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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRIP

by

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Greetings from our home in the sky, 7 1/2 miles above the Mediterranean Sea, homeward bound after a strenuous and extraordinarily successful trip.

On Thursday October 23, we had a luncheon in London with the ministers from the London area. Sabbath the 25th I preached to the brethren of the London area. Unfortunately they did not receive the live televised transmission of the last Great Day at the end of the Feast of Tabernacles, and the ministers had requested I bring them that message. More than a thousand brethren were present, including a delegation from the Continent.

The following Monday night, October 27, I spoke for some 40 minutes to a large banquet in Cairo of some 300 leading people of Egypt. I felt that I was "right on target" that night, and they heard the Gospel of the Kingdom--and the world rule in PEACE--living the way of God's spiritual Law, outflowing LOVE instead of hostile competition.

Two men there from New York had read my ads in the Wall Street Journal. They were in the investment business, and in affluent financial condition. They liked the Wall Street Journal ads--but disagreed with my speech--especially what I said about outflowing LOVE doing away with hostile competition. The "GET" way of life had profited them, and they disagreed that this world is full of evils. It's a pretty good world, they told Mr. Rader. They love this world as it is. I'm afraid that all the rest of us on earth are out-of-step, except just those two SATISFIED men!

We flew to Jerusalem from Cairo. Ours was the first flight from Cairo airport to Jerusalem airport since the seven-day war--a definite FIRST. Other planes now can fly from Cairo to Tel Aviv, but not to Jerusalem.

On Saturday night, October 25, by the way, I talked from London to the a.m. Sabbath service at Pasadena. It is my understanding that though I spoke to them live, it was recorded at Pasadena and replayed at the afternoon service.

Then on Saturday night, November 1, I spoke from Jerusalem live again to the Pasadena auditorium congregations.

On Thursday, October 30, I spoke at a banquet hosted by the Mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek, and on Sunday, November 2, we had a performance at the Arab or Old City side of Jerusalem of the ICCY youths, staged by

both Arab and Israeli youths and children. A little 9-year-old Arab girl did a very cute belly dance. I renewed acquaintance with many of our friends in Jerusalem.

On Monday, November 3, I had a very warm and profitable meeting with Prime Minister Menachem Begin in his office in Jerusalem. Accompanying me was Mr. Rader, Mayor Kollek and former Los Angeles Consul General Ravid. Mr. Begin left a meeting with a group of officials in Tel Aviv, taking the hour drive to Jerusalem for the meeting with me, and then drove back to Tel Aviv, keeping the officials there waiting a solid 2 1/2 hours during their interrupted meeting.

When it was mentioned that he had made this special drive, interrupting an important group meeting, he said, "Mr. Armstrong, I would get out of bed at two in the morning to see you." He was pleased that I plan to put his picture on the front cover of both The PLAIN TRUTH and QUEST/81, with President Sadat of Egypt, and a leading cover story about them and their peace effort in each magazine. Our meeting ended in a real affectionate bear hug.

On Thursday of the same week, Mr. Rader and I had luncheon with King Leopold III of Belgium and his wife in their chateau home near Waterloo.

Sabbath, last week, the 8th, we had a Bible study in our hotel suite, going through Daniel 2, 7, and Revelation 13 and 17. The Sabbath before, in Jerusalem, we had a Bible Study on John 18th and 19th chapters about the trial, crucifixion and burial of Christ, because our party had been in Jerusalem and had visited the garden tomb where Jesus was buried--also seeing the exact spot where He was crucified.

On Sabbath evening, in Paris where we were waiting while seeing King Leopold and before returning to Cairo to see President Sadat, I spoke live again--this time to the New York Church at their Sabbath afternoon service. That, too, was recorded and possibly may be heard from tape at Pasadena and elsewhere.

Then Sunday we returned to Cairo for the visit with President Anwar el-Sadat. Originally our meeting had been scheduled for our first visit there, but due to the visit of the President of Israel, and the fact President Sadat wanted a full visit with me because of the forthcoming articles in The PLAIN TRUTH and QUEST/81, he rescheduled our meeting for yesterday, Tuesday the 11th.

It was possibly the best meeting I have had with a Head of State--unless it was the meeting with Prime Minister Begin.

Our TV crew were with us for these visits, and these meetings will be shown on U.S. television, as well as in our churches.

We are now descending for a one-night stop over in Paris--because it is simply too long and fatiguing a flight from Cairo to the U.S. West Coast. Continue tomorrow.....

I am now home in Tucson. We had a brief overnight rest in Paris, leaving yesterday, Thursday, at about 11:40 a.m., arriving Tucson about 3:30 a.m. this morning Paris time, which was 6:30 p.m. last night here.

My meeting with President Sadat was Tuesday, November 11th, the 62nd anniversary of the end of World War I--and how well I can remember that day of jubilant, almost riotous celebration.

The President was giving a speech on national television from a large auditorium on the ground floor of a large 12-story office building. We arrived at this building--Mr. Rader and I--about 11:45 a.m. We were taken to a lounge adjoining an executive office on a top floor. We waited about 30 minutes. Then we were ushered into the office where the TV set was on. President Sadat was ending his speech to the nation in the auditorium below. Then came a graduation ceremony. The occasion was an annual meeting of the Teachers' Union. Apparently Mr. Sadat's speech had been the speech at a graduation exercise. Then came presentation of diplomas or degrees, each shaking hands with the President.

Then we proceeded down to the parking lot in front of the building and entered an official car behind a Cadillac ambulance which apparently follows the President's car wherever he goes by car. After about 40 minutes Dr. Hatem, the President's close personal adviser, came out and joined us in our car. Soon the President's cavalcade started. Crowds on the sidewalks were gathered to wave at the President. We were part of the President's cavalcade and were driven to Giza Palace.

The President had preceded us into the Palace. The First Lady, Mrs. Sadat, met us on the portico outside the entrance, and escorted me in, and into a special reception room. There our own TV crew, as well as official government TV camera crews, had set all TV lights and cameras focused on the seats where the President and I were to sit.

We had to wait about 20 minutes or so. Already in the Palace was a group of U.S. congressmen waiting to see the President.

The First Lady entertained us while we were waiting and she and I were photographed together. She is a very attractive, cultured, intelligent woman with good personality--a gracious host.

When the President was ready to enter, she left the reception room. The cameras clicked as Mr. Rader, Mr. Gotoh, Dr. Hatem and I met the President. Then he and I sat in corner chairs very close together for the TV cameras.

President Sadat is building at the base of Mt. Sinai a PEACE CENTER, to cost \$70 million. It will be emblematic of peace between nations and religions. He showed us a photograph of the architect's rendering picturing the Center. It is a beautiful walled complex and inside are three main buildings--a Mosque, a Synagogue, and a Church--symbolizing cooperation and peace between the three religions.

All three regard Moses as a prophet and all look to the same God, though the Islam religion calls Him by the name Allah.

A very short walk from this complex will be erected a modern tourist hotel.

I caught the vision immediately and will write feature articles--cover stories--for both QUEST/81 and The PLAIN TRUTH, showing pictures

of both Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat on the front covers.

It was atop this mountain nearly 3,000 years ago that God gave HIS LAW--the WAY to PEACE--on the stone tablets to Moses.

The Ambassador Foundation has pledged, through myself and Mr. Rader, a gift of \$1 million in ten annual installments toward this Center for WORLD PEACE. I signed the check for \$100,000 as the first installment and handed it to President Sadat. This matches, or partly matches, what we have done in Israel the past 12 years.

This will give us a great deal of valuable publicity over the world as working for WORLD PEACE, and open more doors for proclaiming the WAY to Peace--the WAY of God's Law, and the coming Kingdom of God.

