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FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

International News

Southern Africa Reports Greetings from a sunny South Africa. We all rejoice with the rest of the Church worldwide at the withdrawal of all charges made by the Attorney General of California. Following is our latest update on God's Work in this area of the world.

More than 2500 in Southern Africa were blessed with a well-organized, joyful and happy Feast at five feast sites. The films of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Stanley Rader, as well as the direct telephone hook-up of the opening sermon by Mr. Armstrong, served to unify the Church even further with the worldwide Work of God. The ministry preached powerful uplifting sermons edifying the brethren with God's great plan for mankind.

In South Africa we were blessed with a 20% increase in offerings during the 1980 holy day season. The attendance averaged 1815, 8% up on 1979. Offerings per person were up 10%.

The Church in Southern Africa has been eagerly awaiting the arrival of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's representative, Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse. Mr. Waterhouse raised up the first Church in South Africa in Johannesburg, 1963.

After arriving on November 17th, his itinerary involves speaking to the Johannesburg, Kimberley, East London, Port Elizabeth, Cape Town, Retreat and Durban Churches before flying to Zimbabwe where he will be speaking to the Bulawayo and Salisbury Churches.

Report From the Philippines A hefty 357% increase in our year-to-date ad response came in September/October. One big contributing factor was our magazine ad on the booklet "Does God Exist?" which was released about ten weeks ago through Panorama magazine. The ad set an all-time record, having already elicited 4182 responses. This exceeds our former record grosser, "The Seven Laws of Success" booklet which raked in 3628 responses through the now defunct Philippines Free Press in January 1968. Cost per response is one peso and thirty centavos (P1.30) or US\$0.17.

Postal rates rose by a general increase of 30% effective October 1. However, The PLAIN TRUTH magazine rate rose by more than 700% because of a new postal reclassification of the second-class mail permit privilege. Now The PLAIN TRUTH magazine can no longer be bulk mailed; that is, pay thirty centavos per kilo or two centavos (P0.02) per piece. As the magazine is now treated individually, each copy costs fifteen centavos (P0.15) to mail. So now each month we have to pay an average of four thousand eight hundred pesos (P4,800.00)--up from the old rate of about seven hundred pesos (P700.00), or an increase of over 700%! Fortunately, our budget can absorb some of this increase, but some other areas will have to suffer loss.

The PLAIN TRUTH magazine circulation presently stands at 36,544. Our total number of baptized members has reached 2166, and the latest financial report showed a fine 30% increase in income over last year.

Spanish-speaking Area News All reports show a successful Feast of Tabernacles in Latin America and Spain. There were seven feast sites throughout the Spanish-speaking world, with the total average attendance for the holy days of 1280. This was an average gain of 20% in attendance and there was a 50-75% average increase in holy day offerings.

The latest update for the three ads placed in El Tiempo, the largest nationwide newspaper in Colombia, shows 3067 responses. Also, as a result of this advertising, a radio reporter called the office in Bogota and taped a 20-minute conversation with Pablo Gonzalez which he aired about 45 minutes later. In addition, he broadcasted spot ads free of charge for the following fifteen days.

More free publicity will be coming from a member of the House of Representatives of Colombia. He called the office, requested a subscription to La PURA VERDAD and explained that he wanted to run the same ad in his newspaper, La Voz Santandereana, as it appeared in El Tiempo. This paper is widely read throughout the political circles of Colombia--from the Congress to the capitals of the departments (states) and municipalities.

La PURA VERDAD continues to be advertised in newspapers throughout the Spanish-speaking world--in some cases areas which have never before been reached by God's worldwide Work.

In Bolivia, small ads were able to be placed in the two largest nationally circulated newspapers, El Diario and La Presencia. The ads ran September 11-16, and have yielded over 500 responses for a cost-per-new-response of under seventy cents. Before this newspaper advertising and a PV cardholder program began, PV circulation had never been higher than 55 (a point reached some five years ago) in a nation of two million literate people. Now Bolivia has nearly 700 subscribers.

