

PASTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

TO THE MINISTRY OF THE
WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD



VOL. 3, NO. 38

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

SEPTEMBER 18, 1981

NEWS FROM THE PASTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE

NEWS! We've got NEWS! Last Friday night at Bible Study Mr. Armstrong announced there will be an International Edition of The GOOD NEWS magazine!

On his recent trip to Europe Mr. Armstrong was told that many non-English speaking brethren have no access to The GOOD NEWS, The WORLDWIDE NEWS nor YOUTH 81. Some of our Regional Directors have tried to translate significant articles from these publications for the members in their areas. But the efforts greatly varied and absorbed the already over-strained resources of the language departments.

Various departments here in Pasadena joined efforts to see how we could provide each language section with a standard magazine that combines vital articles from all three publications. They suggested a 24-page, black and white edition of The GOOD NEWS entitled The GOOD NEWS OF TOMORROW'S WORLD. This title works best in the other languages.

The material from The GOOD NEWS in English can be translated well in advance. Same for material from YOUTH 81. The deadline for articles from The WORLDWIDE NEWS will have to be shorter to be certain the copy is still "newsy."

Dexter Faulkner, Managing Editor of the English GOOD NEWS, will be responsible for putting the new magazine together. That way each edition (German, French, Spanish and Dutch) will basically be the same. We want to "speak with one voice"--worldwide.

But each Regional Director will have a three-page "window" in each issue that could be used for items of local interest. This might take the form of a one-page article in The WORLDWIDE NEWS section or a two-page article in The GOOD NEWS section. Or even a three-page article using both. He may prefer to run the copy prepared for that section as is. The choice is up to him.

Here are the specifics:

I. Specifications:

- A. Paper: 50# offset/printed in-house
- B. Pages: 24
- C. Page size: 8-1/4 x 10-3/4
- D. Ink color: Cover -- 2-color
Inside -- Black
- E. Binding: Saddlestitch

II. Cost

| ISSUE | QTY. | PRODUCTION COST | DISTRIBUTION COST | TOTAL UNIT COST | TOTAL COST |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| French | 3,000 | .23 | .35 | .58 | 1,740 |
| German | 1,650 | .23 | .41 | .64 | 1,056 |
| Dutch | 500 | .23 | .46 | .69 | 345 |
| Spanish | 1,400 | .23 | .61 | .84 | 1,176 |
| PER ISSUE GRAND TOTAL | | | | | <u>\$4,317</u> |

The 10 issues a year will be mailed directly from Pasadena to members worldwide because the circulations are so small. With a standardized format and centralized production, Dexter says it is easy to add other languages as the need arises. The new International Edition of The GOOD NEWS is a great blessing to help the multi-language membership of the Body of Christ serve God with "one heart and one mind."

I have another telex from Bob Morton:

Greetings. Would you like some more good news? Since he was in the area visiting members with Bruce McNair, I asked Bill Sidney to contact the manager of the radio station in the Solomon Islands that once carried the World Tomorrow broadcast. The local Solomon Islands Christian Association (SICA) put pressure on the station to have us put off the air several years ago. Bill found that a door we thought closed, miraculously opened.

The manager is prepared to do battle with SICA for control over who decides what religious programs are broadcast and is willing to have us back on. Last Friday, the Board of Directors for the station voted to grant us time. They have also voted to charge all religions for broadcasting time (up to now we were the only ones who had ever paid).

They feel SICA will be hopping mad on both counts and are digging in for a fight.

Solomon Islands Radio has good coverage and the signal reaches as far as Fiji plus thousands of other Pacific islands that need to hear the Gospel.

Will send you more details when we have them.

Mr. Armstrong has given the okay for the German Office to run a full-page ad for The PLAIN TRUTH in DER SPIEGEL. Canada has agreed to provide the \$30,000 space cost. The ad is scheduled to run just at the end of the Feast so the expected 15,000 responses requesting a year's subscription to KLAR UND WAHR will start to come in when the office reopens after Tabernacles.

In the United States things are also humming! So far this year, more new subscribers have been added to The PLAIN TRUTH mailing list than in any previous whole year! In 1973, the best year on record, we added 629,000 new subscribers. As of the second week in September '81, we have added 657,000! Of course, this results in extra requests, books, booklets and everything

else. There is no one thing to which we can attribute this increase--except the BLESSING of the Almighty GOD!

When Mr. Armstrong became involved in the day-to-day running of the Church, the 1981 U.S. budget for radio and TV was \$4.9 million per year. The cost of QUEST in 1980 was slightly under \$4 million. Now that the magazine is sold, we are trying to gradually put more money into media as God blesses with extra increase and by redirecting funds budgeted elsewhere. The present budget is \$6.5 million.

But wait till next year!

David Hulme and our advertising agency are concentrating their efforts on the large-audience areas where Mr. Armstrong's voice cannot be heard at all. Some areas just become "available"--and must be evaluated as they come. Here are some recent developments.

Seattle has not had the broadcast for approximately ten years. Earlier this week, CBS affiliate KIRO-TV, a Mormon-owned station, opened up the 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning time slot to us. They only have one other religious program on Sunday morning at 7:30 which is the program "It is Written." This is followed by the successful new CBS news program with Charles Kuralt. The World Tomorrow will begin on KIRO-TV on September 27. We are also working on finding radio time in Seattle.

In Tacoma, we have been offered the 9:30 a.m. Sunday slot on KCPQ, Channel 13. We are currently negotiating the price. They are asking more than double the Seattle station's price. But the station is the leading independent in the area. We'll let you know what happens.

We just received a fairly strong indication from WTBS-TV in Atlanta that they would accept the program in their Sunday morning religious slot. WTBS is one of the three super-stations in the country. (WOR-TV in New York and WGN-TV in Chicago are the other two. We are on both.) WTBS is currently cabled to 17 million homes. If negotiations are successful the program would begin airing October 4.

