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## MEDIA PURCHASING UPDATE

Much has been going on in the Media Purchasing area in the past several months, and it's time to bring you all up-to-date on the progress.

### United States

In the U.S., 28 new TV stations have been added since January. Along with seven sister stations, these purchases bring the station total to 192. About one-half of the stations added are replacements for less popular outlets.

Radio buying continues to be sluggish, due to a continuing lack of opportunity in most major markets. We have, however, added five new radio stations since January. Your concern about this lack of availability would be appreciated. (Listings of TV and radio stations added since January follow this report.)

### International

It's on the international front that the most exciting activity has been taking place. We are currently holding offers from Hong Kong Television--a 30 minute slot following the news on Sunday evening--as well as an amazing possibility in Rome where an English language channel has offered us 7 p.m. on Sunday. Together with another Italian offer on TV Monte Carlo for late Sunday evening, these opportunities point to some interesting times ahead. TV Monte Carlo reaches a large portion of industrial Northern Italy by cable. Mr. Carn Catherwood, Regional Director for God's Work in Italian speaking areas, is presently working on an Italian subtitled version of "The World Tomorrow."

On a recent trip to the Caribbean with Regional Director Mr. Stan Bass, I was able to discuss TV options in Barbados and Trinidad. Though both countries exert government control over broadcasting, the response was very favorable and we now await a final decision. Once again, your prayers and concern that the people of these lands would be able to hear God's message are most important.

Incidentally, Church growth in the Caribbean is very encouraging. In Barbados, Mr. Arnold Hampton has baptized 62 people in 15 months. In Jamaica, since the TV program began earlier this year, there has been a dramatic surge in interest from the general public. The Bahamas, too, has opened up TV time to us after a long period of barring all religious broadcasts.

### Reader's Digest

Finally, some really good news on the print side of Media Purchasing. About 18 months ago, the brethren in Pasadena began to pray for a couple of major opportunities for God's Work. One was WTBS--a TV superstation in the U.S. reaching 25 million homes by cable, and the other was READER'S DIGEST--the world's largest circulation magazine with 31 million copies sold monthly.

Both came through within a week of each other in late 1982. Final confirmation came early this year. Because of long lead times, the June issue was the first READER'S DIGEST we could make. This month, READER'S DIGEST subscribers in several countries will read an ad written by Mr. Armstrong entitled, "The Peril to Your Life Grows." The editions carrying the ad circulate in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Canada, Britain, France, Switzerland, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Norway, Denmark and Sweden. Next month, we will add Mexico and South Africa.

READER'S DIGEST provides an excellent vehicle for the international area, where electronic media is often limited. Internationally, the circulation is 13 million and within the United States, 17½ million. Naturally, everyone is anxious to see the returns come in, and we will update you as things progress.

--David Hulme, Media Purchasing

P.S. I have just heard that Trinidad has accepted "The World Tomorrow," Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.!

### TELEVISION

#### Alabama

WHNT (CBS--Ch. 19), Huntsville--  
7:30 a.m., Sun.

#### Arkansas

KTVE (NBC--Ch. 10), El Dorado--  
7:00 a.m., Sun.

#### California

KJEO (ABC--Ch. 47), Fresno--7:30  
a.m., Sun.

#### Colorado

KOAA (NBC--Ch. 5), Colorado  
Springs--6:30 a.m., Sun.

KWGN (Ind.--Ch. 2), Denver--7:00  
a.m., Sat.

#### District of Columbia

WDVM (CBS--Ch. 9), Washington--  
7:30 a.m., Sun.

#### Florida

WPEC (ABC--Ch. 12), West Palm  
Beach--9:30 a.m., Sun.

WXFL (NBC--Ch. 8), Tampa--9:00  
a.m., Sun.

#### Georgia

WMAZ (CBS--Ch. 13), Macon--8:00  
a.m., Sun.

WTBS (Ind.--Ch. 17), Atlanta--  
7:00 a.m., Sun.

#### Illinois

WQAD (ABC--Ch. 8), Moline--8:30  
a.m., Sun.

WTVO (NBC--Ch. 17), Rockford--  
10:00 a.m., Sun.

#### Indiana

WBAK (ABC--Ch. 38), Terre Haute  
--10:00 a.m., Sun.

