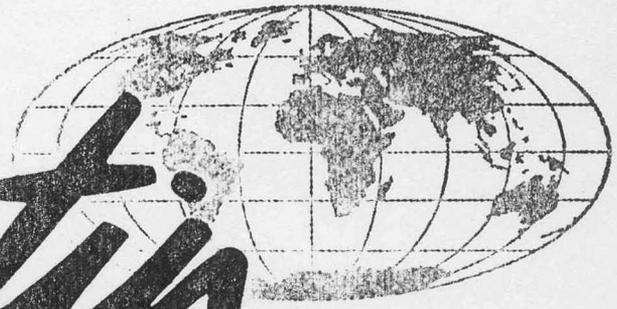


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Mail Summary and Letter Excerpts

JANUARY MAIL SUMMARY

The mail in January was both encouraging and discouraging. The White Mail was good. We received 90,677 white letters for the month for a 42.3% increase over the previous January. However, the total mail count for January was not as bright. A monthly total of 210,360 letters gave only a 1.9% increase. The contributions and property figure was -2.9% and the total income leveled out at .2% increase. Part of the low income figures are due to the delayed arrival of the member mail. Last year the members mailed their tithe as they received their checks. Now that the members are turning in their tithe on the Sabbath, there is a lag of several days before the money is actually received and processed here. This means tithes that would have arrived sooner now come in a few days later, throwing the comparative figures for January 1970 and 1971 out of balance a little.

The February letter percentages through Friday the 12th are looking much better than the January ones. White Mail has a 51.1% increase and the total letter increase is 19.6%. Contributions and property are lagging behind at -12.5% and total income is -10.1%, but as explained above, this is not as bad as the figures might

indicate. As the year progresses these discrepancies will right themselves.

LETTER EXCERPTS

Catching On

Write on! You guys are doing a bang-up job with *The PLAIN TRUTH* and it's really an exciting experience reading and rereading every month's issue. Ever so slowly I'm catching on to the fact that a lot of us have been living behind slogans, dogmas, and traditions that have little real meaning. It's about time we all looked at the values we live by and see just how well they stand up to how God intended us to live and glorify His name. It's gonna be a long, slow process, but with guidance like *The PLAIN TRUTH*, the road is bound to be a lot straighter. I'm gonna take you up on your offer and ask for some more of your booklets.

— George H., Tacoma, Washington

Step by Step

I haven't been in a church in years and haven't read a Bible in equally as long. Since listening to your program, I have taken my Bible out of the storage box. Next, I put it in the bookcase. Recently I thumbed through it and read from it and now it is on my desk top. I wouldn't be surprised if I start studying it. Thank you for reintroducing me to an old friend.

— Joe M., Pasadena, Texas

Down With Women's Lib!

The women of today are a pack of fools. They have washers, dryers, toasters, Hoovers, electric

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Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Allen and Doris Bullock: We are happy to announce the birth of our second son, *Chad David*, 7 lbs., on January 18, 1971. This particular birth was special to us since I helped Doris deliver the baby. The doctor was one minute late arriving for the delivery. Doris bled a lot and the doctor was very concerned. She wanted to give her some shots, but I anointed her and the blood started clotting immediately. The doctor was not too shocked because she had seen this happen with other women from God's Church. Everyone is doing fine now.

John and Mary Cheetham: Greetings! We have what most consider the ideal balanced family. Now, after a firstborn son, my wife gave birth to *Julia Joanne*. The only variation on this theme would be twins! Julia was born January 11, and weighed 7 lbs. All very happy and content.

Nelson and Linnea Haas: Linnea gave birth to our first son, *Jason Seward* (second child), after 23 hours of labor and a very fast delivery. He was born on Monday morning, February 1, at 4:07 a.m. All went well with father and church lady in attendance, doctor arriving just in time to deliver the afterbirth! Everyone is doing well and pleased. Jason weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz., and was 19½ inches long.

Bryan and Bobbie Hoyt: Greetings from Pittsburgh! These last few days have added an immeasurable amount of happiness to our marriage. My wife, Bobbie, gave birth to our firstborn — a vivacious 6 lb. baby girl. *Bonnie Lynn* came at the respectable hour of 6:30 p.m., January 18, the very day of our first anniversary. Bobbie and Bonnie are doing fine.

Joel and Patsy Lillengren: Greetings from snowy New York State. Well, my wife Patsy did it again! She labored on another Sabbath, and brought forth our second lovely little girl, *Monique Jeanine*, on January 2, 1971 at 7:30 a.m. She was in labor only about two hours, and

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Ministerial

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Announce

We are having a number of increasing difficulties with the various ways in which our members and co-workers are labelling their donations. We would appreciate your taking a few moments to cover the following points from the pulpit.

- (1) When sending a donation please specify clearly what fund it is intended for, and *how much* for each. Please spell out and avoid abbreviations. It is much better for us if you list the breakdown on a separate slip and enclose it with your check.
- (2) Always tell us *who* is sending *what* for which fund when more than one person encloses money in one envelope. "Bob is sending \$10" is not enough information for us to send a receipt.
- (3) If separate family members receive separate receipts at the same address, each should request his own IBM indexed envelopes for sending donations. This simplifies our procedures drastically.
- (4) Donations can be receipted to *one* name only. In the case of letters which say "Here is \$20 from Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Smith," we have to split the amount in two and receipt for each half. Please specify how much for each.
- (5) Some members have requested that we receipt separately for first tithe and offer-

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Dear Fellow Ministers:

GREETINGS, in Jesus Christ's name. This will be a little longer than usual, but there is much to report. I have no late word from Mr. Armstrong, and cannot tell you at this moment whether his proposed visit with Mrs. Golda Meir occurred, or not. I do know that he was in New Delhi when my two telexes finally reached him, and so he had already been in Jerusalem previously. His next stop was to be Katmandu, I believe. I'll know more when Mr. Portune returns tomorrow, but don't wish to further delay the bulletin now.

The final death toll, including those crushed to death, and about five or six of those who died of heart attacks (men's hearts failing them for fear!) was 63, resulting from the earthquake in Los Angeles. It's now been placed at 6.6 on the Richter scale. Here's a complete rundown on the quake, and I suppose each person would have a similar series of impressions -- no matter where they were:

Some students were up, some asleep, some in the showers, and, hopefully, some were already on their knees. The quake began as a low, rumbling roar, like a thousand trains going by -- and the combined sounds of creaking timbers, rattling windows, breaking glass, falling thumps of books, furniture, and the jingle of light fixtures, chandeliers, and other groanings of buildings, and the earth itself.

As with everyone, our first thoughts were for our children, so Shirl and I leapt to the boys rooms (they were already sitting bolt upright, with their eyes rather large), and headed toward the front door. The shaking and rumbling lasted for over a full minute. The pool was splashing and frothing, the trees were swaying, and the pictures and light fixtures doing a macabre dance; all in the barest pre-dawn light.

