such lengthy study in your own Bible concerning some of the most meaningful and important doctrines to be set forth in Holy Scripture, and after the literally dozens of new things you have learned, I can feel free to speak *plainly* and directly to those of you who have been studying this course.

Here is the point: Over the years, we have accumulated a vast reservoir of printed material in the form of numerous articles from *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW’S WORLD* magazines. Additionally, we have been able to publish a considerable number of booklets, many of which have touched upon the same subjects you have studied in the Correspondence Course lessons.

As a result of the growing worldwide impact of this last-moment Work of God, and the need to streamline and “trim down” wherever we find excess and unneeded repetition, we are going to *condense* the Correspondence Course down into twenty-four jam-packed lessons — that’s two solid years of earnest, in-depth, full research and study into one’s own Bible! We will cover every major essential point which we had previously covered in upwards of *sixty* lessons, and will do so in an even more effective manner!

HERE’S HOW: By avoiding unnecessary repetition and by calling upon our large reservoir of already-printed material to **SUPPLEMENT** many important points being learned in the

Correspondence Course, we shall be able to teach students even more effectively, and much more rapidly than in the past. Furthermore, the cost of maintaining and publishing the lessons will be greatly reduced.

We know, and we know that we know, that no stronger, no more powerfully presented truths can reach the human mind via the printed page than have been contained in the Correspondence Course. The same will be true of the new, trimmed-down lessons. We also know that if God is calling an individual, then that person most assuredly will be READY to go before his Creator in true and humble repentance after having *studied for two solid years* in the pages of his own Bible these precious truths of God's Word. If a person is not yet ready for repentance and baptism, at that point, we firmly believe he will NEVER be ready in this age!

Somehow, God has granted YOU the opportunity to hear and to study His own end-time message, His last *warning witness* to this dying world! Our job is very nearly over where YOU are concerned! Those of you who have had the privilege of completing 30 or more lessons — that's a minimum of two and a half years of concentrated Bible study — should have, by this time, a thorough understanding of God's overall plan, His end-time witness to this world, and YOUR reason for *being*. The lesson you have just received, therefore, will be your *last* one. Future students will be enrolled in the new, 24-lesson course.

God has commissioned us to *warn* the world, and to preach and publish the good news of Christ's soon-coming Kingdom! Your eyes and ears have taken in of this great warning message! What will you do with it?

If you do desire personal instruction in the Word of God and Christian living, and desire to talk to one of our ordained representatives concerning your own spiritual condition and your future plans, then we will certainly be happy to put you in contact with one of our men nearest you. He will be fully equipped and prepared to answer any of your questions about the Bible, to discuss world conditions with you in the light of the Bible or prophecy, and to give you whatever helpful spiritual counsel you may need.

However, none of our representatives will EVER contact you unless YOU PERSONALLY request it!

We thank you for the opportunity of being able to *serve you*, and we certainly hope and pray that your life has been deeply enriched by the study in your own Bible!

In Jesus' name,
Garner Ted Armstrong

Purpose of the Course

We don't need to mention here in great detail the value of the Ambassador College Correspondence Course in the lives of 170,000 students who have been in our worldwide enrollment until recently. Suffice it to say that undoubt-

edly *many thousands* have been brought to repentance through this vehicle of God's truth.

Many studying these important truths have found God's way, repented of their sins, and have become members of God's Church and important partners in this end-time Work of proclaiming God's truth to all nations! The thousands of letters we have received from enthusiastic students are witness to this fact.

Lives have been changed. Young and old have turned away from the ways of the world — from drugs, crime, and immorality — after being convicted by what they studied in this Course, in conjunction with what they have read in *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD* magazines and our booklets.

That is, and always has been, the *principal purpose* of the Correspondence Course — to bring people God is calling in this age to repentance and conversion.

