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## H.W.A. DIARY

by Robert E. Fahey

On Sunday, July 26, our party, including Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown and Lawrence Harlington, flew north to Scotland. It was an absolutely perfect day to visit one of the most beautiful parts of Britain. The sun was shining brightly on the checkerboard fields and meadows while the graceful Scottish mountains stood respectfully in the background. It was the kind of scene that makes you want to take up painting, hiking or photography.

We were met at Glasgow's airport by Colin and Sylvia Wilkins, Paul and Jane Suckling and a kilt-clad piper playing "Scotland the Brave"! It took almost an hour's drive to reach our S.E.P. site on the "bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond." The camp is basically a tent city with one or two "caravans" (trailers) for staff. The children come from all parts of Britain, a few from Germany and Holland and even a contingent from NIGERIA! Funds from the United States help subsidize the program which is one three-week session per year.

As their car drove up to the camp, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were welcomed by the cheering campers. After leaving their car, the Armstrongs were officially welcomed by Paul Suckling, camp director, who presented Mr. Armstrong with a book of greetings signed by all the people at the camp. Mrs. Armstrong was given a Scottish pottery coffee set. Mr. Armstrong thanked everyone for the warm welcome and asked several questions about camp life. There was not time to speak to the group because a combined meeting for all church members was scheduled for that day. But he did talk with them for a "wee while" before being given a tour of the campsite.

In one of the tents we had a quick lunch of smoked Scottish salmon (what else?) and cold meats and salad. Then we drove to Milngavie (pronounced Mul-guy) for the special service.

We arrived later than planned. But the 717 brethren had been looking forward to Mr. Armstrong's visit for years and one more hour didn't seem to matter to most.

When Mr. Armstrong began I was all prepared to hear about the two trees once more. But I was in for a surprise. The beauty and blessings that we had seen seemed to inspire Mr. Armstrong to the sobering awareness that the national sins of the House of Joseph would cause God to remove the peace and prosperity from our peoples. "Britain and the United States are going down! And OUT!!" he thundered. "Like Elijah, I say to you, if God be God, GET OVER ON HIS SIDE! If this is God's Church, GET OVER ON HIS SIDE!" Then he went on to show that as Zerubbabel had prepared a physical temple among physical Israel for the physical Jesus to come to, so he was called to prepare a

spiritual temple (the Church) of spiritual Israelites for the resurrected SPIRITUAL CHRIST to come to and make His own.

It was a complete contrast to the message he had given the day before in London. Since both were recorded, all the Churches in Britain will receive both messages from God's Apostle which were specifically for them.

We flew back to London that night.

The next day was a "free" day. That usually means just a different type of work. It is a day to get your laundry in order, communicate with Pasadena and prepare for the next few days' activities, though Ev and I did meet Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong in the sock department of Harrods!

Tuesday was the British ministerial conference. Mr. Armstrong arrived a few minutes late, because he sat up very late the night before reading about the Royal Family in the various publications that had been prepared for the Royal Wedding.

He began by commenting on how surprised he was to see such a large crowd. To him, it did not seem to be that long ago since he was the only minister in the Church.

Mr. HWA then said that he wondered why Britain had decided to have such an expensive wedding when the country was experiencing such economic difficulties. He felt Mrs. Thatcher's government thought the enormous cost of the wedding was necessary because high unemployment, riots against police, hunger strikes in Northern Ireland, high inflation and dissatisfaction with Mrs. Thatcher's policies for dealing with these problems was on everyone's mind. The people needed a shot in the arm to take their minds off these troubles. The pomp and pageantry of a Royal Wedding as only Britain could stage, would do it.

He continued to explain that governments of men want to control what their people think. That is the reason why they maintain control over radio and television, as in Britain and Europe, so that we are unable to air our broadcast on commercial stations here as we do in other places. The governments want only churches that they approve or control to teach religion.