I quickly threw on some slacks and a sweater, and headed for the campus, to the tune of various after shocks and creakings of buildings. I went first to the gymnasium, since I felt it might be the hardest hit. Many panes of the colored glass at the top of the gymnasium and natatorium area were broken out. I went in the building, which was still dark, and put the lights on. There was no major structural damage visible, although many pieces of the overhead insulation were lying on the gym floor. Next, I went to the Hall of Administration. The fourth floor was pretty much a mess; but it was mostly minor damage such as big sections of the plaster knocked out along the seams of the pre-cast concrete panels; furniture overturned, lamps over, telephones off the hooks and so-forth. Mr. Armstrong's office had two planter pots overturned, with dirt cascaded onto the floor, books, bric-a-brac scattered about, but (with exception of plaster knocked off the walls at the joints or seams,

which was universal of all fourth-floor offices) no really serious damage. Same story everywhere upstairs: desk drawers stood open, file cases open, or overturned, but no major structural damage. Mr. Portune's credenza was toppled over onto his desk, with all the drawers open, paintings askew, books and magazines on the floor, etc.

Many of the decorative pieces of pottery in the screens of the Student Center interior were broken; there were some pieces of decorative tile in the Faculty lounge loose, and other minor damage, but again, no structural damage.

The Press building was almost totally undamaged; except for a big clean-up job within the upper story offices, with the same chaos of drawers, stacks of papers, books, furniture, lamps, etc., all in disarray.

The presses were running again the same day, with no damage. Data Processing reported no damage; and so all the vital elements of the Work, including radio and TV areas were able to function immediately, as if nothing had occurred.

The library, as you can imagine, had quite a "digging out" process. One or two of the rooms were about knee-deep in books, with stacks collapsed, and thousands of books cascaded onto the floor, but with no major structural damage to the building itself.

Manor Del Mar was perhaps hardest hit, since two chimneys were knocked off, and with portions of brick and mortar, laced with soot and ashes tumbling down inside the open fireplaces, it was pretty heavily covered with grime inside. Some of the men, seeing the choking dust, at first assumed the building was on fire.

Mayfair lost at least one chimney, as did many of the homes along Faculty Row, including Mr. Armstrong's chimney. I checked the interior of his house, however, and there was no damage whatever, with the exception of one bottle of broken meat sauce in the kitchen! Mom's doll collection was tumbled about, but no broken glass, no broken furnishings, and no broken dishes! Many homes in the areas of the foothills had to clean up their kitchens with SHOVELS, not brooms!

We have had to temporarily prevent people from entering the High School Gymnasium, resulting from major twisting of a big cross-member in the ceiling.

But, while many areas suffered disrupted communications, ruptured gas lines, big cracks in streets (one freeway overpass collapsed), broken water lines, and widespread power failures, Ambassador College suffered none of these.

In general, it will probably take somewhere between one and two hundred thousand dollars to repair all the chimneys, plaster, win-

dow weather stripping, broken windows, and minor interior damage, but that is phenomenally light, considering the way all the area shook. I fully expected, during the height of the quake, that most of the big L.A. skyscrapers would be lying on the ground!

There was no damage to Ambassador Hall, or the Academic Center.

The Falcon was hangared out at Burbank, but there was no damage whatever, to either the airplane or the hangar, except that the hangar doors were temporarily stuck in place.

By now, everyone has pretty much heard about the Conference, so I'll not say much, except to say that all believed it was the most really helpful, instructive, inspirational and deeply spiritually motivated of all! Mr. Armstrong was feeling very well the whole time, and took the lion's share of the meetings, going into, very thoroughly, the whole picture of the Spirit in Man, and the overall meaning and purpose of the whole Work.

Notable quotations from my father might illustrate some of what took place:

"It is the commission of this Work to put the law of God into modern language . . . "

"The Sardis Church couldn't TURN INTO Philadelphia -- nor will the Philadelphia Church TURN INTO the Laodicean Era. It cannot be this Church! Some MEMBERS may eventually end up in the Laodicean Church, but THIS CHURCH will not do so . . . "

"This work doesn't END with Petra, but goes right on through the millennium."

"God's Work to the world is His olive branch of peace."

"Feed the flock on their part in THIS WORK first . . . "

"The future is vague -- but if we have more than this year, it will not be just one more, but could be three, or five, or eight, or more!"

"We plan to WALK THROUGH ALL OPEN DOORS to get the Work done as quickly as possible, but all the while we shall be planning wisely WELL AHEAD!"

I would like to mention here that we will be changing the manner in which district conferences have been conducted in times past. We will begin to have much more traffic back and forth between District Superintendents AND HEADQUARTERS, having some of your men COME HERE more often than in the past, and when conferences are needed (and we will be cautious not to OVERdo this), then perhaps two or even three of us, and hopefully, I can become more involved than in the past, will be there, for about a 3-day conference.

Along this line, I would like to mention a concept that could be falsely held by some. I know, as a result of various disciplinary actions of the recent past, that it might be fairly easy for some to begin assuming that a trip in to Headquarters is always to be viewed as a TERRIBLE DISGRACE . . . a PUNISHMENT of sorts. Nothing of the kind!

I should hope all would continue to count it as a real inspiration, and a blessing! Recently, a MAJOR change was made when I personally asked Mr. Arthur Mokarow to come in to Headquarters.

Mr. Mokarow is now working on a preliminary plan which could lead toward a really BIG new step for God's Work, which can save God's Work, and all the brethren, multiple MILLIONS of dollars, eventually. I don't want any of you to "gossip" about this, or wonder, or speculate. It is too early, now, to divulge any details, since we are in a STUDY of situations and possibilities, and I must await Mr. Portune, Mr. Rader, and Mr. Armstrong's return, and meetings which can only take place then, before making any official statements. But Mr. Mokarow is already, now, beginning to function in an office that we regard as MUCH more important than that which he just vacated. He was NOT brought in for some sort of "discipline," or because he had not done a commendable job in the "field," as we call it. Hopefully, we can tell you some more good news about this in the future bulletins, but if not, and if we must operate for the meantime rather quietly, I guess you men will just have to have the FAITH in Jesus Christ to know HE REALLY DOES RULE IN HIS CHURCH, AND HE DOES KNOW WHAT IS BEST!

Quickly, I would like to cover a few more points which came up during the Ministerial Conference. One point we discussed in some depth was the subject of ORDINATIONS. While I can't repeat it all here, since I am dictating at the moment, I believe I can remember the gist of what I covered and points contributed by others during one of the meetings on the subject of ordinations. Earlier, we had had a meeting of evangelists and vice presidents in the board room on the fourth floor of the Hall of Administration, and during the discussion of potential ordinations, the same subject came up. In past years there may have been some policies which have been inequitable in suggesting ordinations, and these could have included the following potential errors:

Considering that a man is "ready" for an ordination simply because of length of time in the field.

Feeling that a man ought to be ordained because he "needs encouragement."

Suggesting that a man be ordained because he ought to be placed in a higher income bracket.