#### Kansas

KAKE (ABC--Ch. 10), Wichita--  
10:00 a.m., Sun.

KUPK (ABC--Ch. 13), Garden City  
--10:00 a.m., Sun.

#### Michigan

WPBN (NBC--Ch. 7), Traverse  
City--11:30 a.m., Sun.

WTOM (NBC--Ch. 4), Cheboygan--  
11:30 a.m., Sun.

Missouri

KPLR (Ind.--Ch. 11), St. Louis--  
10:30 p.m., Sun.

KRCG (CBS--Ch. 13), Jefferson  
City--10:30 a.m., Sun.

Nebraska

KDUH (CBS & NBC--Ch. 4), Scotts-  
bluff--8:00 a.m., Sun.

Nevada

KLAS (CBS--Ch. 8), Las Vegas--  
8:30 a.m., Sun.

New York

WOKR (ABC--Ch. 13), Rochester--  
9:30 a.m., Sun.

North Carolina

WWAY (ABC--Ch. 3), Wilmington--  
9:30 a.m., Sun.

North Dakota

WDAY (NBC--Ch. 6), Fargo--10:00  
a.m., Sun.

WDAZ (NBC--Ch. 8), Devils Lake  
--10:00 a.m., Sun.

Alabama

WERC, Birmingham--(5,000W, 960),  
11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:00  
a.m., Sun.

Indiana

WOWO, Ft. Wayne--(50,000W, 1190),  
11:15 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:00  
a.m., Sun.

Oklahoma

WKY, Oklahoma City--(5,000W,  
930), 5:00 a.m., Mon.-Sat.;  
7:00 a.m., Sun.

Ohio

WDTN (ABC--Ch. 2), Dayton--7:00  
a.m., Sun.

South Dakota

KHSD (CBS & NBC--Ch. 11), Lead  
--8:00 a.m., Sun.

KOTA (CBS & NBC--Ch. 3), Rapid  
City--8:00 a.m., Sun.

Texas

KFDX (NBC--Ch. 3), Wichita  
Falls--8:00 a.m., Sun.

KGBT (CBS--Ch. 4), Harlingen--  
7:30 a.m., Sun.

KRIS (NBC--Ch. 6), Corpus  
Christi--7:00 a.m., Sun.

KTPX (NBC--Ch. 9), Midland--9:30  
a.m., Sun.

KWAB (NBC--Ch. 9), Big Springs--  
9:30 a.m., Sun.

Wisconsin

WAEO (NBC--Ch. 12), Rhinelander  
--10:30 a.m., Sun.

Wyoming

KSGW (CBS & NBC--Ch. 12), Sheri-  
dan--8:00 a.m., Sun.

RADIOTennessee

WLAC, Nashville--(50,000W, 1510),  
11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 7:30  
a.m., Sun.

Virginia

WRVA, Richmond--(50,000W, 1140),  
11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sun.

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

\*\*\*\* TO BE ANNOUNCED \*\*\*\*

Jerusalem Feast Site Still Open

We have been informed that there is still space available at the Jerusalem Feast site. Anyone interested in attending should contact Gil Tours, Suite 946, 1617 JFK Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103. Or you may call either (215) 568-6655 or (800) 223-3855.

International News

Activities in Germany On Monday, May 16 the German office welcomed eleven Ambassador College students (from both Pasadena and Big Sandy) for the 1983 German summer program. This is the third year now that this program has been operating. It is designed to give Ambassador students the opportunity of working in a foreign country and learning the German language. This provides not only additional help in the regional office, but also potential help in the future for the growing Work of God in Germany. Seven of these students are presently working in the Bonn office, three in local elder and forester Mr. Helmut Kaserer's mountain home, and one with a Church family in Northern Germany.

Two days after the students arrived, they were guests at the President of Germany's garden party for youth at his home and had the opportunity to speak with him. After asking some of the students where they were from, he explained that he would be touring the U.S. in October to commemorate the 300 year anniversary of the German colony in Germantown, Pennsylvania. That night the students were pleasantly surprised to view their meeting with President Karl Carstens on nationwide television. The following day, a picture of the students with the President appeared on the third page of Bonn's largest newspaper, GENERAL ANZEIGER.

On Pentecost the eleven students traveled to Frankenthal, 180 km south of Bonn, for the Holy Day service. (The overall Holy Day offering on this day was up 35.7% over last year.)

