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AMBASSADOR COLLEGE BEGINS WITH A "BANG!"

The 1981-82 college year, both at Pasadena and Big Sandy, has gotten off to a good start--with a real "Bang!" Even though we had a very good freshmen class a year ago, all of the members of the Pasadena faculty I have talked to think this year's freshmen class is the best we have had in many years.

At Pasadena during the faculty-freshmen reception, we were pleasantly surprised to see how friendly and outgoing the new freshmen students were this year. Also, I didn't notice a single male student who had an unsightly mop of hair. It is clear to us faculty members that you ministers "in the field" are instructing the young people in the churches in such a way that they now have a better picture of what is expected of them when they enroll in Ambassador. Keep up the good work!

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong spoke to the students and faculty at the Orientation Forum, and then again at the regular Tuesday Forum just yesterday. He explained how it was that he instituted the weekly Forums at Ambassador in the first place. He said that during the first year of Ambassador, he let the carnal faculty members work out the details of the class listings in the College Catalog. They demoted the theology class to a two-hour (two-unit) minor, instead of having it listed as a three-hour major. Mr. Armstrong said Satan was trying to destroy God's College right from the very beginning.

But Mr. Armstrong thought of a way to correct this two-hour minor in theology deficiency. He simply instituted a weekly forum at which all students AND FACULTY were required to attend. This gave him another hour each week to speak to the students, and this also made it possible for him to give a little of the right kind of mind conditioning to those faculty members who did not want to see the Bible classes become the real foundation of Ambassador College. Mr. Armstrong said that he spoke straight from the shoulder at those forums, and some of the faculty members did a bit of squirming. The truth often hurts those who oppose it.

We sincerely hope Mr. Armstrong will be able to take all of the weekly Forums when he is in Pasadena. This will help to strengthen both students and faculty.

Also, I might mention that Mr. Armstrong taught the Principles of Living class yesterday. You early students of Ambassador may recall that it was Mr. Armstrong who first instituted this class in Ambassador as a means of communicating to the students vital information concerning proper attitudes toward sex, dating, marriage and family relationships. We hope he will have the time to take many of these classes. This will give the students an insight into his many experiences, thereby enabling them to receive first-hand accounts of his nearly ninety years of rich experiences in life and in the field of education.

As previously reported, we sent 75 of last year's freshmen students (now sophomores) to Big Sandy in order to provide some continuity to the student body there, and as examples to the approximately 120 new students accepted at Big Sandy. Most of those sophomores will return to Pasadena next fall to continue here as third-year students, unless, of course, Mr. Armstrong decides to make Big Sandy a four-year college. (Mr. Armstrong has mentioned this as a possibility.)

Here are a few vital statistics concerning the makeup of the student body at Pasadena: There are 71 seniors, 128 juniors, 93 sophomores, 206 freshmen and three full-time diploma students. 128 are international students from 18 countries outside of the United States. This includes 55 from Canada, 23 from Australia, and 17 from England.

It looks as though the 1981-82 college year will be one of our best ever--if not our very best year. We know that you ministers have already helped to make it so by really working with the young people in your areas so that they get a good fund of knowledge and a solid spiritual foundation even before entering Ambassador College.

Thanks once again, to all of you ministers, for your part in helping to make Ambassador College once again truly God's College. We on the faculty are happy to have the wonderful opportunity of working with these very fine students.

--Raymond F. McNair, Deputy Chancellor

NEWS FROM THE PASTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE

Television and Radio Station Update

The following list of renewals and new radio buys were made in recent weeks.

TELEVISION

Illinois

WFLD, Chicago--7:00 a.m., Sat.
(Starts September 12)

Wisconsin

WVTV, Milwaukee--6:30 p.m., Sun.
(Starts September 29)

RADIO

California

* KFRC, San Francisco--6:45 a.m.,
Sun. (Starts September 13)

Pennsylvania

WMBS, Uniontown--7:25 a.m., Sun.;
6:45 p.m., Mon.-Sat.