Considering ordination because he graduated a year or two earlier than others who have been ordained to a higher office.

Ordaining a man because he is a good friend, loyal to you personally, or is a nice dresser, or a good handball player!

Ordaining a man because it has "been over two years now since he graduated" and you feel he "needs it."

Any number of other points were mentioned concerning wrong practice in ordinations, and "advancement through rank."

Actually, perhaps we should get our minds OFF "rank" in the ministry, and come down to earth and realize the Bible teaches very strongly that a minister is a SERVANT! A minister is a person who serves, waits on, helps, and aids other people, not a person who is a great exalted dignitary who is waited UPON!

A simple scriptural study into I Timothy the third chapter and I Peter the fifth chapter would perhaps clear the air and clear our minds a great deal on ordinations.

An ordination is actually a call to greater service, and a "commission" to a greater responsibility, not a "decoration" of an individual! I believe there may have been a tendency in the past to view an ordination as a virtual "medal" for accomplishments achieved, rather than a commission of accomplishments as yet unachieved, which need to be done.

You'll recall that in the ordination of the very first deacons in the history of the New Testament Church, the deacons were ordained only after the real NECESSITY became obvious. In like fashion, it is quite likely that we have ordained some individuals in a particular responsibility or position because that position REQUIRED the ordination. In other words, the decision would have been based on a simple question: It's obvious that the position or the requirements of service would demand an ordained man in such a case. If this individual we are considering is to remain in that office, then he must be ordained -- and if he must not be ordained because of various spiritual considerations then he should be removed from that office and another take his place! It is more this kind of evaluation we need, and more of the spiritual and scriptural examples to which we must look, rather than looking among ourselves, worrying about people's "feelings," length of time in service, income brackets, "prestige," "social status," and any other human or earthy considerations which are apart from the plain scriptural teaching about ordinations.

We have had sufficient defections from the ministry -- sufficient problems with attitude, personal doctrines and the like, to make us cautious in ordinations, and to make us rely on Divine guidance, and Bible qualifications, instead of personal, human ideas.

To QUASH A RUMOR: There will be no Jerusalem Feast site this year so far as we know! Mr. Armstrong may decide that one or two people or perhaps those in the Jerusalem office joined by two or

three others in concert with some of our Jewish friends ought to have a meeting or two, but so far as trying to develop a large site, and holding it out to our members as a potential for a Festival transfer for this coming year, Mr. Armstrong made the definite and positive decision during the Ministerial Conference to cancel that consideration for the time being.

Concerning the current telecasts: we have just finished some telecasts concerning arms and the "gun mystique," then two more on the power crisis in connection with the lead article in The PLAIN TRUTH for February, and are planning to do a couple on the vagaries and inconsistencies of human nature in desiring right results from evil causes. Very shortly, on into the late spring, we hope to get into the "America Going the Way of Rome" series, which should turn out to be five full telecasts.

Concerning divorce and remarriage situations: I found, as a result of complaints received recently from a prospective member, that entirely too many men are using the term "decision" rather loosely in discussions with prospective members. The prospective member told me, in his own words, that the minister had told him to compile a list of all of the factual circumstances which should be turned in to the minister in writing. The minister would then bring this before a "board of ministers" (these are the words used by the man, not necessarily by the minister, but it illustrates the point -- and demonstrates how people twist things around) which "board" would then "render a decision" about whether or not he was married or divorced, all of which would look pretty weird in newsprint.

Remember, fellows, WE do not "make the decision." What we are doing is serving, helping, trying to point out from the Bible what GOD has already decided. In mutual fact seeking, as a brother, friend, and minister who is there to serve and to help, we are, with patience, understanding, kindness and real PITY for people who have been caught in this Satanic situation because of wrong teaching by false ministers, and a lack of the RIGHT teaching by the educational and religious systems of this world, trying to help them solve their problems, and STRAIGHTEN OUT their lives. We are most assuredly NOT standing aloof as if the "Holy Joe" who is untouched and aloof by such "goings on" as the inner machinations and vagaries of people's inexplicable conduct in their past lives, like "Joe Pharisee" who might look upon the person trapped by his own sins with a certain mixture of contempt and pity, and hand down to him a lofty "decision" or two about this terrible mess into which he has gotten himself.

It is not only "weak" people who involve themselves in divorce. It is such a commonplace thing in America, and in practically all of the Western world, that leaders in government, industry, business, education and all walks of life are oftentimes divorced. In the world, it no longer even carries the stigma of being something of which one must be ashamed. It would be a little incongruous for

us to look upon divorce, per se, as one of the most hideous of all sins.

After all, God allowed it during the entire Old Testament administration, and never forget that some of the leading patriarchs and "righteous men of old" of the Old Testament were in a sense "divorced" in the way we might think of it today, or were allowed to have multiple wives and concubines. While we, who have been given the blessing of having open minds, having been called of God's Spirit, and understanding the spiritual application of Christ's teaching in the New Testament realize that living in adultery is a SIN, that does not mean that those in the world who have been "trapped" by hasty marriages and who have been divorced as a result of a whole host of sins on the part of themselves and others, should be looked at with contempt, or should be looked upon with anything more than the same mixture of compassion and pity that we would look upon our own children who have been hurt or injured because of their own shortcomings. We are here to help, to serve, and to mutually aid such a person in discovering the truth for himself -- then we can merely show him what God's Word says IF all the facts, as he has presented them to us in sincerity, are actually true. It is God who either bound or loosed, and the individual must then decide whether he will OBEY God or not.

We do not, and cannot "DECIDE" for others. THEY must make the decision, and we can only show what God's will is on the subject and try to point them toward God.

So let's refrain in the future from ever using the word "decision" in connection with divorce and remarriage situations, legal matters, or with health problems or matters of diet.

Just yesterday, I went up for the last session of the Canadian Minister's Conference at Vancouver, B.C. I was able to "kill three birds with one stone," so to speak, since I was able to bring Mr. and Mrs. Ron Dart and Chris Hunting back to Headquarters in the Falcon, also to attend the conference, and to pick up Mr. Peter Holdstock, the architect, who has gone into business for himself in the Vancouver area. You will remember Mr. Holdstock was the architect who, with the O.K. Earl Corporation, designed and built our Gymnasium, Academic Center, and Hall of Administration.

I was especially concerned that Mr. Holdstock could aid our Buildings and Grounds personnel and our structural engineers in going over very carefully some of the very buildings he himself designed to help us ascertain the true extent of earthquake damage.

As I dictate this Ministerial Bulletin, I am aboard the Falcon halfway between Burbank and Gregg County Airport, with Mr. Holdstock aboard. He is going to be with Mr. McCullough and me tomorrow, discussing preliminary concepts for the hoped-for administration building and classroom complex for the Big Sandy campus -- so that

if we are able to arrange the financing, we can once more get our building program under way in Big Sandy.

I would like to remind all of you that following some of the GOOD NEWS we heard during the Ministerial Conference that "we have never been in better financial shape" there is a very grave likelihood that our members will lie down on the job, grow apathetic, and once more we will experience a sudden drop off in income, and especially donations for the Building Fund.