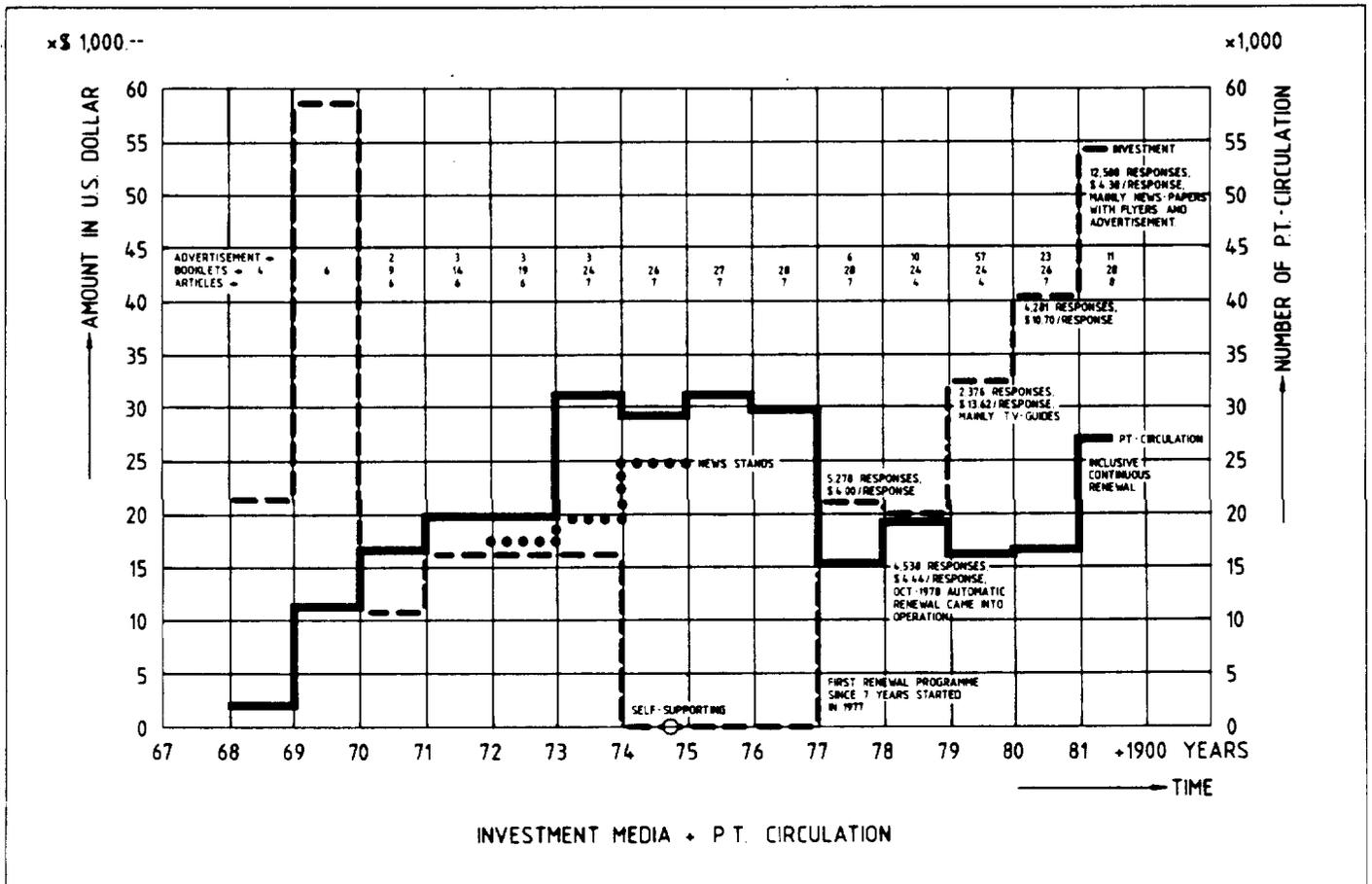
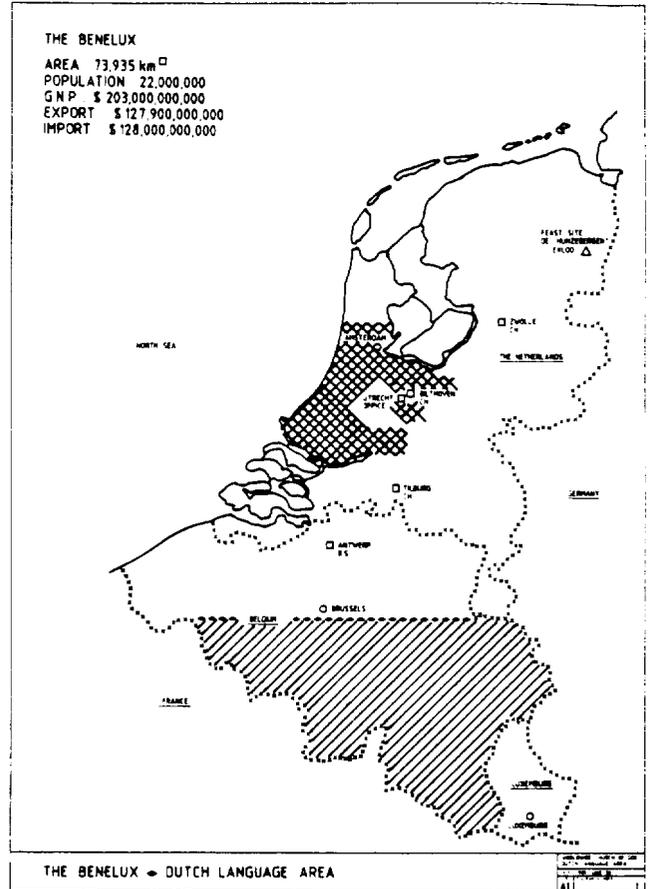
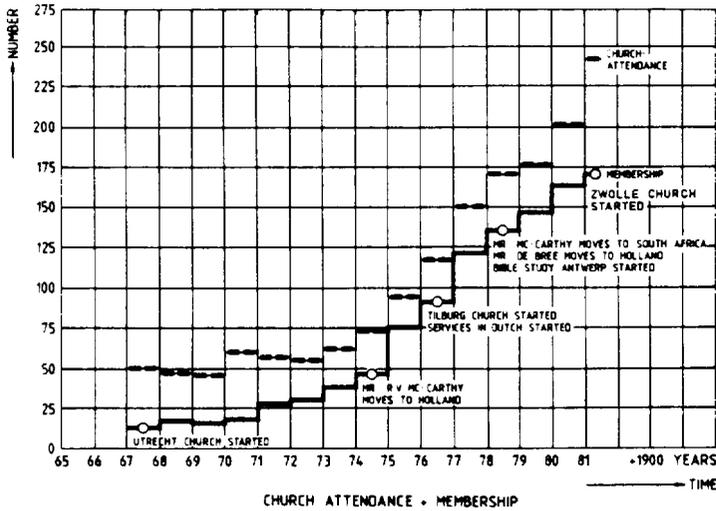
Tuesday we were offered time on the leading independent TV station in Cleveland, WUAB. As a result of another religious broadcaster not being able to meet his financial commitment, the half-hour slot at 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning has opened up. Our advertising agency, BBDO, is currently closing the deal.