Illinois

* WXCL, Peoria--12:00 a.m., Mon.-
Sat. (Starts September 7)

Utah

KSL, Salt Lake City--5:30 a.m.,
Sun.; 12:06 a.m., Tues.-Sun.

Indiana

WSBT, South Bend--10:30 a.m.,
Sun.; 11:15 p.m., Mon.-Sat.
(Starts September 7)

Wisconsin

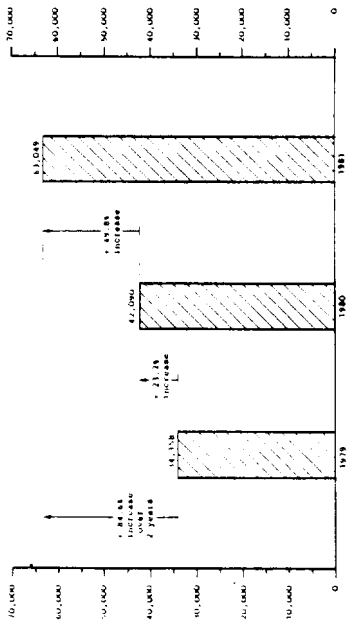
* WIZM, La Crosse--7:00 a.m., Sun.
(Starts September 7)

New York

* WGY, Schenectady--10:30 p.m.,
Sun. (Starts September 13)

* New Stations

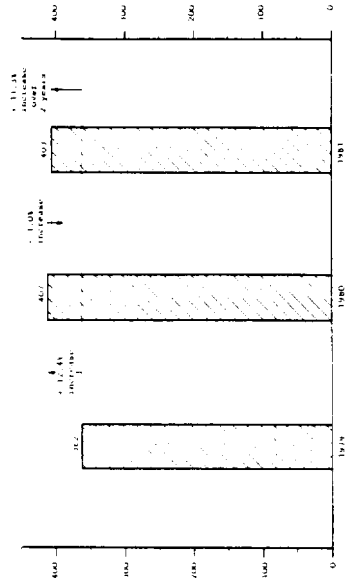
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RSM & WMB Subscription List



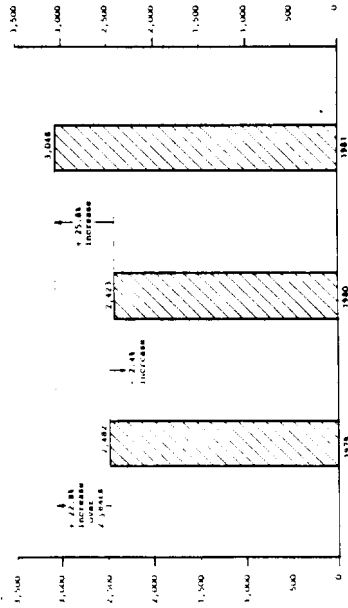
A STATISTICAL OVERVIEW of the German-Language Work

(These charts were part of the presentation made to Mr. Armstrong during his visit to Bonn in July, 1981.)