He spent the rest of the morning explaining how God's government works. He said many had wanted to do what was right in their own eyes. That is not God's government. Mr. HWA can't do what he wants. He must do what Christ wants. He said that all the troubles we have had with ministers over the years have come because they did not agree with the government of God. There is GOVERNMENT in God's Church. Those who don't agree with it eventually leave.

At one point, Mr. Armstrong left the platform to have a rest. After he sat offstage for awhile and had a glass of water, he continued for the remainder of the day.

After lunch in one of the main function rooms of the Dorchester Hotel where the conference was held, Mr. Armstrong introduced me to take the first part of the session. I explained that the Church of God has SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE given to it by Christ through the government He established in His Church. Carnal men, without access to God's mind, are no guide to God's ministry to serve God's people. Too many have been fascinated by the marriage and coun-

selling ideas of this world and tried to bring them into God's Church. Anyone doing that does not realize he has been given the pearl of great price. I explained this was Paul's message in the book of Colossians and gave an overview of the book.

I then showed what it means to be "back on the tracks." The ministry is to teach God's Word and teach it FAITHFULLY. Christ said the words that He spoke came directly from the Father. He gave them to the apostles. The apostles passed them on faithfully to the ministry and the members. When our congregations today receive God's Word through Christ, through the Apostle, through the ministry exactly as God gave it, the Church is on the track. When a minister dilutes or distorts it in any way, then his congregation is off the track. I ended, of course, with II Timothy 4:1-5: "Preach the word"!

Mr. Armstrong returned to the stage. My presentation had sparked a number of thoughts in his mind. "I wish I could speak for another five to six hours," he said. He did speak for two hours straight, sticking once again to the trunk of the trees. All mankind has been cut off from spiritual knowledge since the Garden of Eden. Now the Church has been called out, given God's Spirit and an opportunity to qualify to rule with Christ over the nations.

God's Law does not teach us how to deal with things. It shows us how to get along with other people (including our mates) and how to relate to God and stay under His government. When Paul said in Colossians 2:10 that "You are COMPLETE in Him," he meant those who had God's Holy Spirit had a complete mind. Those without God's Spirit are not all there! The human mind is INCOMPLETE without spiritual knowledge.

He finished the meeting by reminding us all to serve as well as we can where we are. "God looks to see how well you do the job He has given you to do. He can give you more to do when He wants to."

Just before the meeting closed, Frank Brown presented Mr. Armstrong with a beautiful set of 12 crystal glasses which had been engraved with the Armstrong crest.

That evening was the fireworks display before the Royal Wedding. My room at the Dorchester overlooked Hyde Park where the display was held. So everyone came to the room for the show--Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, Roy McCarthy, Bryan Mathie, Andre Van Belkum (from South Africa), Frank and Sharon Brown, Melvin and Diane Rhodes, Aaron and Michelle Dean, and three or four more I did not recognize! What a display to see right outside your window!

I am typing this in Paris on an Italian typewriter built for France. The first two pages I typed in Bonn on a German IBM. In Germany someone decided that it would be better if the Y and the Z were reversed. In France the Y is where it should be but the Z and the W are reversed as are the Q and the A. The M is where the semicolon ought to be. The period is upper case only. In Germany the numbers are lower case, in France upper case. All other keys are wherever you find them. Many weird and wonderful symbols are also scattered over the keyboard. One actually frowns at me. It has the umlaut upper case and the circumflex lower case. This is a part of the patience of the saints.

Wednesday was the Royal Wedding. We all watched it!

That afternoon, Dr. McCarthy gave Mr. Armstrong a presentation on God's Work in Southern Africa. Having been involved in the area for so many years,

Evelyn and I took great interest in what Roy had to say. Dit gaan goed! (It's going well!) Highlights will be given after we return to Pasadena. The South Africans brought a beautifully crocheted tablecloth for Mrs. Armstrong. It contained 777 large, round medallions and 720 small ones. There were 12.5 MILES of No. 60 thread in the cloth and it took 1,200 hours to make!

