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FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

International News

United Kingdom On Saturday, November 14th, Mr. Herbert Armstrong spoke to a combined audience of London-area Churches in the Kensington Town Hall. Mr. Robert Fahey gave the sermonette explaining from the Bible what "back on the track" means, after which Mr. Frank Brown presented Mr. Armstrong with a beautifully bound and prepared volume containing the signatures of members in the British Isles, Scandinavia and Black Africa. Mr. Armstrong's sermon was both uplifting and inspiring and explained the way of life and the meaning and effect of God's Holy Spirit in our lives.

During his stay in London Mr. Armstrong also conducted a board meeting of the Church and looked over potential new offices for use by the Church when the move out of the Press occurs in 1982. Mr. Armstrong was also accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hogberg.

Sunday, November 1st, 1981 saw the restart of The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast on Radio Luxembourg, after a lapse of 15 years. The superpower 1.3 million watt station has a transmission range of hundreds of miles and can be heard over a very large area of Europe.

A letter promoting the broadcast was inserted in the November/December issue of The PLAIN TRUTH going to subscribers in Britain, Scandinavia, the Continent and the Mideast, with an insert card scheduled to go into the January edition.

In addition to these "internal" promotions, by the time you read this we will have begun an advertising campaign in British (and later Scandinavian) newspapers which will specifically advertise the broadcast.

Utilising a new advertisement recently supplied by headquarters, a new PLAIN TRUTH advertising campaign has started in British, Scandinavian and international media. The ad is being run in the DAILY EXPRESS (UK), SUNDAY TELEGRAPH (UK), GUARDIAN (UK), INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE (UK, Continent, Mideast), TIME (Atlantic), NEWSWEEK (Atlantic), SVENSKA DAGBLADET (Sweden), BERLINSKE TIDENDE (Denmark), JYLLANDS POSTEN (Denmark), BELFAST TELEGRAPH (Northern Ireland), SUNDAY INDEPENDENT (Eire) and SUNDAY PRESS (Eire).

Income in the UK is 15% up for October over last year, and is 20% up year-to-date.

Canada The Feast is over and everyone is back on the job. We are faced with a considerable backlog of mail which piled up during the Feast and the week following while the office staff worked on Feast offerings.

October's income finished at a +7.8%, moving the year-to-date income down to a +22.8%. This is still an excellent figure when one considers the ever-spiraling cost of living.

In looking over some old figures for comparisons, it's interesting to note that the two holy days at the Feast produced more funds than one whole year in 1965, and holy day offerings for this year are just slightly under the total income for 1969.

The WATS line recorder worked well during the Feast collecting over 207 calls. There is still a continued upswing in its use by the public. We had our best weekend on the 24/25th of October when a total of over 180 requests were made via the WATS line.

French-speaking Area A joyous Feast was held in five sites in the French-speaking world: Praz-sur-Arly, France, with an attendance of 800 persons; Hull, Quebec, with 800 attending; Fort-de-France, Martinique, with an attendance of 300; Guadeloupe with 120 persons; and Haiti 37 persons, for a total of 2,057 people. This was a new record!

From Guadeloupe, Mr. Erick Dubois reports that the Feast of Tabernacles was a tremendous success and that there was an atmosphere of unity and love among the brethren. He will hold a series of Bible lectures in Moule where we have the second largest concentration of La PURE VERITE subscribers, the largest being in Pointe-a-Pitre.

Y.O.U. Update

Y.O.U. Manuals were mailed to all pastors, worldwide, just prior to the Feast. If you have not received your copy, please contact the Y.O.U. Office.

Deadline for application to the Y.O.U. International Student Exchange Program is January 31st. The program is open to all high school juniors and seniors in the northern hemisphere. A summary sheet and application are included in your pastor's manual or may be obtained from the Y.O.U. Office. Please encourage outstanding youths in your area to apply.

Y.O.U. Program Changes The national track and field meet for this activity year has been canceled. Track and field will advance to the regional level only. This will enable us to channel more funds into other areas which will benefit a larger group of people. More information regarding track and field will be forthcoming.

The national talent contest scheduled for April has also been canceled. Districts wishing to hold talent contests at this time may do so, but there will be no regional contests this activity year. Those winning district contests this activity year will automatically be eligible for the regional event next November. The national event will be held next December with the district and regional contests preceding it. This will alleviate the need for having three talent contests within one year.