I certainly feel that most of you will be using Mr. Armstrong's member letters and co-worker letters as some of the real backbone for your sermons. However, I doubt this is the case universally. I know it can be tempting to bring about five sermons in a row about "Oriental Religions," or to bring up some weird notions from some psychology book we may have read, but we need to get back to the "faith once delivered," preach sound doctrine, continually turn the eyes of the brethren toward Headquarters, and certainly keep them inspired on the necessity of providing the FACILITIES that are needed to get this great Work done!

A word on weird ideas and psychology: I have discovered that any number of those who have defected from the Work recently have done so as a result of reading some of the "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" philosophies of this world. One book in particular which has been culpable in this regard has been the one called "Psycho-cybernetics" which I understand has been rather highly recommended even by some ministers and department leaders at Headquarters. Well, at the risk of sounding like a Bolshevik, I have ordered a virtual "Hitlerian Era" book destruction! Recently another of our ordained local elders (who was not in our employ) fancied himself a "prophet." He told Mr. Art Ferdig he wanted him to go back with a sack full of various documents and rip them up and dump them at Mr. Armstrong's feet in his office! Mr. Armstrong would then realize immediately which one he ought to pick up first, and would be, of course, smitten with some strange "prophetic message." The man in question had about ruined his health, lost weight, been living on virtually nothing but coffee, and had been unable to sleep for days. He claimed the ministers are in a "vertical line of authority," and a prophet would be on a "horizontal plane." All of this meant, of course, that in his self-assumed and lofty "prophetic position" he did not now need to be subject anymore to the chain of command that exists in Christ's ministry.

The "proof" that he was a prophet? His father was to die that same evening he made these great and lofty pronouncements to Mr. Art Ferdig! Was his father a cancer victim? In poor health? About to have a heart attack? No -- so far as anyone knew -- his father was in perfectly good health. He said he was very sorry it had to be this way, but he guessed that was the price of his becoming a prophet -- or words to this effect. The man's father did not, after all, die. He seemed a little miffed, and disappointed in the whole thing, and decided, after all, that he was not a prophet.

I'll tell you something else he is not.

He's not a minister anymore.

Some of you have read the book "Psycho-cybernetics." If you have, and you have the slightest little bit of instability in your mind, I believe you need to be on your knees praying that God will clean up whatever vanity, self-importance, dependence upon your own inner being, and other weird and psychological "better inner you" nutty notions you may have gotten from the weird and ridiculous book.

Maybe I could agree with anywhere from sixty to seventy or even ninety percent of what is in its pages. But that would be like eating that fabled hamburger at McDonald's, which is eighty percent beef (and good corn-fed beef at that!), about ten percent tripe, stomach lining, sawdust, cardboard, and hog fat, and then only about ten percent fried cat with some of the hair still left on!

I suppose at that rate some people would feel they could still eat the thing, -- but not me!

If you were to know all the facts you would discover that Bob Lay also began his eventual exit from Christ's ministry by reading a lot of fanciful and nutty notions about the "better inner you" in some of these psychology books. The former local elder in the New York area got his book from a man who was renting from him, who also has the "Psycho-cybernetics" book, as well as others along the same line.

I wholeheartedly and sincerely reject all such books -- and if that sounds entirely too "simplistic," or "overbearing," then I think you should immediately investigate whether you are truly working in the Work which is of God and of Jesus Christ of Nazareth; and whether you still live within the "simplicity which is in Christ Jesus" as the Apostle Paul commanded the Corinthians, or whether we need all of the "technicalities" that come out of a worldly psychology book!

So far as I'm concerned, the "psychology" of this world is a rotten, filthy, demoniacal, evil and horrible stench-ridden mixture, and I want nothing to do with it!

I ordered our college bookstore to get rid of all of their copies, and I intend to begin a personal campaign to expunge that kind of psychological garbage from the minds of the members of the Church of God! I hope you'll all help.

Well, I guess that is about it for now. This has gone on to become quite lengthy, but a great deal has happened from the Conference to this time -- and of course a great deal is yet to happen. By the end of next week, I shall be speaking, God willing, to the

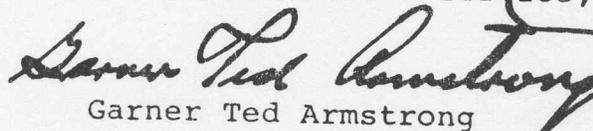
combined Chamber of Commerce of Calgary in Alberta, with preliminary radio and television interviews, and then returning back to Headquarters at the first of the following week.

Incidentally, I turned forty-one on the same day as the destructive San Fernando Valley earthquake. (I suppose people are thankful my birthday only comes once a year!)

Well, keep feeding the flock of God, fellows, and I hope to be seeing many more of you with greater frequency than in the past -- as we continue to put these aircraft God has blessed us with to good use in the Work of God. Feed the flock, keep them pointed toward the BIG Work that is being done through television, radio, The PLAIN TRUTH, TOMORROW'S WORLD, and all the booklets -- keep their minds off themselves -- and let them realize no matter how large their problem, it can't be anywhere near as big as some of those poor wretched veterans who were smashed to death underneath thousands of tons of concrete the other day, nor anywhere near so bad as the suffering millions of human beings all over this earth!

LATE FLASH: One of the most remarkable miracles (ALL miracles are remarkable!) I have heard of occurred here recently. Mr. Larry Dietrich, one of our GII pilots, and the only one of the three who is a member of the Church, was shocked by the sight of his little boy's body, floating face up in their swimming pool. He had apparently been in the water for up toward five full minutes. There was NO sign of life; no pulse, no breathing WHATEVER. The Dietrich's immediately called for the Elder on duty at Headquarters, and the boy was annointed. He began breathing immediately! Apparently, some water had even gotten into the boy's lungs, but he is fine now! This is as close to an actual RESURRECTION as anything I have heard of. We should all pray, though, that there is NO BRAIN damage, although I certainly would assume there would be none, since God performed a miracle to revive the boy, in the first place. Such wonderful news should be shared, I feel, and while I don't have the specific details, such as who found the boy, and how long it took for the Elder to arrive, Mr. Dan Spencer told me the essence of the situation, and I wanted to pass it on to you.

In Jesus Christ's service,


Garner Ted Armstrong

Church Administration

RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from Pasadena!

We had a very fine conference this year — shorter and smaller than most, but fast moving and profitable in every way. I will not try to enumerate all of the points that were covered since most of you will be having district conferences soon after this arrives and the District Superintendents will be covering this material with you. Certainly the inspiration of being at Headquarters again, and the overview of the **BIG PICTURE** is important for all of you in the Field to have and to rekindle from time to time. In our church and ministerial responsibilities, let's always remember the big worldwide work which God's Work has been called to do — have our *hearts* in that Work, *pray* for it fervently and encourage the brethren to do the same!

