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Mail Summary and Letter Excerpts

MAIL SUMMARY

For the first nine days of July a little over 60,000 letters have been received. Of these, 23,000 have been white letters, which is a very good trend for the summer thus far. Mail increase for the month is suffering because Semi-annual returns were being received at this time last year. The money picture is not very bright at this point, but is expected to improve as the month progresses. At the moment we show about an eighteen percent decrease for the month to date. This leaves the year-to-date figure at about twelve percent.

Response to both the June PLAIN TRUTH and TOMORROW'S WORLD has started coming in this week. The main thing we have noticed in early returns from the PLAIN TRUTH is some critical letters regarding the cover picture of Golda Meir, "Personal from Herbert W. Armstrong" and "Let My People Go." Conversely, there seems to be a favorable trend regarding the article "The Jesus Trip — One-way Ticket to Nowhere?" which appeared in the June TOMORROW'S WORLD.

LETTER EXCERPTS

Semi-annual: Contributions

(Many have commented that they were afraid to contribute because they thought we would not

accept contributions. A great number say they are glad to learn we will accept donations, but they can't contribute at the moment because of financial problems and unemployment. Following is a group of letters to give the general flavor.)

I often wondered when I read your magazine how you are able to do this without any contributions, but as your letter states, you have been so careful never to make any requests for contributions that I was in doubt if I should send anything. Now that I know you do accept contributions, whenever I can I will send something.

— Sophie D.,
Rochester, New York

Your PLAIN TRUTH magazine has been keeping me up to date for some time. I have wanted to pay you for it but knew it was against the rules. Now I know I can send a contribution, which makes me happy.

— Mrs. Mildred R.,
Long Beach, California

You know I had the same mistaken idea you didn't accept contributions for some reason. I could have been sending you support for your worldwide work ever since I started listening to your radio program over ten years ago. I would like to become a contributor and Co-Worker in your radio work and other programs. Will you send me some envelopes?