If you have any questions regarding track and field or talent contests, please feel free to call the Y.O.U. Office.

Y.O.U. Insurance Update The Y.O.U. policy number from last year has been renewed for the next twelve months. Please use the same number for any claims this year. For further information, please contact the risk manager at (213)577-5102.

Speech Club Policy Reminder

From time to time various questions come up concerning speech clubs. Such questions range from "May unconverted husbands attend Spokesman Club?" to "Would it be permissible to start a family club, a co-ed club, or a new format for club?"

The Ambassador/Spokesman Speech Manual is the only speech club manual Mr. Armstrong has approved for local church use. The policies outlined in that manual, as well as in the Spokesman Club Director's Manual, are the policies that each pastor and club director should follow. No exceptions should be implemented without prior approval from Pasadena.

Some policies that seem to receive the most flagrant abuse are: (1) Who can be a member, (2) Club format, and (3) Club name.

Let's see to it that we are in harmony in every way, including this most important tool of Spokesman Club.

As an additional note, the revised Leadership Training Class material should be available soon as well.

Comments From Monthly Church Reports

KINGSPORT, TN--GEORGE ELKINS: The continued growth in the Work of God both around the world, in the United States, and in this Church area continues to inspire and encourage the brethren here in Kingsport. It proves once again whom it is that God and Jesus Christ have chosen to direct their Work through: Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

UNION, NJ--JAMES JENKINS: Church attendance growing but more importantly members are making a turnaround as a whole. As Mr. Armstrong continues the pace, the Church is responding.

CLARKSBURG, WV--DAVID JOHNSON: The strongest trend in the area is that people are virtually unanimous in their praise and appreciation for the PT, GN, WN, and all of the direction coming out of Pasadena. They really show a lot of support for Mr. Armstrong and the direction he has given to the Church.

JACKSONVILLE, FL--ALLEN BULLOCK: Members have expressed appreciation for Mr. Armstrong's tapes. They show such balance and wisdom. He has certainly been a father to us all in the truth. We love him and appreciate him very much.

WILMINGTON, DE--ARNOLD HAMPTON: Members are realizing the seriousness of their calling and the times in which we live much more than a year ago. Consequently, Bible study attendance is up to nearly half of regular Church attendance.

KENT, WA--J. RICHARD PARKER: The Kent Church is growing. This month showed a new high in average weekly Church attendance. We also have had seven baptisms in the last month. Thank those concerned for making the T.V. broadcasts available on two local T.V. stations. It is great to see Mr. Armstrong, and the members are very encouraged to finally have local media.

MESA/PHOENIX (EAST), AZ--MARK CARDONA: Excellent PM response--excellent PM's! We are very thankful for the TV program and it is bearing fruit. Received five letters in one week! Have completed a series of sermons on long overlooked doctrines with excellent results. Have endeavored to get brethren back into their Bibles to rekindle that first love.

PORTLAND (WEST), OR--DAN FRICKE: With the extra Bible studies after services and in-home Bible studies, there seems to be a growing enthusiasm to study God's Word as well as a greater friendliness among the brethren as they get to know each other better. In general, most members are coming to center their lives more and more around their calling and Church-related activities and functions. The P.T. newsstand program is beginning to bear fruit with new PM's coming along who first contacted the Work through that means. Mr. Armstrong's drive and example of pushing himself is certainly stirring many to greater involvement. Most members seem to be provided for adequately by God even though unemployment and inflation surround them.

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--PAUL KIEFFER: Many, many positive comments about the Feast of Tabernacles being the "best ever." I feel this was truly the general feeling rather than just a statement made almost out of obligation. Many comments concerning the general attitude at the Feast being much better, including willingness to serve, patience and consideration, and the fine messages delivered, too. People here returned home encouraged by the Feast. The Feast was in every way truly the best ever--in overall organization, fine sermon content, Mr. Armstrong's sermons and family-oriented activities.

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE UPDATE

(Pasadena Campus)

Today, Tuesday the 24th, Ambassador College hosted the "Queen's Breakfast" here in the Student Center. This is an annual breakfast held in honor of the newly chosen queen of the Tournament of Roses. She serves as the queen for all of 1982.

