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MAIL SUMMARIES

HEADQUARTERS

The total income for the year through Friday, April 14, shows an 18.3% increase over last year. The mail count for the year through Friday shows a 6.4% decrease compared to 1971, but for the month there is a 7.6% increase.

For the first three months of the year, contributions to the Building Fund were 16.7% above the same period last year. However, for April through this last Thursday, contributions to the Building Fund are down -21.5% compared to April 1971.

So far we have received 5,696 coupons as a result of the first ad in *Reader's Digest*.

The following chart shows the growth of *The PLAIN TRUTH* subscription list between March of last year and March of 1972.

	March 1971	March 1972	Percentage of Increase
United States	1,195,655	1,444,295	20.8
Canada	109,278	189,130	73.1
Total	1,304,933	1,633,425	25.2

LONDON, ENGLAND

The London report of April 6 notes that: "Without doubt, magazine articles that deal with the family continue to draw the greatest number of comments from Africa. The trend for the

past month has been an overwhelming response to 'The Silent Epidemic' article in the January PLAIN TRUTH. Few articles have stimulated as much comments — many Africans explain that it 'hit the nail right on the head.' This week has seen as many as three in five people requesting the book *The Missing Dimension in Sex*, which was offered in the article."

LETTER EXCERPTS

Tomorrow's World Merging With The Plain Truth

The comments about the forthcoming merger of the two magazines announced in the letter of March 24 have been overwhelmingly favorable. Here are some typical comments:

The combination of the two magazines, *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD*, sounds like an excellent idea to this family. We enjoy both magazines with equal pleasure, and having the content under one cover instead of two will make it easier to have the thought-provoking material at hand for reference purposes and will provide more room for storage!!! Your remarks about the circumstances that had developed in which the religious appearance of *The PLAIN TRUTH* limited the readership of it, while true, are a very sad commentary on the "world today." It seems to me that our churches are operated as exclusive "clubs" for the benefit and pleasure of their respective memberships with *no concern at all* for the rest of the community.

— Wilbur B. W., Baltimore, Md.

I am pleased to read of the growth of this movement and especially that the two publica-

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Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Randall and Dolly (Greer) Kobernat (Fayetteville-Raleigh): I was quite surprised Thursday, March 16 when I called home and found that Dolly had just delivered our second son, *Kris Aaron*, with the help of LaVanda Roufs (assistant's wife). Bob Roufs and I were about 90 miles from home, visiting, when Kris was born (8:10 p.m.). You can be sure that we didn't plan it that way, but we feel we had God's special blessing the way everything turned out. Weight on circumcision day was 8 lbs. 6 oz. No problems — everyone's fine.

Joseph and Nadine (Schmidt) Szymkowiak (New Orleans-Baton Rouge): My wife and I are happy to announce the birth of our second child, *Brenda Kaye*. She was born on Sunday, February 27th at 1:45 in the *morning*, weighing a whopping 10 lbs. and measuring 22 inches long. Nadine had a very easy time with only three hours total labor, and a very short hard labor. She had quite a bit of false labor this time. Our first child (a boy) was a little early, weighing only 5 lbs. So we are very thankful for this big, full-term baby girl.

REMINDER FROM THE ENVOY

For the first time since 1969, we're making the Ambassador College yearbook available to each one of you in God's Church. This new, 1972 edition of the *Envoy* is specifically designed to bring you up to date on College activities on all three of our campuses. Our goal is to sell the entire printing run before the book is finished in May. If you haven't already done so, find the order coupon which we inserted in the January-February issue of your *GOOD NEWS* magazine. Fill it out and send it to us in the *Envoy* envelope, also inserted in the magazine.

EVALUATING PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE STUDENTS

It is very important for ministers counselling young students for college to find out if the

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student *really wants* to attend Ambassador College. In order to do this, the minister may have to probe.

We must find out if the student wants to come of his own *free will* and volition. Does he have a genuine desire to do so? Or are his parents' desires the ones that are overriding in this case?

Perhaps something can be said from the pulpit to educate our parents and make them understand that Ambassador is *not* the only route to success for young adults. Our people need to understand that not all young people are really well qualified or cut out for Ambassador College. Many have technical and trade skills that would be better developed elsewhere.

Ambassador students should have a high *academic* aptitude. They should be able to successfully complete four years of heavy academic work.

If our members can understand this they won't be putting so much pressure on their children to attend Ambassador College. And there will not be the *false idea* that a student is a failure if he does not choose or is not accepted to Ambassador College.

We have noticed in the last few weeks that several of our students have had this problem. They were forced to come to Ambassador College by pressures put on them in expectations from their parents. We feel that God's ministers could help much in this regard through proper education of God's people and the awareness of this particular problem when they counsel prospective Ambassador students.

— David L. Antion

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

WORLD HEADQUARTERS
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
PRESIDENT and PASTOR

OFFICE OF
ALBERT J. PORTUNE, *Vice President,*
Financial Affairs and Planning

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings from the Office of Financial Affairs and Planning!

The income report for the month to date is not as good as it could be. The Holy Day offerings are slightly down, on a per capita basis, over last year, and the total offering for the two Holy Days promises to be only about two to five percent higher than last year. This is based on a preliminary estimate before the accurate count is completed, and may vary when all the offerings are in.