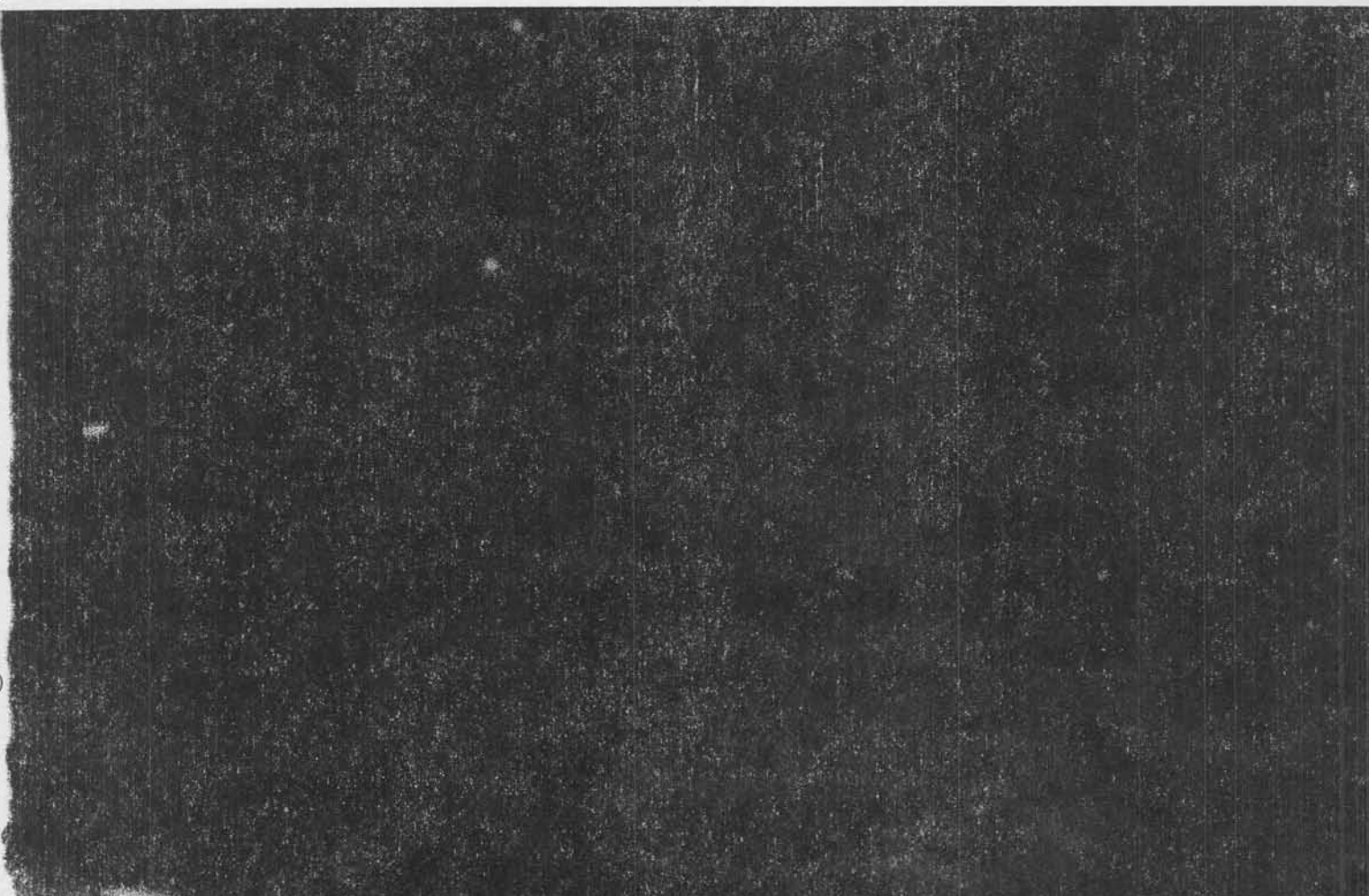
— Mr. Nearmon B.,
New Windsor, Maryland

I have enjoyed, for years, your TV broadcasts and literature and wondered how I could help. Your last letter of May 5, 1971, cleared the way.

Dear fellow ministers:

Just a short note to let you know that Mr. Ted Armstrong was not able to prepare a letter for this Bulletin. We'll be looking forward to hearing from him in the next issue, his busy schedule permitting.

-- Jon Hill



Enclosed is a check for \$50 to help with this wonderful work of yours. From time to time, I hope to contribute more.

— Ruth C.,
Port Arthur, Texas

I will be pleased to send a contribution to help defray the expense of these worthwhile publications as soon as I am gainfully employed again. At the moment I am a victim of the aerospace collapse which, incidentally, would be a good subject for Garner Ted Armstrong to elaborate on in his *WORLD TOMORROW* program.

— Jack M.,
Westlake Village, California

Yes, I too have been afraid to send money for fear of getting it back, but I feel guilty not paying for it. I don't have much as I live on social security, but will send some whenever I have a few dollars. So this is just a little bit I've been able to save.

— Emma E.,
Portland, Oregon

Sex Book

(In addition to asking for the sex book, many have expressed an interest and desire that the previously mentioned sex booklets for young people would soon be available.)

All the articles that I have read from your booklets have not only changed my mind from a cold one, but have also changed my husband's hostile attitude. And he hasn't even read the book! The other day he said "Thank the good Lord that you finally learned to be a wife." He has also promised to read the new book when it comes.

— Mrs. James T.,
Chattanooga, Tennessee

We would enjoy having your publication *The Missing Dimension in Sex* as we feel it must be a very worthwhile book in today's world. However, I especially would like to be put on your mailing list for the others coming out soon for children ages 6 to 7, for children around 10, and for teen-agers. I especially need guidance for the 6- to 7-year olds at this time. Do you by any chance have any material on emotional needs of children, proper methods of discipline, or anything on child molesters?

— Mrs. Roland S.,
New Castle, Indiana

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I could hardly believe my eyes when I read your letter wanting to know if I wanted your book on sex. No, I do not. Furthermore, I don't believe any children should have one, for to my notion, God has given people, as well as the animals, to know how to care for sex at the proper time.

— Alma J.,
McAlester, Oklahoma

Vietnam Article

(The May *PLAIN TRUTH* has generated strong comment. Unfavorable comments slightly outnumber favorable — 29 pro and 33 con in one representative tally. The common misunderstanding is that we have taken a stand on the war. The most common criticism is that "our stand" contradicts our other statements and religious beliefs — that we are being hypocritical and using a double standard which, of course, is not the case at all! Here are several letters.)

In the May issue — The Vietnam War — so many people came to the library to read that one article. One patron with tears in her eyes said, "At last I know." Her husband is in Vietnam.