Two newspaper ads placed in Buenos Aires, Argentina this August, and a special mailing to Argentine PURE VERDAD subscribers, have netted over 4600 new subscribers in this the third largest Spanish-speaking nation in the world. The mailing list in Argentina has quintupled in recent months!

Appreciation for Ministerial Refreshing Program

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Australian ministers returning from the Refreshing Program were unanimous in their praise of the experience. As a result, my wife and I were eagerly anticipating this uplifting and profitable time at Pasadena. We were delighted with the program and impressed with the dedicated men who taught us with such an exemplary attitude of service. Mr. Armstrong, we wish to thank you sincerely for giving us this opportunity to be educated and prepared for more effective service to God's people.

Bill and Pat Dixon

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A Voice Cries Out: WHY The American Living Standard Is Going Down!

We are in or close to world chaos!
One factor is the rise and fall of the
American standard of living. Why?

Appeared in the Wall Street Journal, Nov. 24, 1980

IT'S TIME we awaken to CAUSES! Human survival has become the world's No. 1 problem.

What brought the world to this frightening brink of human extinction? What brought on the myriad problems, upheavals and evils that engulf the world? And, paradoxically, amid awesome progress?

It's easy to become so engrossed in the day to day activities that we overlook underlying impending disasters. It's no time to fiddle while America and the world are burning!

Look now to one serious contributing factor—the 20th century rise and now impending fall of the American standard of living. No nation ever ascended to the high living standard this nation has enjoyed!

But why? How did we come by it? What have we done with it? What basic CAUSES threaten to bring us low now?

There was an unrealized, underlying reason for America's rise to unprecedented wealth and affluence. But let me now mention a specific subsidiary cause.

On Jan. 6, 1914, I was sent as an editorial representative of a national magazine to Detroit to interview Henry Ford about his sensational \$5-a-day wage scale announced the day before. I saw Mr. Ford at the then Highland Avenue plant. But for details I also saw John R. Lee, head of the Sociological Department. It had been Mr. Lee's brainchild and he administered it.

"I understand," I began, "you are now paying the highest wage scale in the automobile industry."

"On the contrary," came the surprising reply, "we are paying the lowest."

Astonished, I asked, "Are you not now paying \$5 per day for an eight-hour day, while the union scale at other plants is \$3.75 for a nine-hour day?"

"Correct," Mr. Lee replied, "but we don't evaluate what we pay in terms of dollars per man-hour, but what we get for what we pay."

Then he explained that Ford alone had production large enough to shift to the assembly-line system. This enabled the company to set the pace of worker production.

Mr. Lee continued: "We now get more



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than twice the production per eight-hour day than others per nine-hour day. We pay \$5 labor cost for the same production others receive for \$7 labor cost—and our employees make \$1.25 more per day for one hour less work."

The Ford company was then non-union, but later became unionized. It was not many years until others in the motorcar industry were able to go on the assembly-line system. Soon it became the system in most U.S. industry—all lines.

This nation provided a mass market for mass machine production not then possible in Europe and Japan.

This mass machine production soared industrial profits. But labor leaders were not going to allow capital and management to reap all the luscious benefits. Labor wars ensued. No longer was a single industry a united team of employer and employee. Of course capital and management was out to "GET" all it could by expanded profits from mass machine production. But labor, too, was out to "GET" all it could.

The "GET" incentive led to competition—too often to strife and violence—between the two divisions of the same company or industry.

It is enormously significant that in those years American mass production enjoyed lower actual production costs because of mass machine production. Other nations could not compete. With labor getting its full share of the enlarged prosperity pie, THE AMERICAN STANDARD OF LIVING SOARED TO A HIGH NEVER ATTAINED BY ANY PEOPLE IN WORLD HISTORY! A huge middle and upper-middle class emerged in the United States.

