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Mail Summary and Letter Excerpts

MAIL SUMMARY

The mail picture for May is very encouraging. The letter increase is low as of the middle of the month, but responses to the semi-annual letter will raise that figure rapidly. The second week in May was our second highest week for income in the history of the Work and brought our increase for contributions and property up to 34.9% for the first fourteen days of the month. Contributions to the building fund have been coming in very strong as well. Combining all these factors, May is the brightest spot in the year so far. However, the year-to-date increase is still only 9% because of the low ebb to which it sank in April, but it is climbing now and should be at a more decent level by the end of the month.

LETTER EXCERPTS

Finally Finished

Now I can throw away the little piece of paper which sat on my desk for nearly a year on which I had written "Let them know when finished reading the Bible." Last week I accomplished this most rewarding undertaking. There is a statement in this Book, repeated over and over again which I think sums up everything — "Obedience to God's laws results in tremendous blessings; disobedience ends up in curses and

death." Such a simple command — obey God. I'll be glad when everyone everywhere does just that.

— Mrs. Claire V., Edmonton, Alberta

Disagrees, But Supports Us Anyhow

My sending of God's tithe to the Worldwide Church of God does not mean that I believe and practice every doctrine of it. Why then do I support it? Most churches spend the majority of the offerings they receive on themselves. The Worldwide Church, however, seems to be very concerned over the welfare of others. I approve of the way that concern is expressed. I look upon myself as a steward of small sorts. This is why I send the money to you. It seems to be the best way to manage the small funds I handle.

— R. F., Hickory, North Carolina

Sworn In On a Sex Book!

I thought you might be interested in an item I heard over WSPD. A commissioner needed to be sworn into office in Toledo. When it was time to perform the swearing in, no one could find a Bible, so a secretary hunted for a book to use. She found a black, official looking book and it was used. The name of the book was "All You Ever Wanted to Know About Sex." The Commentator stated that the authority was not questioned.

— P. P., McComb, Ohio

Bombed With Blessings

God has done it! My husband and I are being bombed with blessings. For example, almost a year ago my husband was hurt while at work

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Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Dennis and Virginia Adams (Columbia-Lake of Ozarks): Greetings! We are happy to announce the arrival of one more son of Adam — *Marc David*, who decided to make his appearance on Tuesday, April 27 at the same hour of 9:15 p.m. After only an hour and fifteen minutes of hard labor 8½ lb., 19½ in. Marc became an official member of the Adams family.

Barry and Carole Chase (Akron): My wife Carole (Steger) broke a Church "tradition" and did *not* labor on a Sabbath or Holy Day! She waited until after the Days of Unleavened Bread and delivered our second son on April 19. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 4 oz. and stands at 1'-8" tall. We've named him *Mark Andrew*.

There was one complication that now seems minor, but it wasn't minor at the time. The baby was coming face-up and was hooked by the bridge of his nose and the bone under his lip. The doctor was concerned and tried several times to turn the baby, but couldn't. After about 20 minutes of trying (which gave enough time to get extra help) he decided to try once more to turn the baby. Bingo — the body turned, was delivered, and Carole didn't even tear at all. Everyone's doing just fine!

Dale and Patty Jo Haynes (Austin-Corpus Christi-San Antonio): God blessed us with our second child, a girl — *Kaaren Kathleen*, named after our mothers. She was born April 28, 1971 and weighed 7½ lbs. We now have a boy and girl — just what we wanted! We feel very blessed. Patty Jo and the baby are both doing fine. Daddy is in ecstasy!

Robert and Lyn Mitchell (Newcastle-Grafton, N.S.W.): Greetings from the "Land Down Under." Our long anticipated daughter has finally arrived — only it wasn't a girl. It was a boy. *Todd Cameron* gave his first hearty cry at 6:15 a.m. on Tuesday 9th, February 1971 and weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. Both mother and baby are doing fine. Our "fair dinkum Aussie" will be an excellent playmate for our first son, Benjamin.

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Bruce and Sonnie Tyler (Perth): Would like to announce the birth of our first child. *Michael Sean* was born 12:25 p.m., April 29th. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 9½ oz. and is a very handsome baby boy!

Keith and Renee Walden (Lakeland, Orlando): Greetings! My wife (formerly Renee Register) and I are blessed with our second little girl, *Audrey Elizabeth*. Renee was in labor for only 3 hours. She waited until the Sabbath was over and had the baby Saturday night, April 17th. The doctor we were seeing feared a jaundiced baby due to Renee's RH factor and wanted a blood transfusion if the baby were jaundiced. A former RN who helped deliver Audrey said her color was even better than the average baby she has delivered. So we were doubly thankful.

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and had to go on disability. Each week we would receive a check for \$87.50. Out of this we first would pay our 10% tithe, then came our bills, groceries, rent, etc. Then my husband was taken off disability. For a while we had it rough. There was just no work in the union hall. My faith began to slip until finally I got down on my knees and humbly asked God for forgiveness and help. Now listen to this, Mr. Armstrong. God, in His great mercy, did forgive me for my doubts because the next day my husband entered the union hall where there were 45 men seated. Out of the 45 men Bob was chosen to go to work. My

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WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

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PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
PRESIDENT and PASTOR

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GARNER TED ARMSTRONG
Vice President

GREETINGS, in Christ's Service:

I'm still hearing a swishing noise in my ears, after having come from Rome to Burbank in one day. We were getting up in Rome, preparing to leave, as our wives and families were going to bed (it would have been 10:00 p.m. their time the night before). We flew to Prestwick, Keflavik, Frobisher, Winnipeg (sorry, Glen, we just didn't have time!), Salt Lake City, and on to Burbank, arriving about 9:30 the same night, or the following night, local time, nearly 24 hours later!