We have become somewhat spoiled over the last seven or eight years, since a report on Holy Day offerings over that period indicates an average of about twenty-five to thirty percent increase each year! Naturally this trend had to begin to level out, and it looks as if this year is going to be the beginning of a lower annual increase.

At the time of writing, our monthly increase for April shows sixty percent, and the year-to-date figure indicates an eighteen percent increase over last year. Remember, however, that we are not comparing this year's figures with the Holy Day offerings from last year, since they were taken up later in the month. By the end of the month, both figures should be reduced downward drastically.

The Property Fund is also down, showing about a twenty-one percent decrease over the same period last year, and I would appreciate your mentioning this fact to the congregations in an encouraging manner.

There is good news, however, one item of which is that we are now ready to present the plans for the parking structure and the athletic facility to the city for Planning Commission approval. Like everything else on campus, it promises to be an outstanding example of design and construction. I understand from Mr. Elliott and Mr. Jim Petty that it will be one of only two synthetic grass surfaces in California. Apparently the San Francisco Giants play on such a surface in Candlestick Park, but there is nothing in the southland like it. It looks like another first for Ambassador! This particular building is part of the loan package for the Auditorium, and needs to be built along with it.

I am sure the Planning Commission will be happy to approve the building of this structure because of its uniqueness and its attraction in this part of the city, even though belonging to a private institution.

On a slightly more negative note, I am sure many of you have heard about certain newspaper articles that have been written about the Work, especially relative to the situation concerning Mr. Ted Armstrong. Apparently several of the larger newspapers have considered the events of the last several months to be sufficiently newsworthy to run lengthy articles about us. This also gives them the opportunity to criticize what we are doing. I should also remind you, should any of you notice this type of article in your local press, to please clip it out or, better still, send the whole newspaper to Mr. Hill, so we may have it on file.

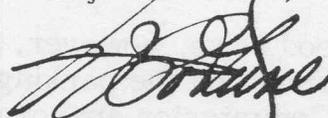
In spite of the negative coverage given to us nationally, the local press--Pasadena Star News--has given us some good coverage of late. They recently ran a lengthy article concerning the new Commissary which, although containing some hooded barbs, was in the main favorable. It did note that we were among the top ten tax payers in the City of Pasadena! Naturally this was put right at the end of the article, and most people wouldn't read it!

They also ran a shorter article concerning the parking structure and athletic facility, and even gave space for a picture of Mr. Brown and me holding up the artist's rendering of the structure. That, of course, also was favorably written up.

So, while we are having our problems financially, and the odd "persecution article" is occasionally written about us, overall the Work is still being done, lives are being changed, and we are all generally encouraged! In spite of the fact that the Holy Day offerings are down over last year, I still feel that God's people are unified and their hearts really are in the Work, and that, with your encouragement and concern, God can and will continue to richly bless His Church.

Please remember us all at Headquarters in your prayers.

In Jesus' name,



Albert J. Portune

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

WORLD HEADQUARTERS
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
PRESIDENT and PASTOR

OFFICE OF
RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from Headquarters! It is good to be back at H.Q. after the Passover season and get into the swing of things again. But all of us who went out had enjoyable and profitable trips, I hear, and it is certainly good to be with you fellows and with the field congregations. The Passover season went very well everywhere so far as I know.

My wife and I were able to visit Atlanta and Indianapolis during the Passover season. We enjoyed being with Carl McNair and all of the "outlaws" back there, and also with Mr. Dennis Pyle and his family up in Indianapolis. One high spot for me -- which I thought might be profitable to share with you -- NOT because I did it -- but because you may be able to use it yourself just as you should use some of the fine examples set by Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Portune and others. I had asked Mr. Pyle to set up a special preaching service on Monday night since I was only going to be in Indianapolis for the final Holy Day's preaching otherwise. I did not know it until I arrived, but he was unable to find a hall in Indianapolis -- so engaged the fairly large Masonic Hall up in Muncie, Indiana. Once I realized this, memories came back, and I was able to tell the brethren: "Some of you newer people may have heard rumors about the Work possibly ending in early 1972. But I want to let you know -- and all of you who have been in the Church three years or longer can verify -- that I stood on this very platform in this hall three years ago and gave five specific reasons why God's Work might well go on some years beyond 1972! Do you remember?"

Then, I very briefly rehearsed a few of the points I gave them then and kidded about it -- and a lot of the older brethren smiled and nodded as I was able to tell them that this is one church area where people should not be shook up about the Work not ending in 1972. All of you older ministers will remember the letter that came out about that time about three years ago, and I know a lot of you preached similar sermons. It might be good to remind the brethren of this in case any have wry comments or questions about the "1972 syndrome."

Anyway, that was an unusual Passover experience that I had not planned -- and thought I might share it with you in case of possible use on your part.

We are expecting Mr. Herbert Armstrong's return sometime soon. After leaving Jerusalem, he has been spending a few days at Bricket Wood before

returning to Headquarters. We should be having some important meetings with him very soon about many things -- including some executive transfers between the colleges.