But Europeans, in due time, provided for themselves a mass market by the European Economic Community, the "Common Mar-

ket." Soon Europe was competing in mass production by the assembly-line system—but with low cost labor. Postwar Japan followed suit. America now faced a new international competition—European and Japanese assembly-line mass machine production with low cost labor, against U.S. production with high cost labor.

When I opened a new liberal arts college in England in 1960, the average American wage was still three times that of Britain and Europe and four times that of Japan. Two decades have considerably upped wage scales in those countries. The Japanese today are the luxury buyers of the world—the leaders in world travel—and, wonder of wonders, Japanese automobile production has overtaken that of the United States!

Living standards in other industrial nations have been rising. Ours is on the way down!

It is a competitive world. The way of "GET" is the impelling motive! And "GET" is the overall cause of all world troubles and evils!

Abraham Lincoln knew, and said, we Americans did not come to our unprecedented prosperity and affluence of our own efforts. The Great God bestowed it on us—and is holding us ACCOUNTABLE! We have not used this unearned material birthright according to God's basic spiritual LAW OF LOVE ("GIVE"). IT IS NOW BEING TAKEN FROM US!

It's time we WAKE UP—and THINK! This is no impractical or superstitious maudlin religious statement. It is the hard cold facts that stare us in the face!

We are going to be made to pay for our transgressions of the basic spiritual LAW of life set in just as relentless motion as the power of gravity!

Then, not because we deserve it, that super strong "Unseen Hand from Somewhere" is going to intervene, and save this beloved country—and the world—from ourselves! It will not be done by us, but to us—ushering in the utopian WORLD TOMORROW—world peace, happiness, universal well-being, eternal salvation for all who will!

The time has come! A voice cries out! You have been told! Your acceptance or rejection will not alter what is about to happen!

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
Pastor General
Worldwide Church of God

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to come in for the Refreshing Program. It is certainly good to see the dedication of the team of men working under you here in Pasadena. They gave us some very much needed meat. Never before have we received such fine instruction on being a minister, on preaching, organizing a church and our responsibilities in teaching the doctrines of the Church, especially God's Government.

We were very pleased to hear of the upcoming "Family Year" and are looking forward to the Y.E.S. program getting off the ground.

Thank you so much for getting us all back on the track. We are sure the Church will really grow spiritually as well as numerically as Christ continues to prepare His bride through you.

John and Gwen White

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the 5th Ministerial Refreshing Program. We greatly appreciated hearing so many of the basic doctrines clearly explained. Now we can be more sure than ever that we are maintaining the unity of the faith that Christ has revealed through you, His chosen Apostle.

We were so pleased to hear from Mr. Rader that you are feeling strong and well. Thank you for fighting on, continuing to feed us and lead us with such concern and love. God's people are with you. We do love you very much. We pray for you daily.

Jack and Sally Croucher

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Thank you very much for the opportunity you have given us to attend the Refreshing Program. It certainly has helped in giving us direction and will be tremendously beneficial to our local congregations in helping to guide them towards God's Kingdom.

Thank you again for this opportunity. We hope and pray you will be continually strengthened in this great Work.

Maurice and Lorraine Yurkiw

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Luann and I would like to extend our thanks to you for having the Refreshing Program. We have certainly enjoyed the opportunity to go over again the teachings of God's Church.

We appreciated the chance to renew again friendships first started as students and to make new friendships.

The college looks beautiful and the students reflected a very warm and friendly spirit.

Warm regards and sincere thanks for your leadership and continued dedication under Christ.

George and Luann Patrickson

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

We profited greatly from the Ministerial Refreshing Program. It was not only a good review, but more complete explanations of the Church eras and other topics. It was spiritually fulfilling and refreshing! The many hours of sitting were physically exhausting but well worth it! Any ministers who haven't come in yet have a special treat in store for them.

Allen and Doris Bullock

Dear Mr. Tkatch:

The best way my wife and I can express our feeling for the Refreshing Program is likening it to the feeling one has after just finishing a huge Thanksgiving dinner. We partook of so much food, that we are stuffed and need sometime to digest it all. Thank you and all the staff for a "terrific meal."