The interview with Ian Smith went very well! I feel we have the kind of material from the television crews that will be an historic first for the American audiences, exposing a more balanced, in-depth picture of true conditions in the so-called "Christian" societies of Southern Africa. We don't want to take the position that we're being the champions for the cause of the perpetuation of "white civilization," but on the other hand, if the networks are sufficiently impressed with the "scoop" nature of the programs, it could be given network exposure, which would greatly enhance the prestige of our TV productions.

You'll be reading the full story in Art Ferdig's article coming along in a future number of the PT, so I won't elaborate here. Mr. Hill came rushing in to show me a finished bulletin, with only an announcement that I was just returning, and I wanted to at least take time to insert a brief note; will write more at length next time. Happy to be back at HQ again! The usual breathtaking announcements, wedding plans, preparation for commencement (remember??) and scurry of final tests have again descended upon us. Mr. Armstrong will be heading for England within only a few days, for their Spring Concert, and I believe another meeting with King Leopold in Belgium. What I find really hard to believe is a son graduating from High School, and applying for college. Big Sandy, believe it or not. I sure hope he's accepted!

Love to all -- more next time!

Garner Ted Armstrong

Church Administration

RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings from Headquarters! It is a beautiful day outside today as Santa Ana winds have come in and blown the smog away. So we can see the mountains sparkling clear and are enjoying the fresh air and sunshine. Things are looking up in God's Work in every way and great growth is expected in the Work the rest of the year. The income has also been up for the last few weeks, and that is also encouraging.

The special "pilot" program of Bible Lectures for many of our TOMORROW'S WORLD readers in the Long Beach area is now completed. We are very thankful for the results so far! We learned some lessons from this program — which was its purpose — but feel that we are certainly on the right track and that this kind of program will be a great boost in serving the people God is calling all over the U.S. and perhaps all over the world. Additionally, it certainly should provide many *thousands* of new tithe-paying church members within the next couple of years!

The attendance totals in Long Beach ranged from 485 in attendance at the first lecture, dropping to 395 and 375 on two days of the final week, but came up again with 519 in attendance on the final evening. The *outsiders* — T.W. readers' and friends' — attendance — as near as we could figure — ranged from 252 on the first Sunday evening to 231 by the final night. We are very thankful for this relatively steady attendance of our PMs and hope that perhaps 60-90 of these individuals will actually become *church members* within the next two or three months! If this is so, plus the help and encouragement that was given to all of the new people and church members in attendance, the programs certainly will have been a fine success.

At one time or another, it seemed that nearly everyone in attendance came up to thank us for the program — including church members who were allowed to attend. At least a dozen church members commented that it was "like the Feast of Tabernacles." Yet, they said, better for new people in the sense that our messages

dovetailed perfectly one into another with a specific *theme* in mind.

One man came up to me whose wife is converted and told me with tears in his eyes that these meetings have helped him "really understand" in a way he never seemed to be able to do before and now he is going to get himself "straightened out and do what he ought." He was so heartfelt and emotional about it that he could hardly talk — and it was very obvious that the wife was so thankful to have her husband *with her* at last in obeying God!

Be sure to read Mr. Carrozzo's comments in addition. He was there every night and gives his impressions both as a listener and a minister.

Now, we plan three additional pilot programs in Baltimore, Cincinnati and Portland, respectively. Present plans are that I will join Mr. Ken Westby in conducting the Baltimore lectures, Mr. Hill will join Mr. Sharp in Cincinnati and Mr. Antion will join Mr. Swisher in Portland. These lectures will run from June 13-25.

After that, we hope to have at least 10 or 12 such programs held during the month of July, and some of you are already being contacted individually about getting halls lined up and making necessary arrangements. Mr. Dart is also having about eight Canadian areas surveyed concerning the possibility of holding several of these programs up in Canada. So it should be a *very fine* thing for God's Work around the world! Mr. Ted Armstrong and his father have been very enthusiastic about it, and Mr. Herbert Armstrong has definitely stated that we should go ahead with 10 or 20 more lecture programs as soon as it is practicable to do so!

Rather than trying to invite the regular attendees from these lectures into church wholesale or pressure them to be baptized immediately, Mr. Hill and I, with other alternates, will be meeting with all those new people who wish to attend in a series of Friday night Bible Studies from now on for the next two to four months. This will give the people an even better opportunity to ask personal questions and get personal help because these will be Bible *studies* rather than lectures, and we will permit them to turn in written questions.

In the more intimate atmosphere of a small hall with a smaller group, we will get even better acquainted with the people and will be able to help them more. So remember the results of the first pilot program are still NOT all in — in fact

they are *just beginning* — and we will appreciate your continued prayers for these new “babes” and for God’s blessing and guidance in the three programs coming up in June and all subsequent ones as well. *Tell the brethren about this and urge them to make this a high priority item in their prayers and interest!*

Now, to help take care of long-standing needs and, hopefully, to prepare at least a few areas for the growth we expect in the next few months as a result of these programs, we are very thankful to announce that a total of 32 Ambassador students are being assigned to the field this summer! This includes 21 from the Pasadena campus, 12 from the Big Sandy campus and 2 from Bricket Wood. A few *additional* assignments may be made if there is a genuine need that arises. All of these assignments will be listed in detail in this Bulletin.

We do hope, though, that all of you receiving one of these young men in your area will try to prepare in every way to make him, and perhaps his new bride, feel “welcome” as they arrive. Certainly, they are coming out to *serve* and “to work for you.” Certainly, some of them have been a little spoiled in the “bosom” of the Ambassador atmosphere and had everything provided for them.

Nevertheless, I think all of us are realizing more each year that we do need to LOVE one another, be patient with each other and try to approach these new young men with a warm and *positive* attitude before “putting the clamps on” too quick or too hard! Perhaps I can cover more of this in detail in a future letter, but hope that you will think and pray about this and try to receive the young man — or the young married couple, with all their hopes and dreams — in an *encouraging* manner. This will no doubt help them feel closer and more loyal to you — and to God’s Work — in years to come.

