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To all fellow ministers in Christ's service:

GREETINGS! You hold in your hands a brand new publication which is being mailed to pastors of churches and those with key responsibilities at headquarters and our offices around the world; it will be sent exclusively to this list, each week! You should receive it in time to use in your Sabbath services, giving your congregation additional news about recent developments in God's Work.

All of you pastors of churches need to explain to your deacons and/or other men who formerly were receiving the BULLETIN that the BULLETIN is going to be dropped in its present configuration. We all have unitedly come to the opinion that much of the material presently appearing in the BULLETIN could very easily appear in the pages of The WORLDWIDE NEWS; and that we need a forum in which to provide you pastors of churches with top level information directly from headquarters on a par and of such a timely nature that it will be a superior service to you than was the BULLETIN.

This is the fruit of some of the inspirational, highly creative and refreshing pre-conference planning sessions here in Pasadena.

We have moved very quickly on this particular publication, when it was brought to our attention by any number of Area Coordinators the desire on the part of many pastors in their areas for more definitive information, ahead of other members of the congregation, their local deacons and/or assistants, which would give the pastors the same type of inspirational input for their announcement sessions and/or Bible Studies relating to the leadership in the church, the broadcasts and telecasts, publications and booklets, Subscriber Services and Mail Reports, income, new doors opening before the Work, and any and all developments, including Gene Hogberg's "Top of the News" comments for your own information and possible sermon inspiration, as well as letter excerpts from a sampling of our mail.

I can't tell you how deeply moving and rewarding these sessions have been with all the men in the several meetings I have been able to conduct, and how much I have appreciated the candor, the give-and-take and free-wheeling discussion of all relevant problems and questions pertaining to the upcoming conference in January.

Incidentally, I want to bring to your attention the recent flurry of scurrilous and irresponsible attacks against the Work being circulated to the media. I must make a serious request of you as a result. It is quite important that an official spokesman for the church be solely responsible to provide the news media with accurate and appropriate information. If any of you, for any

reason, should be asked to comment by the media, please refer all such inquiries to the attention of my assistant, Dr. Robert Kuhn. It will be his responsibility to coordinate such requests and bring them to the attention of Mr. Rader, who, as General Consul, is the logical one to make public statements on such matters. Mr. Rader did a particularly outstanding and exemplary job in such capacity over the past years, and I sincerely appreciate his vigorous efforts on behalf of my father, myself, and all of the church in this current situation. Also, please forward to Dr. Kuhn any articles appearing in your local newspapers, magazines, or accurate reports of particularly offensive radio or television commentary. This will give us the proper information for appropriate legal action in the future, so that those who would seek to destroy this Work by such nefarious schemes can finally bear the full responsibilities for their actions.

The following statement is our official position. It is not required to be read publically, but portions of it will be used by our mail department and over our WATS lines, and you may use whatever portions you feel necessary at your discretion, though as mentioned earlier, not directly to the media yourselves.

The so-called Ambassador Report has been published by a handful of former students. The original co-publisher has already dropped out of the venture because it lacks any merit. It is being published by its remaining associates for the sole purposes of making money for themselves and harming the Work.

Ambassador Report was mailed without request to 500 newspapers, magazines, television and radio stations around the world and governmental agencies of one kind or another (in addition to several thousand being mailed to people who asked for it), in the hope of discrediting the Work and its leaders. Fortunately, responsible members of the media, the government and the community at large place no value on its contents and know that the material is scurrilous, essentially untrue, distorted and exaggerated.

The Work and all individuals connected with it are disparaged by the Report and will exercise their rights, as did Paul his Roman citizenship, to the fullest extent of the law, choosing their defendents, their actions, their issues and their forums to redress the wrongs and to punish the irresponsible who would attack God's Work.

Bobby Fischer, for example, has already asked Mr. Rader to represent him and to make those responsible for publishing material in his name, without his permission, and for surreptitiously recording his conversation, pay for their wrongs.

Our fiscal year-to-date shows a healthy and encouraging 10% increase in income. Keep inspiring the brethren!

I have been hard at work making new 30-minute radio programs from the the Harmony of the Gospels, and have contacted Henry Cornwall relevant to putting together a package of three to five radio stations in the Southland area with a live hook-up to provide

me once again with the stimulus of a live audience for production of 30-minute radio broadcasts.