— Mrs. Susan R.,
San Miguel, California

I would like to subscribe to your great Christian, anti-communist magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, starting with the May issue. I am a 21-year-old ex-army Vietnam veteran who agrees with your article in the May issue that the —

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Church Administration

RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from Headquarters! Things have been moving at a terrific pace, with many plans for all areas of the Work developing — particularly the planning of these 12 Bible Lectures to begin tomorrow night and the 21 or 22 to begin in August.

Mr. Ted Armstrong has been visiting radio stations with Mr. Henry Cornwall, and Mr. Herbert Armstrong will be leaving tomorrow morning for Thailand. He told us in Sabbath services yesterday that a few of our Ambassador trained people may go there to help the king in educating his people.

Several of us are leaving Pasadena yet this morning on our way to Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee and the other cities for these July Bible Lectures. I will have news of these, God willing, in my next letter. But reports from the June Lectures indicate that the fruit is very good and a large number of baptisms is coming in each case!

Plans have been approved for taking these Lectures to Birmingham, Buffalo, Columbus, Denver, Fort Worth, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Nashville, Newark-Paterson, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Sacramento, St. Louis, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Monica, Spokane and Toledo during the month of August. Since every hall is not yet completely firmed up, one or two of these may yet have to be delayed. I will not announce at this time who is going to take each of these Lectures because that is still somewhat in a state of flux also. But when you begin to realize that at least 50-70 or more baptized adult members may be "harvested" from each of these Lecture series, you begin to get the feeling of the IMPACT they will have on our church membership in the next several months! Certainly they are going to help a great deal — and I frankly expect that even the financial help to God's Work from these meetings should be quite noticeable by November and December of this year.

Perhaps you have noticed from the scattered

announcements that we have started 12 new churches here in the U.S. just in the last six weeks! These new churches, together with the extra enthusiasm and excitement over the Bible Lectures, and various ones of us coming out from Headquarters, have caused the church attendance in the U.S. to literally *jump* over 3,000 in the last few weeks! This is unprecedented and very encouraging! The latest recent high attendance figure for U.S. churches was 62,089. I will have my staff list the 12 new churches which have begun — plus six others soon to start — in an accompanying box.

Another bit of encouraging news is that Mr. Gary Arvidson is coming in to Headquarters in a few weeks to help beef up C.A.D.! With the increasing pressure of his responsibilities in helping me in the overall supervision and planning for the churches, these Bible Lecture series and many other things, Mr. Luker is literally "swamped" — and unable to get directly into the Church Administration Department as often as he was up until recently and as much as he, or someone of ministerial capacity, needs to. Therefore, after a good deal of thought and counsel, we have decided to bring in Mr. Arvidson to become the *department head* over Church Administration! Mr. Ken Westby highly recommended him. On my recent trip to Baltimore, I was able to have a long talk with Gary and his wife about his interests and goals — and I am sure he will do a tremendous job in helping us here *and serving all of you* in this new capacity.

Mr. Arvidson has had eight solid years of field experience since graduation from college in June, 1963. He has served in 3 or 4 *different* church areas and certainly has the "feel" of the problems and needs in the Field. As a Pastor-rank minister with this fine experience and background, I am sure he will help all of us do a better job and I know you fellows will give him your prayers and enthusiastic cooperation in this new responsibility!

Although he will be flying out two or three times a year for Field visits to retain the "feel" of things out in the Field, Mr. Arvidson's primary responsibility will be organizing and supervising directly in the Church Administration Department. Mr. Luker, meanwhile, will continue to help me coordinate the work of the department and, of course, retain his primary function as assistant to the Superintendent of Ministers. This will free him to have even *more* time for trips out, to help plan and organize these Bible

Lectures, new churches and other programs, and for other executive responsibilities.

With Mr. Arvidson leaving the Field, Mr. Roger Foster will now take the Charlotte church in addition to Greensboro. Then Mr. Randy Kobernat, now a Preaching Elder, will take Fayetteville, N. Carolina, linked with the new church to begin in Raleigh. Coming down from Utica, N. Y., Mr. Joel Lillengreen — now also a Preaching Elder — will take the Columbia, S. Carolina church which will be linked with a new church starting July 17 in Charleston.