So try to *inspire* them and *teach* them, at first, rather than correcting. Let them know it may be some months before greater responsibilities come, but that you intend to help them, teach them and work with them in a positive way so that promotion and great opportunities *will come* if they do their part. I hope all of you ministers can ask your *wives* to especially read this section. Perhaps you wives could think of the personal and emotional needs of a young wife as she comes out into the “field” for the first time and try to give her every *help* and *encouragement* possible.

It would certainly help if the older minis-

terial wives in the area would help the new bride in fixing up her place, show her the best places to shop and how best to save money, would have her over for coffee or visiting occasionally and make her feel loved and wanted. You could perhaps encourage her — if her time is dragging in certain cases — to join a local YWCA, sewing or home decorating class or participate in some worthwhile activity of self-improvement which fills her time profitably. This will give her a goal of self-development and future service to shoot for during the long hours when her husband is out visiting.

And you men can certainly think of the same type of help to give the young fellows coming out from the college *in addition* to merely training them in their professional duties alone.

Now for some specific INSTRUCTIONS:

First of all, we are suddenly getting a “rash” of many young ministers inquiring about or starting to buy homes in the field ministry. We do very definitely DISCOURAGE this as a general practice. The church has been providing homes for the District Superintendents and a number of the senior Pastor rank and a few of the Preaching Elders in the ministry. We will continue this program — taking into account a man’s responsibilities, seniority, need, plus any unusual problems or “deals” which may come up.

But we simply do NOT have the financial ability to start buying ministerial homes wholesale. And it is not fair to the men in senior responsibilities who are in line to get homes if we allow some of you younger men to “pressure” us into having to help you ahead of them because you simply “rushed out” and bought homes without checking. Therefore, we will NOT do this.

If any of you are thinking about purchasing a home for yourself, it should be *thoroughly* checked and evaluated *well in advance* both by your District Superintendent and by those of us at Headquarters as well! Sometimes, of course, we may be thinking about transferring you within the next several months. Other times, we may be thinking about the *church* purchasing a home *for you* within the next year or so — perhaps of an even *better* quality than you might prematurely rush out to buy for yourself. And other factors enter in as well. So do be sure to CHECK well in advance before even starting to *look* for a home to buy out in the field ministry.

Another problem involves the fact that many ministers are encouraging people to apply

for work at Ambassador College *regardless* of any particular need which we may have here. Also, of recent date, there is indication that some of these suggestions are to help out the person (as opposed to the college) because he is having financial difficulties or job problems.

So, again, let me caution all of you to be extremely CAREFUL whom you recommend to apply for work here at God's Headquarters! Be sure that he is a *fine* person with a *fine* attitude and a superior ability to do something which the college needs to have done. Always have him go through regular channels and contact the Personnel Department and any others concerned BEFORE he suddenly comes out here or tries to "pressure" his way in through some side door.

We should make sure also that any prospective employee sincerely *wants* to work for Ambassador College rather than being "pressured" to do so. Within the last year, several have come out here to look things over and then have gone home without taking a proffered job! This may be all right, depending on circumstances, but at any rate shows that the minister should not necessarily "expect" or *pressure* a church member to come out here unless it is thoroughly checked through Personnel and there is a mighty important reason to do so.

Another problem which the recent visiting slips indicate is that *several* of our local church members — including deacons — are currently going into business for themselves. Of course, this *may* be a very good thing! But indications are that, recently at least, *many have obviously been strongly encouraged to do so by their local pastor* and are now in great financial difficulty with their new business. As Mr. Herbert Armstrong has pointed out, we all have to realize that the "average" person is generally *not capable* of properly running a business. Also, in the current financial recession, this is a *very poor time* to start a new business unless there are exceptional reasons to the contrary.

In any case, let's all have a giant lump of *caution* before encouraging a local church member to start a business of his own unless he has *ample* financial backing, *plenty* of experience in that particular field of business, proper *planning* and investigation to be sure that his particular business in that particular place has a good chance of success, etc.

Though recent income is up, the year-to-date figure is still several percentage points below 1971 budget projections. So we are having to take

every possible step to reduce expenditures in our church budget as a result of the current income situation. It is becoming more and more obvious to all of us here at Headquarters, however, that the growth and expansion of the Work of God is vitally dependent upon the growth of the Church. For this reason we want to be careful that we do not cut in areas that might hinder or hamper the growth in the Church.

There are specific ways in which we feel we can reduce expenses without limiting Church growth in any way. One of these involves the type of fleet cars assigned to Local Elders. From now on Local Elders will receive Dodge Darts rather than the larger full-size cars. Certain exceptions will be made for Local Elders who have large families, but as a general policy, Local Elders will be given Darts, while the Preaching Elders and Pastors will continue to receive Ford L.T.D.s, Chevrolet Impalas or Sport Furies.

This new policy will go into effect immediately, and as circumstances permit, we will probably be exchanging Darts for many of the L.T.D.s which are already assigned to Local Elders with smaller families. These Darts, by the way, are certainly *very fine cars*. Although they aren't as large as L.T.D.s, Impalas and Sport Furies, they are larger than most compact cars.

So I know that all of you fellows involved will be happy to make this small "sacrifice" of a bigger car in order that many tens of thousands of dollars may be saved God's Work each year! If there are any genuine reasons for a *few* exceptions such as very large families or exceedingly long or hard driving, please let us know and we will give these every consideration.

Finally, let's all "gird up our loins" and prepare to reap the harvest which Christ is preparing in a more efficient and effective manner than ever! As Mr. Ted Armstrong suggested, many of you pastors and superintendents may be *directly* involved in reaching segments of our TOMORROW'S WORLD readers within the next several months. So do start having some of your sermons recorded and listening to them afterward. Ask your wives and any closer friends you wish to in the ministry to *remind* you when you say "can't hardly," "tahm" for *time*, or make any other errors in pronunciation, grammar or diction. Practice *reading aloud* on a regular basis — and learn to do it *smoothly*. If you are not up to standard, begin to inject more warmth, humor and personal interest into your sermons, announcements and Bible Studies.