On Monday, May 30, the AC students en route to the Jerusalem Dig came to the Bonn office for the first part of their European tour, after having landed that morning. Their first stop, after arriving in Bonn, was President Carsten's home, where they were received by Mr. Carsten's personal aid Dr. Wemer. Dr. Wemer mentioned that had the President been there that day, he would have received them personally. After a tour, the students were able to go into the Parliament building. All of this was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Hennig (Mr. Hennig is Germany's official government photographer). The students then went to the Bonn office for dinner and a tour.

In May the incoming mail increased markedly as a result of the spring advertising campaign, which got underway this month. Some 26,448 requests have thus far come in for The PLAIN TRUTH in one of six languages. Also, a record-breaking total of new subscribers were added to the German file.

The 23,207 KLAR & WAHR requests represent the highest number of new subscribers added to our file for any month in the 21-year history of the German language PLAIN TRUTH! As a result of the advertising, incoming mail increased some 27.3% over May 1982.

### Comments From Monthly Church Reports

#### From Australia

EMERALD/CLERMONT, QLD--BRIAN ORCHARD: Everything is going smoothly in the area. The much needed rain turned out to be 18 inches and has caused much damage, but it appears at this stage that it has not adversely affected the members.

MACKAY, QLD--BRIAN ORCHARD: It has been a very busy month following the days of Unleavened Bread. It seems that Christ is working strongly with His people here. There is a growing responsiveness amongst the members and also more fellowshiping.

TEMORA, NSW--BRUCE DEAN: Members are always commenting on "The World Tomorrow" television programme by Mr. Armstrong. They all appreciate the good time for the programme and are excited at the power and inspiration of Mr. Armstrong's message. They seem to schedule Sundays around the programme.

IPSWICH, QLD--DAVID NOLLER: Attendance is at an all-time high. Spokesmen's Club is progressing well with members enthusiastic. Spokesmen's Club, Y.O.U., Y.E.S.--all seem to be bearing fruit as the Church seems to be becoming more friendly and turned on.

WODONGA, VIC--BRUCE DEAN: In both Wodonga and Temora the members appreciated Mr. Morton's visit. People in country areas really appreciate hearing from the Regional Director and the news of the Work. I have heard many positive comments on the sermon by Mr. Morton.

PERTH, WA--ROBERT REGAZZOLI: This was a very active and inspiring month for the Church. Highlights included the Holy Days, a visit by Regional Director, Mr. Robert Morton, and the first of the PLAIN TRUTH Bible Lectures. Many positive comments were made concerning the messages brought by Mr. Morton. There have been several follow-up visits as a result of the Lectures. Members' attitudes are good; the problems have been more with personal weaknesses.

GEE LONG, VIC--RODNEY DEAN: Quite a few members--men mainly--are going through quite a bit of soul-searching with regard to Christian growth. It is good to see newsstands opening up--this has been a tough town to get into.

WOLLONGONG, ACT--RODNEY KING: Y.O.U. is becoming more unified. Several activities have helped to encourage the teens. We have conducted several profitable PM visits and "get-to-know-you" member visits. Wollongong Church is a fine Church but with a great deal of unemployment. The people are genuine and generous.

Mr. Armstrong's telecast--which started in mid-April--has enthused the people. They have also responded well to the PT newsstand programme in Corrimal.

BRISBANE (SOUTH), QLD--JOHN McLEAN: New families have assimilated well into the congregation. Already they have established a reputation for involvement and friendliness, and have expressed the opinion that this is one of the friendliest churches they have been in.

#### From South Africa

JOHANNESBURG--ANDRE VAN BELKUM: I feel happier about the general state of the Church. There is no doubt that a sorting-out process is taking place. The result is that the Church is healthier and more solid than ever.

SOWETO--PETROS MANZINGANA: A number of members have had problems with employment. Salaries have been reduced for several members. Some coming out of high school have problems getting jobs. In most cases situations and circumstances improve for the better after taking proper counsel.

#### From the United States

GRAND ISLAND, NE--DON HOOSER: Members have been very pleased with the accomplishments of Mr. Armstrong's trips. Many have expressed deep, compassionate concern over the trials Mr. Armstrong is having. I have heard of several voluntarily fasting and praying about them.