During the presentation Roy asked about the "open door" policy in the Church. Mr. HWA said he did not want the closed door to be too exclusive. But our services are not public meetings. It is not a place for the general public, especially those who are hostile. If people are curious and ask to attend it is difficult to say no. If he knows such people are attending, the pastor may decide to alter the sermon a bit. It is best if such people only attend for one week--if that is possible.

He reminded Roy that we are not hostile to the public--as God is not hostile to them. He gave His Son for all mankind. We must use wisdom in how we handle these situations. He said that God is not calling the world at this time. God "closed the door" to the Holy Spirit to Adam and all his children, except those He would specifically call out of the world. Mr. Armstrong said he wondered how many of our members really understand that the natural human mind can only comprehend physical knowledge. The world has NO spiritual knowledge since the Garden of Eden! He said the Church must see that the human mind without God's Spirit is only half there! Do you? Does the congregation you serve?

Thursday was spent packing for the flight to the Continent. Mr. Armstrong had an appointment at 10 a.m. with Mr. Walter Nelson who requested to see him while he was in London. Mr. Nelson has been involved in one or two projects with the Church in England. At 11 a.m. Mr. Brown stopped by to show HWA prospective sites for relocating the British office once the press is sold. At 12:15 we were travelling to Luton Airport for the flight to Bonn, West Germany.

Herr Schnee and his wife were there to meet us, as were the Karlsons. Herr Hennig had arranged for the smoothest border formalities we have had so far this trip. We were treated like a domestic flight--no passports or customs.

On Friday morning Mr. Bram De Bree gave Mr. Armstrong and me an overview of God's Work in the Dutch language. Bram and his wife were in Bonn to attend the special Sabbath service for German and Dutch brethren the next day. Bram explained that Holland's population is 14 million and that Holland is only 1/13 the size of California. You can put 134 Hollands into the United States. One-half of the population lives in one large urban area that includes Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague. In all, 22 million Europeans speak Dutch. Like Britain there is no commercial radio or television available. More details will come later.

Friday afternoon Mr. Armstrong and the rest of the party drove to the office in Bonn for a tour and the German presentation. The office is located on a beautiful tree-lined avenue in a prestige area of Bonn. It has four levels so we had to go up and down stairs to see everything--and Mr. Armstrong wanted to see everything! On the top floor Herr Schnee presented a report on the German-speaking area of God's Work. There are 90 million German-speaking people in Europe. They live in an area about the same size as Oregon. At present there are 14 churches and seven ministers. Interestingly, the next day, August 1, was EXACTLY 20 years since the first German PLAIN TRUTH

appeared and EXACTLY 19 years since the office opened in Germany! Once again, a more complete picture of the report will be given later.

After touring the German office we went to the Presse Haus. The German office maintains an office for Herr Hennig that gives us access to press functions in Germany and worldwide. That office arranged for Gene Hogberg to attend the recent Economic Summit in Ottawa.

One other event of note happened that day. Mr. Armstrong completed his 89th year and began his 90th!

Sabbath, August 1, was a very special Sabbath. It was the first time Mr. Armstrong had spoken to the Church in Europe since he opened the Feast at Praz-sur-Arly in 1970. Also, it was the first time he was heard in three languages simultaneously--Dutch, German and English. The members had small cordless FM receivers that had two channels. The sets are 1/2 inch by 1 inch by 4 inches. On each side there is a plastic arm containing an earphone that fits into the ear so that the unit hangs under the chin. Everyone heard in their own language!

For the hymns, the 886 of us had the same music to sing--but three different sets of words! We figured God could sort it out!

Mr. Armstrong began by saying, "Why are there so many religions but only one God? It all began back in the Garden of Eden when Adam chose to take knowledge production to himself." He said the tree of life is open to you and me--we will be kings and priests teaching the way of God to all people--and that is WONDERFUL!

That evening a dinner was arranged for all the ministers and their wives and key office staff. There were over 50 of us around one huge table. It was one of those nights when everything goes right. Mr. Armstrong stood and talked with several people before we sat down. Once we were seated the conversation was lively, first between small groups and from time to time the whole table joined in. We were in fact, one big FAMILY!