Listen to Mr. Ted Armstrong's speaking on

the broadcast *regularly*—and notice the fluency, change of pace, vocal variety, diction and general *human interest*. Talk it over with others, think, *study* and *prepare* yourself to be a better instrument in this way so that you will be more capable of helping, inspiring and motivating additional hundreds or thousands of new people toward having a part in God's Work and perhaps becoming church members in the future.

Big things are ahead, so let's all rejoice and pray for one another — and for Christ's blessing and guidance in His Work.

Your brother in Christ,

Robert C. Meslin

NEW CHURCHES PLANNED IN THE U. S. FOR THIS SUMMER

(The estimated beginning attendances are given in parentheses.)

New Church	Linked With	Pastor
1. Covington, Ky. (275-300)	Cincinnati A.M. & P.M.	Walter Sharp
2. Buffalo, N.Y. A.M. (150-175)	Buffalo P.M.	Ivan Sell
3. Columbus, Ohio A.M. (275-300)	Columbus P.M.	James Doak
4. Dayton, Ohio P.M. (275-300)	Dayton A.M.	Lowell Blackwell
5. Harrisburg, Pa. A.M. (200-225)	Harrisburg P.M.	Paul Zapf
6. Fayetteville, Ark. (130-160)	Fort Smith, Ark.	Don Samples
7. Walnut Ridge, Ark. (200-225)	Little Rock, Ark.	Bill Cowan
8. Waco, Texas (150-175)	Austin, Texas	Larry Neff
9. Springfield, Mass. (125-150)	Boston, Mass.	Fred Kellers
10. Montpelier, Vt. (80-100)	Concord, N.H.	John Cheetham
11. Valdosta, Ga. (75-100)	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dave Mills
12. Klamath Falls, Ore. (65-75)	Medford, Ore.	Mike Hechel
13. Missoula, Mont. (65-75)	Spokane, Wash.	Gene Bailey
14. Grand Rapids, Mich. (100-125)	Duluth, Minn.	Otto Lochner
15. Gaylord, Mich. (100-125)	Midland, Mich.	Felix Heimberg
16. Appleton, Wis. (100-125)	Wisconsin Dells	Bill Freeland

CHURCH PASTOR TRANSFERS IN THE UNITED STATES

Name	From	To
1. John Bald	Omaha, Neb.	College — HQ*
2. Karl Beyersdorfer	Duluth, Minn.	Minneapolis, Minn.
3. Lowell Blackwell	Fargo, N. D.	Dayton, Ohio
4. Fred Brogaard	Tacoma, Wash.	Seattle, Wash.
5. Fred Coulter	Salt Lake City, Ut.	Santa Monica & Torrance, Calif.
6. Dan Fricke	Seattle, Wash.	Tacoma, Wash.
7. James Friddle	Pittsburgh, Pa.	College — HQ*
8. Harold Jackson	Chicago, Ill.	Headquarters†
9. George Kemnitz	Seattle, Wash.	Headquarters†
10. Judd Kirk	Lake Charles, La.	Detroit, Mich.
11. Carl Koellner	Uniontown, Pa.	Salt Lake City, Ut.
12. Otto Lochner	Minneapolis, Minn.	Duluth, Minn.
13. Wayne Luginbill	Bismarck, N. D.	Fargo, N. D.
14. Jim Malone	Oklahoma City, Ok.	Odessa, Texas
15. Allen Manteufel	Detroit, Mich.	College — Big Sandy, Tx.†
16. Frank McCrady	Houston, Tx.	Headquarters‡
17. Larry Neff	Corpus Christi, Tx.	Austin, Tx.
18. Al Portune, Jr.	Wichita, Kan.	Headquarters‡
19. John Pruner	Flint, Mich.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
20. Harold Rhodes	Springfield, Mo.	Lake Charles, La.
21. Larry Salyer	Odessa, Tx.	Houston, Tx.
22. Bill Winner	College	Wichita, Kan.
23. Jimmy Young	College	Omaha, Neb.

OTHER FIELD TRANSFERS

Name	From	To
1. Mike Allamby	College	Cleveland, Ohio
2. W. C. Cowan, Sr.	Memphis, Tenn.	Knoxville, Tenn.
3. Bob Ellsworth	Detroit, Mich.	College — HQ*
4. Sam Gillespie	College	Cincinnati, Ohio
5. Ron Haines	Big Sandy, Tex.	Tupelo, Miss.
6. Ray Jantzen	Wichita, Kan.	College — HQ**
7. Vic Kubik	Rapid City, S. D.	Minneapolis, Minn.
8. James Lee	Fontana, Calif.	Dallas, Tex.
9. Edwin Marrs	Greensboro, N. C.	Houston, Tex.
10. Don Mason	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Springfield, Mo.
11. Frank McCrady III	Wheeling, W. V.	Uniontown, Pa.
12. Jeff McGowan	Jackson, Miss.	Monroe, La.
13. Al Mischnick	Fontana, Calif.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
14. Camilo Reyes	College	San Marino A.M. & P.M.

15. Tracey Rogers	Eugene, Ore.	College—HQ**
16. Roland Sampson	Chicago	College—HQ**
17. Leslie Schmedes	College	Headquarters area visiting
18. Harry Sleder	Headquarters	Eugene, Ore.
19. Stanley Suchocki	Memphis, Tenn.	College—HQ*
20. Doug Taylor	Detroit Mich.	Flint, Mich.
21. Tony Wasilkoff	Monroe, La.	Jackson, Miss.
22. Michael Weber	Salina, Kan.	Wichita, Kan.
23. Frank Wilson	Monroe, La.	Big Sandy, Tex.