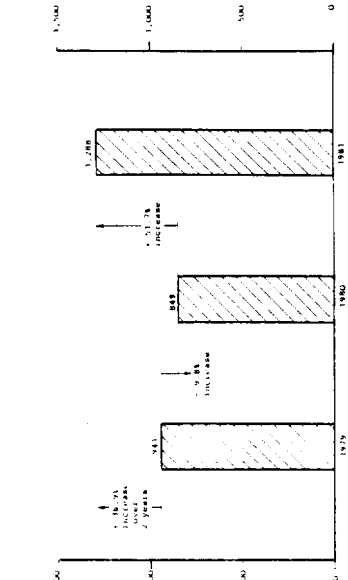
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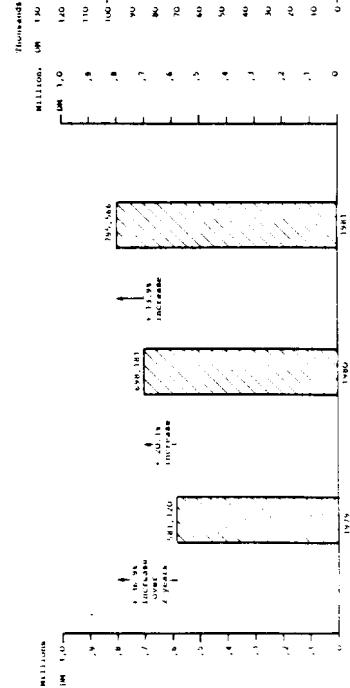
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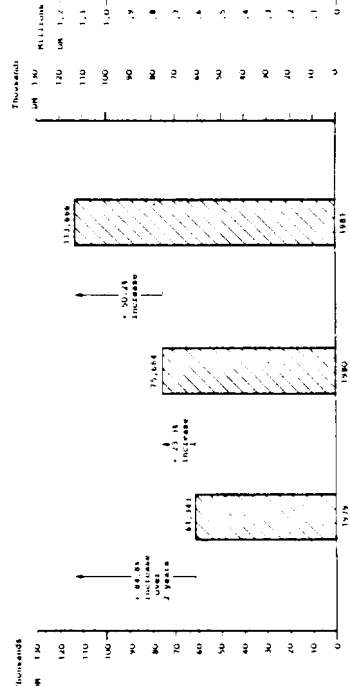
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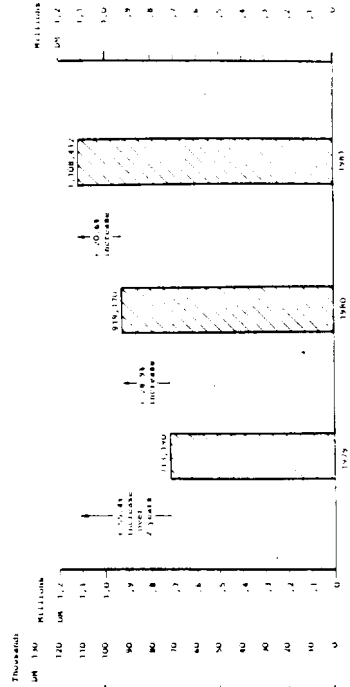
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MILL INCOME



Comparison of June 1979, June 1980 and June 1981
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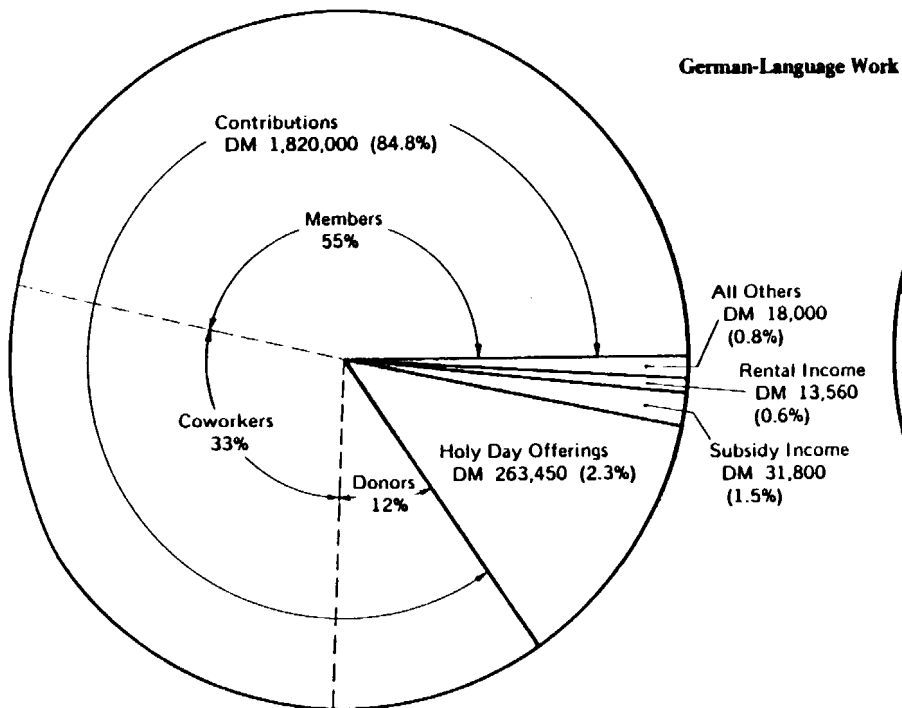
Comparison of June 1979, June 1980 and June 1981
TOTAL INCOME