One bit of good news that was discussed during the conference period and resolved shortly after is that *all* of the Negro churches are to be gradually "integrated" once again. We are proceeding with this immediately here in the Los Angeles area, but ask all of you in the Field to hold off until you get more detailed instructions from us as we want to be sure that all ministerial and hall problems can be worked out equitably and safely in every case. But in talking to some of our Negro ministers and quite a number of the brethren, I found that they are basically *enthusiastic* about this idea. It will certainly help promote a sense of *unity* and *loyalty* among **ALL** of God's people. We will just have to be sure, as ministers, that we continue to give our Negro men continued opportunities to develop as leaders, deacons, Elders, ministers, etc. That we can and will do.

One sad bit of news is that Mr. Gerald Crosswell had to be put out of God's ministry. This was solely because of a particular problem and sin in which he was involved — and of which he is now repenting deeply. Let me make it clear that he is still very much **IN** God's Church — and plans to settle down and get a job here in the Southern California area where he can be worked with even more by those of us who know

him — this was not our idea but his — and I am glad that he has this attitude now. So please *pray* for him and his wife, Kathie, that they can *learn the lesson* needed, and can right themselves and grow more than ever toward God's Kingdom. And, in the *right way*, fellows, let's all be moved by the right kind of Godly **FEAR** when these things occur — realizing that we are not immune, or perfect, but need one another's prayers and compassion at all times.

Now for a bit of **INSTRUCTION**:

Please be advised that the Emergency Fund is **NOT** to be used to fulfill any and every little "desire" which may occur to any Field minister or the assistants or Elders working under him! Most of you have used this fund in the right way, but I do want to set forth some vital guidelines, as many have not. Literally *dozens* of checks are now being written in the Field by ministers for other *ministers* or *assistants* who have personal desires or needs which are not strictly an "emergency!" Many of these are to help another Elder or assistant "purchase clothes" — the statement says. Occasionally, there may be a genuine need to help a new Elder or assistant be properly attired for the ministry. But very seldom is this a hurried, last-minute "emergency." It is a matter that **OUGHT** to be requested from Headquarters by filling out the proper Third Tithe Form.

However — and this is the crux of the problem — many of you ministers are simply unwilling to take the time and effort to fill out these forms and to trust Headquarters to make the right decision! Rather, like carnal King Saul, you "force yourself" and **TAKB** the money out of the Emergency Fund which was never designed for this purpose!

Among the stated "reasons" for using the Emergency Fund to help other ministers or assistants are the following: "Son needs specialist for his eyes." — "To pay fees for A.C. handball facilities." — That is a rich one! It was an **EMERGENCY** for this man to play handball! — "Air conditioning for home." — And this in the middle of the month of December! How many of you in the Northern United States have "emergencies" because it gets too hot in December?

Well, that's enough, but the list goes on and on with this type of thing. Fellow ministers, this is simply **NOT RIGHT** and **NOT FAIR** to God's people — many of them scraping to make ends meet — for you fellows to borrow this money they have carefully set aside to help other breth-

ren in EMERGENCIES and use it for your own desires, pleasures or even occasional genuine needs which *ought* to be filled by requesting such help from the Third Tithe Fund for the needy Levites.

So let's STOP this practice or we will have to start cracking down on any of you who personally abuse the Emergency Fund in the future. I know you don't mean to, and perhaps had not thought of it this way before. We are not "mad" at you at all — in fact some of your escapades are rather amusing — but I think you can see that we need to handle this fund in a more Godly and responsible manner.

Since I find I have more time, I am going to add some more news at this point before closing. We are happy to announce that a new church in Norfolk, Virginia, started this past Sabbath, February 13! We don't have the number who attended yet, but it will range well over 100 and grow from there as the entire area is bringing in a lot of prospectives.

Also, here in the Headquarters area, we are reorganizing the entire Southern California church setup. None of the Evangelists will now be pastoring churches — freeing them to devote more time and interest to their executive responsibilities, and allowing more of the Preaching Elders who actually *visit* the people to be looked upon as their pastors in name as well as in fact! In order to make the churches smaller and more workable — and also to "integrate" our Negro brethren — we are cancelling the Los Angeles Numbers 1, 2 and 3 churches. And we are starting FIVE new churches in their place: Santa Monica, Torrance (temporarily meeting in Long Beach), Glendale A.M. (in addition to the present P.M.), and San Marino A.M. and P.M. Churches! So we are coming out with a net gain of *two* new churches which will not only make the area more workable for the Local and Preaching Elders concerned, but add to the preaching opportunities on the ministerial schedule for all of us.

Another important bit of news that many of you apparently are unaware of is that Mr. Dan Porter has been transferred to the Business Office. This was not in any sense a firing, a demotion or anything of the kind. It simply worked out that more than a year ago Mr. Ted Armstrong, I and others felt that it was better to have a *minister* directly in charge of the Church Administration Department. Mr. Luker was a

natural for this job and took this responsibility some 14 months ago. Mr. Porter — having done a *fine* and *loyal* job — remained on as his assistant.

But Mr. Porter's strongest forte is his ability — as he had done in the past with Co-Worker and other departments — to come in and *organize* a department, set things up, and then exercise initiative in various directions regarding new plans, projects, etc. With Mr. Luker in charge and with the department basically *already* well organized, Dan's opportunities for motivation and growth — especially since he was not a minister — became more limited. Mr. Portune and I talked about this over a period of many weeks, and a job finally opened up in the business area where Dan's strengths will be maximized and his weaknesses minimized.

Dan is very happy about this, as were all of us. We parted very good friends and associates — in fact we never "parted" at all since I voluntarily and enthusiastically suggested that Dan still might be able to work with us as time permitted in certain areas of our CAD budgeting as that related to the Business Department. Mr. Portune was pleased with this suggestion, and certainly Dan was — so our relationship continues amicably in every way.

But I did feel it *important* to let you fellows know about this transfer which took place several weeks ago since some of you are still writing in *personally* to Dan Porter regarding CAD matters. Let me make clear that Mr. Dennis Luker is the department head over Church Administration, and the department *manager* is now Mr. Mike Rowell who is doing an excellent job, assisted by Mr. Jim Morrison.

Also, I am very pleased to have as a personal administrative assistant Mr. Carl Franklin — whom most of you know was brought in from the field for this purpose. Mr. Franklin, however, is NOT connected directly with CAD as such, nor are there any plans for this in the future.

So, in writing about church administration matters, continue to write either me or Mr. Luker or — if you feel there is some minor administrative matter you wish to address someone *personally* about besides us — then write to Mr. Mike Rowell, the department manager of Church Administration. But be advised that Mr. Luker is down in the department *nearly every day* and — as a field minister for five and one-half years and having had experience as Superin-

tendent over *two* different districts — is able to organize and evaluate things from the point of view of *you fellows* in the field and your needs, as well as from the Headquarters' point of view. Then, he and I confer on these matters and make decisions together on problems nearly *every day* — often including Mr. Hill, Mr. Carrozzo and others in our meetings — and any major problems or policies are *always* checked with Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong and often his father as well!