The weather here has been absolutely beautiful recently -- with sparkling sunshine and the clear air of ocean breezes which has swept away the smog. However, even though we are enjoying this weather, we are in the midst of the worst drought in recorded history here in Southern California because there has been virtually no rain so far in 1972. And our rainy season, as you may know, is primarily in January and early February. The L.A. Times says that the current drought made the famous drought of 1885 look "wet" by comparison and it went on to comment that these especially dry conditions were also hurting tens of thousands of farmers and others in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Western Texas -- as well as parts of other states. Of course, we don't know if this is the beginning of the final drought or not -- but it certainly is obviously helping to lower the general water table and prepare the way so that when the final drought comes it can do its job more quickly and effectively.

We have been having many fine meetings here with Mr. Portune and the Evangelists, and we will be making final summer manpower decisions within the next week or two. So if you have any last-minute suggestions about the need for ministerial assistants or Local Elders, you had better let us know quick! Also, if you have any ministerial assistants or young Local Elders who have been in the field two years or more and need to be rotated in for education and courtship purposes, let us know about that right away also! The Church's overall attendance growth continues here in the U.S. And we are also pleased to announce the beginning of three new churches. They are as follows:

1. Parkersburg, West Virginia, began on March 4 with an attendance of 174. Parkersburg is linked with Charleston, West Virginia, under Nelson Haas.
2. Alexandria, Louisiana, began on March 18 with an attendance of 97. Mr. Harold Rhodes pastors this new Church which linked with Lake Charles, Louisiana.
3. Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is scheduled to begin on April 22, as a second Church in the Miami area. It will be pastored by Brent Curtis.

Mr. Portune's letter explains that the financial situation is still very tight -- and I hope all of you will exhort the brethren to pray fervently about this! But I would like for you, also, to know of something you apparently have not been aware of. That is, there has been a "freeze" on all purchases imposed by the Business Office except for emergency needs. Not knowing this, some pastors have recently bought typewriters or other medium-priced items and then asked us to reimburse them for them. You should not do this under normal circumstances anyway, but must not during this "freeze." You should first request any items that are critically needed at this time and get our approval first, unless you wish to pay for them out of your own personal budget.

We have noticed in reading recent reports that some of you ministers are still being very hard and extra critical of the men under you -- in some cases just waiting to "pounce" on them if they make any mistake. You accuse them of having a wrong attitude when perhaps they simply were weak or did not understand, and some of you are simply overbearing in your attitude toward subordinates in the ministry or local deacons -- constantly "putting them in their place" by your overbearing approach.

Perhaps all of us have made one or more of these mistakes in our ministry -- but we can and must CHANGE. I hope each of you will examine yourself carefully and ask: "Could just a little bit of this refer to me?" And I want you all to know that we at Headquarters have been changing this approach for some years now, and intend to make even more progress on this in the future with God's help. Also, I would like, again, to remind you all that we are beginning to stress management concepts in handling the work more than ever before, and hope that all of you will begin to buy and study material along this line and use it. I have already sent out some material and suggestions to the District Superintendents, and we will be sending certain materials to all of you full-time ministers and elders within the next several weeks and should have an entire course in management ready for your use by the end of this summer -- if not sooner!

So for your good, and the good of those working under you, try to grasp these concepts -- back off and take a good long, objective look at YOUR-SELF -- and be willing to change and grow in this area.

Another problem I would like to bring to your attention involves a number of Church members being discharged from their employment for keeping the Sabbaths. Mr. Ralph Helge, our attorney, has written a brief memo for us regarding this. I am reproducing it here and hope you will mark and read this to your congregations so that anyone involved can get the help and counsel they need:

"The Federal Government and many states have enacted statutes which forbid discharging an employee because of his religious convictions without making an adequate attempt to accomodate the employee. The time in which the employee can take any action regarding such wrongful discharge is extremely limited.

"Therefore, in order to aid our members and Co-Workers who lose their jobs because of their religious convictions, please advise them to write immediately to the Church's Legal Department."

Another area of legal information will be given to you in an accompanying box -- said information coming from Mr. Helge's office. So be sure to read the information in this box entitled, "Request For Certain Legal Information."

Now a friendly suggestion from Mark Salyer which a lot of you might find helpful at times: "Thought you may be interested in yet another way of

finding a hall. After running down the outdated list supplied by the C. of C. (Chamber of Commerce, not Church of Christ!), I volunteered to do the phone and leg work necessary to update the list. They quickly accepted and offered support. So while using one of their inner offices and phones and acting as a representative of the C. of C., I found it very easy to obtain information from those connected with meeting halls all over town. Then using the up-to-date list supplied by the Chamber of Commerce I simply had to check out those which seemed interesting." And he found one right away!

Also, I got a very happy letter the other day from Mr. Fred Kellers. Since it is something that affects us all, I want to reproduce it for all of your edification and encouragement -- and ask each of you to send in such letters as God makes the conditions possible. Here is Fred's letter:

"Thought in the midst of all of the bad news we always cull out to send you, that I would send some good news.

"Actually, I guess that if we would, we could send in cases of healings each month, or even each week, if we would take the time, as healings take place in all of God's local Churches, as you know, but none of us take the time.

"Recently, we've had many of the usual 'small' healings that go on continually.

"A baby had a terrible fungus growth in its crotch for days, and its parents had naturally tried powders, etc., but it kept getting worse. Dan Rogers anointed her, and the next morning the fungus was totally gone.

"A member tore herself completely to her anus in giving birth (her first), and the doctor told her that she would be several months in healing. Going to the bathroom was severely painful. She was anointed, and was completely, totally healed in one week. (Husband probably fasted about it the whole week.)