Even though the Course was not designed primarily for our Church members, those who have taken it have benefitted from the lessons — especially when we had very few local churches. Many of you have had the TRUTH impressed upon your minds more deeply because the Correspondence Course caused you to *look up* every scripture and put them together for total understanding.

Should You Enroll?

God's Church has now grown to the point where we have local ministers scattered throughout most of the major cities of the United States, Britain, Canada and Australia, as well as in other nations. Most of you reading this article now have a local minister who feeds you spiritual food from God's Word every Sabbath day.

When you combine all the truth you receive in literature from Headquarters (including *The GOOD NEWS* magazine) besides, all the weekly sermons and Bible studies, it becomes clear that you members are truly being FED God's truth! Therefore, it should be very plain that you *don't* need to enroll in the new Correspondence Course.

So if you are currently enrolled, you need not feel obligated to write in for

the NEW series of lessons. Frankly, those of you who are enrolled in the present course and have received at least 30 lessons, have already received the *same* basic knowledge which is being condensed and summarized in the new, jam-packed 24-lesson course. There is *no need*, therefore, for you to re-enroll.

However, we would be happy to send the new lessons to any and ALL who *really want* to CONSCIENTIOUSLY STUDY them. If your children haven't been taking the old course, they would undoubtedly benefit from receiving the new lessons — IF they are sincerely interested, IF they are willing to really *study*, and are *old enough* to understand them.

Those Taking the Present Course

Those of you taking the present course may wonder what is going to happen to you. According to present plans, Lessons 59-61 will be published as we have time to get them out. They have already been written and are now in the process of being edited and finalized for publication. They will finish the "success in life" series, and bring the present course to a strong, logical conclusion for nearly 30,000 "old timers" at the top of the mailing list. (By the way, those of you at the TOP of the list will *not* receive Mr. Ted Armstrong's letter, since we reprinted it in this article.)

Those of you who have received only the first four lessons of the present Correspondence Course may have a slight delay before you receive Lesson 5. That is because we are *switching* you over to the NEW Correspondence Course at that point. This will save us from reprinting large numbers of lessons in the current course.

Students in the United States and Canada who have received up to Lesson 12 of the present course will also be switched over to Lesson 5 of the new course. Actually, most of the subjects covered in Lessons 13 and beyond of the present course will appear in the streamlined course, beginning with Lesson 5. So you will still receive basically the same study material you would have received had you continued with the present course.

Those who have progressed beyond

Lesson 12, but have not reached Lesson 30, will finish the present course at Lesson 30, which is a good stopping place. And those of you who have already passed Lesson 30 will continue on to various other stopping places, depending largely on how many succeeding lessons we have in stock.

More Facts About the NEW Course

A few other facts about the new Correspondence Course will be of interest to you, especially if you are going to be taking it, or be transferred to it. Like the present Correspondence Course, it will contain black and white photos and illustrations — no full-color pictures. Color reproduction runs into a lot of extra expense and color separations are time-consuming. Therefore, it has been decided to go ahead with the more economical black and white reproduction.

The new course will have the same basic 16-page format as the present course, with one exception. Each lesson will have a “quiz” on the last page containing twenty items to test your memory — 10 multiple choice questions, 5 true or false statements, and 5 matching statements. Each student will *grade himself* by checking his answers with the correct answers given on another page in the lesson itself. There will be no separate “tests” after every fourth lesson, as in the current course.

Also, in case you have wondered about the full-color “educational” courses we were planning, Mr. Herbert Armstrong, Mr. Ted Armstrong and others have thoroughly reconsidered and reevaluated these courses (dealing with Education, Astronomy, Biology, Anatomy, Health, Physics, etc.) and have determined that they would put an unnecessary strain upon our budget, and really would not contribute very much to carrying out our *commission* to get the GOSPEL — the good news of God’s coming Kingdom — to the world! These lessons would be of only *limited interest* to certain people — such as college or high school students — and would be *very expensive* to produce. Consequently, the idea of producing

“educational” correspondence course lessons has been “shelved” indefinitely.

