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International News

Philippines Update Mr. Adair's final Plain Truth lecture of 1980 held Sunday, November 23rd in Tacloban City, Leyte, turned out to be the best this year. One hundred and thirty-five new people showed up plus 47 members. Practically all stayed afterwards for the open forum which lasted an hour and a half. Success of the lecture was no doubt partly due to a one-hour interview on Tacloban's two radio stations (hooked up) which took place live on Friday afternoon from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. Mr. Adair was asked many questions about The PLAIN TRUTH magazine, Ambassador College, and Mr. Armstrong by a panel of questioners from local private and government media. It was fitting that Mr. Adair declared Tacloban the 21st church congregation in the country and ordained their first deacon during the Sabbath service the previous day.

The month of November also saw the visit of Mr. Gerald Waterhouse. The first Sabbath he spoke to almost 900 brethren from five churches gathered in the Meralco Theater in Metro Manila. Next day he spoke to about 160 brethren in Bagio City. He was also able to visit Mindanao and the Visayan Islands and approximately another 400 brethren in those areas heard his inspiring message.

Our ad on "Does God Exist" has now reached a record return of 4,300. On December 21 a similar ad will appear in the same Panorama magazine, this time advertising the reprint article "South Asia in Prophecy." We expect a good return on this ad also.

Our year-to-date income reflected an increase of 30.5% over the same period last year!

News From The Netherlands On November 15th, God's churches in The Netherlands joined God's Work worldwide in a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the legal victory granted us in the state of California. Combined services were held where the pastor of the Tilburg and Utrecht churches, Mr. Bram de Bree, gave a sermon on thankfulness to God. After services a social took place which started off with a meal and a cake baking contest. Later in the evening the Dutch brethren thoroughly enjoyed the movie "Young Ambassadors."

Earlier in the month the personnel of the Dutch office, consisting of four people, had the opportunity to visit their German neighbours for a day to exchange ideas for better serving the areas of God's Work we labour in. Mr. and Mrs. Schnee and their co-workers made this visit unforgettable with true German hospitality, warm fellowship and excellent German cuisine.

November was also the month in which four public lectures took place for readers of De ECHTE WAARHEID in two cities of The Netherlands--Leewarden

and Groningen. The response in both cities was excellent. Each city has just about 600 readers. Attendance the first night was 3%, the second nightly attendance increased to 3.5%. Topics covered by Mr. Bram de Bree were "Coping with life in the 80's" and "Europe in Prophecy." A number of people attending the second night requested information about the once-a-month Bible studies in Zwolle. At both lectures Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's book THE INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL in Dutch was presented as a gift to all those attending.

Income showed a 25.6% increase year to date and a 23.7% increase for the past 12 months. Church attendance increased 20.9% while the membership increased 10.3% compared to November 1979.

The Latest From New Zealand Responses to our October advertizing campaign for The PLAIN TRUTH magazine continued to come in steadily throughout November. Over 11,500 replies have now been received at a cost per response of \$3.67.

Mail for the year to date is running at an increase of 8.1% over last year, and income is up 27.1%. Church attendance is up too--November's Monthly Church Report shows that average attendance in this part of the world passed the 1,000 mark for the first time ever.

Finally, plans are now well underway for the upcoming SEP camp to be held at Gem Resort in the beautiful Marlborough Sounds in mid-December.

Appreciation for Ministerial Refreshing Program

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Becky and I want you to know how much we appreciate being able to take part in the last session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program. We were excited about the program since its inception, and our anticipation continued to grow as we read the letters in the Pastor General's Report from those in previous sessions. We had come to expect a truly outstanding program and we were not disappointed in a single area! All the classes were well planned and designed to meet the real needs of the ministry. From the outset the instructors let us know that they viewed themselves only as servants who were responsible for presenting to us the material you had approved and felt we needed. All of the instructors were warm and friendly and presented their material with a genuine sense of loyalty and conviction. Our job in the field ministry is much easier when we are sure those at Pasadena are loyal to you as Christ's apostle.

We also appreciated the mixture of ministers who were in this time--some "old-timers," some newer, and it was especially helpful to have about half of the group from the International areas. That helped us to get more of an understanding of the worldwide scope of the Work.

As with Ambassador College, the value of the program cannot be measured entirely in terms of the "head knowledge" given in the classroom. We were not only instructed in what it means to be a minister, we were instructed and shown how to minister to God's people. Those in the program set a fine example of practicing what they preached

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A Voice Cries Out: Mt. Sinai Eruption and Camp David Talks

may be leading at last to workable
formula for world peace!