So, as I am sure all you fellows can see, each one of these moves represent *growth* and *progress*! And it frankly represents greater *opportunity* for all of you newer fellows coming up "through the ranks." In the future, it is very possible — even probable — that additional leading Pastor-rank ministers, or even *Superintendents*, may need to be brought into Headquarters — thus opening up greater challenges and opportunities for all of you in the Field as you grow spiritually and yield yourselves more wholeheartedly as servants in the hands of the Living Christ.

So "gird up your loins" for a lot of GROWTH in the months ahead! With these Bible Lectures coming to nearly all of your areas within the next year, be sure that you organize your area

for maximum service. Begin to think over plans for allowing your "local" Local Elders and leading L.T.C. graduates to visit any of the Church people if there is a genuine need — even for proper communication and encouragement. This would be especially important in the case of lonely widows, shut-ins, the sick and others who need encouraging and visits of a more general nature. We now feel that this type of visiting — *without* going back to the practice of visiting with families over and over, or the attitude of "making points" by numbers of visits — would be a good thing for any of your faithful Local Elders to do with the speeded-up growth and pressure of responsibilities coming through these Bible Lectures. I know this increasing opportunity for service will be a challenge and encouragement to *all* of the leading men in your area — not to mention yourselves — and that enthusiasm should generate in all of God's people additional zeal to *finish the Work* which we have been called to do. So *let's do it!*

Your brother in Christ,

Robert C. Meredith

CHURCHES WHICH HAVE STARTED THIS SUMMER (1971)

CHURCH	DATE STARTED	ATTENDANCE	LINKED WITH	REGULAR PASTOR
1. Buffalo PM, N. Y.	5/29	258	Buffalo AM, N. Y.	I. Sell
2. Springfield, Mass.	6/5	188	Boston, Mass.	F. Kellers
3. Fayetteville, Ark.	6/12	222	Fort Smith, Ark.	D. Samples
4. Covington, Ky.	6/19	265	Cincinnati AM & PM	W. Sharp
5. Montpelier, Vt.	6/19	111	Concord, N. H.	J. Cheetham
6. Klamath Falls, Ore.	6/19	78	Medford, Ore.	M. Hechel
7. Gaylord, Mich.	6/19	242	Midland, Mich.	F. Heimberg
8. Columbus PM, Oh.	6/26	355	Columbus AM, Oh.	J. Doak
9. Dayton PM, Oh.	6/26	377	Dayton AM, Oh.	L. Blackwell
10. Lancaster, Pa.	6/26	240	Harrisburg, Pa.	P. Zapf
11. Jonesboro, Ark.	7/3	241	Little Rock, Ark.	B. Cowan
12. Valdosta, Ga.	7/3	128	Jacksonville, Fla.	D. Mills

PROJECTED CHURCHES YET TO START

13. Appleton, Wis.	7/17	Wisconsin Dells	B. Freeland
14. Grand Rapids, Minn.	*	Duluth, Minn.	O. Lochner
15. Missoula, Mont.	*	Spokane, Wash.	G. Bailey
16. Waco, Texas	*	Austin, Tex.	L. Neff
17. Raleigh, N. C.	*	Fayetteville, N. C.	R. Kobernat
18. Charleston, S. C.	*	Columbia, S. C.	J. Lillengreen

* Starting date not established yet.

News from the FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

Office of
RONALD L. DART

FROM FRANCE

Philippe Sandron, our Ministerial Assistant in Paris, was called to active military service. He had no choice but to go. The following is an excerpt from a letter addressed to Mr. Apartian:

I was summoned to the marine infantry near Monthéry on June 2nd.

Upon my arrival, the officer who received all the young recruits asked me if I had any questions. I answered that I could not work on Saturday! He replied that he was going to ask higher authorities if the matter could be arranged.

On Friday, I reported for my first medical visit, during which the doctor in charge, upon seeing my age [25 years] and my rather discomfited appearance, quickly examined my file, turned to me, and asked me in a confidential tone: "Does it really bother you to be in the military service?" "Yes," I answered.

From that moment on, he tried to find in me every possible physical cause for being released and he decided to send me to the hospital.

The next day, Saturday, was the day for general vaccinations. I was determined not to allow myself to be vaccinated, using my imminent hospitalization as an excuse. When my turn came, the *chief* doctor did not accept my argument and, after examining my file, told me that there was no indication to the contrary. I answered him that I refused to be vaccinated and requested written assurance from him certifying that the vaccine was harmless.