SANTA ROSA, CA--A. W. DOCKEN: The brethren are showing very positive attitudes. God has provided several with excellent jobs after being laid off for a variety of reasons. Members appreciate strong telecasts and Mr. Armstrong's latest letter.

DES MOINES, IA--ROBERT CLONINGER: New visit requests this month were the highest I can recall in years--most PMS are well grounded in the truth and definitely interested in attending services and being baptized. Also, we have had six people come back, some having quit up to nine years ago. Three started attending again this month. It is evident God doesn't give up on us.

CINCINNATI (NORTH), OH--ROBERT LEAGUE: PM activity is increasing. The brethren really appreciated Mr. Waterhouse's sermon. It was very powerful and supportive of Mr. Armstrong and Headquarters.

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

#### FROM MAIL PROCESSING

#### Subscribers Drawn to God's Truth After Many Years

It is encouraging to see the excitement and thankfulness of those to whom God is beginning to reveal His truths. In some cases they feel they have reached the end of a long search now that they have come in contact with

God's Work. For years or even decades, they have wondered about the purpose of man's existence and sought answers to many of life's questions. Having been led to the truth, they are now requesting more and more of our literature. Some have even started to contribute so that others also may be helped. Following are some of their comments.

Mr. Armstrong, I have been studying my Bible for over 12 years and looked into every Christian denomination I could think of. Yet, I believe with my whole heart that God has given me the truth about Him through you. Your (God's) Church is the only one that obeys God; it's the only Church you can't just walk into. It's the only one that sends the Gospel to all who ask, the way it should be given--absolutely free!

C.G. (Anchorage, AK)

After subscribing to your literature, I feel I have finally found someone I can trust. I have just recently become a diligent reader of your publications and try to obtain as much knowledge as possible. It has taken me a long time to find someone with the correct knowledge to guide me in the right steps to total salvation. The Lord knows I have been searching and I feel he has finally shown me the right way to turn.

D.B. (St. Louis, MO)

For the first time in my 61 years of life I have finally found the truth, through you. I am convinced that your Bible explanations are correct. I have learned much in the past six months and believe that if more people would listen to you on Sunday it would be a better world.

R.K. (Port Orange, FL)

We absolutely love your ministry! I was very skeptical of your publication at first. I would not allow my wife to read it until I had determined that it was truly of the Lord! After reading your magazine, I discovered that it was a gift from God. I had been searching all of my life for the answers that you provide.

S.F. (Roswell, NM)

I've always believed that God's word is truth, and that He created man on earth for a purpose, but I could never understand that purpose. I have visited churches trying to find reasons to affirm my belief that God is truly a loving Creator. But the messages I received filled me with fear and doubts--a feeling that God sits on lofty heights watching my every move in order to condemn me.

The purpose of this note is to thank you for The PLAIN TRUTH. You've answered so many questions I've wondered about for so many years, and calmed so many of my fears. My desire, now that my children are grown up, is to live a rich and rewarding life in the service of my fellow man.

E.C. (Fayetteville, NC)

I've finally found, through the Worldwide Church of God, a religion I can believe. You interpret the Bible for what it says, not what you want it to. I appreciate your honesty in providing the

facts. Here's a small contribution so that you can continue preaching the Word of God. Keep up the good work.

T.B. (Republic, WA)

Thank you very much for following your calling by publishing your fine magazine, The PLAIN TRUTH. I know that the events of my life have been geared to finally discovering it. On and on through the years I have been looking for the truth everywhere I could, but mostly failing. But after finding your magazine at our local laundromat week after week and stumbling across your book THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY, now it all makes so much sense--and it was staring me in the face the whole time!

M.S. (Kingsville, TX)

Enclosed is a contribution to help Mr. Armstrong in my small way, to carry on God's Work as he is doing in such an encompassing way. I am now 75 and after seeking the truth all my life, I have finally found someone who does have the key to God's Word, the Bible. Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has chosen Mr. Armstrong as one of His own and I hope he will be permitted to stay and guide us until Christ's return.

I receive The PLAIN TRUTH, The GOOD NEWS and many booklets for which I am very grateful. Thank you also for your promptness in supplying me with all the literature I have requested. I do not believe I could be without it.