1981 BUDGET
Estimated Income and Expenditure Breakdown

INCOME

I. First Account : Preaching the Gospel DM 2,146,810



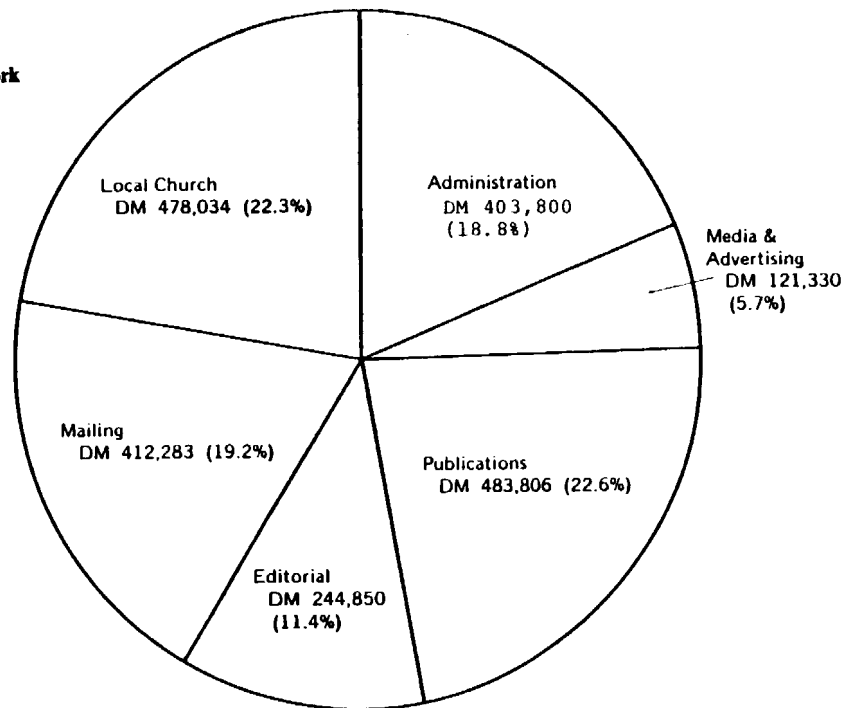
II. Second Account : Festival DM 75,000

III. Third Account : Welfare DM 84,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME : DM 2,305,810

EXPENDITURES

I. First Account : DM 2,144,103



II. Second Account : DM 70,000

III. Third Account : DM 25,000

TOTAL PLANNED EXPENDITURES : DM 2,223,103

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICESThreats From Disfellowshipped Member

Mr. Armstrong has received a letter from a disfellowshipped member, threatening by implication to publicly disclose certain vile, false rumors he professes to have received by hearsay, unless the following conditions are met within 48 hours:

He demands restoration to fellowship in good standing. He demands publishing in the PASTOR GENERAL'S REPORT a notice of his reinstatement, in good standing. He demands we report to you that his disfellowshippment was in error without proper cause, which is a demand that we lie to you. He demands that we restore both his job and his salary.

Obviously God's Church refuses to bow to threats. You might look up in a large unabridged dictionary the definition of "blackmail." This notice need not be announced unless such false slander and accusations are made publicly. This is stated only to aid ministers to aid the brethren should he or others carry out such threats. Satan is constantly striking at and persecuting God's people through evil hearts of men.

International News

News From French-speaking Areas Wednesday, August fifth, on their return trip from Paris where they received Mr. Armstrong on his European trip, Mr. and Mrs. Apartian flew to Montreal where they were very warmly received. The following Friday Mr. Apartian conducted a conference for all franco-phone ministers, deacons and wives. Discussions were held on doctrinal subjects as well as preparations for the Feast of Tabernacles. On the Sabbath there were 531 people present to hear Mr. Apartian speak.

