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General News and Comments

MAIL SUMMARIES

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

September 7, 1973

INCOME: The total income for the year to date as of last Friday, August 31 was -1.6% compared with last year.

MAIL: During the month of August we received 266,168 letters — about a thousand below July.

SPANISH OFFICE

September 1, 1973

For the month of August we received 5,518 letters, a 71% increase over last year. Income shows a 198% increase for August, bringing the year-to-date figure to a 16% increase.

We have begun to receive responses from recent renewals mailed to subscribers in Mexico. The revised Correspondence Course was also advertised on the renewal notice, and first counts indicate around 90% of those renewing the PV also are interested in the Bible Course.

VANCOUVER, CANADA

August 28, 1973

Two successful personal appearance campaigns have now been concluded; one in Halifax, Nova Scotia and the other in Calgary, Alberta. Four more personal appearances are scheduled to be held in Canada before the old year is out. For those interested the schedule is as follows:

DATE	CITY	SPEAKER
September 8, 9	Kitchener, Ont.	Dr. Clint Zimmerman
September 15, 16	Sudbury, Ont.	Mr. Dean R. Wilson
November 24, 25	Kelowna, B.C.	Mr. Ronald L. Dart
December 15, 16	Victoria, B.C.	Mr. Albert J. Portune

As far as the income and mail are concerned no new trends are foreseeable in the near future. Both continue to be good.

LONDON, ENGLAND

August 29, 1973

Mail Processing Report for August 1973:

During the month of August, 9,100 new names were added to the mailing list for a year's supply of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. The majority of these new subscribers live in Britain and Europe, the area covered by newsstand distribution. We received 8,400 return cards from newsstand copies. In addition, over 5,200 West Africans and Indians will be receiving the magazine for the first time, but on a trial basis.

The Mail Processing Department has handled over 36,000 letters and request cards this month. Readers in Britain, Europe and the Middle East wrote 18,000 letters to us, while we received 7,400 from West Africa, 9,200 from India and 1,400 from the West Indies.

Here is a list of the countries to which we are sending the majority of the English language *PLAIN TRUTH* magazines in Britain and Europe, and the number of subscribers in each:

BRITAIN AND IRELAND

England	81,866
Irish Republic	13,041
N. Ireland	5,997
Scotland	18,692
Wales	4,254
Total	123,850

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Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Kerry and Penny Daniels (Concord, New Hampshire): August 3rd saw the arrival of our first child, a boy, named *Robert Jason*. After putting mom through some 24 hours of hard work, he finally made his debut at 5:30 a.m. Wanting to get off to a healthy start, he weighed in at 9 pounds and was a whopping 23 inches long.

Bob and Kay Persky (Champaign, Indiana): Two very happy and pleased parents would like to announce the 14-day-late arrival of our first daughter, *Livia Dawn*. She made her appearance after only 4 hours and 20 minutes of introduction and weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 20½ inches. She more than made up for our twin boys who weighed only 6 pounds, 13 ounces in combined weight. Livia's entry into the world was perfect. No fuss, no muss and all to the delight of a now "complete" family.

Dan and Barbara Rogers (Concord, New Hampshire): Well, we've done it again. Our second child and first son, *Christopher Gregory*, was born early Monday morning, August 13. My wife set a new land speed record of 50 minutes in labor which gave me plenty of time to put on my pants and wash my hands. All concerned are doing very well.

Peter and Charlotte (Cordell) Whitting (North Sydney, Australia): We would like to announce the birth of our first little Aussie. *Thomas Robert* came "hopping" — like in kangaroo — along at 5:15 p.m. on June 29. It was quite a difficult labor, but he is a really big boy — 9 pounds, 13 ounces at birth. He even cries with an Australian accent, although he's half American.

Ken and Nancy Williams (Kalamazoo, Michigan): Nancy and I wanted to announce the birth of *David John* born Friday, July 20 at 5:07 p.m. Little David has been quite cooperative. Not only did he wait until daddy returned from the Chicago conference to be born (Nancy went into labor 8 hours after I returned) but he did all of his work on the preparation day, letting mamma rest on the Sabbath. He seems content. He's put on 3 pounds in about a month. Both mom and pop are really tickled (we make sure David is too).