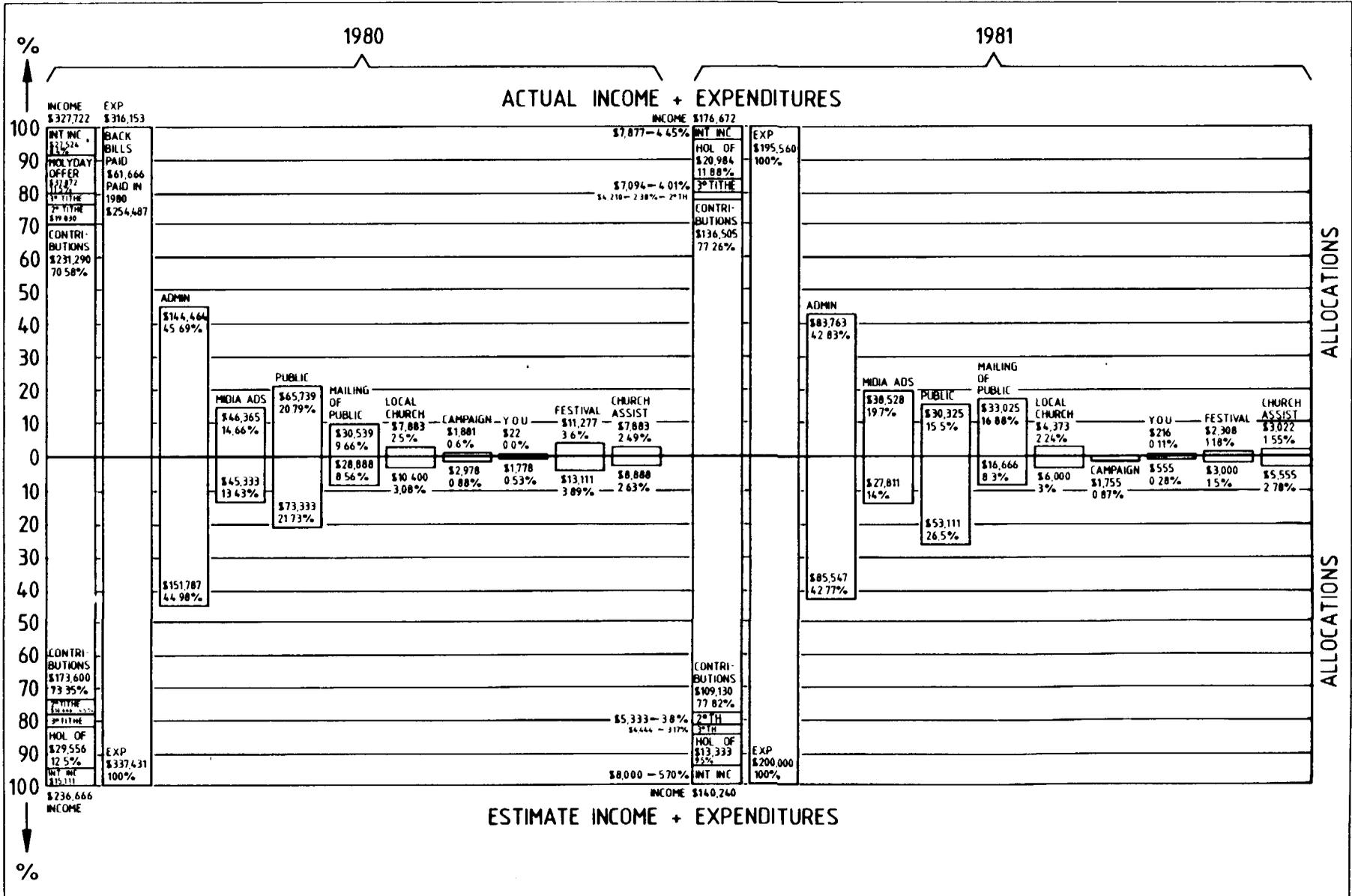
Mr. Armstrong also approved the purchase of television time in Houston, the country's fastest-growing market. The station is KHTV, Channel 39, a rapidly growing independent UHF outlet. The time will be Sunday, 6:30 a.m. Although this is not the most preferred time slot, it will place us in this very important market. Our advertising agency will, of course, be pressing for a better time as soon as possible.

Other than that, not much is going on!

THE DUTCH PHASE OF
GOD'S WORLDWIDE WORK

The following charts were part of the Dutch-language area presentation made to Mr. Armstrong during his visit to our European offices this summer. Presentation was made by Mr. Bram de Bree at Mr. Armstrong's hotel in Bonn on July 31, 1981.