I will have to complete this next week.

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#### REPORT FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

I have just been briefed by Budget Director George Birdwell and Accounting Department Manager Fred Stevens on the July 1981 figures. Shortly after each month, they brief me in great detail, to show how we did for the month just ended. They give me a computer printout showing all income by source, as well as all expenditures by corporation and by department. This printout, on legal-size paper, is 1-3/4" thick.

In addition, I am given a comprehensive analysis of this information in a smaller report. This report gives an evaluation of each major item and why there is a variation up or down from the budgeted figures. These reports give us a very detailed picture of how things are going financially in the U.S. Also, our international accountant, Clark Miller, compiles figures sent in from around the world, which is also included in the report.

Let me say that things are going very well at present. The income in the U.S. through the month of July is 18.4% ahead of last year for the same period. This is slightly less than my last report of 19% but still very good. It had dropped even more, earlier in July. Obviously, most of the membership have been taking Mr. Armstrong's member/co-worker letters to heart. Their generosity and dedication are indeed inspiring to me.

On the expense side of the ledger, most departments are well within budget. Only a few are over budget, and in such cases there are good reasons why. We still fully expect a balanced budget at the end of the year with a nice amount left over for reserves. In the past a few departments were unpredictable, and management had little control. Such areas have either been eliminated or are being phased out. Now there is teamwork and cooperation between departments and management, which produces such a good financial picture.

You all should have received your raise by now if you are in the U.S. ministry. There are a few exceptions still being processed. In addition, Mr. Armstrong has approved raises for other employees, which are in the process of being implemented. We all should be thankful to the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ, for making this possible.

In addition, increased funds are now going into producing more PLAIN TRUTHS and for the purchase of more radio and television time. We are hoping to increase this even more in the coming weeks and months.

Please pray that Christ will continue to bless His Work with a good and even increasing income, as well as a spirit of unity and teamwork, so that we can complete the Work that we have been called to do.

--Leroy Neff, Treasurer

#### FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

#### Appreciation for the Refresher Program

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

My wife and I have just returned from the 12th session of the Ministerial Refresher Program. What a pleasure it was to be in Pasadena again, especially since you were there as well. This was the first time that my wife and I had been to Pasadena when we actually hated to leave, even after three weeks! The refresher course seemed more like a Feast of Tabernacles with the harmony we experienced. It was truly a joy!

We are very happy that you are now in Pasadena. It is so reassuring to know that you are indeed making the daily decisions for this great Work. Your very presence on campus made the refresher course even more exciting, and your visit to our class was truly the highlight of the three weeks. "Thank you" seems to be so inadequate for all that you have done for us, but please know that we really mean it. We feel extremely privileged to have shared in this great Work with you! Our prayers go with you each day as you do God's Work. We are behind you 100%!

Jim and Sharron Franks

Dear Mr. Tkach:

Please accept our belated but very sincere thanks for the privilege of attending the 12th refresher programme.

It is difficult to express in words the tremendous impact that the programme has had on us, especially so since it was our first experience of campus life. Everyone we talked to; the students, the faculty members, the department heads and certainly all of those who taught us, were so very very supportive of Mr. Armstrong and so positive in everything they said. One could not help but be left with a great feeling of confidence that Mr. Armstrong has definitely got the right team around him.

Thank you for the instruction you gave us, the good care you took of us and the wonderful times we had.

George and Isobel Delap

Dear Mr. Tkach:

What a pleasure it was for my wife and me to attend the 12th session of the refresher program! This is truly the best thing we have done for the ministers since I have been in the Work. It was so good to be taught by men who were so totally dedicated to the Work of God--men who answered questions for you rather than creating them.

Every aspect of the program was first class--the food we ate, the sports activities, and social functions, not to mention the classes themselves. We all learned a great deal and we wanted to thank you for your part in helping to make it all possible.