Appeared in the Wall Street Journal, Dec. 15, 1980

I HAVE RECENTLY returned to the United States from private conferences with Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel and President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt.

In a televised private conference at the Giza Residential Palace in Cairo, President Sadat revealed to me his plans for a World Peace Center at the base of Mt. Sinai.

Actually there was an eruption from Mt. Sinai some 3,500 years ago. That eruption was a practical, workable formula for world peace. It went unheeded then. The world has ignored it since. Now, before man-created weapons of mass destruction erase all human life from the earth, that solution may preserve mankind alive.

The Egyptian president showed me architects' renderings of his proposed \$70 million World Peace Center to be constructed at the base of Mt. Sinai. He invited my participation in the project.

It is a practical, workable concept for world peace at total variance from the altruistic, unworkable plans the nations have been trying: the Kellogg Peace Treaty, the League of Nations, the United Nations and the World Court of International Justice.

These experiments in impractical idealism, seeking peace while the nations pursue the cause that produces war, have led to dismal failure.

There is an underlying basic cause of all the world's ills—its unsolvable problems, evils and wars! And that cause is a way of life!

I repeat again and again, there are two foundational ways or philosophies of life, broadly speaking. They travel in diametrically opposite directions. I call one the way of "GIVE," the other the way of "GET." I use the word "GIVE" to designate outflowing love—concern for the good and welfare of others equal to self concern—the way of cooperation, helping, serving, giving, sharing. It is practical!

But the world has lived by the incentive of "GET"—self-centeredness, vanity, covetousness, envy and jealousy, hostile competition leading to strife, violence and war. This "GET" urge of human



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nature is impractical—the evil *spiritual* attitude that has caused every discontent, unhappiness, pain and anguish resulting from this world's myriad evils!

Our problems and troubles are spiritual in nature, but our minds, incentives and concepts are physical and material. Sure, we can send men to the moon and back—we can explore Saturn and Jupiter at fairly close range, and receive photographs of the Martian surface from unmanned spacecraft—we can produce computers and the most intricate mechanical aids. BUT WE CAN'T SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS or eliminate our evils!

What "exploded" from Mt. Sinai some 3,500 years ago was a practical, workable world peace formula. It was delivered on tablets of stone by Him whom the three nations represented at the Camp David talks regard as their Creator and their God (Allah in Arabic). It was presented to mankind through Moses, whom the major religions of all three nations regard as a prophet. It was the Ten Commandments, the first four of which convey the four broad principles of love outflowing toward our Maker, the last six the principles of love toward human neighbor. In other words, the life philosophy of "GIVE" instead of "GET."

But mankind has chosen and been actuated by the "GET" incentive! Result? Amid material advancement phenomenal and awesome, we have suffered spiritual regression. Man has wreaked on his world illiteracy, abject poverty, millions living in filth and squalor, thousands dying of starvation. And even among the affluent, educated ignorance of the true values, discontent, immorality, escalating crime and violence, the

scourge of war and, in our Western world, the breakdown of the family unit, the very foundation of a stable and permanent society!

At the base of Mt. Sinai, President Sadat plans to build a World Peace Center. The architect's rendering pictures a beautiful walled-in complex. Within it will be a mosque, a synagogue and a church, symbolic of peace between nations and religions. Religious hostility has sparked wars down through the stream of time. Adjacent to the peace complex will be built a modern resort hotel.

Its presence at the very base of Mt. Sinai envisions the "GIVE" principle for PEACE, rather than that of "GET."

True—and I think President Sadat realizes this—his \$70 million World Peace Center will not, of itself, bring this war weary world its final peace. It can only point the way.

World peace shall require a change of motivation, a giving up of things coveted. A self-centered humanity will not be willing, of its own volition, to make this sacrifice. It will have to be done TO us. The super-powered unseen "Strong Hand from Somewhere" shall have to intervene in supreme transcendent power and compel a selfish humanity to enjoy peace, happiness and universal ABUNDANCE!

Our agreeing or disagreeing won't matter. It is as SURE as the rising and setting of tomorrow's sun. I am merely a voice in the wilderness of 20th century confusion crying out with the ANNOUNCEMENT of the world's sole and sure hope.