Ministerial

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Book Review

The next few columns will be devoted to magazines. This week I will cover six monthly magazines of a sociological nature. In following weeks, I'll cover news magazines, economics, religious, environmental and women's magazines. If any one of you would like to tackle one of these categories (especially the latter three), please do. Otherwise, I'll consult the News Bureau and other campus journalists to present a composite point of view. Like the three magazines reviewed last week, the following six are devoted to social comment, multi-media reviews, and imaginary literature.

Although "watching world news" (Luke 21:36), can be done profitably on a daily basis (newspaper or TV) or each week (news-magazines and TV specials), an oft-neglected way to "watch" is through monthly magazines. The overview and expert commentary available during a longer lag time offers a fresh perspective to trends and issues obscured by the rush of "newzak," or the daily blaring of trivia. Here are six more excellent sources for such comment, in order of my opinion of their worth:

WORLD (Published bi-weekly, 488 Madison Avenue, N.Y.C. 10022). Founded in July, 1972 by former *Saturday Review* founder and editor Norman Cousins, *World* has now displaced S.R., and the forthcoming merger may be called *S.R./World*. Although *World* has the soul and heritage of Cousins' 30-year experience with S.R.,

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WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

WORLD HEADQUARTERS
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
PRESIDENT and PASTOR

OFFICE OF
GARNER TED ARMSTRONG
Vice President

To all ministers:

GREETINGS, in Christ's service!

Little by little, it seems we are making slow but encouraging progress in all phases of the Work. Income now stands at about 3.4 percent increase over the preceding year (minus the special offerings), and at a minus increase if the special offering of 1972 is included. BUT, when you realize the slow rate of member growth (in a comparative sense), the slow rate of co-worker growth, the attrition rate of members and delinquent co-workers, spiraling inflation, increased joblessness, and the general feeling of foot-dragging and pulling back, the looking inward toward personal security and personal problems that has gripped the whole nation, then the picture seems to be one of the BROAD MAJORITY of God's people doing their UTMOST for His Work -- and the majority being enthusiastic, zealous, encouraged, and growing! So, as God's ministers, we should all let the brethren know that we know how much they are sacrificing, that we greatly appreciate their enthusiasm and zeal, and that together we will finish this great commission our Creator has called us to do.

Not that they, too, don't have their problems. We all do -- but in spite of the carping, griping, criticizing, dark suspicions, breast-beating, and hair-pulling wails and weepings of a few -- God is still in heaven; Christ is there at His right hand, His face blazing like the crackling explosions of a million suns, and He is STILL LEADING, DIRECTING, AND GUIDING HIS CHURCH, managing His Work, working out His purpose here below!

Presently, Mr. Armstrong is in Lebanon for a series of meetings with the President of that country and other government officials. He called me from Bricket Wood only two days ago and didn't know at the time (because of the "non-aligned nations' conference" and other things) whether he would continue on to Tokyo for the Bible-study meeting with Prince Mikasa, or return to Headquarters first, and then go on to Japan.

I have just returned from a very busy and productive trip to Big Sandy for opening events of the new college year, including the all-day freshman picnic, special orientation assembly (all students and faculty were there), and the faculty reception. I had many useful talks with many there, and it looks like a very enthusiastic class, our largest in history! Tropical storm Delia

managed to send the campus almost two days of steady, light-to-moderate rain, which helped the grounds considerably. Thursday morning I managed seven more Australian radio programs prior to departure, and then managed to do one TV program just after I returned between 4 and 5 P.M. Pasadena time yesterday. Presently, I'm between programs today (2 more to go, and 1 in the can), after having written the Holy Day offering letter you'll all receive.

I know I don't have to repeat in the Bulletin the things you read in the co-worker letter from my father, the things I have put in the Personal in the Worldwide Church of God News and in the Holy Day letter. Suffice it to say I feel it is incumbent on the ministry to PREACH THE WORD, to rebuke, exhort, and yet to ENCOURAGE and give HOPE and FAITH to God's people, and NOT to wail about imagined future difficulties. Anyone who would dare to discourage the innocent sheep in his own charge (and our people are not just "dumb" sheep; the Bible analogy is more importantly directed toward the RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SHEPHERD than the perceptiveness of the sheep!) by standing in the pulpit, or conducting a "Bible Study" that is nothing more than a gossip session and vague, hopeless-sounding statements about alleged problems at Headquarters is a disloyal, faithless, carnal-minded heretic; NOT a converted, loyal, faithful servant of Christ!