Perhaps all of this is somewhat redundant. But I felt it well to clear the air at this time since there have been certain organizational changes made and hope all of you will *reread* the above and familiarize yourselves with proper procedures in relationship to church administration.

The prospective member requests continue to increase for which we are *very thankful!* Keep hustling to get to these people while their interest is still at its peak, fellows. Keep up the good work the vast majority of you are doing, and we hope to see more of you in person in the coming Spring and Summer Festivals.

Your brother in Christ,

Robert C. Merrill

BABY NEWS

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the doctor said it was one of the best deliveries she had ever performed — especially considering the baby weighed 9 lbs., 6 oz! We are very thankful indeed!

Wayne and Esther Luginbill: Greetings from Bismarck: I would like to announce the birth of *Pamela Jean* Luginbill. She was born on Saturday evening, January 9, at 6:15 p.m. Weight was 8 lbs., 3 oz. She was 22 inches long. Mother and daughter are doing *fine*. The doctor allowed me in the delivery room at my insistence, and while waiting on the wife, we discussed his favorite sport, football. The nurses were all excited about having a husband present at the birth of his child.

Jim and Norma Malone: I hate to have to tell you this, but Norma was caught *laboring* on the Sabbath last week and we had to suspend her from Church for at least three weeks. However,

she's in a good attitude and has promised to quit this type of activity — at least for awhile. We've been kidding that with Mr. Plache's faith and *our works*, we (Mr. Plache and us) have produced a baby. *Elizabeth Anne* was born January 16, at 5:35 p.m. The whole delivery was without any problems and was wonderfully easy. Elizabeth weighed 7 lbs. even and is as healthy and pink as you could want. All is well here with mother and baby.

Kenneth and Barbara Martin: Greetings from the South Bend-Fort Wayne area! Just a short note to inform you that God has blessed us with the desire of our hearts — a lovely little daughter. *Julie Ann* was born December 29, at 7:40 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz., and was 21 inches long. Julie has blonde hair and blue eyes. She's daddy's little girl! Mother and daughter both strong and healthy. All went wonderfully well. That makes two sons and a daughter for which we are very grateful to our Father in Heaven.

Elmer and Ruth McElroy: We finally had our baby girl which was born on February 6th. She weighed 9½ lbs. and was 20½ inches long. We've name her *Alicia Gayle* McElroy, TA. If you are wondering what the "TA" stands for, it simply means, "That's All, Folks!!"

Glenn and Joyce Purdy: Greetings to all. As Commander Neil Armstrong said, "The Eagle has landed!" Our little tax exemption arrived at 3:00 a.m., December 27th. Her name is *Kathryn Janelle*. She weighed 8½ lbs. and beat the midwife by an hour — so yours truly "delivered." My wife just had 2 or 3 labor pains and the baby delivered herself. A *wonderful* experience for Joyce, myself and our little boy who's happy to have such a fine sister. "Our cup runneth over!"

David and Artis Roenspies: On December 26, 1970, at 7:15 p.m., *Jill Marie* arrived, increasing the Roen-species to 4. She weighed 7½ lbs. Since Matthew came breech and we have the RH negative problem, we were a little apprehensive, but it was a very normal and quick birth — we had a hard time getting the doctor away from his plate of spaghetti to "deliver" Jill, to have him return promptly after the birth for a second helping! Artis was walking around till a half hour before the baby was born. It certainly is a blessing to have a baby in the relaxed comfort of one's own home!

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NEW CANADIAN CHURCH

There is good news for the brethren in eastern Canada. Approval has just been given to begin a new church in Halifax, Nova Scotia. While the church will be small, none of the people who will be attending have been able to attend church anywhere before. We expect the church to begin with about 80 in attendance, but to grow quickly. The Holy Day attendance will be much higher than that, but the people are scattered

out over a very large area and will be unable to attend every Sabbath.

The Pastor will be Mr. Steve Botha who is currently the Local Elder in Edmonton. Mr. Botha is a South African graduate of the Bricket Wood campus. His wife, the former Harlean Croyle, is an American graduate of the Bricket Wood campus.

Replacing Mr. Botha in Edmonton will be Mr. Ron Howe who is currently a Local Elder in Saskatoon. He will be replaced by a ministerial assistant who is yet to be determined.

At the same time, Mr. and Mrs. Kerry McGuinness will be transferred from the Vancouver area to Brisbane, Australia. The Brisbane Church has grown rapidly, and now needs a Local Elder to assist Mr. Bradford in the day-to-day work of the church. Mr. McGuinness and his Canadian wife are both graduates of the Bricket Wood campus.

WORK OF GOD STATISTICS

(Summary of the statistics presented during the Ministerial Conference)

Area	Plain Truth Circulation	Tomorrow's World Circulation	Co-Workers	C. C. Course Circulation	Feast Attendance	Prospective Members	Church Attendance	Baptized Members	Churches	Ministers
United States	1,160,693	406,282	66,474	132,087	73,500	9,761	57,590	36,640	186	387
Canada	99,389	35,384	4,748	8,985	7,102	772	2,135	2,500	16	30
Great Britain	105,374	51,598	5,106	3,582	2,840	365	4,080	1,553	10	14
Australia	46,905	23,870	3,239	4,026	3,175	—	2,800	1,849	11	14
New Zealand	51,597	26,207	900	1,002	412	—	216	235	1	3
Philippines	64,325	17,434	512	530	1,387	300	330	691	2	3
South Africa	44,560	20,105	916	1,223	679	—	486	434	2	6
India, Ceylon	71,029	16,982	22	1,177	—	—	—	4	—	—
West Indies (P.U.A.S.)	18,785	5,757	467	1,928	474	—	196	167	1	1
French	53,581	—	740	2,250	430	—	118	160	2	2
Spanish	73,761	—	180	5,000	—	—	16	125	1	2
German	54,668	—	1,141	1,802	—	—	225	144	2	2
Dutch	14,365	—	21	—	—	—	50	27	1	1
World	1,859,392	603,619	84,466	163,592	90,000	—	68,200	44,500	235	468

NOTE: Mr. Dean Wilson reported that Canada is now blanketed by The WORLD TOMORROW telecast — going out over 55 TV stations! Other figures included the 49 who kept the feast in Algarrobo, Chile, and 17 who met in East Germany. Interestingly, there were 609 present in Sabbath services in the Philippines

during Mr. Armstrong's visit, versus a normal attendance of around 330! Also note that the Correspondence Course total includes those students who were enrolled before termination letters began to be mailed.

Financial Affairs and Planning

ALBERT J. PORTUNE

As I mentioned in my last report to you all, the Work is, at present, in the best financial condition it has ever been in its history. This fact is borne out by Mr. Herbert Armstrong's willingness to continue the imaginative and greatly needed Building Program during the coming year. It really is amazing that, at the end of one of the worst general economic recessions in recent years, this Work can still go ahead and borrow \$20 million simply on confidence in our ability to perform!