To date this year in the French Work worldwide there have been 57 baptisms, 7,335 are enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Course, 338 donors have been added making a total of 1,028, and 67 new co-workers have also been added giving us a total of 2,128 for the French-speaking area of God's Work.

In Guadeloupe, Mr. Dubois, pastor of the two churches, informs us that he received 392 letters for the first six months of this year in comparison to 325 for all of 1980. This is an average increase of 240%. This increase is mainly due to God opening the door for the French broadcast on Radio Caraibes Guadeloupe. Because of the poverty and illiteracy, every letter represents many more people who are also listening to the broadcast.

In France, 2,000 new subscribers have been added to La PURE VERITE since July 1980 as a result of the card-holder displays at three different exhibitions in Paris and Toulouse. These new additions to our files are part of the 11,400 we have added since that date (excluding Canada).

The French language radio broadcast is once again aired over Radio Luxembourg every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 to 5:15 a.m. The shortwave program will continue until the end of the year.

Appreciation for the Ministerial Refresher Program

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I want to express my thanks and appreciation for the opportunity that I received in attending session 13 of the Ministerial Refresher Program. As the many others who have had this opportunity, I also received much-needed knowledge and assistance in understanding the duties and responsibilities of a minister in God's Church.

The class sessions were very well organized and presented in such a manner that it became very evident God inspired the speaking and listening, as well as the content. Each of the men who presented the lectures displayed an excellent, positive example to all of us present regarding the importance of our being obedient to God's government and being loyal to you, His Apostle. The sessions were exciting, informative, and presented with much enthusiasm and commitment.

Thank you very much also for taking time from your busy schedule to speak to us. I had never had the opportunity to hear and see you speak in a small group setting before and that was certainly the highlight of the whole conference. We were all glad that your vitality and speaking power was as fine as ever. The message that you gave us was very encouraging, positive, and uplifting.

The Garden Grove congregation is solidly behind you under the guidance of Mr. Terry Mattson, our pastor, who is doing an excellent job. We are praying that God will continue to give you strength, wisdom, and understanding as He uses you in leading His Church under Jesus Christ in this end time.

Dan Salcedo

Dear Mr. Tkach:

My wife and I wish to add our thanks to you and your assistants for making the refresher program a splendid experience. When we left the campus for the airport to return home, it was as if we were leaving the Millennium. I have since been able to pass on all updates and pertinent information from it to the brethren, as have others who previously attended.

I know that what I am saying here others have already communicated in letters of appreciation, but I did want to add my personal comments.

Braden and Georgia Veller

Dear Mr. Tkach:

Just a short note to thank you and all the others very much for the refresher program. Not only was it marvellous to hear the "truth once delivered" and be updated, but also to imbibe of the wonderful atmosphere that now so obviously pervades headquarters at Pasadena. The loyalty to God's Apostle, the simplicity of approach and the sincerity and warmth were a delight to see.

There is no doubt in our minds of the immense value to God's Work of the program. We will do our very best to pass on the atmosphere, the attitude and the knowledge to the people God has put in our care.

David and Valerie House

Mr. Joe Tkach:

Thank you for the wonderful service that you and your staff at Ministerial Services have performed in helping us on this 14th session of the programme. We had heard from other ministers how beneficial the programme is in helping us all speak the same thing. I heartily agree with them, but there was an unexpected dimension that came through to us personally in the classes; that of our individual responsibility to have our own lives on the track and of making sure that we are walking and talking with God.

Thanks again for your lectures, and please pass on our personal thanks to all the instructors for their efforts and dedication in maintaining and teaching us the truth that God has revealed through His Apostle. We are looking forward to doing likewise in our local congregation in Australia.

David and Karen Austin

Dear Mr. Tkach:

We just wanted to express our thanks to you and all the staff for making the 13th refresher program such a profitable and memorable time. It was a tremendous privilege to be there, to say the least, and we've come back greatly encouraged and inspired by all we learned and saw at the headquarters centre of God's Work in Pasadena. We've not only been given so much to remember of our stay there, but also so much to work with in our areas.