Some few seem to have forgotten the very MEANING of the word authority, the concept of chain of command, and the area of RESPONSIBILITY for ultimate policies and decisions. From the most recently ordained local elder to the oldest evangelist, we ALL KNOW what God's Word tells us about those who joined Korah, or those who spoke against Samuel, or the young soldier who performed the "mercy killing" on Saul, and the examples of all of God's righteous men from beginning to end! There is NO WAY to justify self-pity! Jesus Christ had more reason to pity Himself, His lot in life and His calling than any man who ever lived!

He was not "greatly put upon" because of OTHER people's problems! He did not "view with alarm," weep and wail, because other people didn't do what He thought they should. Even when they spit in His eye, and slapped His face, and ridiculed Him. And when they KILLED Him, He could only be SO TOTALLY OUTGOING in His concern that He wanted His Father to forgive them -- an example that should stagger us! Can you imagine it? He was saying, in effect, "Father, forgive those ignorant people for doing that to themselves by killing me!"

Yet, some of us act, from time to time, as if the OTHER fellow's problems are really the TERRIBLE PROBLEM WE CAN'T LIVE WITH ANY LONGER! "I can't take it [whatever "it" is] anymore," one might wail, in search of great sympathy. But what about Christ? (Sure, we're not Christ!) What about the many scriptures that tell us "for even hereunto were ye CALLED"? What about a ministry that stands in the pulpit, preaching in stentorian authority about

the "TRIALS OF OUR FAITH BRING PATIENCE"? Do WE rejoice in tribulation? Do we say, "OK, bring on the problems.... I find my faith is made PERFECT through sufferings"? Do WE believe that our faith, though "tried with fire," will be found as refined gold, ultimately? Do WE set the example of dogged determination to continue with our calling and commission NO MATTER WHAT THE DISAPPOINTMENTS, SHOCKS, BAD NEWS, HURT FEELINGS, RUMORS, STRIFE -- NO MATTER WHAT?

Maybe. But I wonder, sometimes, how many do.

It's about time many, many more of us began rededicating ourselves anew to God, renewing our FAITH in God and in Christ and in this Work -- and in the ones They have chosen to carry it out. If I thought for one instant my own personal conscience would not absolutely TORTURE ME TO DEATH; that I could live a quiet life in some little mountain place apart; that I could get OUT FROM UNDER the terrible pressures of my job and my calling; that THIS WAS WHAT GOD WANTED, and that it WOULD MAKE A FEW MISERABLE SOULS HAPPY -- then I WOULD DO IT, INSTANTLY! I am NOT speaking lightly when I say I believe my conscience would kill me for throwing God's Work to the ground; that I MUST preach the Gospel! "WOE BE UNTO ME" IF I DO NOT preach the Gospel! This is why I draw breath -- why God had me BORN into this world!

We are the MINISTRY of Christ! Aren't we? If we are -- and I believe we are -- then it's time we all began sounding like, ACTING LIKE, LIVING LIKE, the ministry of Christ!

It's too easy to say, "Yeah, sure -- but the OTHER GUY isn't living this way or that...."; too easy to use the most worn-out, worthless, useless excuse in the world; too easy to say that OTHERS' examples are the reason why WE CAN'T DO WHAT WE SHOULD! Nonsense! Jesus never ate a meal with a converted man. He never sat down to a conversation with a person who really DEEPLY understood Him, looked into his deepest feelings, and identified with Him. He had to GO TO GOD for those deepest of all His needs, and said so repeatedly. There is NO WAY we can justify lack of our OWN earnest, sincere, zealous, loyal and faithful work by pointing out the errors of another. No matter how oft repeated, the old "countryfied" adage "two wrongs don't make a right" is the truth!

Fellows, God's people NEED ENCOURAGEMENT! They need CONFIDENCE; they need FAITH! You are their MINISTERS...YOU can give them what they need! A local congregation in a bad attitude is a congregation reflecting the attitude of its pastor -- never think otherwise!