NEW MINISTERIAL ASSISTANTS FROM PASADENA

Name	Assignment
1. John Adams	Toronto, Ont.
2. John Biedler	Springfield, Mo.
3. Dan Bicer	Concord, N. H.
4. Art Dyer	Seattle, Wash.
5. Bob Fenstermacher	Toledo, Ohio
6. Al Foy	Headquarters area visiting
7. John Foster	Peoria, Ill.
8. Chris French	Houston, Tex.
9. Reinhold Fuessel	Detroit, Mich.
10. Roger Gipe	Little Rock, Ark.
11. Warren Heaton	Oklahoma City, Okla.
12. Bob Hedge	Dallas, Tex.
13. Elie Hofer	Calgary, Alberta
14. Elliott Hurwitt	Newark, N. J.
15. Rodney Kellogg	Oakland, Calif.
16. John Ogwyn	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
17. Dave Pack	Indianapolis, Ind.
18. Richard Parker	San Diego, Calif.
19. Bob Simcik	Fontana, Calif.
20. Larry Smith	Memphis, Tenn.
21. Stan Watts	Denver, Col.

NEW MINISTERIAL ASSISTANTS FROM BIG SANDY

Name	Assignment
1. Bruce Anderson	Columbus, Ohio
2. Oliver Batte	Huntsville, Ala.
3. Lloyd Briggie	Fort Smith, Ark.
4. Larry Brown	Phoenix, Ariz.
5. Joe Dobson	Portland, Ore.

6. Glen Eichelberger	Wheeling, W. V.
7. Cecil Green	Chicago, Ill.
8. Terry Johnson	St. Louis, Mo.
9. Everett Long	Wichita, Kan.
10. Phillip Steele	Buffalo, N. Y.
11. Terry Thompson	Columbia, S. C.
12. Jim Turner	Austin, Tex.

NEW MINISTERIAL ASSISTANTS FROM BRICKET WOOD

Name	Assignment
1. Robert Cloninger	Dayton, Ohio
2. Tom Lapacka	Asheville, N. C.
* One semester graduate studies	† To join faculty
** One year college training	‡ Permanent assignment

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husband is now making \$250.00 weekly. God has more than tripled his salary. But what makes me so happy is now we can give our best to God's wonderful Work! Plus we have only one bill left for \$13.15. No one can tell me this isn't the true Work of God. Also, I'll never doubt God's greatness again.

— Mrs. Robert P.,
Rohnert Park, California

Afraid The Church Might Be Right

My Dad is a member of the Worldwide Church of God and my brother has just recently decided to convert. I have never given the Church or its literature a real chance, and my attitude has been one of antagonism generally. I have come to realize that my feelings toward the Church have been more a result of a fear that the Church might have the truth rather than an absolute conviction or knowledge that they are wrong. I want to find out for myself.

— Cindy D., Redlands, California

Changing

A short while ago I thought that there was no greater joy in life than "getting high." I had long hair, a beard, wore dirty jeans, and lived in a dingy little apartment in the middle of the "student ghetto" in this city. In short, I was what you might call a hippie. I still have my beard, but it's trimmed now, and my apartment has been freshly painted. Tomorrow I start work on

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BIBLE LECTURES BEGIN

Now starting, in a small way, are the Bible Lectures which the Ambassador College Graduate School of Theology is presenting for some of the readers of TOMORROW'S WORLD. Here Al Carrozzo gives his impressions from attending all of the meetings at the first pilot program held in Long Beach, California.

AROUND the world, more than two million readers of TOMORROW'S WORLD magazine get life-giving knowledge every month. Tens of thousands who read the articles respond in an active way, asking questions about the Work and about their own personal lives. Thousands want to become genuine co-workers and share the financial burden of *giving* the Gospel to the world. And now thousands have arrived at a point where they desire yet more *personal contact* with representatives of God's Work.

As the requests for personal counsel pour into the Church offices at an accelerated rate, we have come to realize the magnitude of the statement Jesus Christ made: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few" (Matt. 9:37).

To send the few laborers available into the homes of these individuals becomes an undertaking of major proportions — yet, these hungry babes in Christ must be fed and nurtured. Otherwise, many of them will die on the vine or, *as has already happened*, fall prey to the proselyting churches of this world. No one wants to see that happen!

So here at Headquarters it was decided that we should find a more effective way of reaping this great harvest which God's Work had produced through the Broadcast, Telecast, PLAIN TRUTH and TOMORROW'S WORLD magazines and our other literature. The Bible Lectures were conceived as a means of enabling us to reap the harvest on a wholesale basis. Hundreds can be reached at once. Hundreds could be added to the body of Christ in a relatively short period of time. As Mr. Armstrong said in a recent member letter, "I feel . . . this will soon result in the LARGEST GROWTH IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP we have ever had."

First a letter was sent to a representative few TOMORROW'S WORLD subscribers. We explained our intention to conduct Bible Lectures in various cities around the country.

The response was fantastic!

A pilot series was planned.

A total of 5,778 letters was sent out in the Anaheim-Long Beach Church area asking our readers if they would be interested in the lecture series. Of the 39 percent who responded, 67 percent said they would be interested in the lectures.

This meant that 1,374 people were actually interested in attending. Most of us felt that each would bring someone with him, which would result in an audience of two thousand or more!

It soon became obvious that we could not invite all those interested on a wholesale basis — there were simply too many. So it was decided that we would invite *only* prospective members and co-workers who had contributed a minimum of fifty dollars, or a total of five times, within a one-year period.

Additional letters were sent to a very limited number specifying the times, dates and locations of the proposed meetings. The letter specifically asked that they not bring anyone with them unless they were equally interested in the truth.