Things like this open a door NOT OPEN to the religions of this world, or their leaders.

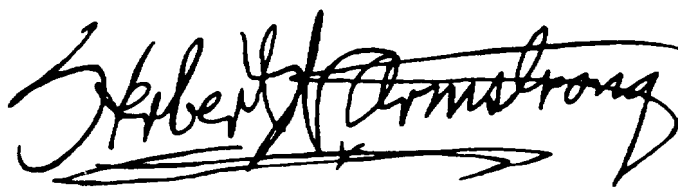
I know that our meeting with Mr. Sadat, just like that with Mr. Begin, was altogether DIFFERENT than any meeting--IF they ever granted one--with other religious leaders--or, for that matter, different than their meetings with press representatives or men of official standing from other nations. Our meetings are WARM, and even the Spirit of God is felt there.

Mr. Rader asked questions as to a statement Mr. Sadat would like to make to the American people, what he thought of the new changeover in the U.S. presidency, etc., and I talked further about GOD'S LAW, as the WAY to world peace--and the difference between the ways of life of "GIVE" and "GET." As Mr. Gotoh said in the car as we were leaving, "You certainly preached to him the true Gospel!"

Our meeting ended in a semi-bear hug, with deep-felt affection. I said I'd like a photograph with him on one side and Mr. Begin on the other, and Mr. Sadat said he would too, and perhaps we may be able to. Mr. Begin asked me to give his warmest greetings to President Sadat which I did.

Both these Middle East leaders know I am planning to feature a cover story on both of them, and both are exceedingly pleased.

All in all, it somehow seems that God has blessed this trip by making it the most successful so far.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sydney H. Armstrong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

A PERSECUTED BUT FAITHFUL
SERVANT OF CHRIST

by Herbert W. Armstrong

This is a long overdue tribute. A leader among us has been misjudged --maligned--persecuted and character-assassinated. It's time I speak up.

Brethren, sometimes I think we are poor judges. God says to us, "Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?" (I Cor. 6:3.)

The following verse says we should set them to judge who are least esteemed. Yet it has been some of those MOST esteemed, in highest positions, who have flagrantly MISjudged, indulged in character assassination and deliberate persecution. It's time I should speak out and I shall delay no longer!

God teaches, "Render therefore to all their dues,...honor to whom honor" is due (Rom. 13:7).

Yet it was those most esteemed (not only by us but by themselves as well) who sat in condemning judgment, persecuting one who has proved a faithful servant.

But I hasten to add the condemners and persecutors are mostly no longer even members of God's Church. Perhaps what I am about to say is one of the sad reasons.

These were also those--and some were of evangelist and vice-presidential rank--whom I frequently found it difficult to contact by phone in their offices. They usually arrived at the office an hour or more late. If I called at 11 a.m., a secretary would say sweetly, "I'm sorry, but Mr. _____ has gone to lunch." If I called at 1:20 he would not be back yet from lunch. If I called at 4:45 in the afternoon the same sweet secretarial voice would say, "Mr. _____ is gone for the day."

One or two of these men had to have the largest desks at headquarters while I carried on the chief executive's work from a tiny cubbyhole of an office too small for a man's smallest desk, over a small woman's boudoir table.

Yes, when I think back, "those were the days!" Some young men with fairly recent college degrees were real important "BIG EXECUTIVES"--in their own estimation. Sometimes I thought the only real work they ever did was spend time wondering whether Mr. Armstrong was working hard enough! What a shame--they are no longer with us! But the WORK is really getting done, today!

We do have men on the salary rolls at Pasadena today who arrive on time at the office in the morning, do not leave until 12 noon or 5 in the afternoon, and take only one hour for lunch. They do what is required of them.

Then we have some whom I may usually find at the office before 8 in the morning, will be working there through most of the hour between 12 and 1 p.m., and often will still be there at work after 6 in the evening if I chance to need to telephone them. They will usually be there at work Sundays also.

I am reminded of how Jesus was teaching His future apostles one time. He said, "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, 'We are UNprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do'" (Luke 17:10).

In other words, Jesus says that if we do ALL that is our duty--ALL that is required--we are still UNprofitable servants. The profitable servant does more! He thinks! He thinks about his job--his duty--and he sees extra things that need to be done--and he does them, even on extra time! He doesn't watch the clock. It is not ONLY how many hours he puts in--he does what needs to be done even if it takes many extra hours. He isn't thinking about how many hours he gets paid for--but the great job God has for us to do, and what falls within his jurisdiction regardless if it takes "extra hours without extra pay." And he doesn't try to take over the "Boss's" job.

I think that our executive and office people at Pasadena do not shirk their duty, and we have men who do far and away more than their duty. They do measure up to Jesus' standard of being faithful servants of Jesus Christ.

If I should need to call Mr. Joseph Tkach at 5:30 or 6 p.m., I can often be pretty sure he will still be working in his office. The same for Dr. Kessler. And usually on Sundays.

On the present trip with me--I am writing on my European and Middle East trip--are two of our younger elders--though both are married, one with children--Kevin and Aaron Dean. They really do work--with enthusiasm. They are stewards on the aircraft, and both have important ministerial jobs at Pasadena when not flying. They do far more than their duty--from the heart!

Beside many other responsibilities, I am now asking Mr. Kevin Dean to take over direction of the Y.O.U. and Y.E.S. They are close to the youths of the Church, and serve greatly in that area of the Work.

Almost 54 years ago the HEAD of God's Church--the living Jesus Christ--called me to be God's begotten son and Christ's Apostle. At the time, I studied and went into deep research to learn of Him, often studying until 1 or 2 a.m. and starting early in the morning. I have never watched the clock--except to keep appointments. In my 89th year I still work at all hours of day or night. When traveling, I work at makeshift desks or tables too high for my typewriter, having to find sofa cushions or something to pad up the chair seat so I can work at my typewriter.

God started the Work of the Philadelphia era of His Church through me in a tiny one-room, 36-seat country school house. Often I have had to work with improper facilities--but the main thing was to get the Work DONE!

Through the years God has given me--called to assist me--many people. This started about 1935 with a woman secretary half time, then a full-time secretary, then gradually more and more.

Some whom Christ has given me to help have really been PROFITABLE SERVANTS--they have done far more than their duty!

One of these was Mr. Stanley R. Rader. He saw that our accounting system was crude and totally inadequate. I hired him on a fee basis and he set up for us one of the most sophisticated accounting systems in any institution or corporation. He was already a CPA (Certified Public Accountant), but he added to his UCLA degree by enrolling in the Law School of the University of Southern California and graduated with highest grades on record. Yale and Harvard Law Schools wanted him on their faculties. But he had begun to catch the vision of God's great Work--and I think he not only liked us, but liked me personally--and he stayed on with us.

After a while I asked him to come with us full time. He did. God had given him an active, brilliant mind--and he used it.

He improved himself. Soon he not only knew all about law, legal matters and accounting, but business administration and finance.

I myself had been the advertising representative in Chicago of the nine principal journals read by bank executives, from age 23 through 30, but my mind had developed in the advertising and writing and psychology areas. I had no connection with banking nor reason to enhance my knowledge in the field of finance. But Mr. Rader did. Soon he convinced the second largest bank on the West Coast that we were a good and solid financial risk.

Through investment bankers Mr. Rader got us adequate financing, into millions of dollars, for the new building program of the college at Pasadena--then also for Bricket Wood, England, and Big Sandy, Texas.