Jim and Sharron Franks

Dear Mr. Tkach:

Greetings from New York! We just wanted to send you a short note of thanks for allowing us the privilege of attending the Ministerial Refresher Program. Although we've been back home here for nearly two months, we've only begun to "digest" all the material that was presented to us. It truly was an all-around feast! The classes were packed so full of useful material that we had to really work hard to get it all down. Now comes the difficult part of putting it into practice in our own lives and then teaching others.

Please pass on our thanks to our other instructors as well. Each one of them added a vital and interesting dimension to the session. We count it a tremendous blessing to be a small part of this great Work that God is doing through His Apostle.

Dave and Pam Myers

#### Comments From Monthly Church Reports

NASHVILLE, TN--JAMES L. FRIDDLE: Many in the Nashville area have told me they literally cried for joy when they watched Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's first telecast over WTVF-TV, channel 5, Nashville on July 5. We are receiving more PM letters than in the past. Four were baptized in June.

CLARKSBURG, WV--DAVID M. JOHNSON: We really appreciated Mr. Armstrong's last sermon tape. He really sounds great and like he is really on top of things. The new telecasts are exceptional. Three of our four local church elders have been able to attend the Ministerial Refresher Program and they all came back enthused and deeply grateful for the opportunity to take part in it.

BALTIMORE, MD--ROY DEMAREST: Several people have been seeking reinstatement who left church years ago. Good steady flow of PM's last two months. Mr. Armstrong's telecasts are bringing good responses.

CHATTANOOGA-COPPERHILL, TN--WILLIAM C. COWAN, JR.: It is evident that God is pouring out His Holy Spirit in the area. We are having more spiritual depth and growth than I have ever witnessed before. There seems to be a JOY and PEACE over all of God's people here. Definitely a renewed spirit of unity and harmony, and it is exciting! I feel that the PM's are more receptive as a whole. I really cannot pinpoint where the information is coming from to them except via the PT, for we virtually don't have any telecast or broadcast coverage in these areas.

KINGSPORT, TN--GEORGE ELKINS: We are all thrilled with the opportunity of seeing and hearing from Mr. Armstrong in person! I know this will be a TREMENDOUS boost and blessing to all the brethren in this area! God is truly pouring out His blessings on us by giving His apostle the power and strength to make so many trips to the outlying church areas! GOD-SPEED!

COLUMBUS (AM), OH--ROBERT DICK: Mr. Armstrong's visit to Cincinnati was highly appreciated by everyone from elders to new members! His fatherly approach, his concern and relentless preaching of God's Word inspires all.

PARKERSBURG, WV--STEVE BOTHA: Very high percentage of people went to Cincinnati to see and hear Mr. Armstrong. The response was superb and the event proved to be a wonderfully inspiring event.

NORFOLK, VA--DANIEL C. HALL: Everyone seems positive and actively studying the many helpful articles in the PT and GN. PM activity is constant. However, new people are very cautious and are proving the truth before attending. Some prospectives of several months ago are now attending regularly.

SOMERSET, KY--MEL DAHLGREN: The PT newsstand program is growing even faster now. More want to be involved. These cardboard boxes should open a whole new dimension of personal involvement for the brethren.

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

#### AMBASSADOR COLLEGE STUDENT DIES

Bart Boyer died in the early afternoon on August 5th after having remained in the hospital in a coma for about two weeks. His mother, a Church member, has been at his bedside for most of the time. His body is being shipped back to Pennsylvania where he will be buried.

An article on his life will be in the next issue of the PORTFOLIO and a plaque in memory of Bart will be put up in the Frontier Room in Ambassador

Hall. I wish to thank all of the ministers and members for their concern and prayers on Bart's behalf during this ordeal in the hospital. Please continue to remember Mrs. Boyer and other members of the family in your prayers.

--Raymond F. McNair, Deputy Chancellor

### FROM THE MAIL PROCESSING CENTER

#### 433% Increase in Calls Over July 1980!

The month of July brought a most encouraging response to the telecast compared to last year. The number of calls was up 433% over July 1980! Also, the year-to-date increase for television response (phone calls only) is 242% over the first seven months of last year.