"A little girl with viral pneumonia was healed almost immediately. Started healing as soon as the parents called for a cloth, and was well the next day.

"But the reason I'm writing is because of the recent healing of a girl with a brain tumor. She is 12 years old.

"Her name is Lisa Jaros. She first noticed a pain on the left side of her head. Through the days the pain spread all around the side of her head. At first, they thought it was mastoiditis.

"But she never had any fever, swelling, or signs that would normally be shown by an infection.

"She began to get double vision and increasingly blurred sight. By the sixth week, she was in pain all over her head, and she had to be in totally

quiet surroundings due to the pain. Her vision was for the most part gone. Every week she would just gradually get worse.

"Still no fever, no puffy swelling. As Mr. Jaros said, he would have been glad to have had a fever in her so he would know that it was just an infection.

"And during all of this her appetite grew stronger, not less. I understand that this happens with cancer in some cases.

"By either the seventh or eighth week, Mr. Jaros knew that he was going to have to do something to find out what was wrong with her for sure. The school began to breath down the Jaros' necks, asking why Lisa wasn't in school, what did the doctors say, etc. ?

"I might mention that during all of this the Jaros were very faithful. They knew God would heal her, yet knew that they must take steps to protect God's Church if God decided to hold back the healing until the second resurrection.

"Mr. Jaros stated that he really didn't want to know what was wrong.

"They had her tested first to see if there was an allergy or infection. There was none found.

"They went to Rhode Island, where a new type blood test was used (they vibrate the blood cells) that showed she had a brain tumor. The exact type of tumor was not determined. I don't fully understand it.

"By this time it had been about ten weeks.

"More fasting and prayer for all of us involved.

"After exactly eighty days, she began to improve. That was eight days ago. Yesterday, on the first day of Unleavened Bread, Lisa was in services. You talk about some shocked and happy members, we had some.

"Eighty days in sickness, seven days to toal healing!

"But it's really done us a lot of good. Not just for the Jaros family, but for many members. Several members came during the sickness to confess terrible sins (not that they had to come to me, but they did), that they were afraid might be standing in the way of the healing. Many mentioned that they had started fasting, studying, and praying again, as they hadn't been doing, in some cases for years.

"It has, of course, driven those of us in the ministry here to our knees. We knew we were responsible to offer up the 'prayer of faith.'

"Overall, it has ended up a tremendous blessing.

"I find that it is very easy for the members to get their minds off on the very few people that God, in His wisdom, chooses to allow to die, and to forget the hundreds who are being healed of various sicknesses each month all around the world.

"Hope Lisa Jaros cheers up your day!"

This letter and many other such incidents I hear of from time to time help me and all of us realize more than ever that this is still God's Work -- the only Work on earth like it! All of you fellows know that Mr. Armstrong, the Evangelists, the ministry and the entire Church is going through an unusual trial and test at this season. Perhaps all of you were recently either preaching or hearing sermons about how God tried, tested and "proved" ancient Israel during 40 years as He brought them out of Egypt and through the wilderness -- finally to the promised land. No doubt God is testing and weighing our attitudes day by day during this current trial. He is knocking off the rough edges, polishing us, strengthening us and preparing us to do a MUCH bigger and more powerful job than we have done so far.

So now is a time of self examination, prayer, meditation and SEEKING God's direction and guidance more than ever. But I can honestly report to you that all Evangelists here at Headquarters -- and many others as well, I know -- are growing through this trial into a deeper faith and confidence in God than ever before. We are working together in love and closer cooperation more than ever before. Certainly God will BLESS and strengthen all of us -- including you and your family -- if we use this "testing period" in this manner and let it yield the fruits of righteousness, faith and love which it should.

Keep praying for Mr. Armstrong, and for all of us here -- and our thoughts and prayers will be with you continually.

With Christian love,



Roderick C. Meredith

REQUEST FOR CERTAIN LEGAL INFORMATION

On occasions the Church will have an interest in the outcome of certain divorce, child custody, and other type cases in which the religious views of the Church are an issue.

Therefore, if there are any such cases to your knowledge, or if any such cases come to your knowledge in the future, would you please obtain, through the Church member involved, directly from the Court, or any other available source, the following documents:

- (1) A copy of the Complaint that was filed.
- (2) A copy of the Answer that was filed.
- (3) A copy of any Memorandum or finding of facts made by the Judge.
- (4) A statement as to whether or not a Court Reporter was present during the trial.
- (5) A copy of any Final Decree or Court Order that was entered.
- (6) A copy of the legal briefs that were filed in the case.
- (7) The name, address and telephone number of the attorney who represented the person in the Church.

If the party has to incur a few dollars expense in obtaining these documents, please mention that they can be reimbursed for the same.

The foregoing information should be directed to Mr. Ralph K. Helge.

in my mind and heart, I owe it to TOMORROW'S WORLD magazine and the Bible. Other things also. I only hope that people from all over the world will truly appreciate what you plan to do for them by giving them a chance to read and hear the real down-to-earth worthwhile facts. I know it's changed my life in many ways.