Though I am forced to dwell more than I wish to on the "negative" things for a time, I want to make some things clear: Any minister who preaches a sermon for the purpose of airing his own pet peeves (such as, "My wife WILL NEVER WEAR BANGS!"), be they philosophical, political, personal, or social, is abusing those

people, misleading and confusing them, and is NOT a true shepherd. Any minister who is guilty of preaching what I characterize as the "BE-SURE-YOU-VOTE-FOR-ME-WHEN-THE-WHOLE-THING-FRAGMENTS...I-WILL-BE-YOUR-LEADER" kind of sermon is falsely assuming this an organization of MEN; that the people represent some sort of "power base" to which he can appeal -- and any such person IS NOT A FIT MINISTER OF JESUS CHRIST! Anyone who begins to deceive himself into believing those are "his" people there, and that HE is their real leader, is self-deceived -- and not a true shepherd of the flock. Some tend to use the pulpit as a political soapbox; others as an "open line" to air their worries and grievances; others to continually "clear up" rumors, thus starting hundreds MORE RUMORS. Using this shallow and deceptive pretext, sermons have been preached allegedly "ANSWERING QUESTIONS" people have asked, which have, in practical fact, resulted in many, many more questions being asked, and NONE being answered! God's Word judges any such -- I don't have to, and am not either fit or qualified to do so. But GOD is, and He, after all, is the One to whom we must all give account, individually.

I know God's Church to be the most sincere, dedicated, loyal, faithful, willing and lovable group of people on earth. I know it to be made up of a collection of every conceivable type of person, with every conceivable type of background and every conceivable type of problem. I also know that Church represents tender little "babes in Christ", little sheep who need direction, strong leadership, a loving, kind pastor who CARES for them, and watches over them; not one who tries to USE them for his own purposes of status, and power. Jesus says, "FEED MY SHEEP"! He doesn't command any, "CONFUSE my sheep, and make them WONDER..."!

I also know that if all of us as Christ's ministry will now REDEDICATE OURSELVES as never before -- and begin to PULL TOGETHER -- we can see a great awakening of faith and hope in this Church, a newfound zeal, a burst of ENERGY and STRENGTH, and we'll see the job REALLY DONE! Personally, I feel some of the new things happening at Headquarters are TREMENDOUS NEWS -- GOOD news, and would like, now, to talk about them a little.

As some may already have heard through our incredible (and often terribly wrong) "rumor tumor," Mr. Albert J. Portune is no longer business manager. Mr. Portune is now going to be Director of Campaigns, Worldwide. He is STILL a member of the topmost Executive Committee, and will continue to function directly with me and my father at the highest level in God's Work. BUT, he will not have to be wrestling with the day-to-day tasks of the business office, which have been a very crushing burden. Mr. Portune has a fine, loyal, converted, and qualified staff of men he has developed in that area. Each of them remains right where he is, and has been, in many cases, for years. Mr. Frank Brown is interim (acting) business manager, freeing Mr. Portune for devoting time, with me, to planning and conducting campaigns. This is a MUTUALLY-ARRIVED-AT

decision of my father, myself, and Mr. Portune. It was at his own earnest suggestion, in heartfelt and prayerful thought and consideration.

I think we all know God moved Mr. Portune into the business office just when He did; that under Mr. Portune's direction, what were, in fact, a series of miracles (I feel they were!) occurred; and that this Work went from a terrible financial condition to a SOLID, SAFE one, in a very short time. From a time when salaries and bills just were not paid to a time when we had the best financial statements coming out in all our history! We feel God is NOW calling Mr. Portune into an even more important job, one for which he is gifted and blessed of God, that of personal evangelism and the preaching of the Gospel, as well as the managing of the entire campaign structure for the Work! I am really HAPPY over this change! It means Mr. Portune and I will be working more closely together than we have since the days when he was my very first "executive assistant" -- and those never-to-be-forgotten days of the Springfield, Missouri, campaign when he was my M.C. and soloist, and during which campaign my brother was killed. Al and I know, deeply, what makes the other "tick" -- and I welcome the opportunity to share with him our sermon ideas, plans, and hopes for campaigns in the secure knowledge that our Savior is looking down and smiling broadly to see such things happen!

I didn't mean to be one whit negative, fellows; I mean to be positive, and want only to encourage and inspire all of you. But please, for your own sakes, and for that of all those under you, if the shoe fits in ANYTHING I have said, wear it -- and then ask God's help to get yourself a brand new pair you can find described in Ephesians, the sixth chapter, fifteenth verse!

Till next time, in love,

Samuel L. Armstrong

Church Administration

DAVID L. ANTION

Greetings from cool and cloudy Southern California!

It's hard to believe, but fall is almost here. The first two days of college classes are already over and we are well into our third day of classes.

We returned from the Pastoral Administration class a few minutes ago and I decided I had better get this Bulletin column out right away. By the way, this year's class is the largest yet. We had a very profitable discussion in class this morning with fine participation. It appears that we are going to have many good ideas generated from these Pastoral Administration class discussions which will be profitable to future classes and to our ministry now.