Pieter and Joy Michielsen

Observance of Special Day of Thanksgiving

The day of thanksgiving to our God for lifting the hand of oppression brought by the State of California upon His Church was one that will long be remembered by the members of the Philadelphia, PA Church. Not only did we have the opportunity to experience gratitude as we imbibed God's words of encouragement in times of distress, as expounded by Messrs. Don Traynor, LE, and Carlos Perkins, Pastor, but also the physical food so abundantly provided by the brethren, enhanced by candlelight, and fellowship such as we have not experienced for quite some time. Indeed, the good news was as "cold water to a weary soul" as we enjoyed dwelling together in unity with each other and our God.

Carlos E. Perkins, Philadelphia, PA

After a sermonette on happiness given by Mr. Werner Krebs, Local Church Elder, and a sermon on "Thanksgiving" by Mr. Jim Lichtenstein, the entire congregation stayed for a potluck luncheon following the morning service.

It was like "the good old days" with a wide variety of foods, each cook bringing her (his) best to share with others. The Y.O.U. helped by serving and with the clean up. There was more food to eat than could be enjoyed! The one comment most repeated afterwards was "We should do this more often." And indeed, we should! The Sabbath day was a special day of joy and thanksgiving to God and was thoroughly enjoyed by the Cincinnati South congregation.

Jim Lichtenstein, Cincinnati South, OH

Highlighting the service on the special Sabbath of the Thanksgiving were extra congregational hymns on the subject of thanks and chorale music especially composed for the occasion by the music director.

The title is, "Thanks Be to God Who Gives Us the Victory." The speaking subjects were: "How to Give Thanks" and "God Delivers-- Past, Present and Future."

After services our fellowship was enhanced by homemade refreshments, fresh cider and coffee. In the evening the Jubilee Club (formerly known as "The 50-Plusers") held an evening potluck social. People all seem to be especially happy and in fine attitudes eager to see progress in the Work of God.

Jim Rosenthal, Harrisburg, PA

On Sunday, December 16th, Mr. Rader joined approximately 400 brethren of the Toledo Church for a combined day of media interviews and celebration of the Church's worldwide day of thanksgiving. With him were his assistants Mr. Joseph Kitora and Mr. John Kineston. In addition to a potluck banquet together, many members met and talked with Mr. Rader and received his autograph in their copies of his book. Mr. Rader spoke to them of Mr. Armstrong's highly successful Middle Eastern trip and the extraordinary recognition given Mr. Armstrong by Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat. Mr. Rader also cautioned the brethren to endure future attacks which most certainly will come upon God's Church. While in Toledo, Mr. Rader was able to represent God's Church and Mr. Armstrong on four radio and television interviews. Even though the lawsuit was dropped, it is still drawing public interest and provided a vehicle to tell media audiences of the Church's Great Commission and Mr. Armstrong's role as an Ambassador for world peace. The ministers and members in this area have learned from and drawn closer to Mr. Rader through this visit. We were all thankful he was able to join us on this important occasion.

George Kackos, Toledo, OH

Comments From Monthly Church Reports

BELLEVILLE, IL--HAROLD SMITH: We seem to be experiencing ever-increasing marriage problems. The couples involved all admit they don't understand why they can't seem to get along, but it seems Mr. Armstrong's warning that Satan is making war on individuals is certainly coming to pass:

SYRACUSE, NY--DAVE PACK: The attitude among 98% of the Church is as it was in the 1960's. People are, again, eager to attend socials, Bible studies, clubs, etc.

CHATTANOOGA, TN--WILLIAM C. COWAN, JR.: There is definitely a trend of joy and thanksgiving and happiness in the area. Everything is going extremely smooth and there is good growth and harmony in the Chattanooga area.

DENVER, CO--RONALY KELLY: Everyone strongly behind Mr. Armstrong and anxious to do even more to further the Work. Church seems to be even more strengthened through the summer months and growing spiritually.