Twice I was able to borrow a million dollars cash of the largest bank in Philadelphia, on my own signature--WITHOUT SECURITY! But it was Mr. Rader who arranged it. All I had to do was meet top bank officials at a luncheon in Philadelphia--for they wanted to see me personally before they risked that much money on me--but Mr. Rader had given them confidence in me and the Church. Incidentally, all loans were paid back on time.

When I started taking advantage of the door Jesus Christ was opening before me, by being invited to visit kings, emperors, presidents and prime ministers all over the world, frankly I could not have carried this responsibility on had not Mr. Rader accompanied me in all these private meetings. Together we have undoubtedly had private meetings with more heads of governments than any other man on earth. I did not see them to try to convert them--but to win their confidence and friendship SO THEY WOULD OPEN THE DOORS FOR US TO PROCLAIM CHRIST'S GOSPEL WITHIN THEIR

COUNTRIES TO THEIR PEOPLE! Mr. Rader knew just how to talk to them in terms of world governments, world conditions, and of course I know the world condition, its causes--and together we have been able to talk to the leaders of these many nations in their own language and win their confidence and friendship.

Without Mr. Rader I simply could not have carried on this very important worldwide Work. And in all, he has not in any manner tried to take my place, nor belittle me as some other men who have had evangelist and vice-president rank have tried to do--to push themselves into the top seat in God's Work. Christ had not called those men for that position, or they would be in it!

But some of them--men NOT IN THE CHURCH ANY LONGER--did everything in their power to character-assassinate Mr. Rader--to speak evil of him FOR NO REASON--to persecute him--to GET RID OF HIM!

Now I have said, if they KNOW some evil about Mr. Rader, why not come right out with it, charge him with it, and PROVE IT? THEY NEVER DID! Why did they turn many against Mr. Rader? What BAD thing has he done? They have never been able to say specifically. They just wanted you to THINK he is bad--NO REASON except they wanted you to believe so.

God says "Speak evil of no man!" They have broken that commandment without reason!

Now when these men, wanting the top position for themselves and jealous of and fearing Mr. Rader, started defaming him, HOW ARE YOU TO KNOW? They wanted you to think Mr. Rader was BAD--ought to be gotten rid of! Should YOU believe them? How could you KNOW? How do you avoid MISjudging?

Jesus said, "By their FRUITS shall ye KNOW! Not guess or MISjudge--but shall KNOW! I look at their underhanded propaganda AGAINST him--in which THEY NEVER ONCE TOLD YOU WHAT he had done that was wrong--never came out openly with any specific accusation--they just wanted you to THINK--because they said so--that he is somehow BAD and I ought to get rid of him--and they did plot to get rid of him--but they NEVER SAID WHY--there was no specific thing of which they could accuse!

But what did I do? I LOOKED AT THE FRUITS--at his performance--AND A L L G O O D !

So I kept Mr. Rader on--but THEY are no longer with us! I looked at their fruits too! And not only were their fruits bad, but by Jesus' definition, they were UNprofitable servants!

Mr. Rader has been touring the world with me, helping me take Christ's Gospel into many nations, and helping plan for me to speak to many large audiences and important groups high in government and in business, including many Rotary Clubs, Lion's Clubs, Kiwanis, and JCs, and others.

When we began these travels--and arduous travels they have been--Mr. Rader began to use spare moments in learning to read and speak and understand French. Today he has an excellent French vocabulary and can converse in it, write in it, read it like a native Frenchman.

But now one thing more. Mr. Rader has also been studying the Bible and learning from me. I don't mean I spend all my time teaching him or he spends all his time listening to my teaching. But he does have an alert, quick and active mind--he's certainly "all A student" caliber and much more, for he's much more than just a student or scholar. But he has a brilliant mind--he grasps and understands quickly--he THINKS! He makes the most of his time.

But does he do what is required of him? Apply that test of Jesus. If he does what is expected--what is required--and no more, then he would be an UNprofitable servant. But he does far, far more! He will work at any hour of the day or night. When at Pasadena, he usually is the first one at the office in the morning.

Let me tell you what inspired this long overdue tribute. I am writing this in Paris, November 5, the day after the U.S. Presidential elections--a Wednesday. We are to have another meeting with King Leopold III tomorrow.

On Monday, with the Mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek, he and I had a half-hour private meeting with Prime Minister Begin in Jerusalem. I flew over to Paris in our G-II plane yesterday, Tuesday. But Mr. Rader insisted on getting up at 4 a.m. yesterday morning to catch an early commercial plane flight to Paris--and WHY? Just to arrive in Paris about 4 hours ahead of me to be sure to arrange personally for my hotel accommodations--getting me the best and taking a smaller room for himself. He could just as well have slept until 7 and had a more comfortable flight with me. It was not his DUTY--not required of him--but he wanted to be sure I would be comfortable.

That is just one example. Things like that have happened HUNDREDS OF TIMES. He is always doing far more than required--far more than duty--going all out for the Work--for helping me carry out Christ's Great Commission.

One of the greatest doors opened to us in recent years--or all time--is the fact the Wall Street Journal has been willing to accept my campaign of FULL-PAGE advertising MESSAGES proclaiming the Gospel to the great and near-great of America IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE! It was Mr. Rader's unique and special abilities that Christ utilized in OPENING THAT IMPORTANT DOOR! He is of GREAT help to me in ideas for these messages.

But when the State of California launched its civil lawsuit against God's Church, then, if ever, were Mr. Rader's services necessary to God's Church and His Work.

Mr. Rader's accusers wanted to "cave in" and let the political government of MAN take over and operate--AND DESTROY--the GOVERNMENT OF GOD! The only place on earth the Government of God is being administered today is in the Worldwide Church of GOD! SATAN hates the Government of God. God set him (when he was the super-cherub Lucifer) on the THRONE OF THE EARTH to administer the GOVERNMENT OF GOD. He rebelled! He destroyed the Government of God ON EARTH! He still sits on that THRONE of the earth as the invisible and powerful god of this world! He tried to destroy the Christ child! He tried to destroy (spiritually) Jesus just before He began His earthly ministry at age about 30.

Jesus Christ has already RESTORED that Government of GOD on earth in a limited degree through THIS CHURCH!

When Adam fell before Satan and rejected the Government of God, God said to Adam, in effect: "Adam, you are the father of the WHOLE WORLD--who shall be born generation after generation from YOU. You have rejected for yourself AND for your FAMILY (the whole world) my Government. So GO, form your own human governments. You and your children will be swayed and led by Satan in the kind of governments you will form. They will really be SATAN'S governments--NOT MINE!"

And so, look at the governments in this world. There has been autocracy, imperialism, republicanism, democracy, communism, fascism. All Satan's governments. Actually, whether we like to admit it or not, the government of California is part of that Satanic system. Satan controls it. SATAN USED IT TO DESTROY THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD which Jesus Christ restored to a very limited part of this earth through the Worldwide Church of God.

Look at the national government of the U.S. President Carter suffered AGONY in a landslide defeat. Ronald Reagan enjoyed ECSTASY! But his OPPONENT whom he had fought, and who fought against him, calling him a warmonger, had to suffer AGONY. That's the way it is in Satan's world. One ENJOYS the exhilaration of winning only by causing his antagonist to SUFFER AGONY. But four years ago Jimmy Carter enjoyed ECSTASY. Did he have sympathetic pains because Gerald Ford then suffered AGONY? Of course not!

Satan's government from Rome sought to put Jesus to death. Jesus DID NOT HAVE TO SUBMIT because He did no wrong. He WOULD NOT have submitted, either--except for YOU--and ME! He only submitted in order to take the penalty of your sins and mine on Himself and pay that penalty FOR US in our stead!