Both Mr. Begin and Mr. Sadat have been willing to "GIVE" in ways that required vision, courage and great risks both personally and politically. I know them both—have had very recent personal conferences with both. The background leading to these unique and historic recent moves toward peace form an exceedingly dramatic and intriguing story. More of this on this same page one week from today.

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Worldwide Church of God

by their service to us. We left the program feeling very much challenged to come back to the local area and begin to really serve the churches "as we have been taught."

We also appreciated your decision to make the wives a part of the program. That helped to crystalize the concept of the ministry as a "team" responsibility.

There are many other aspects about the program for which we could thank you, but we just hope that our actions will begin to show how valuable this program has been for us.

Dave and Becky Johnson

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I am so grateful to God that His mercy has been shown through you to develop and administer the Ministerial Refreshing Program to gently correct and instruct us from the error of our ways that have crept in over the years. I feel that the Ministerial Refreshing Program has to be among one of the most wonderful experiences I have had while being in the Church of God, and there have been many wonderful experiences while I have been in the Church.

While I read the letters extolling the virtues of the Ministerial Refreshing Program, I felt it just could not be as great as the letters proclaimed. Well, after having the opportunity to attend, it was better than words could describe. Thank you again for all your efforts to make us the most effective ministry possible in our service in God's great end-time Work.

Jeff McGowan

Dear Mr. Tkach:

We have now settled a new address for ourselves in our new home city of Newcastle, Australia, having been transferred here from Wellington, New Zealand during the Refreshing Program we attended straight after the Feast.

In the few weeks we have been here, we have seen how valuable the Refreshing Program was to us, coming as it did just before moving to this new area. How much strength and stability it gives God's people here to be able to say "I know what the apostle is teaching" on so many matters! More and more, I have the conviction as to how important it is that our brethren hear much from Mr. Armstrong, whether through his autobiography or similar recently-written reminiscences, or through the Refreshing Program as conducted by "faithful men" (II Tim. 2:2).

Let us add our thanks to those who have already expressed theirs! And please keep sending the Pastor General's Report.

Gary and Pam Harvey

Dear Mr. Tkach:

Since Ruth and I returned from the Refreshing Program, both congregations responded enthusiastically to the reports of the lectures and resultant plans for sermons, Bible studies, special programs and socials, and church organization in general.

The Refreshing Course was just superb. It was what we needed to reinspire and motivate us in God's service. Whereas most experiences in life don't turn out to be as great as we anticipate, this experience exceeded our expectations by far. The training and knowledge gained was excellent--better than any conference we've ever attended! It was truly refreshing to see everyone working together with unreserved positive attitudes. The two themes of the importance of our calling and responsibilities and the importance of our lovely and dedicated wives' calling and responsibilities with us were emphasized throughout the program and were much appreciated. It was just an overall uplifting, rejuvenating and (aptly named) refreshing experience that we very deeply appreciate!

Mitchell and Ruth Knapp

Daughter's Detached Retina Healed

In the evening of November 23, 1980, our daughter Ramona was hit in the right eye with a pellet that had ricocheted off a garage dumpster while she and her brother were visiting their Mom in Tyler, Texas.

On the morning of the 25th the specialist was finally able to check the eye for damage. The news was not good. The impact of the pellet had torn the bottom of the retina loose and the eye would require surgery.

Being new to the Austin area from Cincinnati, I did not know many people here to call and ask for prayer so I called my Mom in Cincinnati and asked her to call around up there for prayers that the eye would be healed before we returned to Austin.

Arrived in Austin the evening of the 25th and went to the eye specialist here. He examined the eye. He examined the eye again, and again. Finally he said that he could not find any damage to the eye that would require his services. He examined the eye some more. Said that he did not know what the doctor in Tyler had seen and that the eye would continue to clear up.

It was clearly an intervention by God. Also makes us more appreciative of the blessing of little children, because if the pellet had hit anywhere else and at any other angle, my daughter would have lost the sight in that eye. (Until God would heal it of course.)

It also sobers us because it was by the stripes on the back of Christ that Ramona was healed and spared more suffering.

Ron Collins, Austin, TX
(Submitted by Harold Rhodes)

Weekly Letter Comments

Mr. Armstrong's series of newspaper ads entitled, "A Voice Cries Out," in the Wall Street Journal is having impact. People identify with the message and are requesting further information, as the first group of letter comments illustrate. Other letters show that readers from all around the world are excited about The PLAIN TRUTH. They regard it as a unique magazine, helping them to understand life's meaning. The last group of comments shows God truly intervenes for His people in times of need. Specific comments relate to protection, employment openings and special favors.