Mr. Roderick C. Meredith and Mr. David Jon Hill were given the responsibility of conducting the lectures, Sunday through Friday night, for a two-week period.

The topics were chosen — everything was made ready.

The time came — May 2 — Sunday afternoon 2:30! People began arriving. They were in couples — in families — alone. They were old and young. Some wore ties — some didn't. Each one seemed a little apprehensive, wondering what it would be like. No doubt some were asking, "Why am I here? Where am I going? What am I getting into?" But something seemed to lead them on, and on they came.

There were 485 eager people to hear the first lecture.

Some of us watched the eager faces as Mr. Meredith began to expound the prophecies of

the end of this age and how we fit into them. At the conclusion, all seemed sobered as they slowly made their way to the exits.

We were wondering how many would return the next night. Many of us were speculating what the attrition rate might be. Some thought only half would return. Others thought perhaps two-thirds. Everyone was hoping they would *all come back!*

The next night Mr. Hill pointed out *why* this must be the end time. He touched on major problems of ecology, marriage, family life, war, and the *MANY* ways in which mankind can destroy itself.

Apprehensively, the count was taken, and everyone rejoiced to find we had gained ten people over the previous night — 495 were there! The expected attrition did not materialize.

Tuesday night there were 457; Wednesday, 520; Thursday, 441; Friday, 532; and Sunday afternoon, May 9, there were 500 even.

Each time they returned, they seemed more relaxed and more eager to learn. Monday, May 10, 395 were in attendance.

They were told that Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong would bring a special lecture to them the next night, Tuesday, May 11. They were encouraged to ask their friends and relatives who might be interested to come for this special lecture. A crowd of 925 enthusiastic people, including a number of students, came to hear Mr. Armstrong tell the story of how God called and used him to begin this Work.

Wednesday night, the attendance dropped to 406. On Thursday night 375 heard Mr. Meredith give the proofs of God's True Church. On Friday, 519 came to hear Mr. Meredith give the subject of the final night, "The Key to Eternal Life." (It should be pointed out that about half of the people in attendance were brethren from the Norwalk, Long Beach and Pasadena churches.)

The prospective members who had come to this point were very zealous to "go all the way." During the course of the two-week period, we had many positive comments.

One woman said: "I think we ought to be able to get together at least once a week." We encouraged her to come to these meetings to learn, but she insisted it wasn't enough — these meetings were going to end. We told her if there was enough interest, we might continue to have meetings weekly. She said: "I hope so!"

One couple, eagerly hungering for spiritual

food, asked if we had a church. They were told "Yes, we have services for the students at the College." They said: "Yes, but do you have churches elsewhere?" They were told "Yes." They then asked: "Do you have any in Anaheim?" The answer was "No," but this didn't stop them. They asked: "Are there any near Anaheim?" We said "Yes." Then we explained our policy regarding church attendance.

They were so intent on continuing to receive the spiritual food they were getting; they were determined to learn about the church!

One couple had to drive thirty-six miles after work to get to the meetings. So they worked out a system. The husband would get off work early, rush home, gobble down his dinner which was prepared in advance, make final arrangements and then rush down the freeway, reaching the Long Beach Concert Hall just as the meetings would begin. They insisted they would not miss one meeting for anything!

One woman *moved* from her home and rented a place within walking distance of the hall!!! A family of five revealed how they sat up until 5:00 a.m., going over the myriad scriptures which "all just seemed to jell" after they arrived home.

Another man determined to sell his business — immediately — because it was causing him to break the Sabbath.

On the final two nights, Mr. Meredith announced that we would have a weekly Bible Study for all those who would like to continue learning more of God's Truth beginning on the very next Sunday, May 16, at 2:30 in the afternoon, and then on every Friday night after that. He encouraged everyone interested to attend.

There is no doubt that God is calling most of these people and that they will soon be attending Sabbath services regularly. Messrs. Ritenbaugh, Phillips and Woodbury, serving in the area, have exclaimed that their work load is fantastic since these meetings. More people are asking for personal counseling than ever before!

These meetings certainly have been a wonderful success.

The lectures were like a much-needed "shot-in-the-arm" for those from Headquarters who were there serving. To see a throng filled with the flush of "first love" was very thrilling and encouraging.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong said he felt 85 percent of these people would end up in church

services if it were not for divorce and remarriage problems. Many of us are speculating about the number who will eventually come to church. But no one knows for sure.

One thing we do know for sure — these lectures have been received enthusiastically by everyone.

Each of you should pray diligently for the continued success of these Bible Lectures which will be held nationwide — *perhaps in your area*. Pray especially for these "little ones" who are hungering for the Truth of God. Pray that they will be willing and able to overcome any hang-ups which would keep them from responding to the call they have received of God. God is adding precious lives to His Church.

Remember the words of Mr. Herbert Armstrong, "This will soon result in the LARGEST GROWTH IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP we have EVER had!"

Financial Affairs and Planning

ALBERT J. PORTUNE

For the first time this year, I think I can say with confidence that the overall income picture looks good! Of course, that statement should be qualified with the comment: Provided all the present indicators hold for the rest of the year! Perhaps "guarded optimism" would be the best phrase to use.

At the present time, we are showing a 29.6% increase for the month of May to date over last year and a 9.2% increase on the year to date, which is indeed very encouraging. If these trends continue, we should be able to *meet* our forecast budget needs of 13.5% increase over 1970. I don't have to tell you that this is a great relief to all the department heads here at Headquarters! I also don't have to tell you that it is more than a "coincidence" that our upswing began just as Mr. Herbert Armstrong's member letter was sent out! The brethren are really doing a commendable job in supporting God's work, and it is really appreciated by those of us who have to control the physical assets of the Work.

Because of the increase in income, our Quick

Ratio has taken a sudden jump upwards and now stands at 1.85:1. The Quick Ratio is the indicator derived from the ratio of current assets to current liabilities, and ours shows a strong cash position. Because of our strong cash reserves at the beginning of the year, we were able to weather, once again, the assault that comes each year at this time.