A BIG STEP FORWARD!

Perhaps some of you will be a bit saddened to learn the Correspondence Course you are currently enrolled in is coming to an end. Perhaps you will be somewhat unhappy when you receive your last lesson, knowing that some have received several lessons more than you.

But don’t just think of *yourself*. Think of the multiple thousands of others who will now be able to receive God’s warning message in a shorter period of time — who otherwise would not be able to do so! Think of the money God’s Work will save, and which will now enable other thousands to read and study the Truth of God!

The decision to condense and streamline the lessons is GOOD for the Correspondence Course, it is GOOD for the Work of God, and good for *you*!

It is also good for those people who have received many, many lessons in the past, but who have never changed their lives. When such people, who probably assume they will continue receiving the lessons for the rest of their lives, suddenly learn that the course has been ENDED — *that they have received their last lesson* — we hope it will hit them with a *jolt*! We hope it will WAKE SOME UP, making them realize time *is* short and God means business, and it’s time for them to make a *DECISION*! We hope hundreds of students, when they receive their last lesson, will be *moved* to write in and request personal visits from God’s ministers stationed in their area. Many more should be added to God’s Church by this means!

We have already sent out approximately 40,000 termination letters to our students thus far. So remember to PRAY for these people!

Brethren, the news concerning the changes in the Correspondence Course is indeed *GOOD NEWS*! It should cause us to REJOICE, to appreciate God’s blessings more than ever before, and to THANK HIM for being so kind and generous to each and every one of us! □

SPIRITUAL PITFALLS

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will set in if we don’t stamp out these feelings. We must constantly be on guard against becoming bitter. All too many who have left God’s Church over the years went out simply because they fell into pitfall number five — they became bitter!

Bitterness usually begins with hurt feelings, resentment against someone in authority, or anger caused by another human being. Everyone has experienced these emotions many times in life. It is only normal. But if we allow these emotions to foment and fester, then what follows is automatic — a deadly putrefying sore called bitterness.

God inspired the Apostle Paul to write: “No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless *afterward* it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore,” — when chastening comes your way — “lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees.” Fight that hurt feeling which automatically comes. Fight resentment that follows and then the anger that can lead to bitterness. “And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace . . . lest any *root of bitterness* springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled” (Heb. 12:11-13).

Paul warned all Christians: “Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice” (Eph. 4:31).

Every time you begin to criticize, judge and fret because your feelings have been hurt — *stop*! When you feel resentment or anger welling up in you — *stop*! When you feel the festering, putrefying emotions that lead to bitterness come over you — *stop*! Stop and ask: “Who is in charge? Why am I hurt? Why am I angry? Take hold of yourself. Control your feelings! Don’t set yourself on a course

that will lead you OUT OF God's Church!

You CAN Overcome!

All human beings are precious to God. He says in His Word that He wants ALL men to eventually be SAVED! (I Tim. 2:4; II Pet. 3:9.)

Since God is so concerned with *all* humanity, how much more concerned is He about those of us who have *already* come to the knowledge of His truth — those who are in the process of *becoming* God?

Brethren, we are partakers of a fantastic heavenly calling — a calling so stupendous it's almost unbelievable! We are called of God to become His born-again *sons* — to become members of the very GOD FAMILY! He doesn't want even *one* of us to become a *miscarriage!!*

Just how much is God willing to

help each of *us* to make it into His Family? The answer should be obvious. God is aware of the pitfalls mentioned in this article. *He* is aware that Satan the devil is roaming about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (I Pet. 5:8). That is the reason God has provided us with all the help necessary to overcome.

The Apostle Paul understood and *had* the help God makes available. That's why he said: "I CAN *do all things* [overcome all obstacles] *through CHRIST which strengtheneth me*" (Phil. 4:13).

So can *YOU!*

So be POSITIVE. Know you can avoid and overcome each of these pitfalls because God will *strengthen* you through the power of His Spirit (Zech. 4:6).