ONTARIO, OR--JEFF MCGOWAN: People very enthusiastic about being directly involved in The PLAIN TRUTH distribution program.

LUBBOCK, TX--KEITH WALDEN: Brethren eager to hear about Refreshing Program info. Everyone says the sermons are like the "Old Days," clear and easy to understand.

BAKERSFIELD, CA--ALFRED J. MISCHNICK: This was a banner month for this pastor. The privilege of attending the Refreshing Program just prior to the fall festivals is almost beyond comprehension.

SHREVEPORT, LA--BILL BRADFORD: The Refreshing Program was one of the most rewarding experiences of my ministry. I could not help but be impressed by the example of every lecturer being so particular to teach only what Mr. Armstrong approved. It was so obvious that God's Government is thriving in Pasadena. I only hope I can institute God's Government and God's way to the same extent here.

IOWA CITY, IA--DIVID HAVIR: The Iowa Churches greatly appreciated the opportunity to combine for the arrival of a guest speaker on a holy day. The brethren enjoyed the fellowship and the chance to hear Mr. Rader.

WICHITA, KS--JUDD KIRK: The only thing I can say about the month of September is that the Feast of Tabernacles dominated our thoughts and activities--and well worth it!!! Many very encouraging comments from various of the members. Mr. Armstrong involved with everything to a greater degree was a very important factor. The experience of being united and of being able to hear from Mr. Armstrong was a boost to the whole Church!!

NORTH PLATTE, NE--DON HOOSER: We just heard about the California Attorney General dropping the charges against the Church! Hallelujah! It's about time! However, it happened more suddenly than I expected. We know there will be more trials to come, but we can certainly be thankful that this reproach is removed from God's Name and Church.

TULSA, OK--D.E. MASON: Overall attitude very positive. Persecution only seems to make Church here stronger.

PORTLAND (EAST), OR--JIM HAEFFELE: Church attendance has risen in the last four months. We have very encouraging PM growth in two outlying areas.

Weekly Letter Comments

This week members and co-workers share accounts of how abundantly God has blessed them for obeying the law of tithing. Then readers relate how they have been uplifted and inspired by Mr. Armstrong's book, TOMORROW...WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE! Finally, as a result of Mr. Rader's visits to local churches, many brethren have gotten to know him better and have expressed their love and respect for him.

God Blesses Faithful Tithepayers

God truly does bless tithepayers and those who give generous offerings. Though I am blind, deaf and crippled, and have been "sitting in the rocking chair," as the old proverb for the blind goes, God has given me favor in the eyes of a local corporation. I am now a full-time employee.

This is my first good job since losing my sight over 12 years ago. My wonderful, beautiful wife and I are blessed beyond our wildest imagination. And to think that the day will soon come when God will miraculously heal me of all my infirmities. Yes, God does bless the tithers.

Donald & Betty Hass (Joplin, MO)

God has blessed me a lot! The more money I give to Him, the more I get. So I am enclosing herein an extra check to help out in the spreading of the Gospel.

I used to have the problems of bills, bills, bills. I still have financial obligations, but now God has given me the means to meet them head on, and I have more than enough. God is really very wonderful.

Deo L. Picart (Oak Ridge, TN)

It's amazing! I've been paying tithes for sometime now, but I've never really noticed a difference until recently when I began a new job as a waiter.

I received my first paycheck and took a few days to send my tithe in. Well, in those few days my tips got increasingly less. I realized I hadn't sent my tithe check yet, so I went ahead and sent it, even though I really could have used the money. That night, and from then on, my tips have increased by 40 to 60 percent! What a wonderful thing it is to know of the true God and His blessings.

Mark Molnar (Bridgeport, OH)

A week ago I wrote you a letter telling you that my mother didn't have any money to buy me school clothes. I then paid my tithe, gave an offering and put God to the test.

Yesterday I received thirty-six dollars. Since it was Saturday, I didn't go shopping, but today I will--after I pay my tithe.