As Mr. Armstrong continues to preach powerfully, personally endorse the literature and encourage viewers to call, response keeps climbing.

#### Protestant Minister Acknowledges Truth

A minister of a Protestant denomination recently called in admitting that his church's doctrines were in error. He became an avid viewer of The WORLD TOMORROW telecast last December and by April had become a co-worker. To date he has received dozens of the Church's publications including THE INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL, WHICH DAY IS THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH, and WHAT DO YOU MEAN SALVATION? In his most recent call he requested all of Mr. Armstrong's literature so he could teach his congregation from it.

#### What People Comment About

Often our ministers ask us what people comment about when they write to the Work. The following list shows the ten categories mentioned most frequently during the first six months of 1981.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Percentage of Total</u>
1. Encouragement to Mr. Armstrong	20%
2. PLAIN TRUTH	11%
3. Church/Work	9%
4. Co-worker Letters	7%
5. Literature (including books)	7%
6. Radio	5%
7. GOOD NEWS	5%
8. YOUTH 81	4%
9. Television	4%
10. Ministers	4%

The vast majority of comments (almost 98%) were positive and in support of the Work.

#### Weekly Letter Comments

Comments received in the mail this week include the following inspiring letters.

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

### Enthusiasm for German Visit

The reason I am writing this note is to let you know that I, together with, I am sure, all other members of God's Church in Germany, Austria and Switzerland, am overjoyed at the prospect of your visit to Bonn. May God give you a safe and comfortable journey, vigorous health and spiritual inspiration!

In January your envoy, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, fired us all with "spiritual rocket fuel," and I am sure we will have a "spiritual lift off" when God's apostle himself appears. We are looking forward to the greatest event in the history of Germany!

E.W. (Wachtberg-Pech, W. Germany)

### Third Tithe Blessings

I work in construction which has its ups and downs. The owner of our company, and the whole crew (of which I am the foreman), are in the Church. This year three of us are in our third tithe year. The company has been tremendously blessed and we've just had our best June in the last ten years.

This is our third third tithe year and we've never wanted or lacked any necessary thing in any one of them. Even our thirteen-year-old car, with 169,000 miles on it, has, just like the soles of the Israelites' shoes while they wandered in the wilderness, not worn out. God's giving way really works!

Mr. & Mrs. P.C. (Northport, N.Y.)

### Broadcast Leads to Baptism

Just a word to let you know how your Sunday morning broadcast helped me find the way to God's truth and the real Church of God. Most of the things you were saying sparked my interest enough to send for the literature you were offering. I say most, because as a "born again" Baptist Christian, there were some things that I was sure were pure heresy.

Nevertheless, God led me to inquire about a local church and pastor. With the minister's help and that of several members (but first and foremost the Bible), I was led to see and accept the truth of God's Word.

R.K. (Pittsburgh, PA)

### Mr. Waterhouse Inspires

Last Friday night, the churches in Hagerstown and Cumberland, Maryland and Winchester, Virginia had the privilege of hearing Mr. Gerald Waterhouse. Through his unique ability to portray God's Kingdom in vivid reality, Mr. Waterhouse gave us a glimpse of the Kingdom and the "hope of our calling." His dynamic message was truly a shot in the arm for all of us, and his up-to-date information from headquarters was also most welcome. Please convey to him our sincere appreciation for the inspiration he imparted to us all.

B.C. (Martinsburg, WV)

### Encouraged by Advertisements

We read your current advertisements in the Midwestern edition of the WALL STREET JOURNAL. They are certainly encouraging and refreshing. Seeing these advertisements in the world's most prestigious newspaper is like a blast of clean, fresh air in a foul, tense, troubled world. Our prayers are with you.