He was quite displeased. My refusal meant one month in prison, and my mistrust in him added a second month!

Nevertheless, he told me that it wasn't to bully me, but... After a telephone call, he found out that I was probably to be released, and he left me in peace. I was able to have a good rest on the Sabbath.

Wednesday morning began my interview with the "psychologist." He found me *normal* and asked an extensive series of questions, notably on my religious beliefs. I explained to him that I found world conditions deplorable and that I tried to live by balanced laws, etc. He concluded that I was "extremely severe with myself" and that, with my frame of mind, I could not withstand the service. He presented my case before the final board and I was discharged.

AUSTRALIA

The following memo from Georg Karlov was forwarded to my office by Mr. Wayne Cole. It shows the terrific response the local edition of the Crime booklet is having. The Mr. Allan referred to is the N.S.W. Commissioner of Police. Mr. Askin is the State Premier. Sir Roden Cutler is the N.S.W. Governor-General — the Queen's representative:

Sergeant Watts, Director of N.S.W. Crime Prevention Division, is 'chomping at the bit' to distribute the Crime Booklet. He feels that this is the best thing that has happened to his side of police work for a long, long time.

He has had the blessing of Mr. Allan to do whatever he wants with it. If one takes into account the limited things Mr. Allan gives his blessings to, it is quite an achievement. He will do nothing until after we have seen Mr. Allan.

Sergeant Watts wants to do the following:

- a) Have every country newspaper serialise it.
- b) Hold a press conference in Sydney and have all Sydney papers write it up.
- c) Send copies to all radio stations.
- d) Send copies to all police stations.
- e) Use it in his lectures.
- f) Have portions of it reproduced in various community organization papers (e.g., Rotary, etc.).
- g) Queensland police are waiting on N.S.W. police reaction before doing anything about it. Watts will contact them and give us a glowing report.
- h) Have certain books like Crime, Marijuana, Hippies, Child Training, Dating and Road Safety, on a permanent display in Crime Prevention Section of C.I.B.
- i) Have similar displays in other areas.
- j) Crime Prevention moved to new premises recently. In about two months time there will be a grand opening with Sir Roden Cutler, Mr. Askin and Mr. Allan attending. We will receive their official invitation to attend.

In this way we will have a state-wide coverage without any advertising costs. He indicated that the 15,000 we printed would be used up in a short time.

SOUTH AFRICA

The following report from Mr. A. Van Belkum gives some very inspiring details of the results of three tours of Rhodesia:

Recently we returned from the final of three tours which had been planned during the first half of the year for Rhodesia. In the past, we were able to cover the entire Rhodesia on one tour. But due to a substantial increase in the number of visits there, we decided this year to divide Rhodesia into three sections. This would enable us to cover all of Rhodesia in three trips instead of one long one.

All three tours proceeded very smoothly and we encountered few difficulties. Although we traveled about 5,000 miles, a flat tire was probably our most severe misfortune!

One encouraging aspect was the large number of people who turned up for their appointments. For instance, on the first tour, 41 out of the 45 scheduled were seen. This is an extremely high figure for a tour of this kind. In the past we have found that many — sometimes up to 50% — of the Africans did not turn up. This is mainly due to a lack of finances, unreliable transport, and other factors. Certainly these tours were an exception, and a most encouraging one!

Often we would meet individuals who stayed in some tribal trust land, long distances from the nearest town. Generally we were the only people associated with God's Work that they had ever met. Because of unreliable postal services they frequently did not receive literature from us for months. One of their most prized possessions was the Correspondence Course — lessons for which they often had to write two or three times before receiving. (Pilfering of mail is a common occurrence in these outlying areas.)

Yet in spite of these drawbacks, their understanding of the basic doctrines, plan of salvation and other truths amazed us. It was evident that God had been dealing with them long before we personally contacted them. Here is just one such example.

One African, a smallhold farmer, lived about 150 miles from the nearest town. He had a limited education, but through diligent effort on his part, spoke reasonably good English. He was on lesson 28 of the Correspondence Course, and what's more, he could explain to us what was in them! This was his first contact with any of God's people, yet as far as his understanding was concerned, we felt we were talking to an African member. It was clear to us that God had been "visiting" him before we had! Incidentally, we baptized him on our third tour.