— Emil V., Alhambra, California

Comments About Tithing

We have been tithing for about two months now and have received so much more than we have given. I had sent only \$35 when my husband received a \$600 raise annually that he didn't ask for and his company began paying him for overtime — the first time in years. Not only that, but our stock went up 10 points a share! I didn't need all this to learn of God's love, but day by day I can see my husband's faith in God growing. And for the first time in my life I feel that life is not a complete waste, and that there is still time to surrender all to Christ. I'm more than glad to be a Co-Worker for the Ministry of God. May God richly bless you and the Work.

— Mrs. V. H. P., Boise, Idaho

LETTER EXCERPTS

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tions are to be combined, as I have felt for a long time that one magazine would be sufficient. We do appreciate these publications very much.

— Mrs. E. Paul L., Albany, California

It's a great idea to consolidate the PLAIN TRUTH and TOMORROW'S WORLD into one magazine and to channel money saved into the *Reader's Digest* — wheww — whatta readership potential!!! I see what I must now do with this great event coming — renew my *Reader's Digest* subscription!!!

— Shirley J. R., Glow Burnie, Maryland

I received your letter today saying that you are going to combine TOMORROW'S WORLD and the PLAIN TRUTH into one magazine, starting in May. I hope that this will not cause you to cut back on the good news that you have been printing in both magazines.

— George P., Chicago, Illinois

I just want to say that I received the important announcement you made pertaining to TOMORROW'S WORLD magazine. I'd also like to say that from everything I've learned and absorbed

My husband and I have been tithing for a little more than a year now, and I would like to say that God always keeps his promises. After tithing about six months, my husband received a raise that was actually more than we had given God in tithes. We have never found tithing to be a financial burden, but it *has* been a true blessing. We feel privileged to help in God's Work. Here is our tithe, and our thanks to you for letting us help in your Work for God.

— Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. R.,
Roanoke, Virginia

We began tithing late last year because it was commanded of God. Then something went wrong with us, and we decided we needed the money for something else that week. We "reasoned" that we could *make up* the \$25.70 "next" time. The next week my pay dropped to around \$100 per week. Then it dropped to \$57 and I found myself *unemployed*. We began tithing again two weeks ago, \$5.15, or roughly 1/5 of my pay of a few very short weeks before. That's not all either. I've gone into debt *again*, whereas before I was getting out of debt quite rapidly. Also, I found myself worried about nearly everything. To sum-

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News from the FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

Office of
RONALD L. DART

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Richard Sedliacik has been after me for several days to put together some material for the Bulletin, but it's been very difficult to find a spare moment. My wife and I have just returned from a long trip which included a stop in New York for the Sabbath day, two days in Bricket Wood, three days in Düsseldorf, two days in Geneva, four days in South Africa, and another six days in Bricket Wood. It was a very encouraging trip because we found the churches loyal and unmoved in spite of various tribulations that have been coming their way.

One of our chief concerns on this trip was the distribution of manpower from this year's graduating class. Unfortunately, those decisions aren't finalized and will have to appear in the next Bulletin.

Manpower needs and manpower availability are matching up very well in the Foreign Work this year, and we will be better staffed than ever before. One of our weakest areas has been the availability of ministerial assistants who can speak foreign languages. This year, we will be adding at least four to the Foreign Work — three in French and one in German.

There are a few moves that can be announced at this time. We have known for a long time that we were going to have to have a French speaking minister in Montreal. When Mr. Apartian was there recently, he asked for all of the French speaking people to attend a morning service. He had over 110 in attendance. They are now getting more and more visit requests from people whose primary language is French. Even though they do speak English, they are much more comfortable in French and understand it much better. Some of them do not speak English at all. We have needed a man who could handle a French sermon in the morning and an English sermon in the afternoon. Therefore, we've decided to transfer Mr. Carn Catherwood from the Paris Church back to Montreal to handle that bilingual responsibility. He will also be getting one of the French speaking ministerial assistants out of this year's graduating class. Replacing him in Paris will be Mr. Etienne Bourdin who is currently pastoring the Lyon Church. Mr. Bourdin's translating responsibilities have been diminished considerably with the combining of the PLAIN TRUTH and TOMORROW'S WORLD, so he now will have time to handle the Paris Church.

Mr. Wilkins will pick up Lyon as his second church with Geneva.

We'll be sending two ministerial assistants to South Africa (yet to be named) and Mr. Gordon Terblanche, just finishing a semester at Bricket Wood, will be returning to South Africa to pastor two Cape Town Churches. Why two churches in Cape Town? Because whites and coloreds cannot meet together there. He will have only about 50 in each church to start with, but there is excellent potential for growth in Cape Town.

We are very pleased to announce that Mr. Frank Schnee is at long last going to get a chance to return to Ambassador College for a semester. The haste with which the Düsseldorf office was established did not permit Mr. Schnee to finish the course he was following at Ambassador College — he actually graduated by correspondence! Lacking any adequate replacement, he has had to stick it out in Düsseldorf. Now, however, Mr. John Karlson will be able to handle the office in his absence and we are going to be able to provide a ministerial assistant who speaks German to assist John. Then, by the time Mr. Schnee is able to return to Düsseldorf, we will have two ministers and a strong ministerial assistant (perhaps a Local Elder) to help develop the German Churches. The results should be even more growth.

Passover statistics are now in for most of the foreign areas and the growth ratio is inspiring. The following shows the number of members taking the Passover and the number of people present on the first Holy Day. We have also included a percentage of increase over last year.