This is the first time I can recall that Ambassador has ever hosted the Queen's Breakfast. Over seven hundred were present for this occasion--including various dignitaries, officials of the Tournament of Roses, prominent businessmen, plus the new queen and her court.

Last year the Queen's Breakfast was held in the Hilton Hotel ballroom, and it was fine, but all I have talked with feel that this morning's breakfast and the service (about 75 students served the guests) reflected the fact that Ambassador College truly "demands excellence."

We have recorded grades for the first quarter semester; overall the students are doing very well academically, and in other respects.

Just before departing for the Mideast, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong approved our sending another group of students to Israel again this coming summer. The 1982 "Big Dig" will provide opportunities for twenty-six Ambassadors,

plus a number of younger, qualified church members who will take part in the dig, paying their own expenses. Mr. Dick Paige will again serve as director of this Ambassador College Archaeological Project. We are including students from both Pasadena and Big Sandy in the 1982 dig.

Also, Mr. Armstrong recently approved our sending a fourth group of students to Thailand to take part in the Ambassador College Educational Program in Thailand (ACEPT). We plan to send ten students in the new group, and one or two students presently serving in Thailand will remain behind--in order to provide continuity to our ACEPT program. And Mr. Steve Pelfrey will remain in Thailand to continue serving as Project Director of ACEPT. Steve is a graduate of Ambassador and has done a very fine job. (Additional details of ACEPT and the "Big Dig" will appear in the next issue of The WORLDWIDE NEWS.)

Mr. Richard F. Ames, Director of Admissions, informs me that we have now received approximately 1500 requests for application forms for the next college year. Of this number, about 250 are classed as "active applications." We still do not have any final decision from Mr. Armstrong as to whether or not the Big Sandy campus should become a four-year college. He has mentioned this as a definite possibility several times in the past. I am sure that God will guide him in making this important decision, and this is certainly something which we should all pray about.

This coming Thursday and Friday, the college will cancel all classes and various other activities because of Thanksgiving celebrations. We hope all of you will have (will have had, by the time you receive this) a happy and blessed Thanksgiving Day. All of us--especially we ministers and our families--have so much to be thankful to God for! What an unspeakable blessing, not only to be called into God's Church, but also to be called into His ministry at this time!!!

--Raymond F. McNair, Deputy Chancellor

NATIONAL Y.O.U. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Inquiries are trickling in from the field ministry about our National Y.O.U. Scholarship programs for the coming school year.

We are currently preparing the application forms which we will send to all U.S. and Canadian ministers just as soon as they are ready.

As you can see from Mr. McNair's article, we are expecting a bumper crop of college applications. The demand for entrance into Ambassador College will be very high. Therefore, I wish to stress the need to be very thorough and selective in your recommendations for the national Y.O.U. scholarships.

Please do give me a call or drop me a line if you have any questions about the scholarship program.

--Arthur O. Suckling, Financial Aids Officer

MAIL PROCESSING CENTER UPDATE

Weekly Letter Comments

A number of brethren have written this year expressing heartfelt appreciation for the festival assistance they received. Without the excess second

tithe turned in last year, many of these members would not have been able to attend and rejoice in the Feast. Following are some of their comments.

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

Festival Assistance Gratefully Acknowledged

I just wanted to write and say thank you so very much for the financial assistance given to my children and me this year so we could attend the Feast. I deeply appreciate your help and hope that, in some way, I can be of help to others at the Feast. We're very much looking forward to going to Jekyll Island for the first time. Thank you again! Have a wonderful Feast.

R.H. (Ridgeville, SC)

Your check (more than we requested) for aid to attend the Feast has been received. We are very grateful, not only for the ability to participate in the activities, but for the realization that God always provides, through His servants, more than our needs. While we are only two, we know that a limitless family embraces us. Our gratitude again.

Mr. & Mrs. A.S. (Westwego, LA)

I can't describe the joy my family and I felt at the Feast. I thank God that there was a way for us all to be at this most important Feast! The spiritual food and the fellowship with other brethren can't be gotten at any other time. So thank you from the heart for the financial assistance.

Mrs. M.B. (Wakonda, SD)

I just wanted to take a moment to show my appreciation for the Feast assistance you allowed me. It was a wonderful Feast, the brethren and environment were beautiful, there was so much love, sharing, caring and helping one another. I am very grateful that I could go. God is merciful and great.

N.S. (Tulsa, OK)