I will visit my father once more before my Australian trip, and would appreciate you continuing to mention him in your prayers, and encourage your brethren to pray for his complete recovery. He is making slow but steady progress.

These meetings in Pasadena are making us all extremely enthusiastic about the upcoming conference, and we certainly hope to see everyone of you there.

With love, in Jesus' name,



INCOME CONTINUES TO LOOK POSITIVE, running approximately 10% on the fiscal year-to-date. As mentioned in the last BULLETIN, I said I would give you a complete detailed report on some of the activities of the Financial Affairs Office over the last several years. Due to lack of space in the new format, I will condense this to the pertinent figures.

Since 1975 over 12½ million dollars have been cut from various departmental budgets allowing for the Work to move ahead in spite of rising inflation and reduced income. Additional to this was the laying off of over 600 full-time employees in the span of two to two and a half years. Although it is very difficult to have to cut off segments of the operation, particularly personnel, it became absolutely necessary for us to address some of these critical issues during times of financial crisis.

We are continuously seeking avenues to reduce, cut back, improve, develop, and move forward in. The job of management is not a "cut and dried" profession. It has a dynamic, creative side which is constantly seeking to get more value for dollars spent. This is our objective so that we may further the real commission which is getting the Gospel to the whole world.

--Ray Wright

NOVEMBER MAIL UP Mail Processing Center reports that mail received during October will probably be the lowest for the year. The primary reason for this decrease was the relative inactivity during the Festival break. However, as of the weekend of November 5-7, over 15,000 letters were received--indicating that mail for November is picking up. WATS telephone responses are maintaining an approximately normal level. Literature requests in response to Subscriber Development, when compared to last year, were up 47% through the end of September. Income generated from S.D. mailings is up 9.7% compared to last year.

THE UNITED NATIONS has invoked for the first time the Chapter VII clause, charging that South Africa because of its recent crackdown on dissidents is a "threat to the maintenance of international peace and security." The U. N. action in calling for a mandatory arms embargo against Pretoria was so grossly hypocritical that the

South African government claimed that the "world body", now has "condoned the use of violence to settle international disputes." Meanwhile, China, apparently no threat to world peace, is in the midst of a bloody purge of political dissidents. And perhaps three million have perished in Cambodia for the same reason. Involving Chapter VII could burst open Pandora's Box to similar appeals in the future, especially against Israel, because of its West Bank policies.

--Gene Hogberg, News Bureau

"BUILDING A HAPPY FAMILY" This 8½" x 11" booklet is just off the press. It is a compilation of past GOOD NEWS and PLAIN TRUTH articles written by David L. Antion. Mr. Antion teaches a class in family relations at Ambassador College.

PRAYER REQUEST Please remember Roy Demarest in your prayers. He has contracted a case of double pneumonia and has been unable to do very much since the Feast. Roy's doctor recommended a month's rest. He's struggling with the idea of resting for a month about the way an old firehorse does when the firebell goes off!

LIVES CHANGED BY THIS WORK Mail Processing regularly receives letters showing the benefits this Work has brought in the lives of hundreds and thousands of people. It is gratifying and encouraging to us to see how God's Spirit has moved in these people's lives to turn things right side up.

Your organization has turned me from an atheistic, sick-minded, depressed and unachieving (and nearly alcoholic), dehumanized soul into a happy person with an incredibly bright future ahead of me. I'm not signing this because I don't want any thanks. My knowing that God knows what I have done is enough.

--Anonymous (Cleveland, OH)

I'm only sixteen years old but I know that if it hadn't been for "Greetings friends around the world," I never would have known true life. My parents used to quarrel and bicker constantly before we came in contact with God's Church. There have been many nights that I would lie awake wishing that I could run away--somewhere away from them. Don't misunderstand me. I love my parents and always have. They've also always loved me. But it's hard on a 5-, 6-, and 7-year-old child listening to constant fighting. God's Church and your voice changed all that! We are in our fourth year in God's Church and I can honestly say that they have been the best years of my short life and I shall never forget them.

--Sarah Jacks (Star City, AR)

I was to the point where I was hating everyone--mostly myself--these books are really helping me but I still have a long way to go. Before I started getting interested in Garner Ted Armstrong's television specials, I was in a terrible emotional state where I thought my hubby and boys would be better off without me. But now I'm really trying to clean up my mind through these booklets. Thank you.

--Jean Shaw (Gaston, NC)