Area	Passover	1st Holy Day
England	1567 7%	2469 6%
Canada	3055 27%	5668 15%
Australia	2074 8%	3452 4%
New Zealand	242 23%	393 26%
Philippines (Manila)	296 9%	595 38%
(Urdaneta)	124 1.5%	200 4%
South Africa	361 17%	650 18%
Geneva	95 25%	143 19%
Paris	165 2%	245 -7%
Martinique	69 23%	141 12%
Barbados	117 0%	240 6%
Trinidad	47 (1st Passover)	
Mexico City	27	46

Argentina	
Bahia Blanca	10
Buenos Aires	1
Chile (Santiago)	35
Uruguay (Paysandu)	6

By now I think everyone knows that Mr. Bass has made application for a renewal of his work permit in Barbados, but we have had some disturbing developments in that situation. His work permit expires on the 19th of April, and on the 1st and 8th of April a series of articles entitled, "Where Is Garner Ted Armstrong?" appeared in a cheap Barbados weekly. It actually accuses us of teaching our young men "espionage" in the Spokesman Club! As sensitive as these Caribbean Islands are about this type of thing, you can see this is dynamite. We want to ask all of you to pray fervently that God would intervene for Mr. Bass and give him favor in the eyes of the authorities. If his work permit is denied, there will be a church of 200 people who have no pastor, and the church will then only meet occasionally as someone is able to come through Barbados.

It would be especially tragic at this time for Mr. Bass to be unable to continue there. We are in need of a mail office in the Caribbean and we're just getting ready for an expansion involving two more resident ministers in the area. We are getting a good response from our radio stations, and the Caribbean people are proving very responsive to the truth of God. Please pray about the matter and we'll keep you informed.

Elsewhere the news is encouraging, and we are starting to do some planning for the Foreign Work in a way that we've never been able to do before. I think the result will not only be increased growth, but a more thorough job being done even within that growth.

LETTER EXCERPTS

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marize: I had lost "faith." Believe me, you need not worry about my tithe. It will arrive every week from now on. If God is willing I shall endeavor to make up the rough amount of \$60 in tithes which I didn't pay God's Work.

— Neal E. H., Sanford, Maine

General Comments

A copy of your booklet titled *Crime Can Be Stopped — Here's How* was given to me by the Omaha, Nebraska Police Department. I would like to express my opinion that it is one of the finest up-to-date, down-to-earth booklets that I have read on the terrifying rise in our crime wave. This booklet should be read by every

household. My congratulations! If it is possible, I would like to request 20 additional copies so that I might pass them out to our Operating Committee, so that it might help me in our newly acquired security department. Thank you in advance.

— The Coca-Cola Company Foods Division,
Al Cooper, Manager of Security,
Houston, Texas

May I request another copy of *Managing Your Personal Finances*? I had a much used copy which I loaned to a fellow staff member when he was in need to resource material on budgeting. He used the booklet as he presented a short course session on family budgeting in the northern sandhills area of our state. Someone must have been impressed by the material, or had a very great need in their financial management, because the booklet was "lifted" during a coffee break!

— Mrs. Ruth C., North Platte, Nebraska

Sir: Please kindly listen to what my trembling voice. In our dark area the inhabitants are uncivilised tribe. We never heard that the True Church and a true magazine from outside. So the Lord revealed my heart that I hope there will be the truth and the one True Church. So I step to the Truth that by baptizing into Jesus' name and after four years I observed the Holy Sabbath without the Church name. In 1969 I converted the Church name the Church of God after reading Truth from the (magazine) trait of America.

We stand the Church members about 300 here, but we are not founded from other. S.O.S. Relieve us by the money 25 dollars monthly to look after the Church. After sometime you will receive back. Remember us, our humble ministry. In 1970 we have the Church Assembly. So, I was ordained as the pastor but we can not well run the ministry due to financial difficulties. In our area famine fall greatly.

1. (25 dollars). If you can send us 25 dollars we will be yours.
2. Send the scripture Bible School regularly.
3. Please send your magazine.
 - (i) The Wonder World Tomorrow
 - (ii) The Plain Truth

Your love in His Service,
— H. T., Sangau, India

"WHAT ABOUT INVESTING IN THE STOCK MARKET?"

Occasionally members seek advice on what to do with their money, particularly of late, having the stock market in mind. We have asked Hod Pomeroy, our expert on the stock market who is handling the Work's portfolio of investments, to give some basic guidelines which will help you when asked to give investment advice.

Prudence and balance should be the keynote in making financial decisions. In making long-range financial plans, well-defined GOALS are necessary. Priorities must be calculated. For example, an *emergency fund* of at least two months' gross salary should first be saved.

Then come longer range considerations such as saving for a home, a college education for the children or a retirement fund. These goals can only be realized by carefully planning ahead financially!

Has the member seeking investment advice first made these plans? The stock market should not even be considered unless it fits into the long-range objectives described above.

The average church member does not have an adequate savings account and certainly little or no experience with the stock market. As a general guideline then, anyone with less than \$2,000 in the bank should stay away from stocks and continue a sound bank savings program. The person with meager funds in the stock market is forced to take *big risks* because all he can afford is low priced speculative stocks. And he usually loses his money.

For those few individuals with funds above this \$2,000 cash reserve and with well-planned financial objectives, investment in *carefully selected* common stocks *could be* considered if competent counsel is available. On the other hand, anyone out to speculate or turn a "fast buck" should stay out of the market entirely, no matter how much money he has. The greed and lust of the speculator and "fast buck man" is obviously contrary to God's law.