ALLOCATIONS ◀ INCOME + EXPENDITURES

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD | |
| DUTCH LANGUAGE AREA | |
| DATE | 1981 JUNE 30 |
| SHEET | ALLOCATION NUMBER |
| A1 | 4 |

FROM THE LEGAL OFFICE

The following is not to be announced, but is only being given in the event you are asked questions regarding the matter.

A person named Bob Witt has been soliciting Church brethren in various areas of the country to purchase name tags for use at Church services and the Feast of Tabernacles. The person indicates in his solicitation letter that he is a member of the Church and that he has a list of the names and addresses of 500 brethren.

The purpose of this is to clarify that Mr. Witt is not a member of the Church, contrary to his claims. Thus, if any member approaches you or questions you concerning obtaining name tags from Mr. Witt, you may advise him that Mr. Witt is not a Church member, and that if the Church member corresponds with Mr. Witt regarding obtaining name tags, the member's name and address will undoubtedly end up on Mr. Witt's list for whatever future solicitations or other use Mr. Witt may decide to make of said list.

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICESBeloved Pioneer Member Dies

Chloe Schippert, longstanding faithful member of God's Church, died in Pasadena September 13th. She had been a member for 45 years, longer than anyone else today besides Mr. Armstrong. She was 81 years old.

Mrs. Schippert was baptized in January 1936 and was a leading member in the fledgling Church. As one truly "given to hospitality," she served strangers and brethren with equal warmth. She will be fondly remembered by the many ministers and wives, as well as lay members, whose lives were brightened by her cheerful attitude of service.

Many who were guests in her home will cherish her first-person accounts of the joys, struggles, trials and lessons of faith God taught the young Church. She always admired Mr. Armstrong's vision and devotion to his calling: "He was more like a father to us than a minister. He was the finest example we could have," she recalled in a 1977 WORLDWIDE NEWS interview. Chloe Schippert will also be remembered for her outstanding Christian example.

****TO BE READ IN ALL CHURCHES****

Sick Children and Pregnant Women

There have been a number of problems regarding sick children and questions about when a pregnant woman can attend the Feast of Tabernacles. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong made the policy clear in a letter dated September 14, 1962. This policy still stands. Therefore, to help you understand this problem and what members should do, we have reprinted this excerpt from Mr. Armstrong's letter.

Many members have been careless and inconsiderate, by bringing sick children to the Festivals--and also to local church services on the Sabbaths. Frequently children are brought with whooping cough,

measles, mumps, flu, chicken pox and other contagious diseases. Other members' children have been exposed and come down with these diseases because of this. If your child has even been exposed within two weeks before coming, DON'T bring him.

If your child is sick, take care of him in a proper manner. But DO NOT, under any circumstances, bring such a child UNTIL you can actually see that he has been completely healed. When anointed, have FAITH--BELIEVE--but if God does give you a test of faith, DO NOT bring the child on the strength of that faith. Let him be HEALED on the strength of your faith, but don't bring him to any Church meeting or Festival until every physical symptom is gone, and the healing is complete. Moses expelled those with communicable diseases from the camp of Israel. We shall have to do likewise, in fairness to other children. If your child is taken ill with such a disease while at the Feast, counsel with a minister, ask him whether the child must be isolated or taken home if you are in doubt.

In past years some pregnant women have journeyed to the Festival and had their baby delivered at the Festival. This is very DANGEROUS to such a woman and her unborn child.

Therefore, NO WOMAN, who is to be as much as eight months along by the end of the Feast should attend.

ALSO, any woman just a few months along in pregnancy should be very CAUTIOUS about whether she attends the Feast at all! The period from two to five months' pregnancy is the time when most miscarriages occur. The higher altitudes and colder climate at Squaw Valley might be too much for some during this period. Big Sandy is oppressively hot, with sudden change in temperature if a 'norther' should blow in. DON'T RISK MISCARRIAGE OF A PRECIOUS LIFE! REMEMBER, God does not lay the same stress on attendance of women as He does men. USE WISDOM! Check up with the doctor who is to deliver your baby.

If you have any special problem or question you're unsure of, check immediately with your minister.

Reminder About Hard-of-Hearing Headsets

We would like to remind you of the method of handling hard-of-hearing headsets. Instead of being stored at the church meeting place, or being carried to and fro by a deacon, headsets should be "checked out" to each member needing one.

This works much as a library loans books. The Church still owns the headsets, but the individual members are now responsible for keeping track of the equipment. Amplifiers and leads will still be provided, but the members need to bring their headsets to services every week for themselves.

The brethren will also need to bring the headset they have checked out from the Church to whatever Feast site they plan to attend. This will help feast planning by helping reduce the duplication involved. We must emphasize, however, that only the telex headsets may be plugged into the hard-of-hearing lines at the Feast. Any others will not fit the amplification system.

There will be a few headsets at each site for any unforeseen need. We are also notifying the hard-of-hearing members of their responsibility.

Since the members are responsible for their own headsets, they must also be responsible for breakage and abnormal wear. If the equipment receives proper care, it will last for years. Any abnormal wear or abuse may, at the discretion of the pastor, be the responsibility of the member. Hopefully emphasizing each person's responsibility will lessen this problem.

If anyone has any questions or problems about how to administer this program, call Glenn Nice at Ministerial Services.

International News

Report From Vancouver, Canada The "wheels" are turning again. August finally saw an end to the crippling postal strike. It is doubtful if anyone will be able to calculate the dollar damage done to the economy by such a stoppage. The settling of the postal strike does carry with it a "dark cloud." The cost of postage will undoubtedly increase significantly to cover increased costs now incurred by the Post Office. The politicians have already launched a "trial balloon" by leaking to the press the figure of 30¢ for first class mail, an increase of 76% over the current 17¢. Such a large jump would certainly impact the Work's budget here in Canada.