Naturally, the fact that money is now more available in general means that interest rates are somewhat depressed, which, in turn, affects the earning power of our investment portfolio, but I feel this is a small price to pay for increased security in cash. Right now it is cheaper to pay cash for our larger expenditures than to invest the capital, which is a healthy sign.

As you no doubt know, most of our income now comes from Members and Prospective Members. At the beginning of the year, this was of some little concern to us since the member growth for 1971 didn't look too promising. Any drop in member growth could possibly result in a drop in income, percentage-wise. However, the real Head of this Work has relieved us of this problem, as well, in the establishment of the Graduate School Lectures, which promise to spin off quite a large increase in the membership before the end of the year! As Mr. Armstrong has said time and time again, "We may have *problems*, but we don't have *worries*."

Please encourage the members to pray for these Lectures, which I know will have a great impact on the financial health of the Work, apart from the precious lives that will be changed.

As you can read every day in your own newspapers, the national economy is still very shaky, and many gloomy predictions are being tossed around. It doesn't look as if the American economy will *ever* be solidly based again! One thing is sure, however, and that is that God *will* get this job done in spite of any indications to the contrary! Also, even though the brethren really came through with the Holy Day offerings during the Days of Unleavened Bread, to have an even greater offering for Pentecost would really cement our improved position! Your encouragement of God's People to this end would be very much appreciated.

Please encourage *all* the brethren to continue in heartfelt prayer for the overall condition of the Work and pass on to them our gratitude and appreciation for all their labors!

Have a profitable and inspiring Pentecost season!

News from the **FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE**

Office of
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CANADA

Canada is still the big growth area in the foreign work. They started the first quarter of 1971 with about 100,000 on their mailing list and increased that by 27% in three months.

The churches are growing well with an average attendance of around 4,500 across Canada each week. In addition to this, there are about 246 people attending outlying Bible studies. The attendance for the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread totaled 4,940 across Canada — a 24% increase over a year ago. The Passover was taken by 2,549. So far this year there have been 134 baptisms out of 361 new visits.

We now have approval to start a new church in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. It will make a two-church area with Saskatoon, and the opening attendance is expected to be around 90. Many of these people will have only attended Holy Days before.

Bob Berendt is being transferred from Calgary to be the Local Elder resident in Ottawa. Mr. Richard Wilding has fallen way behind in visiting prospective members in that area due to the tremendous pressure in Montreal. This will probably mean much more rapid growth in Ottawa.

Two Canadian graduates are going into the field — John Adams to Toronto and Elie Hofer to Calgary. I know they'll be very much appreciated in those overworked areas.

AUSTRALIA

A big change is taken place in Australia as Mr. Art Docken is now being transferred to Sydney to be Mr. Cole's second in command in the Australian Work. Mr. Keith Crouch, who has held that position, will be returning to Pasadena for a year of graduate school.

PHILIPPINES

The big news from Manila is that *The World Tomorrow* television program began there on

May 8, channel 2. Our time is 10:30 Saturday night, and we expect a very good response.

The following letter, dated March 29, was received from Mr. Colin Adair:

This past week has been the busiest week I have had since coming to the Philippines — and, I might add, the most profitable. We conducted our second baptizing tour of the Visayas, and this time we had more than double the number of baptisms we had on our first tour.

Margaret and I left Manila early on Sunday, March 21, flying by PAL jet to Cebu. We visited with a number of people during the day and ended up by baptizing three. That evening we held a Bible Study for the new members and the members living in the area. Twenty-four were in attendance.

Next day, after seeing some more prospective members in the morning, we flew across to Bacolod City in Negros, and visited with five people who had come to see us. Only one was baptized, but two should be ready by our next trip. That evening three members came to the hotel for personal counseling.

Iloilo City, our next stop, proved to be the most productive. Many people turned up, some we had seen on our previous trip in November, and a few new ones. After a Bible Study that evening in the hotel (23 attended) we went down to the beach and six were baptized in the "black" water (it was night-time!). For the Filipinos it was quite cold and they were shivering — but for me it was just right! Next day, quite a few more showed up, and another three were ready to be baptized. So Iloilo had a total of nine people added to the church.

We got back to Manila on Thursday, and after a quick night's sleep, Mr. Ortiguero and I were off Friday morning bound for Cagayan de Oro City in Mindanao. The purpose of this trip was to visit the brethren

in Kiara and Don Carlos and speak at their service. However, as a few prospective members lived in and around the city, we wrote to them and told them of our plans. Three were there to meet us, and two of them were baptized. It was raining when we went to the beach and the surf was quite heavy. One man, in his sixties, was practically crippled with rheumatism and a stroke, yet he wanted baptism despite the poor conditions. So out of a total of 35 counseled, 15 were baptized — a little under 50%. Our first trip, you will remember, resulted in only 5 baptisms, so this was a much better tour all round.

Early sabbath morning, Mr. Benitez and Mr. Roque (Mr. Benitez is the leader of the group in Kiara — Mr. Roque the driver) called for us in their jeep, and so began a never-to-be-forgotten trip through the interior of Mindanao. Mr. Ortiguero sat in the back with Mr. Benitez, and I sat in the front alongside the driver, trying to get my long legs in a comfortable position. Although the road is mapped as the main highway, you never would have believed it! Ninety-eight percent of it was unpaved, with great potholes and ridges. The only paving, apart from about two miles, was through the small towns. The bone-jarring trip took us six hours, covering about 200 kilometers. However, the scenery was so beautiful the time passed quickly for me. Mindanao is so different from Luzon. It is much greener and fertile, with frequent mountain ranges and luscious plains, and the soil is very rich. It is said by the Filipinos that anything Luzon (the main island) can grow, Mindanao can grow twice as big!

