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Greetings fellow ministers,

We did want to get something to you this week concerning events of the last few days, but we're already late with the Pastor's Report, so we don't have much time for a long report.

On Monday, May 8th, Mr. Armstrong asked all the Area Coordinators from the U.S. and Canada to come to his home in Tucson. He updated all of us on the recent changes. It was gratifying to hear his open comments concerning the focus of the Work.

Mr. Armstrong said he will be writing to you about the recent changes. He plans to speak in Pasadena to the entire Headquarter's church this coming Sabbath, and will also take the Friday evening Bible study. Naturally, he will be sending you the tapes of both the Bible study and the Sabbath service to be played in your local congregations. In addition, Mr. Armstrong will be sending a personal letter to all the brethren.

The Area Coordinators were encouraged to see his growing stamina and very good spirits. He spent a considerable amount of time focusing on the primary purposes of the Work, and the course that would be taken in prioritizing our many activities. He will have much more to say to you regarding those areas discussed.

In light of Mr. Armstrong's directives, the Coordinators have stayed over in Pasadena to discuss administrative procedures and will be informing you personally upon their return to their respective areas.

Sorry for the brevity of this report, but I will be communicating with you further in the next Pastor's Report.

In Christ's service,

C. Wayne Cole

LIT CATALOG PRODUCES GOOD GROWTH IN CC ENROLLMENTS Since the small, full-color brochure called the "Literature Catalog" was first sent out in October 1976, its mailings have produced 46,000 Correspondence Course enrollments. (The Lit Catalog is sent to all new subscribers as an introduction to about 20 of our booklets and articles. The Correspondence Course is one of the items mentioned).

These 46,000 new CC students were 43% of the total 106,000 enrollments in that time period and represented the highest single source for new CC students.

The Correspondence Course has been a very valuable spiritual tool for the Work through the years. We look forward to using it effectively in the months to come as more new listeners and subscribers join the mailing list.

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

ON THE WORLD SCENE

UPDATE ON TWO HOTSPOTS The battle against the possible breakup of Canada claimed a new victim at the end of last month. Policy-holders of Canada's biggest insurance company, Sun Life Assurance, have backed a management decision to move its head office and about 1,800 employees from Montreal to Toronto in protest against Quebec province's demands that French be used as the language of business.

The Canadian Government would have preferred the company to stay in Quebec and help fight the provincial separatist government's French-language policies. The government and Quebec business leaders are concerned that the move will encourage what has already become a steady trickle of company head offices from Quebec. Sun Life is the biggest company to move since the Parti Quebecois took office in November 1976.

The company's management said it was concerned that a requirement that companies had to operate mainly in French would make it difficult for it to carry on business. Most of its head office employees were English-speaking and deal with worldwide premiums, with many from Britain.

In Africa, a blitz strike by South African forces 155 miles deep into Southern Angola from South West Africa has sent the United Nations into a frenzy.

The goal of the assault was the principal forward base camp of SWAPO, the Marxist guerrilla forces that want to seize SWA (Namibia) by force. SWAPO has been stepping up its activity lately, striking into SWA from its sanctuary in Angola, murdering tribal authorities, kidnapping young people, destroying property, generally trying to impose a climate of fear and intimidation.

Of course, all of these nefarious activities have met with the approval of the Communist-Third World dominated United Nations, which favors "wars of liberation" generally and SWAPO in particular. Thus, when the South Africans attacked, Pretoria was universally condemned in the Security Council for "invading" Angola. True to U.N. form there wasn't one word of condemnation of SWAPO's terror tactics. The U.N. will hear more of SWAPO's complaints this week.

--Gene Hogberg, News Bureau