A Potpourri of News

Last Thursday — a week ago — Mr. Herbert Armstrong and Mr. Ted Armstrong opened college here by officially greeting the incoming freshmen on Orientation Day. The orientation meeting lasted approximately an hour with various members of the faculty, including Mrs. Lucy Martin, Dr. Germano, Mr. Charles Oehlman and Mr. Portune, addressing the students. Mr. Joe Bauer was the Master of Ceremonies.

This year's freshman class looks like a real fine group of young people. It is one of the brightest classes to ever enter Ambassador College, with an average I.Q. of 121. Ninety-five percent of these young people are from local church areas and have parents in God's Church. This speaks well for the caliber of people in God's Church and for the fine job of child rearing that God's people have been doing over the years.

The only thing that saddens us regarding the resumption of our college classes is the fact that so many of our young people were not able to be accepted this year. Even with the largest incoming classes ever — with all three colleges accepting very good sized classes, and the largest freshman class in the history of Big Sandy accepted this year — there wasn't enough room for them all and many students had to be turned away. These fine young people, we know, are attending other colleges or trade schools, or have jobs and will become upstanding members of their local churches.

I am privileged to speak to the freshman class in Principles of Living class and find them to be a very respectful group of young people. And I am sure that the officials here at the college want me to express their gratitude and thanks to all of you for all of your help in making these selections.

After the orientation here, Mr. Ted Armstrong left for Big Sandy to conduct the orientation and to be there for the faculty reception at the opening of their new school year. At the same time, Mr. Herbert Armstrong left for Bricket Wood to conduct orientation there, and to attend the faculty reception.

More about Mr. Armstrong's current trip is covered in his recent Co-Worker letter which you all have received, telling about the very high-level Bible studies which will be conducted on this trip. We are all certainly looking forward to hearing more details from Mr. Armstrong concerning this very exciting trip!

Mr. Leroy Neff is now located in Big Sandy. His new job will involve teaching, business administration, etc. In his place to coordinate the divorce and remarriage cases with the committee here at Headquarters, Mr. Armstrong appointed Dr. Clint Zimmerman. At the present time Dr. Zimmerman is in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada preparing for his campaign there this coming weekend, but should be returning next week to his new duty.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong has written and sent to press the new booklet on Divorce and Remarriage. He mentioned that he has also started writing the new Healing booklet. He has asked that CAD gather some information for him on the various questions regarding the subject of healing. We do have some material already prepared and will be giving him a number of questions and thoughts on the subject that have been put together over the years.

We are very happy that these subjects can be gone into and clarified. If you have any immediate questions on the subject of healing, please write them up as soon as possible and send them to your Regional Director. Thank you.

Two campaigns are to be conducted this weekend (see Campaign News). Personal appearances are being planned for over 50 cities in the U.S.A. in coordination with open or public Bible studies. We will be getting more information to you about these plans soon!

Regional Directors Conference

The Regional Directors will be here at Headquarters next week once again to attend a conference with us and to formulate the 1974 budget for

CAD. We have a number of items to discuss, as we always do, and hope that these conferences will produce many good fruits.

I have been informed that our 1974 budget will consist of the average of our last quarter of this year's spending multiplied by four. This is essentially a *no growth* budget, but does represent a very definite increase in our overall division allotment. We will be able to maintain all the programs, churches and employees that we have now. But we will not be able to add anything for 1974 unless further allotment is given us. I am sure the demands on CAD will be quite great, but thankfully we have quite a number of ministers who are here for training at Headquarters and will be ready to go into the field to take on some of the workload by next June.

Headquarters Churches

Mr. Portune has been given the responsibility for overseeing the Headquarters Churches directly for Mr. Herbert Armstrong and Mr. Ted Armstrong. He is using Mr. Leonard Schreiber as his right-hand aide to help coordinate the essential work of pastoring these churches.

The Headquarters Churches now consist of all the employees and their families who are employed by the college and the church right here in Pasadena, plus the Glendale A.M. and P.M. Churches. Plans call for the Glendale A.M. and P.M. Churches to come together in congregation at the Imperial High School Gym on Sabbath mornings. That means congregations will now be meeting together on Sabbath mornings and afternoons in both the College and Imperial gyms.

Mr. Portune is using in service to God's people here all the Headquarters ordained ministers who are working in various departments. They will serve and help God's people within the churches to which they have been assigned.