This weekend has been very special for me. Not only is today my sixteenth birthday, but God has proved Himself to me by keeping His Word.

Paula Porter (Brooklyn, NY)

The government took a third of my paycheck this week. God only wants a tenth. When I compare the return on my investment, God is by far the better deal!

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Kennedy (Port Huron, MI)

"TOMORROW..." Inspires and Gives Hope

Just a note to let you know [Mr. Armstrong] how inspiring your book, TOMORROW...WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE has been to me. This weekend I re-read the entire book and was fascinated by your clear and concise statements of truth.

The book summarizes so much of what I have learned in ten years as a member of God's Church. Thank you for writing this precious information in such a readable, fast-moving format.

While reading, I used a red and blue pencil to underline key phrases. Now this book will be a handy reference manual to be used along with the Bible.

You painted a fabulous picture of how great it will be in God's Kingdom. This helps us look forward to the World Tomorrow.

Wesley McQuown (Red Oak, IA)

A few days ago I finished reading TOMORROW...WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE. It was so inspiring and encouraging to be reminded that the real solutions to this world's myriad problems are coming. The political situation in this country merely emphasizes the need for God's government and shows how superior it will be over even the best government man has devised.

Stephana Thornton (Pasadena, CA)

Thank you so kindly for the beautiful book TOMORROW...WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE. I have loaned it to several friends three times and am always anxious to get it back again. I read it through three times and expect to do it several more times. How beautiful to know what the future will be like. This sure is a wicked world and seems to get worse all the time.

Mrs. H. Anderson (Lake Worth, FL)

I have just finished reading Mr. Armstrong's book, TOMORROW...WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE that I purchased at a local bookstore. It is such an exciting book and so readable that its content is easily understood by anyone. Mr. Armstrong should be congratulated on another great book.

Will Boone (Augusta, GA)

Your book TOMORROW...WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE is a beautiful book in every way. The good news it contains is so uplifting and inspiring. It really gives something tangible to look forward to. I don't have many more years in this wicked world--I am ninety-one years old now. I love the book and hope we will soon see what it says all come true.

Mrs. Ruth Von Duyke (Newark, DE)

Brethren Love and Respect Mr. Rader

Mr. Rader's visit was most inspiring. It is very evident to me that Jesus Christ has prepared him for service in this very important

phase of the Work. I want to thank him for his loyalty, dedication, and sacrifice in allowing Christ to use him and work through him. His good work is appreciated.

Lavene L. Vorel (St. Petersburg, FL)

I thought it past time for me to send Mr. Rader a THANK YOU for his many services to God's Church, and his continuing loyal support of you, Mr. Armstrong. My prayers continue for this valuable and enduring servant, and I want him to know that I'm behind him, as I am behind you.

Miss Kathleen Talbert (Lakeland, FL)

I want to tell you [Mr. Armstrong] how impressed I am with Mr. Stanley Rader. My husband and I had the opportunity to attend a dinner with him and about forty other people when he was in Nashville, Tennessee. He was so warm and friendly. He wanted to meet each person there. We loved him and were greatly impressed by him. He loves you greatly and is firm in his support of you as God's Apostle. I realize God has given Mr. Rader tremendous responsibility and I believe specifically prepared him for it. Mr. Armstrong, he must not turn back from that responsibility. I know that his task is not an easy one, but I believe the majority of the brethren respect and love him.

Patsy Covington (Cottontown, TN)

We want you to know, Mr. Armstrong, that we were greatly inspired by Mr. Rader on his recent visit. We were really touched by his loyalty for you as God's Apostle! It has moved us to feel even more that same loyalty, and wish to take this opportunity to THANK you and Mr. Rader for all of your time and service to us and to the "greatest Work on the face of the earth." There is no doubt that God is using both of you.

Mrs. Trellis E. Player (Lexington, SC)

Thanks to God that He gave you, Mr. Armstrong, a man like Mr. Rader. A fantastic man. I always had it in mind that when God sets a man over His Work, He also gives him someone to help. God put Mr. Rader where he is.