Income for the month equals July and August of last year--the mail strike "make-up" mail came in at record levels. The increase was a plus 6%, dropping our year-to-date increase to a plus 22.2%, but all indicators show September as having more of a backlog to come in. One can only thank our Creator for the continuous generosity of His people.

Mr. David Hulme, along with Baker Lovick, our advertising agency, continues to work on increasing our coverage on both radio and television with the addition this month of British Columbia Interior Television, and a television station in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

WATS line response continues to climb steadily, with August 30th registering as our biggest day so far. The WATS line operators processed sixty calls on Sunday morning with another ten on the telephone recorder, giving us a total of seventy. Although not many by U.S. standards, it's still a good beginning. We will soon be advertising the WATS number in Alberta and British Columbia, which should increase the response.

And From Australia August saw the first PLAIN TRUTH printed in Australia for many years. The September issue is now off the press and in the hands of Australian PLAIN TRUTH subscribers. Quality and overall appearance of the magazine have been greatly improved.

The September issue was mailed out the last week of August and by the end of the first week in September the majority of our 95,000 PLAIN TRUTH subscribers in Australia will have received their copy of the magazine. This improvement in delivery time is a major breakthrough as we had been experiencing long delays in getting the magazine from Singapore through the international postal system and into the hands of our readers.

Our negotiations with the Post Office to mail out the PLAIN TRUTH at a special rate was successful, thus saving God's Work in Australia thousands of dollars in postage each month.

In March this year we commenced a regular renewal program for the PLAIN TRUTH magazine. First, second, and third renewal letters written by Mr. Armstrong are being mailed out at three-month intervals, giving each subscriber ample opportunity to remain on the mailing list. We have received so far a 35% response to the renewal program and expect this figure will rise to around the 50% mark. Although the response seems low, it has met our expectations.

A large number of subscribers were added last year through the "Householder Card." The renewal rate one year later shows this form of promotion is not the most effective way of adding solid subscribers to our mailing list. This year's renewal program is removing a lot of the resultant "dead wood" from the mailing list. Subscriptions have been pruned to a solid base of some 70,000 PLAIN TRUTH readers and requests for the magazine from newsstands, television and radio are already beginning to rebuild the mailing list.

We received 20,109 letters this month, of which 5,561 were responses to Mr. Armstrong's semi-annual letter offering his book, THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY. Over 16,000 booklets and articles were mailed out to our readers.

Income for August took a most encouraging turn upwards--an excellent 55.6% increase over the same month last year. Our year-to-date increase now stands at 28.8%.

New Zealand News What an exciting, record-breaking month! God blessed His Work in this part of the world with a phenomenal 81.8% increase in income for August! We've had to drastically change the scale on our income graph to allow for this dramatic increase, but we're certainly not complaining about extra work of this nature! This figure was the highest monthly income total ever received here, surpassing the previous record by a gigantic margin. Income for this year is already far in excess of our income for the entire year of 1979.

Some very substantial donations received during the month were a major factor in this exceptional result, but there was also a very encouraging increase of over 80% in the number of small donations received from "regular" readers, particularly those renewing their PLAIN TRUTH. The income increase for the year to date is now running at a very healthy 35.8%.

Meanwhile, mail has been scorching along too with just under 10,000 items received in August, an increase of 214% over August 1980. This boosts the year-to-date mail increase to 17.5%.

There has been a marked increase in the renewal response rate for The PLAIN TRUTH this year. Response to our first renewal has been running at about 37%, compared to an average of only about 15% in 1979 and 1980. Second and third renewals are showing a similar trend. This demonstrates that the magazine is holding the interest and attention of its readers to a higher extent than previously. The excellent increase in the number of donations coming along with renewals bears this out even more.

We've now received well over 9,000 responses to our series of newspaper fliers offering new subscriptions to The PLAIN TRUTH.

Recent weeks have also brought a noticeable increase in the number of requests for new visits. Church attendance is running at an increase of 5.7% over last year, and Bible Study attendance is up by a very fine 45.1%.

Appreciation for the Ministerial Refresher Program

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Thank you for the opportunity you gave us to attend the 13th session of the Ministerial Refresher Program. As our Regional Director, Mr. Guy L. Ames stated, we need it and it's really indispensable as expressed previously by another Philippine minister.

Everything that we see in the headquarters of God's Church evokes admiration and inspiration! The instructions we received from our instructors and the messages we heard during Sabbath services all inspire us to reach for excellence in the different areas of responsibility you have shown us.

You and your staff are in our prayers. The Davao City Church brethren in the Philippines are backing you up in all your efforts in this end time.

Marcial and Lolita Billacura

Dear Mr. Tkach:

It certainly was a privilege to be able to come in for the 13th Ministerial Refresher Program and to finally be able to meet you and so many other evangelists and support personnel at Pasadena.

This was my first refresher program or conference of any kind. I had heard some real horror stories from past conferences! Such was not the case with the present refresher program. It was so encouraging to personally hear from yourself, Mr. LaRavia, Dr. Hoeh, Mr. Helge and others --who up until now were only names that I had heard over and over--as well as the many men who had taught me in Big Sandy.

The entire refresher program helped to build a firm foundation as I begin now full time in the ministry. You in Pasadena certainly set a good and right example of "being little in your own eyes," and of being faithful to your calling into Christ's ministry. Thanks again to all of you who faithfully taught us those things Christ is teaching His Church through His chosen apostle!

David Dobson

Dear Mr. Tkach:

Time has flown since my wife and I attended the 13th refresher programme, but it has not dimmed the memory of three stimulating and rewarding weeks. Having never been to Ambassador College it was a real thrill for both of us to be able to listen to you and the team expound the basics, and then, to top it off, have Mr. Armstrong speak to all of us at one of the sessions.

One of the many things that cheers us about Mr. Armstrong is his ever-present enthusiasm for God's Word, and this same enthusiasm came through from everyone there on the team. Thank you.