To conclude, the best advice we can give is not to put your *faith* in gold, silver, stocks or even bank accounts. Attitude is of primary concern. The stock market, like any other investment, is only helpful if used properly. Even savings are only a *tool* to accomplish prudent, unselfish goals in life. Whenever one's wealth becomes more to him than that, it only tends to avarice, lust and idolatry.

— Hod Pomeroy

BASIC ADVICE FOR THOSE FEW STILL INTENT ON INVESTING IN THE STOCK MARKET

- I. Write down investment objectives
 - A. Eventual use of money
 1. Children's college education
 2. Purchase of a home, etc.
 - B. Approximate time before need
- II. Contact a reputable stock brokerage firm. Merrill-Lynch is the biggest firm, with many built in restraints and well-trained men
 - A. Importance of stating objectives to broker so he will think in *your* terms
- III. Study research reports from brokerage firm on the stocks recommended by broker
- IV. Actual investment
 - A. *Longer-term* investment for greatest sustained return
 - B. Don't trade in and out of stocks
 - C. Must have unselfish attitude — avoid all "fast-buck" thinking
 - D. Only invest as much as you can afford to LOSE!
- V. Recommended reading
 - A. *The Wall Street Journal*

FINANCIAL "NEWS LETTERS"

Some of our members have also sought advice about subscribing to various financial "News Letters" available in the United States today. Following are evaluations of various services which give investor advice. They were done by Gary Alexander, Associate Editor of *The PLAIN TRUTH* and student of financial affairs, who has for years read the writings of these men. However, as Gary will advise, members who might be prone to make investments in securities, etc., should be *very cautious* in relying too much on such news letters.

MYERS — \$85/yr. Calgary, Canada (*Monetarist-Philosopher*)

For six years, C. Vernon Myers has been predicting the imminent fall of all monies, and the subsequent upward worth of gold and silver. He has always said "3 to 6 months" will bring the apocalypse. Someday he'll be right, but he's been wrong dozens of times.

Myers especially encouraged the purchase and storage of silver bullion. The silver buffs bought the bullion at about \$2.50 to \$2.60 an ounce, and it has since been cut in half, down to its pre-float level of \$1.30. There were convincing arguments and charts to back their beliefs, but we can now see it didn't work due to greater philosophical trends — the total demonetization of silver.

Much of this investment was bought through Swiss banks on margin — that is, with just a portion of the worth paid by the investor. If the margin was 25%, the investor paid \$625 for 1,000 ounces of silver (at \$2.50 oz.). If the silver went up 25% in worth, the man's investment doubled, but if it sank 25% in worth, the man's investment was wiped out. This is precisely what caused the 1929 Stock Market depression — buying on margin. Today, stock margins are at a minimum 55% cash, so margin buying is not an imminent problem with stocks, but *commodities* are still bought on margins as low as 10%. Commodities are a very volatile investment and can wipe you out in a day!

Myers is a conservative philosopher, and this is what many church members like best about him. He represents the farmer, the hunter, the free spirit, State's Rights, the Puritan Work Ethic, and all the other mainstays of Middle America (and Middle Canada, from which he writes). He waxes eloquent like a Nouveau Thoreau on his page 1 essay, with titles like "Thinking Things Over" or "On Birds." It's really *all* for the birds!

THE HARRY SCHULTZ LETTER — \$145/yr. London, England (*a "Jet-set Monetarist"*)

Dr. Schultz commands a more sophisticated and affluent crowd than Myers, but his message overlaps at least 75% of the time with Myers'. Schultz is not high on silver, but he is high on *gold*, gold mining stocks (esp. South Africa's Kaffirs), undervalued currencies, bonds, blue chips, and multi-nationals. His record for investment is much better than Myers', except for gold and silver. Like Myers, his letter for six years has been warning of the imminent revaluation of gold, to at least \$70 an ounce, and more likely \$100 to \$140.

Schultz presents some sound economics, but errs on some way-out prophecies. The government's "conspiracy" to give us red money instead of greenbacks is one. More generally, he constantly predicts wide increases in gold and wide declines in the Dow Jones Industrials, or 12% unemployment around the corner, or 12% inflation, then 50%, etc. He often overstates the facts.

Schultz is much more valuable to read than Myers, since Schultz is more worldly-wise. He personally knows leading economists and finance ministers; he is a good journalist, has perspective, and is consistent within his philosophy.

He is definitely worth reading, but not worth believing. He has the disconcerting habit of stating as **FACT** what a discriminating reader *knows* is wrong, so therefore, what one doesn't know is suspect.

RUNDT'S WEEKLY INTELLIGENCER — \$250/yr. New York City (*An Advisor to multi-national corporations*)

The *Rundt Intelligencer* was the first investment letter subscribed to by the News Bureau, based on an interview with Mr. Rundt by Gene Hogberg and Eugene Walter several years ago. This letter is a 24-page weekly, divided into a 6-page commentary on the dollar and the American economy, followed by an 18-page summary of the currencies of most major foreign lands (about 30 per week). This includes trade, debt, inflation, money supply, government stability, etc.