Mrs. L.F. (McHenry, IL)

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

### ON THE WORLD SCENE

#### MRS. THATCHER'S TRIUMPH; ISRAEL DIVIDED; "SECOND WAVE" OF WORLD DEBT CRISIS APPROACHES

The polls said her victory would be a large one, and they were right on. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was elected on June 9 to a second five-year term by the largest Conservative Party margin in 38 years--144 seats--more than quadrupling what had been a 35-seat parliamentary majority.

After her triumph, Britain's "Iron Lady" prime minister made clear her election mandate would mean Thatcherism with more muscle for the next five years. She said she believed in "strong, clear, decisive government" and wanted her second term remembered "for having clear policies, with a purpose, and for steadfastly carrying them out, and for being stalwart for freedom and justice." (To show she meant business she reshuffled her cabinet to bring in men more to her liking. Moderate conservatives such as Foreign Secretary Francis Pym got the heave-ho.

Final returns showed: Conservatives 397 seats, Labor 209, the Social Democrat/Liberal Alliance 23, minor parties 21. The Conservatives garnered 12,991,377 votes (43.5 percent), Labor 8.4 million (28.3 percent) and the Alliance 7.7 million (26 percent).

The election was a disaster for the Labor Party headed by Michael Foot, age 69. Labor could not make an issue out of Britain's unemployment rate, which stands at 13.6 percent, leaving three million Britons out of work.



Here is how the WALL STREET JOURNAL, in its June 10, 1983 issue treated Mrs. Thatcher's victory in its lead editorial entitled "Leadership Pays":

Surely one clear message of Margaret Thatcher's victory yesterday is that leadership pays. In Mrs. Thatcher's first term as prime minister, the polls often seemed to say that what she was doing was politically risky. The press wrung its hands over her harsh image and pronounced her rigid. Many in her own party and even within her own cabinet whispered that she was doomed to failure if she didn't trim. She didn't. While never as doctrinaire as her opponents liked to portray her, Margaret Thatcher stuck to first principles--and won big.

There should be no particular surprise in this. Leadership is, after all, what democracies pay their leaders for. It's an obvious but important point frequently missed by polls and pundits. We do not pay leaders to construct policy according to the latest Gallup Poll; we pay them to define our most important long-term goals and find ways to move toward them, which by definition requires leadership. If they do so, we reward them. If they don't, we send them packing.

Like Mrs. Thatcher, Ronald Reagan often is painted as "inflexible" and "ideological".... Many of Mr. Reagan's own handlers worry about this image, and are constantly trying to get him to offer up tokens of his "pragmatism" and "realism"--code words for abandoning his principles and returning to the conventional wisdoms. Political handlers, pollsters and the press instinctively dislike leadership. It challenges the comfortably predictable world in which they operate; it carries risks; it ignores their advice, freely given and usually worth exactly that.

But it can be argued that it was Mrs. Thatcher's opponents who in the end proved most rigid and ideological. The Social Democrats seemed stuck in the status quo, insisting that old formulas could still be made to work. The Labor Party was even more deeply mired in ideologies of the past: more spending, less defense, higher taxes, more government controls, higher tariffs, fewer continental entanglements. It was a Little England platform, a retreat from the world--the very antithesis of leadership.

We aren't saying Mrs. Thatcher has all the answers.... But her reelection shows she clearly has been asking the right questions, the first requirement of real leadership. The economy had stagnated: What are the requirements of growth? The welfare state had gone too far: What adjustments are needed? Inflation, unreasonable labor rules and lack of incentives for saving and investment were making Britain uncompetitive in world markets: How best can Britain's historic strength as a trading nation be restored? Britain's military strength had crumbled to the point where a third-rate power like Argentina would dare take it on: Was it not time to rethink Britain's spending priorities?...

Leadership tries to confront reality and come to grips with it. Heads of government and oppositions who ignore that often come to grief: witness the shambles caused by Francois Mitterrand's ro-

matic socialism of the last few years. In the Falklands and in her economic program, Mrs. Thatcher has demonstrated her grasp of reality--not least that this is not a risk-free world.... As a result, the British electorate has demonstrated its willingness to "risk" another five years of Margaret Thatcher.