Paul was arrested. They wanted to try him before a kangaroo court in Jerusalem, where he would automatically have been FALSELY judged "guilty." Paul DID NOT SUBMIT. He appealed to Caesar at Rome. We did not submit. We appealed to the California Supreme Court and were on our way up to that court when the California Legislature debated on passing a bill NULLIFYING the law on which the Attorney General was going to DESTROY God's Church and God's Government!

We did not get into the politics of that legislature bill--directly. But I wrote ads--FULL-PAGE NEWSPAPER ADS--and Mr. Rader got them in Sacramento newspapers--and Mr. Rader went to Sacramento and went on TALK SHOWS on TV and radio, going to the public about our case--and we know all this did have some influence in the California lawmaking body RESCINDING the law on which the Attorney General based his whole unconstitutional case falsely against God's Church.

Those ministers then at the TOP, who wanted to "cave in" and go with Satan in DESTROYING the Government and the Church of GOD are no longer in the Church. God showed me definitely what He wanted me to do. I FIRED the top two men who pleaded with me with raised voices to "cave in"--and I excommunicated them from the Church of GOD!

You have NO IDEA how tirelessly Mr. Rader worked to SAVE THE CHURCH--to preserve God's Government in the Church and on earth--as a limited government over His Church ONLY until Christ comes to RESTORE GOD'S GOVERNMENT over the whole earth!

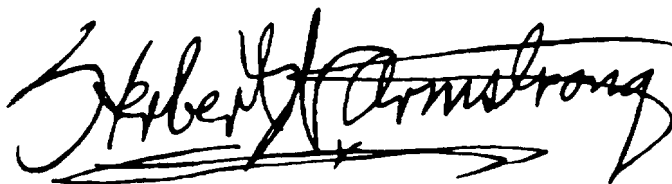
THIS WAS OF SUPREME IMPORTANCE TO GOD!

Mr. Rader, whom they maligned and persecuted, was used by GOD to preserve His CHURCH, and to DELIVER His Church from the clutches of Satan.

He is not the only one in God's Work doing MORE than required--but NO ONE in the Work goes farther, in striving to go ALL OUT completely beyond normal required performance to GET THE JOB DONE!

I know many of our field ministers are by Jesus' same definition good and "profitable servants." God will bless and reward all of you. But I think none has had to suffer such vilification from within the Church--by men in high position--even if those men are no longer even themselves IN the Church. And none can have gone farther to do far BEYOND what is normally required.

This tribute is long overdue. Yet I write it not so much as a tribute as to SET MATTERS STRAIGHT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL YOU WHO HAVE BEEN MISLED BY SUCH UNFOUNDED AND SATANIC PERSECUTION. I know all such injustice and persecution actually is aroused by Satan, but men ought to have known better than to have been misled into such an evil thing. I want to set the record straight! I love Stanley Rader very deeply, and I want you all to love and respect him, for he has deserved it!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Herbert Armstrong". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "H" and "A".

DATELINE CAIRO: MR. ARMSTRONG MEETS EGYPT'S ANWAR SADAT

Mr. Herbert Armstrong and Mr. Stanley Rader were received today (Nov. 11) by President Anwar Sadat in Cairo at the Giza Residential Palace.

During the televised audience Mr. Armstrong explored the problems of the Middle East with President Sadat. The President's comments will be aired around the United States in a special televised program sponsored by the Worldwide Church of God.

Mr. Armstrong, who is also Chairman of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, was invited by President Sadat to join with him in the President's Mt. Sinai World Peace Project--a project which enters in a multifaith complex.

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader pledged one million dollars to the President and Mr. Armstrong presented the President, with the Foundation, an initial \$100,000 contribution.

Mr. Armstrong and the President agreed that an iron bridge had been built between the people of Egypt and the people of the United States--a bridge that will not be broken.

Last Monday, in Jerusalem, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader had been received by Prime Minister Begin of Israel. Mr. Armstrong is presently writing major articles for the Work's publications including The PLAIN TRUTH.

Meanwhile, the Foundation has been supporting an archaeological dig in the Valley of the Kings in association with Waseda University of Tokyo. In addition, the Foundation has supported a free clinic in the metropolitan Cairo area. Both of these projects will continue to receive support in the future.

Last month Mr. Armstrong spoke to some 300 members of the Egyptian American Friendship Society and the Egyptian Political Institute at a banquet honoring him at the Nile Hilton Hotel in Cairo.

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

Update on Y.O.U.

Here is some updated information on Y.O.U. that should answer several questions. Please keep up the good work in enthusiastically supporting the Y.O.U. program.

S.E.P. Plans are well underway for the 1981 Summer Educational Program. In order to serve the most young people, we must schedule the time very carefully. We need your help in this. School districts throughout the U.S. and Canada vary widely in school closing and opening dates. Please get a sample of these dates in your area and send it to Ministerial Services as soon as possible. No formality needed, just jot them down on a memo and mail it. Thanks.

International Exchange Program In the near future, the Worldwide News will carry an article about the International Exchange Program inviting high school juniors and seniors to apply!!! Please call it to the attention of the young people in your area and help them evaluate whether they should apply. All applicants will be required to submit a letter of ministerial recommendation. Be sure that you thoroughly evaluate each student as well as counsel with the family about the exchange program. We want to give this wonderful opportunity to those who will really profit from it.

District Weekends By now the district coordinators should have plans completed for the girls volleyball tournament. Please do your best to make this a successful family-oriented activity.

We are working to put together a sample format for future District Weekends. This will be sent to you as soon as it is ready.

We are building the Bible bowl equipment here and will send a complete set (lights, buzzers, instructions, etc.) to each district coordinator. You should receive these sometime in February, so you will have them for the next District Weekend.

A Voice Cries Out: What's Wrong with Business and Industry?

Has it, after all, contributed to a better modern world, or-?

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION threaten to erase human life from the earth! What part have business and industry played in the modern society that now stands on the brink of human extinction?

Surely, when we look at modern business, industry and commerce we find the spectacle of modern development that excites enraptured admiration.

Or has this facet of civilization contributed to the cause of humanity's plight today?

If a Lincoln, a Vanderbilt or an Emerson could come back to life today, he would gasp in amazed wonderment at the astonishing development of modern business and industry!

The amazing development of the telephone, motion picture in full color, radio, television, motor car, mammoth oil tankers, jet planes, spacecraft hurtling men around the earth in 90 minutes, men traveling to the moon and back, unmanned spacecraft transmitting close-up pictures of the Martian surface to earth, the incredible modern computers and almost every conceivable technical business machine, as well as modern mass industrial production and modern sales and distribution systems—all this would cause men of a short hundred years ago to gasp in awe!

What AMAZING PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT!

Commerce and industry is a world within a world—a fast-moving, pulsating world of high-gear activity. Surely all these magic advancements could in no way have contributed to the EVILS that face our world today?

Seemingly not. But if we look deeper we find in this facet of society the same evils that have CAUSED humanity's debacle today. We find these vibrant, high-pressure fields of activity motivated by self-seeking competition and greed. And too often, in selling and marketing products, the sales appeal has been to vanity and wrong desires, utilizing dishonesty, misrepresentation, deception, unfair dealing. The motivating incentive is to "GET"—give less while charging more.

There are basics to life we usually do



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not look deeply enough to see. There are, basically, only the two broad ways of life. They travel in opposite directions. I state them very simply. The one is LOVE, meaning outflowing concern for the good of others, cooperation, serving, sharing. I term it "GIVE." The opposite way to which this world is drawn is "GET."

At an ad-club luncheon back in 1910 I heard a speaker ring out with emphasis, "Competition, NOT COOPERATION, is the life of trade today!" We all seemed to believe that then.