Newspaper Ads Have Impact

I am writing in response to Mr. Armstrong's impressive series of messages appearing in the Wall Street Journal. Please forward me a copy of U.S. AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY, and enroll me in your Bible Correspondence Course. Thank you.

Frank Modlin (San Diego, CA)

I just read your advertisement in the Wall Street Journal entitled "A Staggering Turn in World Events." I would appreciate it very much if you would send that 230-page book, THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY.

I don't happen to be a member of your church. I know that the Worldwide Church of God feels that Great Britain and America are descendants of the Lost Tribes of Israel. I have an open mind on that subject, although the church of which I'm a member does not quite agree with your point of view.

Maurice C. Smith, Jr. (Bristol Highlands, RI)

That's a great article you wrote in the Wall Street Journal ("What's Wrong With Business and Industry"). I agree with you 100%. Please send me THE SEVEN LAWS OF SUCCESS and a trial subscription to The PLAIN TRUTH.

Wells Bain (Rancho Cordova, CA)

Would you be kind enough to mail me the edition of THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN. I read your full-page advance copy in the New York Times and was very impressed with the contents. Thank you most kindly. God bless you and all your loved ones.

Mary Rube (Yonkers, NY)

I read your message in the Wall Street Journal ("Staggering Turn In World Events") and it reflected at least in part what I have been saying publicly for some time. Violence, terrorism and chaos are coming to the western world. So far we've been spared, but not for long.

I also own a small radio station in Beverly, Massachusetts and would be interested in any programs which might be available. Would you also send me a copy of THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY.

Robert R. Pauley
Vice President of E.F. Hutton (Boston, MA)

I have read your full-page ad in the Wall Street Journal on "What's Wrong With Business and Industry," and am interested in receiving your booklet entitled THE SEVEN LAWS OF SUCCESS. Your ad was very worthwhile reading and right to the point. Thanking you in advance, with kindest personal regards and best wishes to you for continued success, good health and happiness.

Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller of the
Treasury, State Treasury Building
(Annapolis, MD)

What International PT Readers Say

I would like to express to you my thanks for your publications. There definitely is something different about your magazines, something good; there is even a lot of thought put into the titles. I always enjoy reading them and perhaps like many others, re-reading them. I have yet to receive better mail than your publications.

G.W.R. (Palm Beach, QLD., Australia)

I first received copies of The PLAIN TRUTH a few years ago. I found it both interesting and thought-stimulating. I also found, to my amazement, that it answered a much needed spiritual "yearning" from within me, the issues being very practical in "tying-up" mankind's role throughout the world. I need this therapy again, and am really rather glad I stumbled across your recent advertisement.

K.P.J. (Herts., Britain)

I'm a new subscriber to The PLAIN TRUTH. Please send me a copy of the magazine every month because it helps a lot in my studies. The contents of The PLAIN TRUTH are very interesting. It's better to read The PLAIN TRUTH than to read comics. Thank you very much.

Gino M. Mirandilla (Daraga, Albay, Philippines)

I must say I am very excited after reading through your issue of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine. I am only struck by the very fact that Mr. Armstrong is able to write such a large quantity of material with so many responsibilities on hand. I am only too aware that only the strength and help of God is keeping him. I must say a big thank you to all who have made it possible for me to receive The PLAIN TRUTH magazine.

Marilyn Johnson (Westmoreland, Jamaica, W.I.)

I am more than pleased with The PLAIN TRUTH magazine. As an individual trying hard to be a true child of God, it enlightens me in areas where I was confused. I praise the Lord for giving me a chance to understand the world in these trying days, through your magazine. I hope everyone will keep up with the financial support needed to keep your organization going. May God bless you all!

Rose H. (Devon, Alberta, Canada)

I have finished coffee and with The PLAIN TRUTH before me I feel more grateful than usual to be privileged to read and glean a little better understanding of the meaning of things that puzzle and torment

me. I am always thankful to that unknown person who put my name on your mailing list years ago.

I even find myself asking what I would do if you stopped writing. You have said there are only a few called-out ones. Therefore I do not really expect a replacement of you. May all your wishes, desires, plans and dreams become realities before your very eyes.

Huey J. Fox (Puerto Rico, W.I.)