Perhaps the biggest danger Mrs. Thatcher faces now is overconfidence. With such a large parliamentary margin it is easy to overlook the fact that Mrs. Thatcher's percentage vote actually slipped a bit from the 1979 election (43.9% to 43.5% this time) and that her victory was due in no small measure to her divided opposition. The Labor Party had become discredited in the eyes of the public because it was split within itself while veering sharply leftward. The Social Democrats and Liberals, fielding a 'common slate of candidates, made a good showing. Unfortunately for them, their candidates came in second in many instances to either the Tory or the Labor winner. In Britain's "winner-take-all" system, second place earns nothing.

### Israel: Bugged Down in Lebanon, Divided at Home

It has been a year now since Israeli forces drove into Lebanon in an attempt to cripple PLO forces once and for all. The operation was intended, as are most wars, to be quick. But one year later, after the deaths of 500 Israeli military personnel and an additional 3,000 wounded, Israeli troops are still positioned over a large part of Lebanon. Worse yet, the Israeli army in Lebanon now looks more like an army of occupation--with the additional unthought of and thankless task of keeping warring Lebanese factions apart. Moreover, it is a costly and morale-sapping operation, perhaps expressed best in a headline in the June 12 LOS ANGELES TIMES--"Israel is Stuck and Can't Get Out."

With Syrian troops, backed up by PLO remnants entrenched in Lebanon, the prospects for "bringing our sons home"--which Prime Minister Begin proclaimed in a recent emotional speech was still his intent--seems remote. The fact is, Israel is bogged down in Lebanon, and the country is more divided over the aftermath of this war than any other conflict in Israel's 35-year history. Here is a special report submitted to the June 7, 1983 WALL STREET JOURNAL by journalist Yoram Kessel:

JERUSALEM--A fervent prayer of Jews around the world has been beshana haba's beyerushalayim, "next year in Jerusalem." Amos Eilon, an Israeli writer and columnist, has changed the phrase to "next year in Lebanon" in a caustic reference to Israel's involvement in Lebanon....

What began as a limited Israeli effort to destroy Palestine Liberation Organization forces in Lebanon that threatened northern Israel has dragged on with little prospect that the soldiers will come home soon. A wave of disgruntlement over that prospect has shown itself in widespread criticism of the Lebanon policy of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government.

Mr. Begin's aides denounce the "orgy of published and broadcast evaluations of the war" and say they are "harmful to Israel's interests." Says one: "The Syrians are contemplating with delight the way we eat ourselves up. Why should they budge from their obduracy when they can read about this discord and dissension within Israel?"...

Vocal discontent with government policy and Israel's predicament reached a peak Saturday night when more than 100,000 people attended a Peace Now organization rally in central Tel Aviv's Kings of Israel Square....

The pain caused by the war, in which more than 500 Israelis have been killed and an additional 3,000 wounded, runs deep. Thus the emotional call of a group of middle-aged Israelis who founded Parents Against Silence no longer goes unnoticed. More than 1,000 members of the group, some of whom have lost sons in Lebanon and most of whom have children serving there, demonstrated recently in front of the Knesset, the Israeli parliament.

Few Israelis support a prolonged presence in Lebanon. But many do accept the government's contention that, while Israel sincerely wants to get out, it would be counterproductive to "withdraw tail between the legs" and thus allow the Syrians and the PLO to exploit the power vacuum in Lebanon that would result. But the "bog of Lebanon," as the critics describe Israeli involvement there, is accepted by most Israelis as being a serious predicament.

One reserve army captain, interviewed by Israeli television in Lebanon's central Chouf Mountains, perhaps stated a general Israeli view when he said, "for the first time in 15 years of reserve duty, I'm...emotionally uncomfortable with what I have had to do."

"But you'll agree that this is something that has to be done, however unpleasant," the interviewer pressed him. "Not at all," he retorted. "My being up here trying to separate the warring Druse and Christian Lebanese has nothing to do with defending our homeland."

A sergeant interceded. "All my life I've been proud to do my annual reserve army stint," he said. "Not this time. If we hadn't been threatened with jail, many of us would have happily opted out. All I'm interested in is getting home in one piece." Indeed, since September about 70 reservists have refused to serve in Lebanon and been sentenced to serve their month-long tours in jail.