But later, my wise "Ben Franklin" uncle, Frank Armstrong, then leading advertising man in Iowa, explained it to me differently.

"The value of business conventions," he observed, "lies in COOPERATION. Jones has used a new idea that reduces costs. He shares his experience, and all profit—none is hurt. Smith tells how he increased sales and distribution into new markets. All profit by his experience—none is hurt."

But human nature simply doesn't see it that way. That's the way the Creator designed it—but humans differ with Him who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Unfortunately that has been regarded as impractical idealism. Yet EVERY EVIL IN TODAY'S SICK, SICK WORLD HAS BEEN CAUSED BY THE "GET" MOTIVE—self-advantage at the cost of others, vanity, coveting, lust and greed—envy and jealousy, hostile competition, strife, violence, war, destruction. And above all, resentment of authority!

Unfortunately the basic activating motive in modern business and industry

has been the "GET" philosophy. In spite of materialistic advances, humanity's problems are spiritual—and the spiritual incentive has been "GET"—"ME FIRST!"

Result? In spite of materialistic advances there has been spiritual retrogression. Trouble, evils, suffering and anguish have engulfed the world.

"Is honesty the best policy?" A magazine survey put this question to 103 business executives, all high in their lines. An overwhelming majority doubted whether a strictly honest policy would enable one to rise to the top in the business world. Only two answered yes, and one of these said he knew he was being naive.

Said one, "People who don't get dirty don't make it."

"In 40 years," said another, "I've known of only three men who've reached executive positions cleanly, and I admit I'm not one of them."

"The higher an executive is in the management ladder," said a third, "the more likely he is to do some dirty work."

Looking more deeply, past the materialistic advances in the business world, there has been selfish motivation, dishonesty, dog-eat-dog competition, disregard for the good of others, sharp practices.

This facet of modern civilization, like modern education, government, science and technology, has moved in the direction opposite from the foundational spiritual law of our Maker. It has contributed to bringing man's world to an apparent state of hopelessness and a soon future of utter destruction.

But that super-strong "Unseen Hand from Someplace" is now about to intervene. He sends a voice crying out with the world's only and sure hope! That intervention will save humanity from itself. A new and different world of PEACE, HAPPINESS and ABUNDANCE for all is that sure hope. Mankind won't bring it about. It will have to be done to humanity—and our motivation shall be changed from "GET" to "GIVE!" Agree or not—IT IS SURE!

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We have nothing to sell. But to those who might care for it, we will send, gratis, with no follow up, the intriguing booklet by Mr. Armstrong, *The Seven Laws of Success*. Also upon request—no subscription price—a trial subscription to *The Plain Truth*, a monthly magazine of UNDERSTANDING, full color, worldwide circulation more than two million copies. It covers the meaning behind world news, the causes and answers to human and world problems. Address: Worldwide Church of God, Pasadena, Calif., 91123, or call toll free (800) 423-4444. In California call collect (213) 577-5225.

Bowling As a reminder, the Y.O.U. bowling season begins on December first. Scores from around the country are compared in Pasadena and achievement awards given (see your Y.O.U. manual). This is a fine sport which can provide real family fun, but it has been overlooked in some areas. You pastors might want to plan a special bowling party or even a "how to" session with an instructor. By reserving the bowling alley (Sunday mornings are usually best), you can provide a wholesome and smokeless environment that all age groups can enjoy.

Required Reading for Baptismal Candidates

Mr. Armstrong now requires that each person counseling for baptism read his two books, THE INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL and TOMORROW--WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE. These books are presently in good supply here in Pasadena. Just have the individual write our regular Box 111 address and the books will be sent, free of charge. There is no need to contact Everest House for these in this case.

International News

News From Germany The German-language area of God's Work is settling down now for some hard work over the winter months until the Spring Feast. Budget planning for 1981 occupied most of October. Further plans for this winter involve socials for the churches, youth Bible Studies, leadership and child-training seminars, and hopefully, making new visits resulting from this fall's advertising campaigns for the magazine KLAR & WAHR. Plans are also being made for various ministers from this area to attend the Pasadena Ministerial Refreshing Program, and also to host a speaking tour of Mr. Gerald Waterhouse in January.

In the month of October we began our fall advertising campaign. As a result of the several ads and flyers placed in Swiss and German newspapers and magazines such as DER SPIEGEL, DIE ZEIT, WELTWOCHTE (Swiss) and TAGESANZEIGER MAGAZIN (Swiss) among others, we added 6718 new subscribers. Consequently, our total mail for the month was up 516% over October 1979.

We are especially pleased with our new Swiss ad campaign now being conducted for us by Swiss Air's advertising agents Hermann & Schneider. They designed the ad which appears to bring good results, and the publications in which we are now advertising in Switzerland.

An unexpected and pleasant surprise for us in October was an offer of the German Railway (Deutsche Bundesbahn) to advertise in the monthly train schedules laid out on every seat in all Standard Express trains as well as the famous and prestigious Trans European Express trains with a total circulation of 1.5 million. The ad will appear in the busiest month of the year, in December, and was offered to us for one third the normal price.

New Zealand Activities The highlight this month was the whirlwind tour of Evangelist Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, who travelled with Mr. Peter Nathan to every Church in New Zealand, speaking to a different congregation every day for almost two weeks.

Mr. Waterhouse's dynamic sermons hammered home the need for God's Church to be fully and completely back on the right track, following the direction of God's end-time Apostle, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. The members

responded enthusiastically, gratefully appreciating the opportunity to hear such a powerful and inspiring message from one of God's evangelists and personal emissary of Mr. Armstrong. Many of the brethren took the opportunity to travel to other church areas to hear even more about God's plan and purpose, commenting that the sermons were so fast-moving and jam-packed with important principles and examples that it was very difficult to take notes until they heard the material for the second or third time!

All in all, 945 people heard Mr. Waterhouse in 10 locations, and only a small handful of members in scattered areas missed being able to attend one of the meetings.

The tour was also an excellent opportunity for Mr. Peter Nathan to be introduced to the brethren nationwide as the new Overseer of God's Work in this part of the world. Mr. Waterhouse's visit ended with a ministerial conference for all the ministers from New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga on October 30th--a chance to hear another five profitable hours of Mr. Waterhouse's vital message!

Meanwhile, our October PT advertising campaign has proved most successful, with 8,000 brand-new Plain Truth subscribers being added during the month. Over 12,000 letters flooded into the office in October, one of the highest monthly totals on record.

A couple of manpower changes were made during the month. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sidney, all native Australians, are returning to their home country to assist in God's Work there. Replacing them will be two ministers currently serving in the United States, Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Johnston (both New Zealanders) and Mr. and Mrs. Don Engle (Mrs. Engle is a New Zealander).

Australian Update Under Mr. Armstrong's direct guidance, God's Work in Australia has undergone a complete change of direction. The Work and Church are now being put "back on the track." The past three months has been a period of change and consolidation.

While the number of letters being received is temporarily down (due to a slowdown in promotions in this interim period), nevertheless, God has continued to bless His Work in Australia financially. Income is most encouraging. Our year-to-date figure for mail income and holy day offerings stand at an excellent 30.3% increase.

Feast of Tabernacles reports from our nine Festival sites were all in total agreement--it was the "best Feast ever." Many, many members commented on the new enthusiasm, the renewed dedication, the attentiveness and responsiveness given to the sermons by Mr. Armstrong and the ministry. One member writes:

Dear Mr. Armstrong: The Spirit of God has demonstrated to us, through many changed lives and attitudes, that Christ is working powerfully through you, even restoring the Feast of Tabernacles to the joyous Feast of God's Word that it was when I first learned about it from you and began to observe it 15 years ago.