Another most encouraging aspect of the tour was the determination on the part of some of the Africans to obey God. One African had turned down a very good job because he had to work only once or twice a year on the Sab-

bath. He had returned to his tribal trust area to become a smallhold farmer. However, what he told us clearly illustrated just how God was blessing him for his desire to obey Him.

Just two years ago this man only had about half a dozen sheep, a plot of land on which he cultivated maize (corn for those in America), a few chickens and cows. He was farming in a rather remote area of the country near the Zambezi Valley region, and as a result often was harassed by wild animals. Farmers often lost up to half of their stock due to leopards getting in among the animals at night. Troops of baboons came down from the mountains and devastated their maize crops. However, God started intervening for this particular individual.

Although the leopards kept catching his neighbours' goats and sheep, he suffered no losses. Within two years his flock of sheep has increased to 30 (he sold 5 of them in order to meet us). "Somehow" the leopards just left his sheep alone, and concentrated all their destructive energies on the other farmers in the area.

This year, the farmers suffered the worst plague of baboons they have had for many years. Due to the drought they came down from the nearby mountains by the hundreds, and ravaged the maize crops. Once again, it seems God intervened for this person. Somehow God prevented these creatures from causing any damage to his land. He mentioned that he actually saw baboons run *through* his maize land into his neighbours' where they caused a tremendous amount of destruction. Yet this man lost hardly a cob of maize. Talk about being blessed — and he hasn't even reached his third tithe year yet!

A rather humorous sideline was that the local inhabitants came to him asking what potent witchcraft he was using, as it appeared to be very powerful! They could obviously see that he had escaped the plagues of the baboons and leopards and attributed this to witchcraft.

Although we did not baptize anybody on the first two trips — since many of them were new visits — we did baptize 12 on the last trip. There are also quite a few who are very close to baptism and should be ready on their next visit.

LETTER EXCERPTS

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left-wing lying politicians like "Tricky Dicky" would never let the military win this war — as in Korea.

— Tom M.,
North Hollywood, California

I got *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine yesterday. The plain truth about Vietnam is something. I've waited a long time to see that in print. I

always wondered why the grown-ups didn't tell these kids why we are over there. Hope the President gets busy and tries to explain to these kids. Thanks a lot for printing that.

— Goldie T.,
Onaga, Kansas

I find your magazine informative and thought-provoking, speaking with the weight of some authority, and concerned with basics of life which cannot be ignored. However, I take issue with your defense of the Vietnam War specifically, and in general with your justification of any war at all. I wonder, if Jesus were alive now, would He fight in Vietnam for the "right" side? Didn't He say "love your enemies," "resist not evil," and "forgive as you are forgiven by the Father?" I would, on my faith in the perfect life led by Jesus Christ, go to prison rather than participate in the armed forces — a decision which I might soon be forced to make as a young man of draft age.

— Kipp B.,
Hermosa Beach, California

I must express my disappointment on your complete switch of policy and views on the Vietnam situation. Last winter you published an excellent article on the Vietnam war. I passed it on to several others who concurred with your viewpoint. Now you have done a complete about face in the May issue. I am very sorry this has happened, for I was sure you had better judgment and understanding.

— Norma B.,
San Jose, California

Please do not send us any more copies of *The Plain Truth*. Your article on the Vietnam War in the latest issue is just more than we can take. You've been brainwashed. How can you be so blind? Do you have a son or even a close relative who was killed, turned into a complete vegetable or dope addict in that war? I think you and everyone like you who are advocating this slaughter year in and year out should go right over there and fight, lead the boys, be their minesweeper or booby trap finder. I think you'd change your mind.

— Mrs. Charles C.,
Clute, Texas

Bible Lectures

I am really satisfied with the expedient response to my letter on literature and my

monthly tithings. I've thoroughly enjoyed the magazines and literature. Where I think I benefited the most was at the Lectures these past two weeks. *Excellent!* I am looking forward to my next piece of literature and magazines. Thank you again.

— Michael K.,
Long Beach, California

Last night my husband and I attended the meeting and heard Mr. Meredith speak. What a wonderful experience it was. Never did I expect so many people there. I know my husband got something out of his talk because we talked all the way home and going to bed we were still discussing what we heard.