To see God's Spirit reflected by and on the campus in every way was a joy, and meeting ministers and their wives from other areas of the world brought home the fact that we are, thanks to this Work of the Living God through Mr. Armstrong, so close in spirit even though physically we live and work so far apart. Thank you once again for everything.

Neville and Carol Fraser

Example of God's Intervention

A 20-year-old member of God's Church was keeping store Monday August 17, when she was robbed by three young males. The two older ones (approx. 18) told the youngest one, 14, they would kill him if he did not kill her--they intended to leave no witness. The 14-year-old whirled around and shot her with a .32 handgun and then they all fled. Miraculously, the bullet lodged right under the skin in the muscle of the stomach. She was at Sabbath services that very week and feeling fine along with being very thankful. They caught the three robbers a short time after the robbery.

Rick Beam, Moultrie, GA

Comments From Monthly Church Reports

KENOSHA, WI--MICHAEL HANISKO: Have had a flurry of prospective member activity for the month of July. New individuals contacted for the first time seem generally to be much better grounded in basic doctrine and prophecy than a few years ago.

CHICAGO, IL--ALLAN BARR: There is an increase in the number of PM's. Most of these are knowledgeable about the Sabbath, Holy Days, and tithing. I expect this trend to continue because of the WGN telecast and newsstand PT.

TERRE HAUTE, IN--STEVE NUTZMAN: We're all very encouraged by Mr. Armstrong's recent trips to various Church areas, as well as by his recent announcements concerning plans to increase radio and television coverage here in the U.S. The brethren do feel the increased resolve and inspiration coming from Mr. Armstrong and have made many comments about how well things are going in God's worldwide Work.

TACOMA, WA--LAMBERT GREER: Church continues to be more positive. Was visiting with an older member family recently and the father stated that for the first time in three to four years he has felt good about God's Church, especially the Tacoma congregation. Mr. Armstrong's strong leadership has been very much appreciated by the brethren.

CHARLOTTE, NC--GEORGE PINCKNEY: Everyone was elated at the news that Mr. Armstrong was coming to Charlotte. In spite of the problems we had with the air conditioning and the delay and discomfort it caused, spirits remained high. Many said they felt like they were attending a "mini-feast." Mr. Armstrong's message was tremendously inspiring to all of us.

GREENSBORO, NC--BOB LEAGUE: Mr. Armstrong's visit to Charlotte was very encouraging to all of us. We have been praying that he would visit our area. Many, many favorable comments on his physical appearance and powerful sermon.

CONCORD, NH--DAN ROGERS: Everyone appreciated Mr. Armstrong's visit. It's always a real boost to have him come by--his enthusiasm is contagious! We very much enjoyed his visit with us and wish he could have stayed longer. People traveled here from all over New England to hear him for the third and fourth times.

MINOT, ND--DAN CREED: The brethren were very excited to hear from Mr. Dean Blackwell concerning the activities of Mr. Armstrong. They all seem to be amazed at all of the things he is accomplishing. It was a real inspiration to hear first hand about Mr. Armstrong.

NORFOLK, VA--KENNETH GIESE: Anticipation and excitement for the Feast this year seems higher than ever--many excited about hosting a large group in Norfolk this year. Many express appreciation for the excellent articles in the PT and GN...they are reading them!

COLDWATER, MI--KEN WILLIAMS: PT distribution is just getting off the ground. We now have 16 people involved in distributing 1750 PT's. We've requested an increase of 2,250 for a total of 4,000 to be distributed by October. We presently have 35 outlets. Enthusiasm is running high for the program.

PITTSBURGH (WEST), PA--DON J. LAWSON: The refresher program helps in two definite ways. It helped me to have HQ material for sermons and assures us that we are all speaking the same thing. This gives us a renewed zeal for the Work in every way. Secondly, it gives the members the anticipation for material from HQ through the minister. Many have said how much they are looking forward to "gleaning" what we were given.

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE UPDATE

As of this moment, we have 489 full-time students enrolled in Ambassador. Full-time students carry a class load of twelve hours (12 units) or more per semester.

In addition to the 489 "full-time" students, we have 11 students, classed as "part-time" who are taking three or more classes, but whose class hours add up to less than 12 per semester. This makes a total of 500 students--the limit set by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

Some time ago, Mr. Armstrong said that we did not need to count among the 500-student limit those part-time students who are only taking one or two classes. We have nine such students (at last count) who are taking only one or two classes and are enrolled in the B.A. program.

Then there are 49 students (includes spouses of married students, faculty wives, headquarters employees, etc.) who are taking only one or two classes at Ambassador, but are not enrolled in the B.A. program.

We have 128 international students enrolled in Ambassador, representing 18 countries: Australia (23), Barbados (1), Bermuda (1), England (17), Canada (55), Colombia (4), France (2), Malaysia (1), Mexico (1), Netherlands (2), New Zealand (6), Nigeria (2), N. Ireland (2), Philippines (1), Scotland (2), S. Africa (1), Trinidad (2), W. Germany (5).

Of the 1981-82 freshmen class, we have one student each from W. Germany, Mexico, the Philippines, France and Scotland. There are two students from Colombia and two from N. Ireland; four freshmen are from New Zealand; five are from England; nine are from Australia; and 25 are from Canada.

But what about the Ambassador College faculty? How many faculty members do we have? My recent count of the full-time faculty reveals that we now have 27 full-time faculty members. This does not include, of course, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong (Chancellor), Mrs. Myrtle Horn (Guidance Counsellor of the Women), Dr. Richard Walther (Librarian), Philip Robison (Assistant Librarian), and Estelle Steep (Reference Librarian).

In addition to the full-time members of the faculty, we have 21 part-time faculty members and four Graduate Assistants (Ron Felling, Jim Herst, John Siston, and Debbie Wood). Many of the part-time faculty (such as Dexter Faulkner, Gene Hogberg, Fred Stevens, Joe Locke, Dean Blackwell, Carn Catherwood, etc.) only teach one class at Ambassador, and are not actually employed by the College.