Final Registration figures were: Adelaide, 288, Albany, 551; Canberra, 379; Gold Coast, 1,050; Hobart, 263; Mackay, 390; Port Macquarie, 980; Sunshine Coast, 520; Warrnambool, 742. This is a total of 5,163. Members responded with a fine 19.5% increase in holy day offerings.

Appreciation for Ministerial Refreshing Program

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

The Refreshing Program was indeed refreshing! The Feast was super, people's attitudes were uplifting; and so it seems that everywhere I look things in God's Church are on the upbeat, getting better and better.

I thank God for turning us around, and I thank you, Mr. Armstrong, for your leadership and example in making it happen. Two years ago when you began to put God's Church back on track I hadn't realized how far we had drifted. At that time I questioned, "Did we really need to be put back on track?" It's evident that we did when I compare the way it was then to the way it is now! What a refreshing change in spirit and attitude that is now prevalent in God's Church, in His College, and in those you have placed in positions of leadership. God and the Bible are IN and our sights are being focused on the great calling we've all been given. What a blessing!

Thank you, Mr. Armstrong, so much for your example and for the relentless effort you've expended to set us straight. The light is dawning and as never before I feel excited and privileged to be a part of this great and marvelous Work.

I know there's a lot that still needs to be done for God's people and I'm anxious to get on with doing it, and with God's help I'll succeed --that's my prayer. Thanks again for the Refreshing Program and for putting us back on the track.

Randall Kobernat

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

My wife and I just returned home from the three-week Refreshing Program. What an exciting time it was. Thank you very much for the opportunity.

For all who are yet to attend may we say you are in for a real refreshing! It was refreshing to go over the Church doctrines, refreshing to meet new friends and greet old ones, refreshing to take time off from "the old routine," and very refreshing to be on God's Campus once again to recapture the enthusiasm of faithful and loyal ministers.

Les and Penny McColm

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

It's with great appreciation for this current Refreshing Program that we write to you. You have long stressed the quality approach to God's way of life. Once again we've experienced that quality, the product of God's mind, here in Pasadena. The quality of in-

depth, meaty instruction given by all of those teaching what you have approved, and the quality God inspired you to build into this magnificent campus is all a witness to God's Spirit at work.

Thank you for your continued dedication to God's Truth. We feel these days in Pasadena are invaluable for everyone. God is truly pulling the strings back together and His Work is again moving powerfully ahead under His Apostle's leadership.

David and Robin Hulme

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Mary and I wish to express our sincere thanks to you and your staff for the Ministerial Refreshing Program. We have enjoyed a very profitable three weeks.

The weather was smog free, clear, sunny, and warm; the food and fellowship superb; the updating helpful and encouraging; and the campus never looked better.

Our prayers are with you daily, Mr. Armstrong, in this end-time Work.

Richard and Mary Pinelli

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for bringing my wife and me to Pasadena on the Refreshing Program. It has been a great help to us and very encouraging to see men in positions of authority who really do want to administer God's Work according to the way of life God has taught through you.

I also want to express my gratitude for the opportunity of working with the Work in the Asian area for the past few years. The brethren there are certainly enthusiastic about the direction of the Work and are a real inspiration in their dedication to their calling. We spent a wonderful Feast in Penang, Malaysia along with Mr. and Mrs. John Halford and three other elders, and it was certainly a picture of the wonderful World Tomorrow.

Thank you for the opportunity of continuing to work as part of the team under you.

Chris and Denise Hunting

Dear Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Tkach:

Mique and I certainly appreciated the opportunity of attending the fourth session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program. We extend our thanks to everyone for all the time and effort they put into the program.

We enjoyed renewing old and making new friendships with our fellow ministers and their wives who were in on this first session that included a number of us from some of the "International" areas of the Work. It was also very nice to spend some time with the students, and especially those from our area who are excited about college.

We will be looking forward to returning to Pasadena for "Refreshing, Part II."

Doug and Mique Smith

Mr. Joe Tkach:

My wife and I thank you and those who assisted you in bringing Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's instructions to us. It was indeed very uplifting and inspiring to see the wholeheartedness and obvious loyalty and dedication to God and His Apostle. Not only is the Church back on the track, but it is moving along majestically towards the God-appointed goal. We certainly feel better equipped now to do our part in God's Work and Church.

Roy and Tine McCarthy

South African Dignitary Sends Greetings to Mr. Armstrong

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Greetings from Johannesburg. Your visits to South Africa are still fondly remembered and appreciated by many.

We are having lunch on the 20th of November with the Honourable Hennie Smit, a minister in Mr. P. W. Botha's cabinet. He was present at one of your meetings in South Africa and has asked me to pass on his special greetings to you and Mr. Rader.

We were thrilled to hear you speak live by telephone to the Pasadena congregation from London and Jerusalem. Our prayers are with you.

Roy McCarthy

Comments From Monthly Church Reports

EVERETT, WA., HARRY E. SLEDER: I am happy to report that everything is going real well. The Everett Church is a real warm, friendly church. The people all seem to be headed in the right direction.

LAS CRUCES, N.M., KEITH BRITTAIN: Donation for Public Bible Lectures came to nearly double what was anticipated from both churches.

CHICO, CA., MARC SEGALL: Happy to be able to report a 15% increase in attendance at Sabbath services over the past 12 months. Most of this is due to new P.M. growth. I also want to take this opportunity to express the fact that Mr. Armstrong's Bible Study tapes are more and more interesting. With every new one we receive we notice that they seem to crescendo in inspirational content which has broadened our understanding of these books of the Bible immensely. Mr. Armstrong deserves our sincere praise for his exemplary efforts.

FARGO-GRAND FORKS, N.D., HUGH WILSON: The Fargo and Grand Forks Churches are stable. The members enjoyed the G-II team of "Doc" Kessler and Fred Stevens stopping by. For those who can make it into Bible Study, the tapes on I Corinthians are being well received.

MODESTO, CA., NOEL HORNOR: Upon my return from the Ministerial Refreshing Program, the people were all very excited about the news I brought and the direction the Church is taking. Attitudes are more positive than they have been for some time. Church attendance is showing an increase too.

MIDLAND, TX., KEITH WALDEN: Brethren are enjoying sermons on notes from the Refreshing Program--sermons like the "Old Days." They show interest and enjoyment in them.

MEDFORD, OR., FRED DAVIS: Suddenly a number of people are requesting baptism counseling. Our P.T. distribution efforts are showing some results and the brethren are getting behind the program more vigorously.

MASON CITY, IA., KEITH F. THOMAS: It feels great to be back on the firing line. Pastoring God's people has got to be one of the most rewarding occupations on this earth.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA., STEVE MARTIN: New people are coming, I think, because of publicity of Church through Church vs. State controversy.

HOUSTON, TX., HAL W. BAIRD, JR.: People continually express their thankfulness for Mr. Armstrong's positive approach in getting God's Church back on the track. The Ministerial Refreshing Program was fantastic. The warmth, friendliness, fellowship with ministers and their wives was much greater than anything I can remember in years, if ever before. Direct word from Mr. Herbert Armstrong and how Jesus Christ is working through him and those carrying out his policies has sure brought tremendous unity among the ministers. A great big thanks to all of you conducting classes. I know Mr. Armstrong and Jesus Christ must be pleased with your actions.

KALISPELL, MT., BILL QUILLEN: Everyone excited about the visit from Pasadena by Dean Blackwell and Aaron Dean. A few families were able to be at the airport to see the G-II off!! Always good to see someone from Pasadena and hear about the Work.