I think it would be good, by way of review, to let you know what happened to the Work financially during 1970, just as I did during the Ministerial Conference. I think you will find it both inspiring and encouraging to realize even more fully *Who is really in charge* of the Work! While I want to encourage you to mention some of these points to the members, I'm sure you realize that it might be better not to be too detailed. Perhaps a summary of *this* summary might be more suitable!

At the midpoint of 1967, our Quick Ratio (that is, our ratio of current assets to current liabilities) stood at 1.03 to 1. This Quick Ratio declined to .77 to 1 at mid-1968 and continued throughout 1969 to decline until we reached a low of .62 to 1. The ideal Quick Ratio is 1 to 1, or better, and is used as a gauge to liquidity by bankers. This means, then, that we began 1970 in a fairly shaky financial condition. However, we thought that the downward trend would reverse itself, and we could recover enough of our reserves during the austere year of 1970 to produce a good midyear financial statement.

Our hopes for the first three months, however, were not fulfilled. Income declined percentage-wise to our lowest point ever, and our Quick Ratio, at the end of March 1970, stood at an all-time low of .27 to 1. This meant we were in a crisis predicament. Immediate action had to be taken or the Work could have conceivably gone broke!

We were already holding back on paying some of our bills, and our banks were getting concerned about our low cash position. Accordingly, action had to be taken to improve our financial

status immediately. In a conference with Mr. Armstrong, a five-step plan was formulated. The first step was to activate a \$1 million loan, which we had been promised by the Continental Bank of Philadelphia six months previously. This loan was activated in two separate installments of \$500,000 each, and was immediately absorbed in paying our bills. The overall budget for the Work was then cut by 10 percent, across the board, resulting in some hardships and drastic reductions in departments here at Headquarters. Salary cuts were also made at the higher levels, and we also reduced our bank repayments on an unsecured loan by 50 percent. It was at this time that Mr. Armstrong sent out a letter to all members requesting a Special Offering in order to bring about financial recovery.

Remember, that during the time these cuts were being made, many other corporations were going bankrupt and reducing their operations drastically. God's Work, however, was able to make all these cuts *very deeply*, right across the board, with no complaints or grumbling from *anyone* involved.

From the time Mr. Armstrong's letter went out, things immediately began to change. Our bank had called several times inquiring about the serious drop in balances, and Mr. Rader and I reassured them that the situation would be rectified. And rectified it was! As a result of Mr. Armstrong's appeal to our members, we received within a period of about six weeks, over *two million dollars*, which completely wiped out our deficit balances and brought us current with our accounts payable!

This was an incredible turn of events!

The Work had gone from an all-time low of .27 to 1 in its Quick Ratio to 1 to 1 within thirty days! In spite of national recession and inflation, we had actively recovered and were now in a better financial condition than we had been in in two years!

Can there be any doubt in your mind as to Who is really in charge?

By the end of 1970, with our continuing austerity program, we were able to bring our cash balances to a condition never before achieved, and, at the present time, we are planning on improving the Quick Ratio to 1.6 to 1 by the end of 1971. Needless to say, our banks are delighted! They are more than willing to invest in us in accomplishing our urgently needed new buildings! In fact, they have been calling Mr. Rader fairly frequently and asking about the status of a possible loan! I ought to mention that

this Quick Ratio indicator is very sensitive to increased liabilities, so it may not quite come up to expectations after the Building Program takes hold.

I also mentioned in my last report that we had a very active investment program during 1970, which earned us almost \$300,000 in interest. This, of course, was because of the tight-money situation when we could take advantage of high interest rates. However, as Mr. Pomeroy mentioned to me the other day, "The party is over!" Interest rates on commercial paper and Treasury Bills have slipped dramatically because cash is much more available now than it was during 1970. However, we still are earning a comfortable amount of interest from sound securities and will continue to do so throughout the next year. And, as I mentioned in my conference report, we are also taking advantage of overnight Federal Funds, whenever balances permit, meaning that every dollar is actively working for us.

It is a little too early in the year to assess trends for income, but I must admit to being a little disappointed at the response to Mr. Armstrong's Building Fund letter asking for Statements of Intention, as no significant increase is yet noticeable. I would appreciate it if you would point out this lack of response in your own Church area and encourage God's People to participate in the Building Program.

As progress is made, I will keep you up to date on building activities and let you know how we are doing. At the present time, we do feel encouraged, overall, and we are still looking forward to a great 1971!

BABY NEWS (Continued from page 15)

Darryll and Elizabeth Watson: This is to announce the birth of our first child — a beautiful daughter. *Lisa Annette* arrived at 4:15 a.m., Friday, January 8. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. After a long and difficult labor, mother, daughter and father are recovering very well!

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ings, but at the present time this is not possible since so many put them together. As far as our accounting is concerned, tithe and offering are always counted as first tithe.

The application of these simple instructions will greatly help our operation here at Head-

quarters. Please thank all the members in advance for their cooperation.

CHURCH LIBRARIES

Several have requested copies of literature for their church libraries, ranging from ordinary reprint articles, the entire old CC, the Compendium, Mr. Armstrong's Autobiography, 1975 In Prophecy, etc. Reread instructions on page 55 of Volume 1, Number 6 of the Bulletin for the policy regarding this and please follow them. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.** Any of our people, members or prospectives, can and should acquire any literature we publish by a simple request sent in with their tithes, or separately. Please, again reread page 55 and comply! There are *positive* factors mentioned there as well as these negative points.

EXTRA TAX DEDUCTION

Some of you may not realize that it is possible to file a special form with the Internal Revenue Service which will enable you to claim an extra dependent for income tax withholding purposes because of the large amount of deductions you normally have each year. This form does not enable you to pay less taxes, but it merely reduces the amount that is withheld from each paycheck so that you can use the extra amount during the year rather than receiving it in a lump sum the following year as an income tax return.

If any of you are interested in filing one of these forms, you can obtain a W-4 Form, Schedule A, from an Internal Revenue Service Office and send it in to the Personnel Department here at Headquarters along with a new W-4 Form (Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate). Any of our members, by the way, can also file this form if they would like to claim an extra dependent and have less income tax withheld from their regular paycheck.

LETTER EXCERPTS (Continued from page 1)

stoves, TVs, hair dryers, electric curlers, and they even have a car to go out in. They bowl, play bingo, play cards, and even get their husbands to wax floors for them. They have diaper service and baby-sitters. What else do they want? Their husbands should take them over their knees and paddle them. I am a woman 79 years old, and I know how hard life was in the old days. But today they want everything served

on a silver platter. I say, down with "Women's Liberation," Judy LaMarsh and Margaret Mead — two "Old Maids."

— Mrs. W. S., Hamilton, Ontario

Open and Shut Case!

Thank you for the first copy of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. It really opened up my eyes. So please cancel my subscription immediately.

— S. H., Sweden

No Hiding Place...