Rundt's letter is definitely not practical for any American private investor, or church member. It is designed for financial vice presidents of multi-national companies who have to deal daily with the stability of foreign currencies. It may be of use to currency speculators as well. The commentary beginning each letter is fundamentalist economics, often with anti-dollar or anti-U. S. statements.

THE CHARLES NEAL LETTER — \$48/yr. San Juan Capistrano, Calif. (*Fundamentalist Investor*).

Charles Neal is a valuable economics letter. He is a former CBS Economics Editor, but now privately incorporated. He writes a 6-page bi-weekly report, with about half of it devoted to commentary on the U. S. economy (many valuable insights) and the second half on specific investments. He tends to be over-bullish on the stock market, and has a "mixed" record of success on the market, since he usually does what the crowd *doesn't* do. He has quoted *The PLAIN TRUTH* twice and is favorable to our viewpoints.

KIPLINGER — \$24/yr. Washington, D. C. (*A Sage of Smooth Sayings*).

Austen Kiplinger is the dean of Washington economic sages. He writes mainly to businessmen and executives in America. He writes a simple four-page summary of "what you should plan — what you should not plan" basic advice. He's made money saying the same thing for decades, without ever giving any understanding of the reason why. Of limited use.

PACKING & MOVING INSTRUCTIONS

The Transportation Department extends its hearty thanks for the cooperation of all those who have been transferred during the past year. We have moved about eighty households during the past ten months and the success of this operation is largely due to the splendid cooperation and flexibility of those we are moving.

Many more of you may soon be receiving notice of transfer, so perhaps a few tips would be helpful in facilitating your packing and moving.

Wardrobe cartons are available at all moving and storage companies and are not very expensive. This would be an ideal way to pack hanging clothing as it is both fast and avoids the problems of wrinkles.

Other packing cartons and materials are also available through moving companies, although suitable cartons may be obtained elsewhere. Good quality cartons will make your move easier and safer, so it pays to be selective. It is also very helpful to have all cartons sealed and individually labeled with your name and destination.

Spokesmans Club help has been a tremendous boost in the loading and unloading operation and has saved the Work of God thousands of dollars through volunteer labor.

Generally three to five volunteer workers is adequate, unless you have an unusual loading situation involving a lot of stairs or a long carry. In most instances the quality of volunteer help has been very good, but here it will also pay you to be selective. We will try our best to insure that your belongings are moved smoothly and safely, but damage can and does occur on occasion, so please bear with us.

Inflammable items which are found around most households, such as cleaning fluids, matches, charcoal briquets, paint, thinner, etc., should be discarded or given away as they are categorized by I. C. C. as hazardous materials.

Although we have made a few exceptions, it is generally not possible to move food freezers unless they are empty. It is especially difficult and risky when the trucks are moving several households at one time and have tight schedules to meet.

One other very important point is to please fill out promptly the "Movers' Estimate" which will be sent to those being transferred. This is extremely important to us as we cannot effectively

plan our loads and schedules without knowledge of the size and nature of your household.

If any of you have specific questions relative to moving and packing, please feel free to write or call the Transportation Department. Again, thanks to all of you who have cooperated so fully in accomplishing a difficult job.

AUTO REPAIR PRICES

Each month when you turn in your monthly fleet auto report we check over all maintenance costs. We have noticed that some of you are paying more than the *suggested* manufacturer's retail price for automobile parts.

To help everyone keep tabs on their auto expenses, an itemized list is presented here with the manufacturer's suggested retail prices for parts and suggested charges for labor. Prices will vary to some degree depending on your geographical location, so these prices are given merely as a guidelines. In each case it may be a small amount that you will save, such as 25-30 cents per spark plug, but multiplied by 300-plus cars per year they make our widows' mites for the Fleet maintenance budget.

In some cases, dealerships will give us a 10 or 20% *fleet discount* on service work if they know we are a national fleet account. Please ask your service manager about this when taking your car in for repairs and, if a letter or other identification is required, please let us know.

SUGGESTED PRICES ON PARTS

CHRYSLER Mfg'r's Retail	Points	\$3.90
Spark Plugs .. ea. \$1.35	Condenser	\$1.35
Oil Filter	Rotor	\$9.98
Air Filter		
Points		
Condenser		
Rotor		

FORD & MERC

Stand. Plugs .. ea. \$1.35	
Resistor Plugs .. ea. \$1.65	
Oil Filter	\$4.30
Air Filter	
FA-41	\$5.30
FA-50	\$4.95

GENERAL MOTORS

Stand. Spark Plugs	ea. \$1.35
Alniter Plugs (Resistor) ..	ea. \$1.68
Oil Filters	
Chev., Buick,	
Olds., Pontiac	\$4.55
Air Filters	
Chev.	\$5.69
Buick	\$6.45
Olds., Pontiac	\$6.47
Points	\$3.90
Condenser	\$1.36
Rotor	\$1.80

SUGGESTED LABOR CHARGES (Average for all cars)

Minor Engine Tune-up	\$24.00
Major Engine Tune-up (includes carburetor overhaul)	\$40.00
Complete Brake Job (w/disc brakes)	\$70.00
Complete Wheel Cylinder Overhaul	extra \$20.00
Oil Filter (Labor)	\$2.00-2.70
Oil Change Labor	\$1.80-2.00
Complete Service Labor (includes oil change & oil labor, oil filter & labor, complete lube maintenance)	\$20.00