— Mrs. Walter C.,
Baltimore, Maryland

I would like to first open this letter with a very deep and sincere, heart-felt "Thank you" for bringing your Bible Lectures here to Baltimore. My mother and I are both attending these deeply inspired (we know by the Holy Spirit) lectures. I am writing to you concerning the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" of which my mother and I are firm believers. We read the article on this baptism and sought out the Bible on the Holy Spirit and the gifts that are given by God along with this spirit. We talked with friends (?) on this matter and were told to go to the minister at the Full Gospel Church where they would lay on hands and we would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Well, we went and the minister laid on hands and told us we were filled and that we could also receive the gift of tongues if we desired. So hands were laid on again and we were told to open our mouths and bring up our voices, to forget English, to move our tongues, and to begin to speak by faith. We were told not to doubt or try to understand what was coming out, that we would not understand. Well, we began to speak in an unknown tongue, but since this has happened, I have seen and heard some very "weird" things happening. Some of these things I can't find in scripture and when I test the spirits, I know that they are indeed not from God. I am now convinced and so is my mother that these people who laid hands on us are in fact cleverly deceived by the devil. *Had it not been for God's Word and the Bible Lectures and TOMORROW'S WORLD being God's Truth as He set it down*, we would most likely be in the same boat with these poor

deceived fools. Mom and I talked with Mr. Ken Westby at the lecture and he gave us his card and is coming to our home to counsel and minister to us the true "Baptism of the Holy Spirit."

— Mrs. Jacklyn R.,
Glen Burnie, Maryland

May Tomorrow's World Response

We are writing this letter to you to request personal counseling about being baptized. We decided to write this letter after reading the article in the May 1971 issue of TOMORROW'S WORLD which we received June 1st. The article is "Is God Calling You?" I have worked at a job for two years where I have had to work the second shift, and as a result I had to work part of the Holy Sabbath Day from dark on Friday night. But now I have resigned from this job. By working this shift, my wife and I have not listened to the program, and each week as God called harder to us, I just could not resist such a great calling any longer. For awhile I thought that God would never forgive me of my personal evil sins and allow me back into the (true) Church, but after reading this article, I have been inspired to write this letter.

Mr. & Mrs. John B.,
Newark, Ohio

My wife and I find the article "Is God Calling You?" in the May '71 edition most encouraging. Your statement "The call is out" and your invitation, "The next move is yours" inspired us to action. The end of said article gives us great courage to ask for personal counsel. We would more than appreciate having the opportunity to visit with one of your representatives.

— Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W.,
Maitland, Florida

Unusual Ways People Find Our Literature

(There seems to be no end to the ways people get our literature. We continually receive letters telling us of unusual and various ways a person received *The PLAIN TRUTH*, a booklet, or reprint.)

I am writing this to thank you for writing what I think is the best and most interesting book I've ever had the good fortune to read. I am speaking of *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*. I had been planning to write for this book but kept forgetting

to. The other day I purchased a box of miscellaneous items at an auction for \$1. Tucked away in the bottom was your book mentioned above. I honestly can say I would not return the enjoyment received from reading it for any price! At present I am busily engaged in rereading the Old Testament and it seems so much clearer to me.

— Charles L. H.,
Perris, California

I was introduced to your magazine by my grocery man, who always keeps a stack of your magazines on his counter with a sign reading "free, take one." I had taken several copies when I found a note in one suggesting I subscribe to it at no cost to me. I mentioned to him today that I had received it now for several months with never a request for payment of any kind. "You never will get any request for any payment," the grocery man answered.

— E. J. H.,
Akron, Ohio

I was listening, on my radio, to an exchange program — to which people having something to sell or give away call — and a man asked for back issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. So I called the number he gave and told him I had quite a stack of *PLAIN TRUTHS*. He came by for them a little later — he said he is a teacher and wanted the magazines to prove creation and that it is in harmony with science. Just thought you'd like to know. It is nice to get something for which money is not requested. I am practically drained by heart-breaking pleas for donations and I give more than I can afford. (Note: This person is a regular, so she is sending contributions to others, not to us.)

— Mrs. Alma B.,
Topeka, Kansas

Several days ago we were exploring an old mining town site that has just one tumble-down house standing, and on the porch I found some old issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH* from 1964-66. Since I enjoyed them so much I took them home to read. At that time you were offering *The United States in Prophecy* and *1975 in Prophecy*. Do you still have these booklets available? If so, please send me a copy. Incidentally, one of those magazines was the first issue you printed on your printing press at Ambassador College.

— Mrs. L. G.,
Redding, California