And so we have 27 full-time faculty members and 21 part-time, totalling 48 in all. This contrasts with nearly 200 full-time and part-time members of the faculty in 1978!

God has blessed Ambassador College with a dedicated and loyal faculty who are both competent in their fields, and who, generally speaking, have many years of rich experience in various areas of the Work of God.

And may I add that we who are blessed by God to serve on the Ambassador faculty take our responsibilities very seriously. We know we are highly privileged to work on this, the world's most beautiful campus, and to work with the finest people on earth--God's people! We fully realize that God is entrusting to our care the "cream" of the youth of His Church, and we must be very careful how we teach, mold and serve them--the future leaders of the World Tomorrow.

The following letter reveals just how many of the parents of these wonderful students feel about their sons and daughters coming to Ambassador College:

We left our daughter on the back steps of Mayfair Tuesday. She is not in our direct care anymore, but in the care of God's College. Treat her with kindness and love, because she has a soft heart. We ask you to take care of her, groom her, polish her as she is a special jewel to us and hopefully to God. We present her as a living sacrifice to God from us. We had some parting tear(s), now of sorrow, but eventually we hope of joy.

And here is an interesting letter from a student of one of the members of the faculty:

First of all I'd just like to tell you how happy and thrilled I am to be here. I didn't find out I was even coming until about five days before it was time to arrive.

And second, I'd like to express my sincerest appreciation for your devotion to God's only and true Church. It is so inspiring to me as well as many others to see your dedication to the truth and total dedication to Mr. Armstrong....I want to stand up and thank God for sending me to a place such as this. Ambassador College is truly the most beautiful and wonderful place that I've ever seen--sometimes I think I'll never want to leave.... During my next four years here at Ambassador I am going to strive to really learn and understand the Bible and God's works as you do....

Thank you...for being so interested in us students and for all the teaching and guidance you give to us....

I thought that these two quotes, one from a parent, the other from a student at Ambassador College, would be of interest and would serve to inspire you ministers as they have inspired the faculty here at God's College.

Please remember Ambassador College in your prayers each day. We can only do our job well if we continue to let God work through us to accomplish His will in these precious students. We of the faculty continue to remember you ministers in the field in our prayers each day.

--Raymond F. McNair, Deputy Chancellor

****PLEASE READ THESE IN ALL CHURCHES****

How to Apply for Ambassador College

Both campuses of Ambassador College (Pasadena and Big Sandy) are currently accepting applications for the school year beginning fall 1982.

Presently, the Big Sandy campus has a two-year program leading to an Associate of Arts degree or an Associate of Science degree. All applicants who prefer the two-year program should send their requests for an application form directly to:

ADMISSIONS OFFICE
AMBASSADOR COLLEGE
BIG SANDY, TEXAS 75755

The Pasadena campus offers a Bachelor of Arts degree. Applicants with transfer credits or other degrees are expected to attend a minimum of three years. All other Pasadena applicants are expected to complete the regular four-year program.

Those students who prefer the Pasadena campus only or who would like to be considered for either campus should write directly to:

ADMISSIONS OFFICE
AMBASSADOR COLLEGE
300 WEST GREEN STREET
PASADENA, CA 91123

Until further notice, international students can only be considered for the Pasadena campus.

All applications and required forms must be received by the Admissions Office no later than the March 1, 1982 deadline.

A REMINDER TO APPLICANTS

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Information

The College Board has scheduled the administration of the SAT as follows:

Saturday, October 10, 1981
 (CA, FL, GA, NY, NC, TX ONLY)
 Saturday, November 7, 1981
 Saturday, December 5, 1981
 Saturday, January 23, 1982

ALL SUNDAY tests are the day after the dates listed above. Registration forms may be obtained from High School Counselor's offices or by writing the College Board, Box 592, Princeton, NJ 08540 USA, or by calling (609) 883-8500. Directions for requesting a SUNDAY test administration are given with the registration form.

We recommend all prospective applicants take the SAT test at the earliest date possible. Registration for all of the above tests must be made at least six weeks prior to the examination date.

--Richard F. Ames, Director
 of Admissions, Pasadena

--Lynn E. Torrance, Director
 of Admissions, Big Sandy

MAIL PROCESSING CENTER UPDATE

Best TV Response for August Since 1975

We are pleased again to report that the August TV response was the best in six years. Below is a listing of the telecast responses between 1975 and 1981 for the months of August:

| <u>Month/Year</u> | <u>TV Responses</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Aug. 1975 | 34,000 |
| Aug. 1976 | 11,334 |
| Aug. 1977 | 10,511 |
| Aug. 1978 | 2,900 |
| Aug. 1979 | 2,354 |
| Aug. 1980 | 2,257 |
| Aug. 1981 | 17,988 |

This resurgence in response to the telecast is largely due to the fact that some of Mr. Armstrong's best-pulling 1981 TV programs were rerun in August. They were:

| <u>Program</u> | <u>No. of Calls</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Prophecy and the U.S. | 5,351 |
| Startling Turn in World Events | 4,369 |
| Prelude to World Peace | 3,505 |
| All other TV programs aired in August | 4,763 |

WATS Number Advertised on More Radio Stations

The toll-free phone number has now been added to all the radio stations. Thirty radio stations have been advertising the WATS number since July 20. Now all 74 stations will have the number.

Weekly Letter Comments

This week we are reproducing an interesting letter from one of the students who participated in this summer's archaeological program in Jerusalem.

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong:

I just recently returned from Jerusalem, Israel, where I participated in Ambassador's Summer Archaeological Program in the City of David. It has been the highlight of my brief life on earth, and I wish to extend my heartfelt thankfulness and appreciation to you for all you have done in leading this great Work of God. Specifically, please accept my thankfulness and gratitude for the tremendous opportunities provided by this summer program which you authorized.

I feel the success of the project is, of course, directly from God, yet I think the coordinator of the project, Mr. Richard Paige, also contributed to it. His dedication to the program and personal concern for each of us has been a source of constant inspiration to me.