Personally, we at CAD are very happy for the Headquarters church area and for the attention they can be given in this new structure. We want to cooperate in any way we can and to render whatever service we can.

The Ministry and You

I would like to pass on to you the good comments of Mr. Felix Heimberg with regard to a particular problem that recurs in our ministry. It is so common that most of us usually give it very little thought, but Felix brings it out here quite vividly. It involves the matter of punctuality.

"In many circles in the United States of America (and elsewhere, I suppose) it is fashionable to

arrive late. But it is not a good sign of character. We know that punctuality can become a point of vanity with some, but the Bible teaches that it is good to meet schedules, to be on time, to be punctual.

"As frail human beings, many circumstances beyond our control can cause us to be late on occasion. However, we, as ministers, need to take heed when lateness becomes a matter of habit. When the brethren *expect* a minister to be late, or even 'kid' and joke about the proverbially 'late Mr. X,' this is obviously not a good example. Think of it — members joking about a minister of Jesus Christ whose example of tardiness causes a degree of disrespect.

"The brethren and prospective members respond in varying degrees of sensitivity to our punctuality or lack of it. Some have been quite offended.

"Certainly, if we have an appointment to visit someone and find we will be delayed, they would very much appreciate a quick phone call notifying them of the delay. I think ministers sometimes operate under the psychology that since everybody understands that a minister is quite often late, that it reduces the minister's obligation for punctuality and therefore eliminates any apology for any lateness.

"For the nearly five years I have been in the ministry, I have seen and heard of many abuses — some quite serious — of the ministry with regard to the people God is dealing with. I know that with just a little more effort, we in the ministry can arrive at clubs, Bible studies, church services *early* instead of late. And we can *be on time* for visits and other appointments.

"A leader and motivator of men, the late Vince Lombardi, stated that if his players arrived at their workouts five minutes early, they were still ten minutes late! His players said there were two time zones — Standard Time and Lombardi Time.

"Habitual tardiness and lack of concern for the time and inconvenience of others is a character flaw. It can be a serious offense. It can bring disrespect to God's ministry.

"With just a little more attention to Lombardi Time we can knock this source of disrespect out of the minds of God's people. It takes such a little effort to cure this problem, so why shouldn't we cure it?"

I agree.

So long until next time. □

Foreign Educational Service

LESLIE L. McCULLOUGH

Warmest regards from Pasadena. As many of you will remember, we instituted five-year planning in the Foreign Work last year. Basically, we are measuring our progress by our plan and thus we're able to determine how successful our foreign offices have become. With the end of the month of June it was time to receive an update on our plan in the form of a mid-year report. Those mid-year reports are beginning to come in now and so far the progress is extremely encouraging.

South African and Rhodesian Offices' Half-year Report

Encouraging percentage of increase figures have been noted from the Church Administration Department in this area. This past half year South Africa and Rhodesia saw a 50% increase in church attendance and a 63% increase in baptisms. The membership in South Africa is continuing to increase by 16%. The only area which shows a decline is the Johannesburg area. Since January 1973, a number of members have moved to other church areas for employment reasons. However, overall membership is increasing at our January 1973 five-year projected rate. Church attendance in South Africa has increased by 49.5%. Since 1972, three church areas have been added. The growth in East London-Port Elizabeth area continues to increase at a steady rate. This is encouraging as we hope to start our next church in that area by June 1974. Total church attendance in South Africa is now 728. Bible study attendance has increased by 5.8%. Total Bible study attendance in South Africa and Rhodesia is 557. As we mentioned, baptisms have increased by 63% — this means 72 new baptized members have been added thus far in 1973.

Other departments from the South African and Rhodesian offices report similar encouraging growth. The business office reports that the first half of 1973 saw a 24.39% increase in income over the same period last year. This was basically right on the expected income we had projected. In actuality it was .73% under the estimated income, but such a small percentage point cannot be evaluated in a negative manner. Actually, total

expenditures for the year to date are 4.32% under the expected expenditures. Thus the income situation looks very good for this area of the world.

The mail processing department reports that 84,500 letters were received in the first half of 1973. This represents a 41% increase over 1972. At the end of June, PLAIN TRUTH subscription stood at 89,377 — an increase of 17.4% over the first quarter and 67.6% over the figure at the end of the second quarter of 1972. Of course much of this is due to the newsstand distribution we have begun in South Africa. South Africa reports that they now have 1,214 co-workers and 300 donors. For the quarter there was a 1% decrease in the number of co-workers and no significant change from the number of donors. Thirty-four co-workers were baptized during the quarter, however, so there was a slight increase in the total number of contributions. We had projected that co-workers and donors would grow at approximately 3% per annum. At present trends, this figure appears too high.