U.H. (Chicago, IL)

### PLAIN TRUTH Appreciated

I have been receiving The PLAIN TRUTH for sometime now, and would like to express my deepest appreciation to all concerned. The articles are very enlightening, educational and most of all, you write it as it is. To me, that is what makes it most interesting. There are many who read and benefit from your very informative magazine in my country. In fact, an article which was published in The PLAIN TRUTH on abortion was highlighted by one of our weekly newspapers. I especially enjoy the "Personals" and the articles relating to health and family life. The PLAIN TRUTH shall always be part of my literature.

B.T. (Trinidad, West Indies)

### ON THE WORLD SCENE

FOR SUPERPOWERS, ALLIES CAUSE STRESS The palliatives of the final communique of the Ottawa Summit have already begun to wear thin, especially between Washington and Bonn.

In the Canadian capital, Mr. Reagan told Chancellor Schmidt that he would not intervene to bring down U.S. interest rates, which suck deutschemarks out of Germany and deepen Bonn's serious current accounts deficit. The message to Mr. Schmidt was clear: go back home and slash the bundesbudget. That the Chancellor has done--but in the process, West German defense spending will be cut in real terms (allowing for inflation).

The White House has expressed a polite "regret" at the Chancellor's move. Pentagon officials, however, are reputed to be "deeply irritated" at Bonn's renegeing on a 1978 pledge by NATO countries to annually increase defense spending by three percent. They are worried that the German example may lead to "an unraveling" of defense commitments by other NATO partners. The move could also endanger Congressional approval of increased U.S. defense spending ("the Europeans are not doing their share," etc.).

The Chancellor's decision comes on top of a serious disagreement which came to the forefront at Ottawa, but was not resolved, at least to Washington's satisfaction. Mr. Reagan personally told Mr. Schmidt of his serious reservations over a massive \$15 billion Soviet-West European pipeline-and-gas project--perhaps the biggest deal in the history of East-West trade. The West Germans are to play the major Western role in the project.

Mr. Reagan could not convince Schmidt to reduce the scope of the project which, the U.S. president fears, could lead to dangerous German dependence upon Soviet fuel sources, and tug Bonn closer to Moscow politically.

Lastly, a West German public opinion poll revealed further bad news for Washington foreign policy framers. Nearly half the West German public would

rather submit to Soviet domination than defend democracy and risk nuclear war, the respected Allensbach Institute says in a report on a public opinion poll. The institute reported 48 percent of 1,300 people questioned in May said it was more important to preserve peace than risk a nuclear holocaust in defense of democracy.

Actually, the extent of "better Red than dead" sentiment this year was less than Allensbach's findings in surveys in 1976 and 1979, when 52 percent put peace ahead of resistance to the Russians.

But the findings, reports AP from Bonn, "come amid growing differences between the West German government and the Reagan Administration over defense spending and relations with the Soviet Union."

But if Bonn is giving Washington bad dreams, Warsaw is giving Moscow nightmares.

The Polish internal political revolution--compounded by the mounting crisis over food shortages--confronts the Soviets with an agonizing no-win situation. Considering what Moscow did in Czechoslovakia in 1968, it is almost incredible to comprehend how far Soviet patience has stretched with regard to Poland--a far more strategic satellite, sitting astride the traditional northern continental invasion route. Thus Poland is the keystone to both the Soviet Union's defense as well as its forward position (combined with East Germany) confronting NATO.

Political reforms have occurred at a dizzying speed in Poland during the year since the Gdansk shipyard demonstrations. Yet every change leads only to demands for more.

No one could possibly have foreseen a year ago that Moscow would tolerate the formation of a free trade union movement--in a supposedly "worker's state." Neither could anyone have foreseen that delegates to a Communist party convention would be selected by secret ballot--nor that the party boss himself at the congress would be selected by the same process.

Moscow, bogged down in Afghanistan and fearful of the grave consequences of direct intervention in Poland, has gritted its teeth and permitted all this to take place.