The Lebanon war from early on was glumly accepted as being the most divisive force in Israel's short history. But now the divisiveness has begun to seep deep into the nation's social fabric as Israelis worry that the war's original goal, to create a new, safe border with Lebanon, has become unattainable. Instead, many Israelis feel that Lebanon may be divided into Israeli and Syrian spheres of influence that would continue to be a drain on Israeli resources for many years to come.

One is almost tempted to conclude that the Lebanese "bog" represents the "wound" prophesied for Judah in Hosea 6:13. However, the same verse states that concurrent with this, "Ephraim saw his sickness." That does not appear to be true yet--but the "bog of Lebanon" might linger long enough, or go through another phase, for the two developments to run closer to parallel.

## The "Second Wave" of World Debt Crisis

World bankers and economists are fearful now that the world debt crisis, which leapt into the headlines last year with the near bankruptcy of Mexico, is heading into a new more fundamentally disturbing phase. The patchwork rescue operations arranged in 1982 are coming unglued. The problems of some debtor nations are so deep that long-term solutions seem unreachable--short of social chaos in some countries should they try to live up to conditions for new loans. Here, from the June 8 WALL STREET JOURNAL is a background piece on "The Second Wave":

...Discussions during recent weeks with bankers, economists and government officials indicate a growing uneasiness [over the international debt crisis]. Many of them predict serious financial troubles in additional countries, perhaps Nigeria, Venezuela and Colombia. They note that some countries, Brazil and Chile for example, haven't been living up to IMF [International Monetary Fund] agreements, thus endangering the IMF's credibility with lenders. And they worry that efforts so far have only papered over the problem; the long-term strategy they hoped for hasn't materialized.

The result, these experts say, is that a second debt crisis, or "second wave," is beginning, and is likely to become more pronounced soon. The second wave is simply defined as what happens when the initial rescue packages fall apart. Several countries, including Argentina and Brazil, already can't make some of their interest payments.... Some financial experts fear that developing countries will have to cut back even more on imports because they can't get cash. That could further deepen the recession in these countries, hindering world trade and slowing any international economic recovery....

Perhaps the most dangerous, and unpredictable, aspect of the second wave is its potential for undermining confidence in the world's ability to get out from under the debt crisis. As bankers watch these carefully constructed packages grow shaky, they become increasingly reluctant to participate in future packages, and their fears may turn into self-fulfilling prophecies.

It is all a far cry from the optimism that prevailed a few months ago when the international financial community pointed with pride to the effectiveness of its strategy.... [Mexico received various loans totalling \$10.5 billion.] All seemed to be going smoothly. Only in the last month or so have several of the rescue plans begun falling apart. Among the elements of the second wave:

--Brazil, the most indebted of the developing countries, with debt approaching \$90 billion, is trying to convince the IMF that it is complying with its IMF agreement, although most outside observers are skeptical. The country is nearly \$1 billion behind in its payments to foreign creditors. Many creditors believe that it will need between \$1.5 billion and \$4 billion of new money this year, on top of the \$4.4 billion that banks already have agreed to lend it....

--Argentina...will probably need \$500 million to \$1 billion more in new loans this year.

--Chile has had to ask banks for almost 50% more in new loans than it thought it would need just a few months ago when it asked for some \$900 million in loans and a postponement of debt payments falling due through next year. Chile hasn't complied with its IMF targets.

--Mexico is expected to meet its IMF targets for the first two quarters of this year. But later this year, banks estimate, it could need another \$2 billion. Finance Minister Jesus Silva Herzog concedes that the country will get by without new loans only if everything continues as is. If oil prices fall, or if the current drought there worsens and agriculture suffers, he says, Mexico will need more money.

In addition, all these countries will probably need even more money in 1984. "The question," says Albert Fishlow, professor of economics at the University of California at Berkeley, "is where is this money going to come from?"... The IMF is running short of resources, and it has been counting on the U.S. Congress to quickly approve an \$8.4 billion increase in the U.S. contribution to the IMF's lending resources. But Congress has delayed passage.

"The IMF," says Peter Kenen, an economist at Princeton University,...is in a no-win position. If it is too lenient on a country that doesn't meet its requirements, other countries have an incentive not to meet their targets. If it is too tough, it risks triggering social and political unrest in the debtor countries.

Thus the "World Debt Crisis II" could put a screeching halt to recent worldwide economic recovery, as well as the natural economic reform plans of Mr. Reagan and Mrs. Thatcher.

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