Overall, the South African and Rhodesian offices are in very good shape. The projected increases in all departments have been realized with the exception of the number of co-workers and *The PLAIN TRUTH* subscription. *The PLAIN TRUTH* subscription list is at present running about 4,000 ahead of the projected figure. However, with the renewal system now beginning we should see the list brought back into line with the projections for the end of the year.

We hope you find these reports of interest and we certainly wish to extend our congratulations to the Rhodesian and South African office staff for the success that they have had in the first half of the year. Of course, we realize the success belongs to God, and yet each and every member of the staff is a steward in God's Work and can thus share in that success. As other offices report their half-year projected and real growth, we will feature those in future Bulletins. And so until next time, Arrivederci. □

ANNOUNCEMENT —

LABELING OF DONATIONS

In recent weeks many members sending in donations for special offerings such as Emergency Fund, Festival Fund, S.E.P. Fund, etc., have been mislabeling their donations as "Miscellaneous." This is probably due to these special offerings being lumped together under "Miscellaneous" on the four-month receipt. However, when members use "miscellaneous" on their tithe checks without

a clear breakdown, the wrong account may get credited with the funds.

Therefore, to help us keep the donation records correct and to ensure that the right account is credited, please announce to members that special offerings should be clearly marked "EMERGENCY FUND," "FESTIVAL FUND," "S.E.P FUND," etc., on the breakdown, rather than using the word "MISCELLANEOUS." Thank you.

— Richard Rice

CAMPAIGN NEWS

On the weekend of August 25 and 26, Mr. Sherwin McMichael completed his first campaign at the Crescent Heights High School Auditorium in the Canadian city of Calgary. It was the second campaign for Calgary, exactly one year after Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong's Personal Appearance in 1972.

The attendance for both nights totalled 1650, which included 850 new persons. Between three and four hundred church members attended the two nights representing such distant cities as Edmonton, Regina, Saskatoon, and even Prince George some 500 miles away!

Albert J. Portune, Jr. was emcee for Mr. McMichael's Calgary campaign. The musical portion of the campaign was supplied by the 29-member combined Calgary-Edmonton church choir under the direction of Ron Langlow. Jerry Bieritz was again featured as soloist and Ross Jutsum as pianist.

As with past campaigns, the campaign was partly financed through the various fund-raising activities of the Calgary Church. From these activities and projects, the local church members raised a total of \$2,700.

Already on Monday following the campaign, Richard Wilding, pastor of the Calgary Church had received two telephone calls from persons requesting visits and wanting to attend church. As of Friday, August 31, nine persons had called Mr. Wilding, eight of whom want to attend church.

The next campaigns will be held on the evenings of September 8 and 9. One will be in Minneapolis with Mr. Sherwin McMichael speaking. The other will be in Kitchener, Ontario with Dr. Clint Zimmerman speaking.

BOOK REVIEW

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complemented by new "worldview" experts, such as R. Buckminster Fuller and U Thant. It features the same witty columnists, cartoons, reviews, and

newsletters that made S.R. a family friend to so many faithful readers. *World's* articles are all of world scope, highlighting environmental problems and political upheaval in the world's many new and fragile nations. It has excellent multi-media reviews (theater, dance, music, movies, art and many books) and the best chess column I've ever seen!

HARPER'S (2 Park Avenue, N.Y.C., 10022). A magazine of long literary heritage, *Harper's* has evolved in the last few years toward "timely articles on social, political, economic, and cultural aspects of American life" (*The Writer's Handbook*). It occasionally publishes biting exposés, as we all know, but in general *Harper's* depth of research rewards the reader with good, long, meaty articles and book reviews. The new "wraparound" section features 16 pages of editorial tidbits on any given subject (such as crime, aging, leisure, drugs, or death). The new editor, Robert Shnayerson, 32, is highly respected in his field, as are Peter Drucker, Lewis Lapham, and the other contributing editors.

NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS is in tabloid format, but it is perhaps the most respected publication in America. More college professors read the N.Y.R.B. than any other periodical. It is notoriously left-leaning in its analysis of political affairs, but traditional and authoritative in its review of cultural developments. Its "book reviews" touch only briefly on the books mentioned — the reviews are self-contained essays which use the books as a springboard for independent thought.