DAVENPORT, IA., DAVID HAVIR: The brethren have generally been analyzing their commitment and rekindling their zeal.

WEST BEND, WI., FELIX HEIMBERG: People are really beginning to comprehend how God has used the legal battle with resultant full-page ads to further the Work.

GREELEY, CO., CHUCK ZIMMERMAN: Content and volume of Mr. Armstrong's writings in WN, GN, PT, etc. is uplifting and producing growth in our local congregations.

KANSAS CITY, KS., RUSSELL DUKE: Tremendous P.M. response as of this summer. Several new families are now attending regularly--as well as several individuals. They are making real commitments to God and His Work. We really appreciated the opportunity to serve at S.E.P. this summer with the Y.O.U. Staff and the other ministers. Hope we can be of further help in the future.

Thanks again for the Refreshing Program. I strongly feel I know now what Mr. Armstrong is expecting of all of us in the ministry. There's nothing like unity!

SIOUX FALLS, SD., GEORGE AFFELDT: I see a feeling in the Church that I saw in the Church in the early sixties. Most of the members are behind Mr. Armstrong and the other leaders in the Church. No longer do I hear comments questioning Mr. Rader's loyalty. They are behind him also.

OTTUMWA, IA., JAMES E. REYER: I do not have any questions this time around because the Refreshing Program answered them all. Thanks, as this is the first time it has ever happened. My wife and I really enjoyed the openness that all of you instructors had towards the many questions fired at you. We need more of this type of give and take. The fellowship was a high point and really charged me up for the Feasts.

Weekly Letter Comments

Brethren from all over the country express their joy and happiness at God's delivery of His Church from the State of California lawsuit. However, they realize that we all must remain on guard against Satan's devices.

Parents and youth are thrilled about the new magazine YOUTH/81 and are anxiously awaiting the first issue. And members continue to be inspired by the example of their local ministers. They appreciate their loyalty and dedicated leadership.

--Mail Processing Center

Brethren Rejoice Over Victory

We rejoice with you (Mr. Armstrong) for God granting us this victory over the evil forces in the State of California. The news that the California Attorney General dropped all charges against God's Church was overwhelmingly wonderful. Yet, as we know, our enemy and adversary still has it "in" for us, and we cannot let our spiritual guards down. We must continue in prayer, study and fasting--seeking to draw closer to our God. He has shown us, through you, that complete and final victory is ours just ahead, if we "faint" not.

Kenneth & Shirley Weeden (Wilmington, NC)

I can hardly express my joy at the decision of the Attorney General of California to drop the case against us. I am sure everyone at Pasadena feels a great burden lifted from their shoulders! We all knew that in God's good time it would be lifted--the question was "How long O Lord!"

As I have experienced in my own life, so many times--when I have asked for relief, the answer was "Wait and see the salvation of the Lord." He has relieved me after the test of faith.

Mrs. June Geer (Seattle, WA)

Victory, sweet victory! I am giving thanks to God for the most recent events in the court problem, and many thanks to all who were so personally involved in the battle. I am so proud of the people out there in Pasadena and the lawyers, not to mention Mr. Rader and Mr. Armstrong.

Mrs. Catherine Cianelli (Houston, MS)

I am so happy about the lawsuit being dropped. However, I wonder what Satan has in store for us next. I am sure God will handle it as He did this. I just hope we all remain faithful, no matter what. Thank you, Mr. Armstrong, for being faithful to God and us.

Mrs. Crystal Slaybaugh (Stewartsville, MO)

We are elated over the good news that God's servants and Church have had all charges against them dropped. We know that you (Mr. Armstrong) are elated too. However, my heart goes out to those former brethren who left us because of the false accusations against God's Apostle and his adviser. We still love and pray for them.

David J. Bell, Jr., (Boynton Beach, FL)

Hooray! The Church has won! Thank you, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader so very much for seeing clearly the need to press forward with the legal battle--as Christian soldiers--and with the sure faith that Christ and God the Father would help the "Church with little strength" to gain victory. However, we must not let our guard down now--a second, sneak attack could be far worse than the first! But as always, the Eternal will be our strength, our fortress...our God!

Becky Hartman (Indianapolis, IN)

Youth and Parents Thrilled About New Magazine

I am writing to tell you (Mr. Armstrong) how happy I am that you have been able to turn your attention toward the youth in God's Church. I know you are extremely busy, but I also know God has shown you the need to guide His youth in the right direction.

Miss Christina Ullerick (Auburn, WA)

Our pastor announced the new magazine YOUTH '81 to us this Sabbath. We are excited and pleased to hear about it. We have two teenagers now who can receive their own copies and five other children who will benefit from it as they grow older. There does seem to be among the young people an awakening interest in the Church, God's Way and the World Tomorrow. We really appreciate all the help you can give in helping us to rear our children God's way--this magazine will be of great value!

Clarence & Linda Webb (Statesville, NC)

Thank you for making available YOUTH '81. Although my son is not 13 yet, he reads really well and I am sure will benefit from the magazine.

Edward Frazen (Minneapolis, MN)

My name is Roberta Cole. I am 11. I am writing about the new magazine YOUTH '81. I have a big interest in animals and how they live. It would be wonderful to read the truth about animals without the lies of evolution or "animal spiritism."

There are very few articles I can read or programs I can watch that don't tell these lies. It will be so good in the World Tomorrow when you won't have to memorize lies to pass a test, when you have to forget it anyway.

I will be 12 in March and if you see fit to allow me to subscribe to YOUTH '81, I would appreciate it.

Roberta Cole, (Omaha, NE)

I'm writing to let you (Mr. Armstrong) know that I think the new magazine YOUTH '81 is a great idea and will be of great benefit to the youth of the Church. I'm looking forward to reading the first issue. I think you're doing a super job for the youth and I thank you for all the time and effort you are putting into helping the youth of the Church.

Kendall Thomas (Omaha, NE)

I think the YOUTH '81 magazine is a terrific idea, and I know I will benefit from it in many ways. I think a good article for the magazine would be on praying and how God really listens to the young people and how important they are to Him.

I know that there are a lot of other young people out there who feel the same as I do about YOUTH '81. Thank you very much for it. I can't wait to receive the first issue!

Beverly McCullough (Browns Mills, NJ)

Members Appreciate Their Local Ministry

Our minister, Mr. Jess Ernest of Peoria, Illinois is one of the finest ministers we've been associated with. We appreciate all he has done. He is absolutely 1000% behind you, Mr. Armstrong, and we always appreciate knowing where you and the government you have set up stand. Mr. Ernest is doing a terrific job.

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Lavallier (Lexington, IL)

Thank the Eternal God who gave our small church here in Quincy a man like Mr. Gerald Flurry to be a minister over us. He is a very loyal man to the Church and with his love has helped us all. We are so blessed to have him here with us.

Mrs. Wayne Kingsley (E. Wenatchee, WA)

We are really inspired to have Mr. Dean Wilson in the Portland area. Hope this means we will grow in quality as well as quantity.

Elsie Turkovsky (The Dalles, OR)

Just want to tell you how we appreciate Mr. Ron Miller (and his family) as our minister. He is doing a great job here. Since he has arrived, our churches in this area are growing much closer, as well as spiritually. We hope he will be here a long time.

Donald R. Clark, (Clifton, CO)

I attend the Wheeling, West Virginia Church and am very thankful to God for his servant, Mr. Lyle Johnston. I appreciate his strong and powerful leadership, and the fine example his family sets for the brethren here.

Martha Ripley (Freeport, OH)

I'd like to share something that touched us deeply. Our minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Don Engle, invited us to their home recently for a meal. Mrs. Engle served us as if we were royalty. This was the first time in seventeen years of our membership in the Worldwide Church of God that this has happened. We realize how busy they are and the cost of everything. Their love and kindnesses to the brethren and their humble, unaffected ways are what we need.