The Poles, of course could still bring Soviet wrath down on them if their revolution gets out of hand, if the Solidarity union fails to moderate its demands--especially so now, with the need to increase both prices and national output. Flora Lewis of the NEW YORK TIMES writes:

If the Poles hold their cool, and the Russians hold their tanks, and the Western banks hold their i.o.u.'s, then in a few years Poland may be able to demonstrate that there is a nonviolent way out of Soviet-imposed dictatorship....Then the rest of Eastern Europe will surely press to catch up. The coming generation of Soviet leaders cannot remain immune from the hopes....

Whatever happens, though, the clock can't be put back. One day Warsaw's special party congress, so ambiguous now, is bound to appear as an extraordinary milestone in the history of Communism. A transformation is coming, though no one can yet say whether it will be pacific or desperately destructive.

Walter C. Clemens, Jr. in the July 10, 1981 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR writes this:

Poland may well mark the beginning of the end for the Soviet empire. The most important link is the mailed vest guarding its western flank has become unhinged, portending an unraveling of the entire system.

The Kremlin finds itself in a no-win situation. To send troops against Poland would plunge all Europe into another Dark Ages; but nonintervention signals both a failure of will and of ability to control Eastern Europe....

Solidarity's transforming role, the revitalization of Poland's parliament, greater democracy within the party itself--all these and other changes underway in Poland will elicit a domino ripple throughout Eastern Europe and even the USSR. "If the Poles can do their thing, so can we." This line of thinking will spread from one erstwhile satellite to another.

And in the WALL STREET JOURNAL of July 14, 1981, Leopold Tyrmand writes about the importance of Catholic opposition to Marxist dogmatism in Poland.

...Whatever eventually happens in Poland will be of a magnitude comparable to the Russian revolution. The developments in Poland differ importantly from other milestones of rebellion within the post-war Soviet empire. Tito's sedition was a conflict of personalities....The Hungarian uprising was a romantic outburst of youth and army officers....The Czech rebellion was an intellectual mutiny, with no roots in the nation, which from the outset abjured confrontation with the Soviets.

What began in Gdansk, Poland, is the first authentic social upheaval on an all-national scale in a country ruled by a Communist Party on behalf of the Soviet Union. It challenged the absolutism of communist power....

...During the formative stages of the Solidarity movement, its key consultants and theorists were prominent representatives of the Catholic intelligentsia, not always acting in precise obedience to the church's guidelines.

No one in the West should be deluded: Solidarity is a Christian democratic political occurrence, all lip service to the communist raison d'etat notwithstanding. It is a phenomenon that surprises even the Poles themselves....The emergence of a powerful and highly intellectualized group that receives its inspiration from Catholicism and knows how to transmute religious ideology into modern political weaponry (and with explosive effects) is astounding....

Suddenly Catholicism relinquished the status of traditional form and became a hotbed of politicized thoughts, convictions and beliefs. This fatally undermined the communists' psychological infrastructure, a development that would have been impossible without the Catholic intelligentsia--the vital link between church and society.

The Soviet Union is in a peculiar position: Short of instigating a bloodbath it can do nothing. Most likely the Soviet leaders will

resort to the oldest Russian political wisdom, that time and intrigue will sooner or later bring results. But these events demonstrate for the first time that the Soviet empire must reform or perish.

How to deal with Poland? The present Soviet leaders seemingly do not know how. It will likely be up to a future generation of Soviet leadership, less personally identified with the traumas of the Second World War, to think their own revolutionary thoughts about Eastern Europe, perhaps to be willing to take a risk on a partial release of these captive states. In the current edition of FOREIGN AFFAIRS, Seweryn Bialer, in an article entitled "The Harsh Decade" writes concerning the U.S.S.R.'s immediate problems:

The dilemma and choices of the 1980s are harsher and more difficult than any faced by Soviet leaders since Stalin died. In all areas of domestic, military and foreign policy, the Soviet Union stands at a crossroads no less significant than at the end of the New Economic Policy in the late 1920s, and at the death of Stalin in 1953. As yet, Soviet policy is moving in accordance with the legacy of inertia of the 1970s.

We may expect, however, that this inertia will be interrupted in the 1980s, and that a new Soviet policy will start to emerge.

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