ATLANTIC (8 Arlington St., Boston, 02116). After a century of literary heritage, to me the *Atlantic* tends to be stuffy in its old age. One or two articles per issue are excellent, however. Like *Harper's*, they print "articles on various topics, with emphasis on public issues, politics, the social sciences, education, business, criticism, literature, and the arts" (*ibid.*). While *Harper's* is cuttingly contemporary, *Atlantic* stresses art for art's sake, with esoteric poetry and fiction, combined with spicy "new journalism" by the likes of Tom Wolfe, Elizabeth Drew, and Herbert Gold.

FUTURIST (Published by the World Future Society, Box 30369, Bethesda Branch, Washington, D.C., 20014). An extremely thought-provoking bi-monthly magazine, *The Futurist* probes any and every subject as it relates to the Year 2000. The World Future Society, a non-prophet think tank in the nation's capital, enlists professionals from every field for its in-depth, but tightly edited, analyses. It will overwhelm you with data, which is a weakness, but it's good for files and future reference.

SOCIETY (formerly Trans-Action magazine). Founded ten years ago, *Society* is a layman's sociology journal. Although in magazine format, its articles have the depth and length of a scholarly journal's study, without the massive footnotes and statistics. *Society* often has "theme issues," such as cities, welfare, crime and bussing.

— Gary Alexander

MAIL SUMMARIES

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EUROPE

Austria	187
Belgium	4,069
Cyprus	295
Czechoslovakia	154
Denmark	3,486
Finland	1,394
France	551
Germany	2,885
Gibraltar	136
Greece	216
Holland	2,304
Iceland	131
Italy	698
Malta	5,019
Norway	4,237
Poland	101
Portugal	1,556
Spain	362
Sweden	3,548
Switzerland	607
Turkey	163
U.S.S.R.	62
Yugoslavia	123
Misc.	270

Total 32,554

LETTER COMMENTS

This time our letters concern the Summer Educational Program conducted at Orr, Minnesota.

Didn't Realize How Important SEP Is!

"After having returned from Orr, to pick up our daughter, I must write to thank you for SEP. I really didn't realize how important it is until now. We have been in God's Church eight years and have seen a lot of growth in that short time. After seeing all the wonderful results that have come from our first experience with the SEP, I realize I just didn't think enough of it! It's much more than just activities and sports. From what we saw of the prevailing attitudes of everyone

there, and how close the 'dorm sisters' were, how Linni told of the loving advice and help her counselor gave them (and other personnel) and the opportunity the teens had of finding themselves and building a genuine relationship with their God and Church, of realizing how much their family really means to them, and having the opportunity to meet and talk with Garner Ted, a man they've prayed for daily for years, to meet his sons and enjoy their outgoing personalities — all of these things have left our daughter with a much more positive, cheerful, out-going attitude as well.

"A family can only teach so much, a local church can only afford so much experience and teaching, but until they're away — on their own among others — where there is really a little of both kinds — responsive and unresponsive — do you see just how much your teen has really taken in and seen for herself that God's Way is best. SEP is worth whatever sacrifice a parent may find himself willing to give. Some of those teens, perhaps many, found a 'last minute' strength before facing another year of public schools with all the trials and temptations, problems and disappointments it brings. We know Christ provided this camp, but it takes faithful, hard working, wonderful people to make it work so well. Thanks to all of you who had a part in it."

Mrs. Luther L.,
Kansas City East, Kansas

SEP Is Vitrally Needed!

"I want to thank you so much for your program at Orr, Minn. for our young people. My daughter came back a changed girl. I wish each and every child had the opportunity to go. Our young people are so valuable and a program such as this is vitally needed! Next year Kathy would like to go back as a worker, and I hope she gets the opportunity to do so. I wouldn't have believed anyone could mature in one month as she did. I want to thank you again for this opportunity she has had and all the other young people who were able to go. God be with you in this great Work of His."

Mrs. Karl W.,
Mount Morris, Michigan

SEP a Bargain for the Price

"Our sixteen-year-old son just returned from SEP in Minnesota and had such a wonderful time. This was truly a bargain for the price, so it's easy to see the money is used to its full advantage there also. We, as parents, do thank you so much for SEP."

Mrs. Howard R.,
Holt, Michigan