God's Hand at Work in Peoples' Lives

God has really blessed my family in the past two weeks! My Mom began having excruciating back pains which caused her to lose her job. Just a week earlier I lost my job. My paychecks practically supported Mom, my sister and me. It seemed like the "red carpet" had been pulled from under our feet. So Mom and I turned to God and asked Him to pull us through. We asked Him to correct us, if need be, and to take this burden from our shoulders.

I just can't tell you how wonderful God has been to us! My Mom got another job just eight miles from our home, whereas she was driving 16 miles before. She is now getting paid much more. And her boss, who also gave me a job, refuses to let her do any heavy work.

Not only did we both get another job, but all of a sudden out of the wild blue yonder my Dad, who has been divorced from Mom since I was 5, called and said he was putting a check in the mail for \$200 to buy our school clothes! I just thank God and pray that He will bless others who are just as unfortunate as us at times. I know for a fact that He hears our prayers.

Lynn Cloud--16 years (Lumberton, MS)

It's a miracle that I have my present job with the school district. I went for an interview and was hired for the first week during the Feast. I told them I couldn't work that first week and they said they would call me to let me know if I got the job. I went to the Feast, came home, and my new job was waiting for me! God is so very good to all of us.

Gloria Grennap (Long Beach, CA)

We are thankful to God for providing us with a job after being laid off for four months. We know God helped my husband get the job. They were not hiring, but "something came up," so they needed two pipe fitters.

Mrs. Norman G. Williams, Jr. (Yoakum, TX)

I shall never forget the protection the Eternal God gave my daughter, Sara, who was left virtually unscratched when a large, heavy piece of glass shattered into a thousand little pieces. It is more than evident that the hand of God can work this type of miracle.

Adelino N. (Moita, Portugal)

Recently we moved into a new school district and all the teachers and principal had to be told of the days our children could not observe. The day after I sent notes to them all, the principal paid me a visit. I was expecting some kind of trouble, but he surprised me. He first asked what church we belonged to, and then after we had talked for a few minutes, he said that he would not stand for any of his teachers or students to tease, mistreat, or make our children feel out of place in any way. He then added he was 100% behind us in the teaching and rearing of the children and if anyone gave us trouble, they would have to answer to him.

The children are happier now in school than ever before. There is room for their difference, and no one seems to care that they don't observe traditional holidays. They are liked and are encouraged by their teachers and principal to follow their religious upbringing above their school work. Obeying God is a blessing for everyone.

Mrs. McCormick (Georgetown, OH)

JOE TKACH, MINISTERIAL SERVICES

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE ON A STEADY COURSE

While visiting with Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong recently in Tucson, the Dean of Students (Greg Albrecht) and I were happy to see that the Founder and Chancellor of Ambassador is pleased with the fact that the College is back on track training the young people of God's Church in the true ways of God. With God's blessing and guidance we intend to do our best to keep Ambassador College on a steady course--following God's way.

There is just one more week of classes before this semester's final exams. Overall, the students are doing very well academically. Some of them (the freshmen in particular) were not doing too well by mid-semester. But since that time (with much prodding and goading by us faculty) they are beginning to realize the importance of diligent study, and are now doing much better overall.

It seems that the typical high school graduate of our time is rather dila-tory and has never really learned to study properly. It often takes from one to two semesters for the freshmen to get the "study habit." Those few who don't take their studies seriously will wind up being dropped from college, but we do not expect this to happen to very many.

We have already accepted over 40 new students for the coming semester. Most of these are either readmits to Ambassador or else they have had a year or so at another college before applying to enter Ambassador College. Generally speaking, however, we do not like to accept new students in January--if they intend to graduate in four years from Ambassador. From now on we are going to be very reluctant to accept very many new students in January. A student who enters in the spring semester will miss a number of important fall semester meetings, forums, assemblies, etc. which are necessary to properly orient the new students into the College. Therefore, students who are admitted into A.C. in January are somewhat out of step with the rest of the students of the College.

The 1981 Japanese Summer Program Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong recently approved of our accepting another group of Japanese students to Ambassador College for a one-month session. These students will study English, American history and culture, etc. while visiting a number of places in the Southern California area. We now plan on having about 100 Japanese students in attendance at Ambassador next summer on this program.

The 1981 Jerusalem "Big Dig" At our recent meeting in Tucson, Mr. Armstrong approved of the 1981 Jerusalem Dig--which will include about 30 from Ambassador. Mr. Dick Paige (who did an excellent job last summer) will again supervise the Jerusalem Dig next summer.