By exercising God's Spirit, you can *master* the flesh (Rom. 8:12-13).

Through His Spirit *in you*, you can CONQUER and escape EVERY TRIAL AND TEMPTATION (I Cor. 10:13; Eph. 6:10-18).

Yes, I mean *Y-O-U!*

There is no reason or excuse in all the world for you to become a spiritual fatality — a spiritual "shipwreck." *Think of that*, and let that conviction sink deeply into your consciousness!

And always remember — and take to heart — the words of the Apostle Paul: "If God be for us, who can be against us? . . . we are *more than* CONQUERORS through him that loved us . . ." (Rom. 8:31, 37).

Brethren, God *IS* with us — as long as we are with Him! So take heart. Don't be discouraged. Remember — *GOD* is on our side, helping us, leading us, giving us strength through His Spirit! And *no* power in heaven or earth can withstand God! □

LOUIS JUBERT

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kept His Commandments. Upon my next visit to Martinique — this time Mr. Ronald Kelly accompanied me — Mr. Jubert met us at the airport with a large number of brethren. It was dark in the city of Fort-de-France, pitch dark! "The electricity has been cut off because of a strike," Mr. Jubert explained as we drove to his home. "There is no light in the city, but *we do have light* in our assembly hall."

Light? Oh yes, I well remembered the old kerosene lamps hanging from the unpainted ceiling. But that wasn't at all what Mr. Jubert had in mind. For months, without ever telling me, he and the others had worked painstakingly to install electricity both in his home and in the carpentry shop. Their electric power did not come from the city, but from generators they had installed. Consequently, when the city was in darkness, our Church people had light — in more than one way.

And what a change had taken place in the good old carpentry shop! It now had become a true assembly hall with nice new benches equipped with comfortable backs, walls that were color-

fully painted, glass in the windows and a roof that didn't leak.

On August 7, 1965, Mr. Kelly and I ordained Mr. Jubert as a Local Elder. The *Church of God* which he raised up on the island of Martinique presently averages slightly over 100 persons every Sabbath.

Had it not been for Mr. Jubert's foresight, we would long since have outgrown the premises. Shortly after our departure, he began construction work on a second story on top of the old carpentry shop, enlarging the meeting hall by almost three times. The job was mostly done and financed by the members of the Church in Martinique.

It would be hard to describe the excitement of our brethren when Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong paid them an unexpected visit in February, 1968. How they all wished they knew English! However, Mr. Armstrong conducted the Bible Study in a most unusual manner, using me as an interpreter to translate the people's questions to him as well as his answers. He later told me that the questions asked were among the best he had ever been handed in a Bible Study. As for his impression of our Church building in Martinique, he summed it up in one sentence: "*This is Ambassador quality!*"

Last year Mr. Jubert was stricken with malaria. His health, which had been rather poor for some time, rapidly deteriorated. He was bedridden most of the time until his death on December 10, 1970.

To carry on Mr. Jubert's work, God has already provided Mr. *Gilbert Carbonnel*, a native of Guadeloupe, and formerly a deacon in the Paris Church. He was transferred to Martinique shortly after last Passover to assist Mr. Jubert in giving sermons, counseling people, and conducting Spokesman Club. Following Mr. Jubert's death, Mr. Carbonnel was *ordained* to the rank of Local Elder.

I will miss Mr. Jubert's weekly letters and seeing him when I visit Martinique. But what a joy to know that he not only found "the *true* ways of the *true* God" — but also helped others to find them.

Perhaps one of the finest tributes ever paid to Mr. Jubert was given to him by someone who *left* the Church a few years ago. After falsely accusing Mr. Jubert of all kinds of things, this man closed his letter with the following words: "Despite all this, if you ask me, 'Is there a man of God in Martinique?' I will answer — 'Yes, there is one — LOUIS JUBERT!'"

— Dibar Apatian