I realize your job responsibility is great and that much weighs upon your mind. Thus, as a note of encouragement, I enclose a transcript of a part of a lecture by Shalom, one of our tour guides in Israel. He was telling us about the ancient site of Capernaum and the work of the apostles in the early Church. This is what he said as recorded by one of the students:

You know something? I have been guiding many groups for many years. I have never met a group...that seems to be so close to this people who lived here 2,000 years ago as you are. Which means: celebrating the Jewish holidays, fasting on Yom Kippur and believing in Jesus. This is exactly what happened here. I don't know if I'm mistaken, I don't know if it's by coincidence, but when I talk about these Christians living here--I look at you--I have the impression that I am talking about you.

It is exactly the same thing and then we talk now about people that are very, very close to Jesus, not only in spirit, not only in knowledge, but also in kind. This happened right after Jesus' death, which means they kept the Jewish traditions, they kept the Jewish holidays...Don't you think it is interesting how close you are to this people?...

These words exemplify the impact our group had while in Israel as a result of the training we have received through your leadership. It also brought home to us the importance of our conduct in this program.

Again, I appreciated immensely this facet of God's Work you have authorized. I know and believe you are our apostle and leader, and I'm thankful for it. All of us pray everyday for your continued health and that God will help you to do His Work.

We do love you very much, Mr. Armstrong! Be strong and may God be with you always!

John Andrews (Pasadena, CA)
Student digger, Jerusalem 1981

ON THE WORLD SCENE

AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH...VIOLENCE FILLS THE EARTH Human passions are running amok today. True the words of Paul to Timothy: "In the last days... men will be...arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents...inhuman, implacable, slanderers...fierce, haters of good, treacherous" (II Tim. 3:1-4).

The main targets of abuse on the international level are the United States and other modern-day descendants of Israel. ("The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: but his bow abode in strength..." (Gen. 49:23,24).

Just this week, the commander of U.S. forces in Europe narrowly escaped death in a terrorist ambush in West Germany--the tenth attack this year in Germany against U.S. military personnel. Claiming responsibility--which is what terrorists do these days--is the extremist West German guerrilla group, the Red Army Faction, which says it has declared "war against imperialist war."

The incident occurred just days after 30,000 demonstrators--communists, homosexuals and black-leather-appareled anarchists--"welcomed" U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig to West Berlin. "Hang the vulture, hang him higher," demanded one placard. Others displayed an American flag shaped like a pig. One thousand anarchists broke ranks to insanely chop up store fronts and automobiles with axes.

Also this week, Cuban President Fidel Castro went on a verbal rampage during an international conference in Havana accusing the Reagan Administration of pursuing a "fascist" foreign policy, for unleashing "biological weapons" against his nation and for "lying" about Cuban support for leftist rebels in El Salvador.

The Cuban government was hosting the semi-annual Interparliamentary Union, whose stated purposes are to work for peace and international cooperation and to strengthen representative institutions. (Why then meet in Havana?)

Delegates were startled by the vitriolic nature of Fidel's hour and forty-five minute tirade (that's short for Castro). "El Lider" blasted the Reagan Administration for what he said was "its haughtiness, its conceit, its arms race, its quest for military support at all costs, its attachment

to violence and domination, its methods of blackmail and terror, its shameless alliance with South Africa, its threatening language and its lies."

Castro did not mention President Reagan by name but referred to American "lies and charges against Cuba dramatically exaggerated by its unscrupulous spokesman, whose cynicism would make (Nazi spokesman Joseph) Goebbels himself envious."

Castro also blamed the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency for five plagues that have hit Cuba in the past three years: swine fever, tobacco blue mold, sugar cane rust, hemorrhagic dengue fever and hemorrhagic conjunctivitis.

The CIA has vehemently denied any such "germ warfare" charges. The particular strain of dengue fever now afflicting Cuba is endemic not in the Western Hemisphere, but in Africa. Cuba's troops returning from duty in Angola probably brought it back with them. At any rate, perhaps Mr. Castro should hold up a bit on his ranting and railing, for the sake of his suffering people. God pinpoints the problem, saying..."him who curses you I will curse." The CIA doesn't have to do it.

Human emotions have also gotten way out of hand in another area--the current tour of the South African national rugby team, the Springboks, to New Zealand and the United States. Matches in New Zealand, principal stop on the Springbok tour, were held under near war-like conditions. Beleaguered police were confronted with the worst public disorders in New Zealand history. Fanatical demonstrators tried everything to disrupt the games, from scattering shards of glass on the fields to "bombing" stadiums with objects from airplanes.

The South Africans are scheduled to play two or three exhibition games in the United States in a final stopover on their way back home. If the games are indeed played (at secret locations to deter riots) 50 African nations have warned Washington that they will not participate in the 1984 Olympic games in Los Angeles. The Soviet Union has said it would try to have the games shifted elsewhere. Moscow is still smarting under the U.S. boycott of the 1980 Moscow games and is looking for revenge. The Kremlin also wants to posture as the true superpower friend of the Africans, further undercutting U.S. influence on the continent, already low as a result of the row over South West Africa (Namibia).

The so-called world community (which NATIONAL REVIEW magazine shortens to "w.c.") is in a blind rage over the Namibia issue, resulting in superheated demands in the UN General Assembly for sanctions and a total boycott against South Africa. The incredible amount and variety of Communist-bloc weapons, captured from SWAPO, put on display this week in Johannesburg, means absolutely nothing to most of the world.

It's no picnic these days for those certain "polecat" or pariah countries or governments--such as South Africa, Chile, Israel, the Marcos government of the Philippines--which are considered by the "w.c." to be leprous, noxious, repulsive, repugnant, reproachful and otherwise irredeemably evil. And, of course, America is villified as the monstrous imperialist which keeps the above afloat, holding "national liberators" at bay. All in all, it's not a very pretty world. "Jacob" is in for a lot trouble.

--Gene H. Hogberg, News Bureau