I must thank you once again for supplying my husband and me with your most interesting literature. We used to watch *The WORLD TOMORROW* television program in Oregon, U.S.A., before we left the U. S. in disgust and despair over the chaotic situation there. We searched all through Europe, the Middle East and high in the Himalayas for peace and tranquility. Australia was a move to a temporary resting place. We were enthralled with Australia our first month, but now, alas, after 5 months here, we realize the Australians are going the same direction as the U. S. We were well aware of the pending doom when we left America a year ago. We were "running scared." We felt despair and had no hopes of a future family or any ambition. We are just as lost now, although we now are ready to "give God a try."

— Mr. and Mrs. G. T.,
Manly, New South Wales

Oh?

Enclosed is five dollars freewill offering as part payment for my son's football team victory.

— Beth M., El Paso, Texas

Cool Cat

I wanna (sic) receive those nifty mags. "Fishy Stories," "A Theory for the Birds" and "A Whale of a Tale." I wood (sic) also like to ghet (sic) your magazine, whatchmacallit (sic). I think your TV and radio shows are groovy, and that you are a cool cat. Keep up the good work.

— Billy S., Chomedey, Quebec

Made Her Own Mistakes

My parents are members of the Church, but with my young rebellion in August of 1970, I quit going with my parents, telling them "no one was going to tell me what to do." I wanted to live and make my own mistakes and decisions. So here I am, going to be 19 in March, married, pregnant, miserable, and making my own decision to return to the "happy way of life." I'm planning on attending Bible Study and then talking to a minister.

— Mrs. P. B., Hammond, Indiana

Marriage Isn't all Romance

I am also included as one of the many girls you talked about in your article about teen-age marriages and the divorce rates. I am 18, have a 5-month-old daughter, and am in the process of getting a divorce. If my advice could help any other girls, I would tell them that marriage isn't all romance and dreamy like you see on TV and other places. If I ever had it to do over again I would never have gotten married so young. I don't believe anyone as a teen is ready to settle down to a life of cooking, cleaning, washing, and ironing. There are more exciting things in life for a person so young. The best time in life is when you're single and dating.

— Pamela M., Mt. Morris, Michigan

"Necking in Private" Book?

Would you please, kindly send me a copy of the book on "Sex" and "Necking in Private." I am interested in this book, and also I don't know much about necking in private.

— P. R., Catholic Mission,
Passam, New Guinea

Make More Babies

May I request that, kindly send me a copy of your free book entitled, *God Speaks Out on the New Morality* so that I can know also the modern techniques on sex life. So I am ordering this kind of book so that my wife and I can lead a happy family life and we make more babies, but I like five boys.

— Pedro S., Philippines

Healing

Sometime ago I wrote to you to pray for my healing. Thank God He healed a cancer that was on my hand. It was quite bad in trying to work as it would bleed and run. It had been there several years, and was close to some big vein. I was afraid it would get into it. Now I only have a scar where it used to be. I thank God for the wonderful work you and your staff are doing. Please tell your Co-Worker group the good news of the healing of my hand. And please send me another prayer handkerchief. I have cancer on my face and in my body and I believe with all my heart God will heal them.

— O. P., Phoenix, Arizona

Sabbath "Mass"

First of all I want to comment on your Sabbath "mass." It was the most enjoyable, refreshing, exciting, thought-provoking and eye-opening service I've been to in years!! The first one I went to was Saturday, December 5. People there weren't bleary-eyed, cold or unfriendly. When

someone saw my new face, they made it a point to introduce themselves and their friends. I plan to attend regularly. I thank you! I also am giving you people my deepest gratitude because you literally saved my life. I'm 15 years old and last spring, before I had even heard about Ambassador College, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and his son, I was thinking of committing suicide. Then I heard *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast and wrote for some literature. It gave me hope, a goal in life, and happiness. I've come a long way since then, and now I'm a Co-Worker. I just thought of something else. Maybe I should thank God — after all, He made all this possible. But then again, you are doing the Work, so I'll thank both of you.

— R. W., Minneapolis, Minnesota

Who Pays the Bills?

Thank you very much for writing and letting me know about your new books. I admire very much your method of communicating with people — letting them know the *plain truth* in a very interesting way. You say you GIVE and don't wish to GET. Fine, that's very nice of you, but who pays all the expenses? And let's say someone wished to contribute something to your beneficial Work, would you accept it?

— R. C., Montreal, Quebec

I must confess that I have been reading your material closely to see just where is the "catch." Are there really people left in the world who can do all this without money, etc.? It looks genuine. God bless you!

— M. J., Fargo, North Dakota

Both of us as grown individuals know that nothing is free in this world, except for the freedom of thought. However, persons with health problems such as mine only react to substance they read or hear daily. I enjoyed very much your magazine and articles. The color photography is very good, but under the circumstance of not knowing who paid my subscription — whether it be God's disciples, a patriot for profit or a communist — leaves me in conscience to decline.

— Donald D., Topeka, Kansas

I wish to congratulate you for your masterpiece, but I wish to clarify a point. When something is given free, everyone thinks that there is something fishy. I want to know what that something fishy is? If you had priced your journal many minds would have been at rest.

— J. T., Malta

Income Increased

One very dramatic way you have helped me is by your booklet *Seven Laws to Success*. Nine years ago I earned about \$8,000 per year. Now my tax is based on a \$65,000 income. So you can see your booklet has helped me a great deal. However, I count my income as *less than nothing* in contrast to receiving *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD* magazines.

— Co-Worker, Somewhere, U.S.A.

Just for laughs I donated 1/10 of what I had left in my pocket after a drunken binge. I've been nothing but an unemployed bum for the past two months, and have been collecting unemployment insurance. I sent you guys \$1.20, and four days later I got my U.I.C. check. Sure enough, just like you guys say, there was a ten percent increase in my "bum" check. So here you are, 1/10 of my whole check, \$7.40. Spend it in good health.

— Donor, Canada

Sorry, Not for Sale

I read with interest a caption titled "How to Find a Good Job" in your magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, which I borrowed from a friend. Having found this an interesting magazine full of vital information, I have no doubt that the magazine will sell fast in this state. In the circumstance, therefore, I wish to become your agent, to stock and distribute not only *The PLAIN TRUTH*, but also all your other publications meant for sale.

— S. E. I., Enugu, Nigeria

Will Split 50-50

I am quite sure that you can forecast the future as tomorrow's world. Hence I beg you to forecast a week's football pool for me. If you help me I will share whatever dividend I get in two. One part for me and the other part to you without failure. I am serious sir; I feel God will help me through you.

— J. I., Nigeria

Business Bad all Over

I received your letter stating that many Co-Workers have forgotten to send their gifts to Christ. Sir, this has not been true in my case. These have also been two trying years for me. This year, before taxes and expenses, my small business will not take in \$5,000. I am a free lance sign writer, and if there was a chance to get a job in a sign shop, I would gladly give it up. But there are NO OPENINGS — business is bad all over.

— Clifford D., Newark, Delaware