Dr. & Mrs. N.M. Ross (Wallace, NC)

--JOE TKACH, MINISTERIAL SERVICES

A MAJOR VICTORY WON, BUT WAR NOT YET OVER

The battle against the enemies of the Work of the Living God is far from over. We have simply won a major victory on the road to complete vindication, but there is ever so much more to be done.

Monday, for example, in San Francisco and then again on the 25th of November in Los Angeles, the Petris Bill, recently passed, will be subjected to committee and public hearings concerning possible amendments which could adversely affect the Work of the Living God.

Those who opposed the Petris Bill and hate us and the Work of the Living God will not cease in their efforts to destroy us.

In order to vindicate ourselves, our civil rights suit in Federal Court hopefully will be filed during December 1980.

Meanwhile, although the Attorney General has requested the California Court of Appeals to dismiss the appeal, we are awaiting the court's ruling. In the past we have received no help at all from the California District Court of Appeals, and from the entire Judiciary of the State of California, and we cannot be too confident that the court will change its attitude now.

Let us not forget that our enemies, including major power centers unhappy with our success thus far, are continuing to clamor before federal, state and local agencies that they continue to persecute the Work of the Living God.

Let us not forget how our enemies have been willing to lie and perjure themselves.

We must remain vigilant and prepared. We must not be lulled into a false sense of security. We must recognize there will be sacrifice or hardship for us to endure in the future.

Let us remember that our enemies do not suffer gladly that the Government of God is controlling His Church. Our enemies hate His Church and hate the idea that Christ's Apostle can control the expenditure of God's money.

Therefore, we must continue to promulgate the truth about the Work of the Living God. We must continue to promulgate the truth about the Great Commission and the means by which the Great Commission is being fulfilled. We must continue to promulgate the truth about God's Government and about the members of the Worldwide Church of God.

We can anticipate at least two years maximum effort to rid most of the public's mind of the poison put there by our enemies during the past two years.

Yet there is reason to be thankful as we had stated recently on two occasions. We are thankful that the Living God gave Governor Jerry Brown the wisdom and strength to sign the Petris Bill into law despite vigorous efforts from our enemies.

We are also thankful to the Living God that He gave the Attorney General the wisdom and the strength to dismiss the suit, as he said on a number of occasions that he would if the Petris Bill were passed and enacted into law.

We are all looking forward to those days when Satan can no longer threaten the Work of the Living God, but the days mentioned in Revelation 20 are not yet here. The dragon, that old serpent which is the Devil and Satan, has not yet been bound and cast into a bottomless pit and shut up so that he could no longer deceive the nations until the thousand years should be fulfilled.

--Stanley R. Rader

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM WORLDWIDE NEWS RE: SABBATH OF THANKSGIVING

Now that the annual Feast of Tabernacles is past, a special note of thanks is due to all who took the time to complete the Festival reports and/or mail us photographs of their site. The response to our request was overwhelming, as thousands of photos inundated our offices within two weeks of the Festival. As a result, we featured more of God's sites around the world than in any previous Festival issue. Our thanks to you!

Also, as God's Church celebrates a Sabbath of thanksgiving November 15th, we would like to highlight your congregation's activities. We would appreciate it if you could drop us a short summary of any activities on the 15th, as well as a few photos. (If you want the photos returned, please enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.) Please forward this material by November 21st.

The Worldwide News staff is here to serve the needs of God's Church and ministry. If you would like to see something addressed through the pages of the WN or have any general comments, please feel free to write us. We appreciate it!

--Dexter H. Faulkner, Worldwide News

ON THE WORLD SCENE

SHIFTS RIGHT AND LEFT: While President-elect Ronald Reagan has been busy preparing for his transition to power after his November 4th landslide victory, another election of sorts has taken place in Britain. On November 10, Michael Foot, a flamboyant leftist firebrand, was chosen to lead Britain's opposition Labor Party. Laborites lost the national elections last year to the Conservatives, led by the current Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Foot takes over as Labor leader from former Prime Minister James Callaghan, who represents the moderate right spectrum of the otherwise very socialistic, out-of-touch-with-reality party. His victory signifies a pronounced lurch to the left within Labor, a trend underway since Thatcher's victory, and intensified during the Labor Party convention a few weeks ago.

Prime Minister Thatcher has been tightening Britain's economic belt with a long-overdue dose of monetarist medicine. As a result, the pound sterling is strong and once again well-respected around the world. But Mrs. Thatcher's success in this area has been achieved at the expense of steadily rising short-term unemployment. Hence her policies are becoming increasingly unpopular. Nevertheless, as long as she retains her comfortable parliamentary majority, she will not have to stand for election until 1984.

Her opponent, Mr. Foot, could not possibly express more opposite views. He is fiercely dedicated to statism, government spending to reduce unemployment and nationalization of industry. He also champions the Labor radical left's new issues--Britain's pull-out from the Common Market, unilateral nuclear disarmament and a ban on stationing U.S. nuclear weapons on British soil.

A parallel right-left phenomenon may now be occurring in the United States. Conservatives, rather than so-called "Ford moderates," are now firmly in control of the Republican Party. The reaction on the part of the badly beaten Democratic Party is likely to be a more pronounced move to the left.

But who will lead the Democrats? President Carter--a one-time phenomenon who arose out of nowhere to capture the Democratic machinery in 1976--is thoroughly discredited. So are the so-called "neo-conservative" Democrats who supported Reagan this year. That leaves room for only a true-blue liberal.

"Leadership of the Democratic Party," writes William Schneider in the Los Angeles Times, November 9, 1980, "probably will pass to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. Kennedy is the one Democratic figure with powerful personal loyalties, political stature, and demonstrated electoral appeal. The fact

that he lost the Democratic primaries and the nomination this year does not discredit him in the party. Indeed, his losing campaign may have vindicated him for Kennedy represented the liberal conscience fighting against Jimmy Carter, the opportunist and the usurper. It was Kennedy, not Carter, who controlled the Democratic National Convention this year in New York, and his rousing speech reaffirmed the traditional liberal Democratic orthodoxy--and instantly made Kennedy the heir apparent to party leadership. The Democratic officeholders who supported the 'open convention' movement last summer were fearful of electoral catastrophe with Jimmy Carter at the head of the Democratic Party ticket. Their worst fears were borne out on November 4.

"Of course it is far from clear that Kennedy would have been a stronger candidate than Carter at the head of the Democratic ticket this year. Kennedy's liabilities were amply demonstrated during the long primary campaign. But Kennedy nevertheless won legitimacy in the party, even as Reagan did in his party, when he narrowly lost the nomination to an incumbent president four years ago. By carrying his fight to the bitter end, Kennedy established himself as a man of deep principle and commitment. And then by campaigning for Carter this fall, he bolstered his reputation as a good partisan."

Mr. Reagan, similar to Mrs. Thatcher in Great Britain, has every intention of getting his nation, as he says, "back to work again." And like Mrs. Thatcher he will be judged primarily upon his performance with the economy. Will he be able to cut inflation, for example, without paying a heavy price in unemployment--an issue the "full employment" philosophy Democrats would certainly capitalize on?

Might we see by the next election in 1984 a swing to the left in the U.S. and the U.K.--and a corresponding swing to the right in West Germany? Curiously, the Germans seem to follow, by several years, trends in the United States. Bonn is still in the hands of a left-of-center socialist government. A swing to the right, which took place in Britain in 1978 and in the U.S. in 1980, has yet to take place in Bonn.

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