Pieter and Pat van der Byl

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

MAIL PROCESSING CENTER UPDATE

Four Major TV Stations Produce Almost Half of Phone Response to Telecast

The telecast is currently aired on 72 TV stations in the United States. Of these, four stations have consistently produced almost half of our calls. For example, last week's program, "Staggering Turn in World Events," drew a total of 4,654 calls for the seven-day period. Over 45 percent of the calls were from viewers of the four stations listed below:

<u>Station</u>	<u>No. of Calls</u>
1. WOR (New York City)	1,088
2. WGN (Chicago)	416
3. KTTV (Los Angeles)	331
4. KHJ (Los Angeles)	294

International Ministers Tour MPC

Almost one hundred international ministers and their wives have toured the Mail Processing facilities since February of this year as a part of the

Ministerial Refresher Program. Several commented how valuable it was to observe firsthand how the mail is read and processed in the Mail Receiving, Personal Correspondence and Postal sections, and how phone calls are handled in the Telephone Response area.

Weekly Letter Comments

This week's letters comment on and express gratitude to God for recent healings.

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

Recent Healings

I wish to tell you of a miracle in the life of a seventy-five year old man. For many years I have been troubled with a bad back, due to deteriorated disks in the lower spinal region. Four months ago my condition became so bad that I was barely able to move because of the pain. My wife called our minister who came and anointed me. However, I became completely immobile and had to be taken to the hospital. After many x-rays, the doctors felt that it was absolutely necessary for me to have an immediate operation. This disturbed me greatly.

Shortly afterward our minister came for a visit and when I told him the verdict, he said that I should wait a few days before making a decision and give God a chance. In the meantime he would ask the brethren for prayers. That night I was able to move a little for the first time in two weeks. I felt then that God would heal me and I definitely did not want an operation.

God heard all the prayers of the brethren locally and around the country and, as a result, I am now completely without pain. I am walking, swimming, diving and feeling better than I have in years! God does hear and take care of us.

J.M. (Miami, FL)

I wish to express my deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks for all the letters, cards, thoughts and prayers of the ministry and members of the Worldwide Church of God received during my recent brief, but very successful, battle with a cancer on my leg. I have now been informed there is no further evidence of malignancy and I know God has taken care of and killed all the cancerous cells in my body.

It is indeed wonderful to know we can have the healing and protection of our great Creator. My faith and trust in our great God has deepened greatly as a result of this experience.

V.B. (New Plymouth, New Zealand)

ON THE WORLD SCENE

FIGHTING ESCALATES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA--HERE'S WHY South African military forces are retreating from a week-long search-and-destroy mission--code named Operation Protea--deep into southern Angola from South West Africa, or Namibia. Their overall goal: to deliver a telling blow to bases and training camps inside Angola belonging to SWAPO, the Moscow-backed terrorist band whose goal is to take over power of Namibia by force.

It is now obvious that Pretoria had two equally important objectives in mind when it launched its four-pronged armored attack: (1) to search out Soviet-supplied radar and surface-to-air (SAM) missile bases which threatened South Africa's Air Force, and, (2) to catch Soviet and other East block "advisers" in the act. Not much is known about the first objective yet, but it is believed that the air defenses were wiped out in a 90-mile-wide east to west swath north of the border. Regarding the second objective, latest reports are that at least four Soviet military advisers and military personnel were killed and one, a sergeant major, was captured.

The South Africans had been warning the West for years that Soviets, East Germans, Cubans and others were in Angola not just to prop up that country's pro-Marxist regime, but to give military assistance and training to SWAPO units. At Xangongo, 60 miles north of the Namibian border, journalists flown in by Pretoria authorities were shown evidence of direct Soviet involvement: a house from which, shortly before the attack, 27 Russians had hastily fled, leaving behind a mess of empty wine, beer and vodka bottles. Viewers of South African television were treated to pictures of burning Soviet tanks and tales of Soviet advisers fleeing for their lives.

Captured booty included massive quantities of weapons and propaganda. A complete 70-vehicle, Soviet-made SWAPO supply convoy was taken intact--part of a cache of 100 vehicles and fifteen tanks plus 200 tons of small arms and ammunitions. And an enormous amount of Russian propaganda material was found in SWAPO headquarters camp.