Mrs. Hazel Chapman (Cincinnati, OH)

I attended the Feast in Tucson where I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Rader. I was able to thank him in person for the great work that he is doing for God's Church. It's wonderful to meet a man of his ability and faith in the living God that the Church will prevail no matter what the State of California tries to do.

Carl A. Luginhill (Minneapolis, MN)

--JOE TKACH, MINISTERIAL SERVICES

UPDATE ON AMBASSADOR COLLEGE

Everything is coming along ~~very~~ well with the College. We had a very enjoyable Thanksgiving Dance last Sunday evening. A number of the faculty and guests commented that the entertainment portion of the dance was one of the best ever. There were two or three songs written by the students. The entertainment was very appropriate, the humor was in good taste--with no slapstick acts. Mr. Armstrong has never wanted us to have slapstick humor at the College.

We now have 492 students in attendance at Ambassador. Recently, we have had several meetings at which we carefully, prayerfully went over the various applications for entrance into Ambassador for January 1981. Normally we do not prefer to admit students in January--if they intend to enter the four-year program. It is far better that they enter the College in the autumn, and thereby receive all of the introductory forums, lectures, etc.--as well as the vital material given during the first semester. We do, however, accept a number who apply for readmission into Ambassador, and we also accept a few who have previous training at the college level.

Overall, I don't think we have ever had a better group of students. They seem very "turned-on"--very supportive of Mr. Armstrong and of the college policies in general.

Recently, I was informed that some had heard there was a college policy which stated that baptized students could not date non-baptized students. To my knowledge, never in the history of Ambassador College has such a policy been in existence. The College does, however, uphold the Bible teachings prohibiting unequally-yoked marriages.

Baptized students are permitted to date unbaptized students in a general sort of way. But no baptized student should date an unbaptized student--pursuant to marriage! We encourage students to get their education before they get married--not to get seriously involved in a romantic situation before they are mentally, emotionally, financially and spiritually able to take on that serious responsibility. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has always wanted us to discourage students from developing premature romances. Marriage is serious business--not for children!

We (Mr. Greg Albrecht and I) plan to discuss with Mr. Armstrong a number of college matters on the Friday following Thanksgiving. After that meeting, I hope to include one or two matters relative to the College in the Pastor General's Report.

I hope all of you will have (or will have had--by the time this PGR reaches you) a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. My wife and I are both looking forward to having some students at our home for Thanksgiving. Many of the students have been invited to spend Thanksgiving Day with various of the faculty and church members. I also hope to spend part of my Thanksgiving Day with those students and with various Senior Citizens who will observe Thanksgiving Day here at the Student Center.

Again, thanks to all of you ministers for your continued loyal support of God's Apostle as he continues to set both the Church and the College

on a more perfect course. We appreciate the support which you continue to give the College, and we are very grateful to Almighty God for the priceless privilege of teaching the young adults in God's Church God's way. I am extremely happy to be a part of the College--now that it is back on track.

--Raymond F. McNair, Deputy Chancellor

OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO WALL STREET JOURNAL AD

Since the California State attack on the Church, Christ's Message has had a new door swung wide open to it--the new full-page ads in leading metropolitan newspapers. Ads have now appeared in the prestigious Wall Street Journal which reaches the nation's leaders in business, industry, finance and education. And they are bringing results!

Mr. Armstrong's recent ad in the Wall Street Journal entitled "Staggering Turn in World Events" has brought an overwhelming response. Hundreds have requested the advertised book, THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY. The WATS lines received almost a thousand calls in only six days as a result of this one ad!

Comments to the ad have all been very favorable. Several renewed their subscriptions to The PLAIN TRUTH, after not having received it for many years. Two people asked about local churches in their areas. Many are looking to the advertised booklet for answers to an uncertain future.

It is truly exciting to see the Gospel Message now beginning to reach America's leaders as a powerful witness!

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center