It was quite cool for the first part of our journey (begun at 5:45 a.m.), especially in an open jeep, but it soon warmed up. We passed many small Protestant churches, and the predominant one seemed to be SDA's. In the town of Malaybalay the Baptists had notices in the windows of their bookstore warning their people not to listen to *The WORLD TOMORROW* or read *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Mr. Benitez told us that at least one man had been converted into God's Church because he had wondered why he shouldn't do these things, and had proved we were right!

Many people were waiting to greet us at

Kiara. We were given a nice meal in the home of one of the members (although I ate very very little, to prevent picking up something!) and then we went over to the Tabernacle building for the service. Four hundred people were in attendance, some having traveled from afar to hear us. Mr. Ortiguero gave the sermonette, and I gave the sermon entitled, "Why did God call us?" One third of the group couldn't understand English and the other two thirds weren't proficient in it, so I spoke very slowly. Just as I was finishing, the rain came on and I wondered how our return trip would go. Since Mr. Roque's family was in Kiara and needed a lift home to Don Carlos, nine of us jammed into the jeep — three in the front, Mr. Benitez and Mr. Gapul on top of the back wheels on either side, Mr. Ortiguero and Mrs. Roque on the seat, with the Roque's two children on their knees! To make matters worse, the rain had turned the track from the village back to the main road into a quagmire. But Mr. Roque's expert driving got us through, even though at times I thought the jeep was going to tip over. I'm sure it must have been leaning at 50 degrees part of the time!

After dropping the Roque family off, we headed for Cagayan de Oro once again. It was just coming up to dusk when we started, so most of the journey was made in the dark. The trip was uneventful, except for two punctures (in the same tire) which left us with no spare wheel and about 2 hours driving time still to go. There had been some rain, so the "road" was quite muddy. We arrived back at the hotel at 12:30 a.m. after an eight-hour journey — tired, but happy. Mr. Roque deserved a medal for his driving and for his skill — the jeep was his own creation, put together from the spare parts of other vehicles. How it stood up to the pounding it received seemed to be a miracle. After a good night's rest, Sunday morning saw us none the worse for the arduous trip.

So ended a very fine week in the Philippine Work. With Mr. Ortiguero's tour the previous week in the Bicol region, when he baptized thirteen people, and the Visayan tour this week, God has added almost thirty to the church here. With a few in Manila seeking baptism before Passover, we may have added as many as 35 to the growing Work in this part of the world!

LETTER EXCERPTS

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my job that the University Employment Service found for me, and right now I couldn't be happier. I felt that I just had to write to you and tell you the good news because, funny as it may seem, it was your magazine that did it for me. One of my friends had a couple of copies lying around his pad and I happened to look at a few on one of my bi-weekly visits. At first I thought it was simply another one of those "establishment"-controlled magazines, and I wanted nothing to do with it. Then I started reading it and I was amazed at what I found. Aren't you people afraid of anything? My only worry now is that I have been blind for so long!

— Kevin C., Montreal, Quebec

Teen-ager Helped

Let me congratulate you for the fine standard of your articles and stories. I must admit that as a teen-ager I was on the brink of self-destruction with drugs and other things in my way. With the help of your magazine I have crossed over the hurdles of hippieism and am now leading a bright new life.

— Teen-ager, Bombay, India

From Hippies

I am 17. I've hitchhiked 13,000 miles around America. I know that facts are easily manipulated to justify anything. I will not listen to anyone who claims to know the truth. Truth is a matter best left to two drunks in a bar. Music, making love, smoking grass and laughing are the only truths I believe in. Love and peace.

— Jay R., Flushing, New York

Like I was digging the vibes on the box, on that spiffy-keen station WRVA, and this dude rapped about *The PLAIN TRUTH*. This broadcast freaked me right out. Who would believe a free magazinearoo? Not I! I said to myself, is this a put-on? No! I could really dig copping the free subscription that you personally offered me on my favorite radio station. There are 607 people-freaks in this here Big House and they would all flip-out reading your swell magazine. I will be looking out for the mail-guy. Thanks a bunch for the zapped out offer.

— D. J. E., Ionia, Michigan

Upside Down or Right Side Up?

This is the first time I have wanted to thank anyone for attempting to turn my life upside down, alienate me from my friends and relatives, disown my church, denounce most of that which I have believed since childhood, and possibly cost me my job. Upon entering the armed forces of our nation, I was submitted to a system designed to tear down my established mode of living, break my will and spirit, in order to form a soldier. You, in turn, have done similar, and with far more success. For this, my deepest thanks.

— Ronald T., Batavia, New York

Loco Weed

I guess the State of Kansas has more marijuana than any other State. Guess it grew here for years, but no one knew what it was till recently and we are trying to get rid of it. The horses and cows used to eat it and they got what we called "locoed."

— Pauline J., Hutchinson, Kansas

"I Need Help"

I have here some personal feelings that at present need somebody's help. To relate first, we are here in this province of Cotabato almost four years. We came from the province of our birth somewhat 300 miles distance together with my family. Our purpose was to be a tenant because we are poor. But we failed in this matter. There are many rich men here who need tenants. But they do not want us because we are "sabadismo" they say. We live miserably. We have no house of our own to live in and no land to cultivate. We live in a rented house twenty pesos a month. We live by my wife's dress making but this is not enough for our daily needs. Now our landlady is going to evict us at the end of the month because we could not afford the rental of the house. For four years we have been transferring from house to house. That is our life! From hand to hand living. I always pray to God for help to deliver us from this condition. I pray that we can have a little house, but my wife's earnings are very small and we could not save a few coins. I am sick with asthma and it brings our family close to starvation! . . . I cannot do hard work so as to help my wife for our living. So, dear Sir, I need help if you can do it. . . .

— Mr. Emiliano L.,
South Cotabato, Philippines