South African Defense Minister Magnus Malan, reported to be personally in charge of "Operation Protea," said that the mission provided "undeniable evidence indicating Soviet Russia's involvement in the terrorist onslaught against South West Africa."

The United Nations General Assembly, to be expected, condemned the South African "attack in Angola"--not SWAPO's 15-year long campaign of political intimidation, brutal assassinations of chiefs and village headmen in Ovamboland and the abducting across the border of thousands of Ovambo youths for forced indoctrination and military training. All of this is just dandy with the UN General Assembly--a body which even the liberal WASHINGTON POST once described as "an institutional outrage" and "a moral swamp." (The General Assembly cheered when SWAPO chief San Nujoma pledged to them in 1973 that he would intensify the "armed liberation struggle.")

The UN recognizes SWAPO as being the "sole and authentic representative" of the Namibian people. Three UN bodies channel aid directly to SWAPO. Since the U.S. supplies 25% of the UN's constantly expanding budget, many American tax dollars flow into SWAPO coffers.

Experts are convinced that it is the Reagan Administration's supposed "tilt" toward South Africa (which Reagan officials instead termed "even-handedness") that emboldened Pretoria to launch the raid, their most extensive cross-border missions to date. Mr. Reagan and his top aides have made a big issue of challenging what they call Moscow's primary role in the global terrorist network. That is why the South Africans were determined to catch the Russians on the scene.

The Reagan Administration cast the lone veto in a UN Security Council resolution condemning the South African raid (Britain abstained). The reason

for the veto, said a State Department spokesman, was that it "didn't take into account the wider context of the problem"--e.g. the Russians.

However, three other members of the so-called "Western Contact Group"--West Germany, France and Canada--who along with the U.S. and Britain are supposed to engineer a Namibian independence plan, approved the resolution. Thus, on yet another key issue, the U.S. is being isolated from its key allies. The transatlantic rift is widening. This schism occurs at the same time that France, along with Mexico, has decided to all but recognize the leftist insurgent movement in El Salvador.

The upshot of the worsening situation in Southern Africa is that Pretoria has no desire to see a Communist flag flying in Windhoek, SWA/Namibia's capital. A one-party Marxist government right on its borders would have incalculable consequences for South Africa itself.

An editorial in the WALL STREET JOURNAL on September 2, 1981, tried to put the assault into Angola into perspective:

Before the world press picks up the Soviet line, it might be good to get a few things straight. First, the fight in Angola had nothing to do with race. The South African raiders consisted of both blacks and whites and so did the forces that resisted them. The raiders were countering a Soviet power play, the deployment of surface-to-air (SAM) missiles in southern Angola, escalating the continuing Soviet effort to take effective control of South West Africa (Namibia).

The U.S. Administration was quite right in refusing to condemn South Africa without equal condemnation of the Soviets. The fact that the U.S. stood alone in the Security Council, while France and Germany caved in and Britain abstained, is a mark of honor, not guilt. It was about time a U.S. administration stood up on the issue of Namibia. Most Americans have little understanding of the situation and thus become easy prey for those left-wing racism charges.

First of all, South Africa has made genuine efforts to prepare Namibia for independence as it is obligated to do under terms of the old international mandate that gave it control of the place. A constitutional conference consisting of representatives of the territory's 11 distinct population groups...was convened in 1975. A national assembly representing all these groups was elected in 1978 by popular vote....The council has been taking over the tasks of government under the supervision of a South African administrator general. Many discriminatory laws have been repealed and a multiracial civil service formed.

The UN, however, has not recognized this government, insisting instead on turning Namibia over to the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO)....South Africa has resisted this out of a fully justified fear that a SWAPO takeover would mean Russians and Russian-backed terrorists on its border. The Russians would inherit Namibia's mineral riches and its position closer to the vital Cape sea routes. The world would then view a perpetual state of war, with thousands more Africans slaughtered or made homeless like the victims of Soviet conquest in Ethiopia.

--Gene H. Hogberg, News Bureau