The Thai Expedition (A.C.E.P.T.)--2nd Group Mr. Armstrong also approved of the College sending a second group of A.C. students to Thailand to assist in our Thai Project--A.C.E.P.T. (Ambassador College Educational Project in Thailand). The second group will leave Pasadena for Thailand on Sunday, January 4th, 1981, and will remain in Thailand for a six-month period. Near the end of that period, we will again assess the accomplishments of the second group, and go to Mr. Armstrong with the facts so he can decide whether or not we should send a third and final group to Thailand.

We have received some very good reports from the United Nations officials in Thailand, and also from representatives of World Vision and from others who have seen the Ambassador students in action in Thailand. Many religious groups have gone to Thailand with the idea of converting the refugees to their particular brand of Christianity. When the Thai officials saw that our Ambassador students are different--that we don't proselytize--they have been very favorable toward us, and have even wanted our students to take over a number of projects which were previously run by other Christian groups.

The 1981 Envoy The new ENVOY is already under production. Mr. Armstrong gave us the go-ahead to produce the new Envoy about two weeks ago. We have already made a nice profit from the 1980 Envoy, and see no reason why we can't do equally well with the 1981 Envoy--though our primary goal is not to make a profit. We hope the 1981 Envoy will be even better than this year's yearbook. We have a number of new ideas to incorporate into the coming Envoy which should make it another very high quality production--a yearbook which will help tie members more closely to God's College. We hope to make the section, "Focus on a Worldwide Work," a permanent feature in the Envoy.

If everything works out, we hope to send copies of the Portfolio to all ministers in the near future. I am sure you will enjoy it and profit from it.

A recent happening relative to two Ambassador men students helped further underline the fact that we are truly living in "perilous times." A few nights ago, two A.C. men were walking back to the College from "The Saltshaker," a local restaurant. As they walked by the small park between Raymond and Fair Oaks streets, two men pulled out guns and told the students to jump behind a building. Had the students obeyed, they would have been robbed and might have even been shot.

The two students took off as fast as they could run to get out of the dangerous situation. We can thank God that they were not shot at, and

thus escaped unharmed. All this goes to show that we are living in a truly violent age and, just as God's people everywhere, the students need to be remembered in your prayers.

Those of us who are on the faculty here always look forward to meeting you ministers (and your wives) when you arrive here on the Ministerial Refreshing Program. The visiting ministers are constantly telling me and others here how happy they are to personally see Ambassador back on the track. They notice that the A.C. students set a good example in their dress and grooming and in the way they conduct themselves on the campus and when they visit with the brethren in the local churches.

Thanks for your continued prayers for the College--that we may maintain the steady course set by the Founder of Ambassador.

Raymond F. McNair, Deputy Chancellor

Y.O.U. AND NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The time has come for us to write to you regarding both Y.O.U. and national (formerly regional) scholarships. As a result of the changes that have taken place in the structure of both Y.O.U. and regional (national) scholarships, it is necessary to slightly alter what we did before.

In order for a student to receive a Y.O.U. scholarship, he or she must be recommended by his or her local minister and must be an outstanding person who has contributed a great deal to church activities.

Preliminary selections will be made in concert with the Y.O.U. office, the Financial Aids Office and the minister's evaluation. The college administration will make the final decisions. Both full and half-tuition scholarships will be awarded this year the same as last year.

National scholarships will be awarded to applicants who have high potential for future use in God's Work. Applicants should have good character, leadership potential, a serving attitude and academic qualifications. This award is a one-year, full-tuition scholarship. There are provisions which will be explained to each recipient. I think it advisable to say here that the selection standards of Ambassador are going up each year as more people realize what God's college has to offer.

The admissions team is anticipating some 600 applicants for the fall of '81. We already have over 200! Needless to say, the number of students who apply is far greater than the number of those we are able to accept. Therefore, we must be very selective concerning those we accept. Ministers should not feel they have to recommend someone just because the scholarship is available. Rather, consider that we are looking for highly motivated, academically qualified, financially sound people of good character who fully intend to finish the four-year program. By financially sound I mean a person who could arrive at Ambassador College with US \$2,000 or the equivalent amount including scholarships.

I look forward to receiving your recommendation. Please send it to the Financial Aids Office.

Arthur Suckling, Financial Aids Officer